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AGENDA
SPECIAL CALL MEETING OF THE CITY OF TAFT CITY COUNCIL
TAFT CITY HALL, 230 GREEN AVE., TAFT, TEXAS
OCTOBER 27, 2026, 6:00 p.m.

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ROLL CALL AND CERTIFY A QUORUM**
- 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND TEXAS PLEDGE**
- 4. INVOCATION**
- 5. CONSENT AGENDA:**

No discussion is anticipated on any of the items in this section because they are routine business, were included in the budget adoption process, or have been previously discussed as a staff report or discussion item. These items will be considered collectively by a single vote, unless a council member requests an item be removed from the consent agenda.

5.1 Discussion and possible action to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meetings held on September 8, 2026, and September 22, 2026, and Special Call Meeting minutes held on September 29, 2026.

6. ACTION ITEMS:

6.1 Discussion and possible action to accept and approve the City's annual financial audits for Fiscal Year 2024 and 2025.

6.2 Discussion and possible action to approve a resolution authorizing the return of federal funds to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in connection with the City's Fire Station improvement project and authorizing the necessary actions to close out the project.

6.3 Discussion and possible action to approve a resolution establishing the City's official holiday schedule for calendar year 2027.

6.4 Discussion and possible action to approve a resolution reaffirming the City Council's action of January 27, 2026, rescinding the 2025 Personnel Policy Manual in its entirety and confirming that the 2017 Personnel Policy Manual, as revised on February 1, 2024, remains the city's official Personnel Policy Manual.

6.5 Discussion and possible action regarding a community event with Esperanza de Tejas on November 4, 2026

7. 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.

7.1 Section 551.071, consultation with the City's attorney regarding pending or contemplated litigation, a settlement offer, and/or a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct clearly conflicts with the Texas Open Meeting Act.

Reference update regarding pending litigation and contemplated settlement in Ryan Smith v. City of Taft, Texas, Civil Action No. 2:26cv00141 in the Southern District of Texas, Corpus Christi Division.

7.2 Section 551.071, consultation with the City's attorney regarding the assigning legal counsel to the Marcus E. Adams vs. City of Taft litigation. Cause No. D-1-GN-26-009651.

7.3 Section 551.071, consultation with the City's attorney regarding the appointment of Special Legal Counsel re: Andrea Gomez v. City of Taft, Texas – civil Action No. 2:26cv107

8. ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS:

Council will reconvene in open session and may take action on any item listed in the Executive Session section of this agenda

8.1 Possible action on the executive session item: Ryan Smith v. City of Taft, Texas Civil Action No. 2:26cv00141 in the Southern District of Texas, Corpus Christi Division

8.2 Possible action on the executive session item: Marcus E. Adams vs. City of Taft Cause No. D-1-GN-26-009651.

8.3 Possible action on the executive session item: Andrea Gomez v. City of Taft, Texas – Civil Action No. 2:26cv107

9. 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 October 21, 2026, by 5:00 p.m.