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AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF TAFT CITY COUNCIL
TAFT CITY HALL, 230 GREEN AVE., TAFT, TEXAS
September 8, 2026 – 6:30 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL AND CERTIFY A QUORUM

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND TEXAS PLEDGE

4. INVOCATION

5. PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND COUNCIL AND STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

This item will also include any announcements of community interest and/or upcoming events.

6. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

The public is invited to address the City Council on any matter of City business. Please note that all comments should be made at this time. Unless an agenda item is listed as a "public hearing," comments will not be taken elsewhere. Also, Council members cannot respond to comments if the topic is not on this agenda. Each speaker will be allowed three minutes. If you wish to speak, please sign up with the City Secretary before the meeting begins. Citizens are to refrain from any personal attacks on the council or any member of the staff. Failure to abide by these policies could result in a charge of disorderly conduct.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda will be considered for approval through a single motion and includes routine items that are typically non-controversial in nature. Any item on the consent Agenda may be removed for separate discussion at the request of the Mayor, a Council Member, or City Manager.

7.1 Discuss, consider and possible action to approve the Special Call Meeting minutes held on August 4, 2026, Regular Meeting minutes held on August 11, 2026, Regular Meeting held on August 25, 2026, and Budget Workshop minutes held on August 29, 2026.

7.2 Discuss, consider and possible action to approve the city council meetings to be held one per month beginning in October 2026 – Mayor Castillo.

8. STAFF MONTHLY REPORTS AND OTHER DISCUSSION ITEMS

Items in this section are not expected to require action by City council and are generally for information only. However, all items in this section may become action items on request of any Council Member, and City Council may take action on any item listed in this section without further notice.

8.1 City Manager – Scott Albert

8.2 Police Department Report – Chief Massey

8.3 Public Works Department Report – David Furzer

8.4 Library Report – Jessi Dixon

8.5 Allegiance EMS – Stephanie Newsom

9. ACTION ITEMS

City council will discuss, consider, and take any action deemed necessary on items listed in this section, including the adoption of a minute order, a resolution or an ordinance.

9.1 Discussion on setting the speed bumps on roads surrounding the schools – Mayor Castillo

9.2 Discuss, consider and possible action for the City of Taft to partner with Esperanza de Tejas – Brianna Davis

9.3 Discussion on 510 McIntyre Avenue to assure that all permits and inspections are properly up to date – Mayor Pro-Tem Cruz

9.4 Discuss, consider and possible action for the City of Taft's participation in the "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer" in Corpus Christi, Texas – Mayor Castillo

9.5 Discuss, consider and possible action to approve Commissioner Arnulfo Banda's to continue serving on the Taft Housing Authority Board for an additional two-year term – Mayor Castillo

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

All items listed in this section will be deliberated in a closed session. Members of the public are not generally permitted to attend a closed session. Executive session items may be considered as an action item at the discretion of the Mayor; however, City Council will not take any action in closed session.

10.1 The City Council will convene into Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071, consultation with the City's attorney to seek and receive confidential legal advice from the City Attorney regarding pending or contemplated litigation involving the City, including discussion of the status, legal issues, strategy, potential settlement, and other matters in which the duty of the City Attorney to the City under the Texas Disciplinary rules of Professional Conduct conflicts with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

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11. ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

Council will reconvene in open session and may consider and take appropriate action, if any, regarding matters discussed in Executive Session concerning the pending litigation.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The City Council of the City of Taft reserves the right to convene in Executive Session in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code: Section 551.071 (Consultations with Attorney), Section 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters), Section 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices), or Section 551.087 (Deliberations Regarding Economic Development Negotiations) on any of the above items.

A quorum of the city council will be present at 230 Green Ave., Taft, Texas ("City Council Chambers"), and the city intends to have a quorum present at that location. The Presiding officer of the meeting will be present at City Council chambers, and that location will be open to the public. Other city council members may participate in this meeting by video conference, so long as their faces are visible, and their voice audible to members of the public in attendance at City Council Chambers while that member is speaking.

Special Accommodations

This facility is wheelchair accessible and accessible parking spaces are available. Requests for accommodations or interpretive services must be made 48 hours prior to this meeting. Please contact the City Secretary's office at (361) 528-3512 or FAX (361) 528-3515 or email secretary@tafttx.gov for further information. Braille is not available.

Certification

The above notice was posted at the City of Taft City Hall located at 230 Green Avenue, Taft, Texas on September 1, 2026, by 6:00 p.m.