

MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

On the 23rd day of January, 2015, the City Council of Taft, Texas, convened in a special session at 402 Park St, at the Kiva Hut, at 12:00 p.m. with the following members present:

Pedro "Pete" Lopez	Mayor
Denise Hitt	Mayor Pro-tem
Rolando Rodriguez	
Donnie Riojas	
Leonard Vasquez	

Others present: Ray De Los Santos, Interim City Manager, Roxann Cotroneo, City Attorney, Fred Farias, Public Works Director, Carmel Herrera, Municipal Court Judge, and Jennifer Pineda, Interim City Secretary.

#1. There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m.

#2. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Councilwoman Riojas led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation.

#3. VISITORS.

Ana Rodriguez, of 320 Gregory St., stated that the 300 block of Gregory Street is in very bad condition and would like to see if the Council would make an exception to their plans in road repair and make this street a priority. She feels that because of the severity of the street that an exception be made.

#4. CONSIDER AND ACT TO APPROVE MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 11, 2014, CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AND MARCH 11, 2014, CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING.

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to approve minutes from February 11, 2014, City Council Regular Meeting and March 11, 2014, City Council Regular Meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt
Nays: None
The motion carried.

#5. CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO APPOINT DR. CHAD KELLY AS A DIRECTOR FOR THE CITY OF TAFT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to adopt a resolution to appoint Dr. Chad Kelly as a director for the City of Taft Economic Development Corporation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt
Nays: None
The motion carried.

#6. CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION TO:

- (1) **CREATE AND NAME THE TYPE A CORPORATION APPROVED BY THE VOTERS PURSUANT TO TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE CHAPTERS 501 AND 504;**
- (2) **APPOINT A MINIMUM OF FIVE BOARD DIRECTORS;**
- (3) **DETERMINE THE LENGTH OF EACH DIRECTOR'S TERM;AND**
- (4) **DIRECT THE CITY ATTORNEY TO PREPARE THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION TO BE APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND TO BE FILED WITH THE TEXAS SECRETARY OF STATE FOR SAID CORPORATION. (CITY ATTORNEY)**

Roxann explained to the council that they had to name the corporation and appoint the board of directors. The board needs to have a minimum of five members and they can stagger the terms of office. Nominees were Herman Rodriguez, Frank Gonzales, Jerry Nino, Manuel Banda, Velma Garcia, Councilman Rodriguez, and Councilwoman Riojas.

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to appoint seven members to the type A corporation with three year term members Herman Rodriguez, Frank Gonzales, Velma Garcia, and Ronnie Rodriguez and two year term members Jerry Nino, Manuel Banda, and Donnie Riojas. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

The motion carried.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to name the type A corporation Taft Community Development Corporation. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hitt.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#7. CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE THAT PROVIDES FOR A REGULAR MEETING DATE, LOCATION, AND TIME AND ESTABLISHING A DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON THE REGULAR AGENDA FOR THE CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS. (STAFF)

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to table this item. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#8. CONSIDER AND DISCUSS UPDATE REGARDING THE CITY'S FINANCIAL CONDITION AS IT RELATES TO BONDED DEBT, PAST DUES, RECURRING PAYMENTS, REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES.

Ray updated the council on the revenues that came in and the two bond payments that were made in the early part of January.

Carmel Herrera updated the council on the court finances and answered questions from the council.

#9. CONSIDER AND DISCUSS PRESENTATION REGARDING WEEKLY AND BI-WEEKLY PLAN FROM PUBLIC WORKS REGARDING (1) ROAD REPAIRS, (2) PARK MAINTENANCE, (3) MOWING, (4) BASIC CLEAN-UP. (MAYOR LOPEZ)

Josh and Fred updated the council on the status of the patching project and the monthly mowing list.

#10. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND ACT TO APPOINT LNV ENGINEERING AS THE OFFICIAL ENGINEERING COMPANY FOR THE CITY OF TAFT FOR 2015 THROUGH 2018. (MAYOR PRO-TEM HITT)

Councilwoman Hitt stated that she feels it is necessary to have an engineering company in place for potential future projects.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to appoint LNV Engineering as the official engineering company for the City of Taft for 2015 through 2018. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#11. CONSIDER AND ACT UPON A REQUEST TO ALLOCATE TRAVEL FUNDS FOR CITY BUSINESS RELATED TO SAN PATRICIO COUNTY DAY AT THE CAPITOL IN AUSTIN, TEXAS. (COUNCILMAN RODRIGUEZ)

No action was taken on this item.

#12. CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 551, SUBCHAPTER D.

V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071 CONSULTATION WITH THE CITY ATTORNEY TO SEEK LEGAL ADVICE REGARDING A PETITION FOR VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION FILED BY BARTELS FARMS, INC.

This item was kept in open session.

Roxann informed the council that the Bartles family has filed a petition for voluntary annexation and their next steps in the process of voluntary annexation.

#13. CONDUCT, DISCUSS, AND HEAR A PETITION TO VOLUNTARILY ANNEX INTO THE CITY OF TAFT AN AREA OF APPROXIMATELY 104.79 ACRES OF LAND, SAN PATRICIO COUNTY APPRAISAL NO. 56277, SITUATED IN THE T. TODD SURVEY 2, A-268, APPROXIMATELY 0.5 MILES WEST OF TAFT, ABSTRACT NO. 268, SAN PATRICIO COUNTY, TEXAS. SAID PETITION FILED ON JANUARY 14, 2015 BY BARTELS FARMS INC., THE PROPERTY OWNERS OF SAID AREA OF LAND.

David Bartels, President of Bartels Farms Inc., stated that he is wanting to become part of the city limits and has turned in his petition for voluntary annexation.

#14. CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING TO HEAR ARGUMENTS FOR AND AGAINST WHETHER THE CITY COUNCIL SHOULD GRANT A PETITION TO VOLUNTARILY ANNEX INTO THE CITY OF TAFT AN AREA OF APPROXIMATELY 104.79 ACRES OF LAND, SAN PATRICIO COUNTY APPRAISAL NO. 56277, SITUATED IN THE T. TODD SURVEY 2, A-268, APPROXIMATELY 0.5 MILES WEST OF TAFT, ABSTRACT NO. 268, SAN PATRICIO COUNTY, TEXAS. SAID PETITION FILED BY THE PROPERTY OWNERS OF SAID AREA OF LAND ON JANUARY 14, 2015.

David Smith, Vice President of Taft EDC, stated that he is for the voluntary annexation and feels it will be a great opportunity for the City of Taft.

#15. CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION GRANTING A PETITION FILED BY BARTLES FARMS INC., THE PROPERTY OWNERS OF AN AREA OF APPROXIMATELY 104.79 ACRES OF LAND, SAN PATRICIO COUNTY APPRAISAL NO. 56277, SITUATED IN THE T. TODD SURVEY 2, A-268, APPROXIMATELY 0.5 MILES WEST OF TAFT, ABSTRACT NO. 268, SAN PATRICIO COUNTY, TEXAS. PETITIONING THAT THE AREA OF LAND BE VOLUNTARILY ANNEXED INTO THE CITY OF TAFT; DIRECTING PUBLICATION AND POSTING OF NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR PROPOSED VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION AND DIRECTING THE CITY TO PREPARE A SERVICE PLAN FOR THE PROPOSED ANNEXED AREA.

Roxann explained that the Council has to decide when the first and second public hearings shall be held.

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to set the dates for the first public hearing for February 24, 2015 and the second public hearing on February 25, 2015. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hitt.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt
Nays: None
The motion carried.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to pass the ordinance on March 18, 2015. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hitt.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt
Nays: None
The motion carried.

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The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt
Nays: None
The motion carried.

#16. ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilwoman Hitt to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

The motion carried.

At this time Roxann stated that there was not a motion on the resolution in Item #15.

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to reconvene. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

The motion carried.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to approve a resolution granting a petition filed by Bartels Farms Inc.

The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hitt.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

The motion carried.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilwoman Hitt to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

The motion carried.

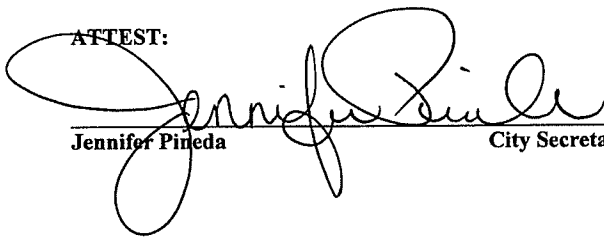
CITY OF TAFT



Pedro Lopez

Mayor

ATTEST:



Jennifer Pineda

City Secretary



MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

On the 24th day of February, 2015, the City Council of Taft, Texas, convened in a special session at 402 Park St, at the Kiva Hut, at 6:30 p.m. with the following members present:

Pedro "Pete" Lopez	Mayor
Denise Hitt	Mayor Pro-tem
Rolando Rodriguez	
Donnie Riojas	
Leonard Vasquez	Absent

Others present: Ray De Los Santos, Interim City Manager, Roxann Cotroneo, City Attorney, Fred Farias, Public Works Director, Joshua Sosa, City Management team member, Mary Alice Sandoval, Finance Director, and Jennifer Pineda, Interim City Secretary.

#1. There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

#2. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Councilwoman Riojas led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation.

#3. VISITORS.

There were no visitors.

#4. CONSIDER AND ACT TO APPROVE MINUTES FROM MARCH 24, 2014, CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING.

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to approve minutes from March 24, 2014, City Council Special Meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Hitt
Nays: None
Absent: Vasquez
The motion carried.

#5. CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION 562 TO APPOINT AND/OR REAPPOINT PERSON(S) TO SERVE AS A DIRECTOR FOR THE CITY OF TAFT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to adopt Resolution 562 to appoint and/or reappoint person(s) to serve as a director for the City of Taft Economic Development Corporation. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Hitt
Nays: None
Absent: Vasquez
The motion carried.

#6. CONSIDER AND TAKE ACITON TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION 563 TO AMEND THE BYLAWS FOR THE CITY OF TAFT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to adopt Resolution 563 to amend the bylaws for the City of Taft Economic Development Corporation. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Hitt
Nays: None
Absent: Vasquez
The motion carried

#7. CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION 564 TO APPROVE THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION FOR THE TAFT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AND ORDER THE CITY ATTORNEY TO FILE SAID ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION WITH THE TEXAS SECRETARY OF STATE.

Roxann informed the council that this is the next step in creating the Taft Community Development Corporation.

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to adopt Resolution 564 to approve the articles of incorporation for the Taft Community Development Corporation and order the city attorney to file said articles of incorporation with the Texas Secretary of State. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Hitt
Nays: None
Absent: Vasquez
The motion carried.

#8. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND CONDUCT THE 1ST PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PROPOSED VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN PROPERTY BY TH CITY OF TAFT, TEXAS: SAN PATRICIO COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT NO. 56277, COMMONLY KNOWN AS BARTELS FARMS, BEING AN AREA OF APPROXIMATELY 104.79 ACRES OF LAND, SAN PATRICIO COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT NO. 56277, SITUATED IN THE T. TODD SURVEY 2, A-268, APPROXIMATELY 0.5 MILES WEST OF TAFT, ABSTRACT NO. 268, SAN PATRICIO COUNTY, TEXAS AND BEING MORE SPECIFICALLY DESCRIBED AS:

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TRACT 2: 3.03 ACRES OUT OF THE SOUTH END OF AN ACRE TRACT OF LAND OUT OF THE THOMAS SURVEY, SAN PATRICIO COUNTY, TEXAS BEING THE 8 ACRES OF LAND CONVEYED TO SA AND AP RAILWAY CO., BY THE COLEMAN FULTON PASTURE CO. BY DEED DATED NOVEMBER 29, 1906 RECORDED IN VOLUME S. PAGE 448 OF THE DEED RECORDS OF SAN PATRICIO COUNTY, TEXAS

TRACT 3: ABANDONED 60' WIDE EXTENSION OF ESCOBEDO STREET, 0.46 ACRE.

AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTNG THE CITY SECRETARY TO HAVE PUBLISHED NOTICE OF SUCH PUBLIC HEARINGS; AND DIRECTING THE FINAL PREPARATION OF A MUNICIPAL SERVICES PLAN.

Roxann informed the council of the steps already taken in the voluntary annexation and what the public hearing entails.

Adolfo Aparicio of 317 Railroad Ave stated that he would like to be annexed into the city.

Ray explained the service plan and how the city would service the area.

Councilman Vasquez arrived at 6:52 p.m.

#9. DISCUSS, CONSIDER, AND ADOPT RESOLUTION 565 TO DESIGNATE ADMINISTRATION AND ENGINEERING SERVICE PROVIDERS FOR THE 2014 TEXAS CDBG FUND CONTRACT 7214439.

CR Marsh let the Council know that the companies with the highest scores were Greenwing Environmental for administration services and Naismith Engineering for engineering services.

Jennifer described the process on how the board scored each firm.

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to adopt Resolution 565 a resolution of the City of Taft, Texas, authorizing the award of professional service provider contracts for the 2014 Texas Community Development Block Grant award contract 7214439 now therefore be it resolved Section 1A that Greenwing Environmental, LLC be awarded a contract to provide Texas CDBG project-related administration services for contract 7214439, Section 1B that LNV Engineering be awarded a contract to provide Texas CDBG project-related professional engineering services for contract 7214439, and Section 2 that any and all contracts or commitments made with the above-named services providers are dependent on the successful negotiation of a contract with the service provider. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt
Nays: None
The motion carried.

#10. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND ADOPT RESOLUTION 566 TO DESIGNATE AUTHORIZED SIGNATORS FOR THE 2014 TEXAS CDBG PROGRAM CONTRACT 7214439.

Ray stated that this would list the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem as authorized signatures.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to adopt Resolution 566 to designate authorized signatures for the 2014 Texas CDBG program contract 7214439. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hitt.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt
Nays: None
The motion carried.

#11. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND APPROVE RESOLUTION 567 TO ADOPT COMPLAINT AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES RELATED TO THE TEXAS CDBG PROGRAM.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to approve Resolution 567 to adopt complaint and grievance procedures related to the Texas CDBG program. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt
Nays: None
The motion carried.

#12. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION TO PROCLAIM APRIL 2015 AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to proclaim April 2015 as Fair Housing Month. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt
Nays: None
The motion carried.

#13. CONSIDER AND DISCUSS UPDATE REGARDING THE CITY'S FINANCIAL CONDITION AS IT RELATES TO BONDED DEBT, PAST DUES, RECURRING PAYMENTS, REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES.

Ray informed the council that we have collected 70% of what is owed in property taxes. He also informed the council of how much bad debt has been paid off.

#14. CONSIDER AND DISCUSS PRESENTATION REGARDING WEEKLY AND BI-WEEKLY PLAN FROM PUBLIC WORKS REGARDING (1) ROAD REPAIRS, (2) PARK MAINTENANCE, (3) MOWING, (4) BASIC CLEAN-UP.

Fred addressed the council and informed them of the work that the public works crew has done. He did pass out the list of road repairs that his crew has done.

#15. DISCUSS OUTCOME OF MEETINGS HELD WITH STATE AND FEDERAL AGENCIES ON FEBRUARY 11TH AND 12TH IN AUSTIN, TEXAS.

Ray informed the council that they were able to meet with several agencies and he is excited of what possible opportunities may come in the future.

#16. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND ACT ON EACH RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL UNIT ERECTED HAVING ITS OWN METER.

Mayor Pro Tem Hitt addressed the council and stated that this does not need to be an action agency but would like the council to review the planning and zoning ordinances and the utility ordinances. She also suggested that the council review the ordinances from the surrounding areas and have this item on a future agenda.

#17. CONSIDER, DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT AN AMICABLE AGREEMENT BETWEEN SHERWIN ALUMINA AND ITS MORE THAN 450 UNITED STEEL WORKER EMPLOYEES INVOLVED IN A LABOR DISPUTE.

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to adopt a resolution to support and amicable agreement between Sherwin Alumina and its more than 450 united steel worker employees involved in a labor dispute. There was no second so the motion died.

#18. CONSIDER AND ACT UPON IMPLEMENTING A TEMPORARY RETENTION AND RECRUITMENT PLAN FOR TAFT EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

Ray speaks to council on how the City of Sinton and the City of Mathis have increased their hourly salary and the city has lost EMS employees to these cities. He explained that staff recommendation would be a \$500 incentive to stay for one year for current employees and a \$500 recruitment incentive for new employees to stay for one year. Ray also asked the council to consider a \$1.00 increase per hour for each employee.

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to adopt the projected increase of \$1.00 and the \$500 retention incentive for one year and the \$500 recruitment incentive for one year. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#19. ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilwoman Hitt to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

The motion carried.

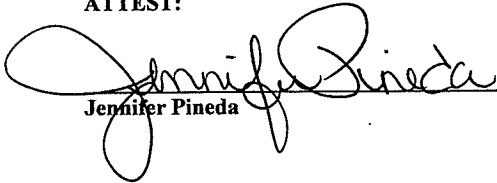
CITY OF TAFT



Pedro Lopez

Mayor

ATTEST:



Jennifer Pineda

City Secretary



MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

On the 25th day of February, 2015, the City Council of Taft, Texas, convened in a special session at 402 Park St, at the Kiva Hut, at 6:30 p.m. with the following members present:

Pedro "Pete" Lopez	Mayor	Absent
Denise Hitt	Mayor Pro-tem	
Rolando Rodriguez		
Donnie Riojas		
Leonard Vasquez		

Others present: Roxann Cotroneo, City Attorney, Mary Alice Sandoval, Finance Director, and Jennifer Pineda, Interim City Secretary.

#1. There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

#2. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Mayor Pro Tem Hitt skipped this item to save time as there were members that needed to get back to work.

#3. VISITORS.

There were no visitors.

#4. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND CONDUCT THE 1ST PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PROPOSED VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN PROPERTY BY THE CITY OF TAFT, TEXAS: SAN PATRICIO COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT NO. 56277, COMMONLY KNOWN AS BARTELS FARMS, BEING AN AREA OF APPROXIMATELY 104.79 ACRES OF LAND, SAN PATRICIO COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT NO. 56277, SITUATED IN THE T. TODD SURVEY 2, A-268, APPROXIMATELY 0.5 MILES WEST OF TAFT, ABSTRACT NO. 268, SAN PATRICIO COUNTY, TEXAS AND BEING MORE SPECIFICALLY DESCRIBED AS:

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The public hearing was opened at 6:48 p.m.

Roxann stated that the service plan is available at City Hall if anyone would like to have a copy of it.

The public hearing was closed at 6:51 p.m.

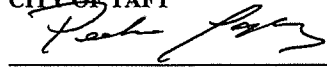
#5. ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilwoman Riojas to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Vasquez, Hitt
Nays: None

Absent: Mayor
The motion carried.

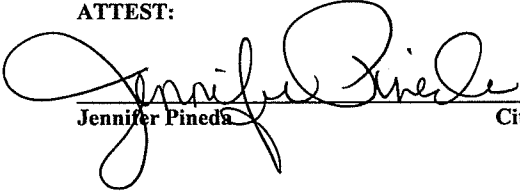
CITY OF TAFT



Pedro Lopez

Mayor

ATTEST:



Jennifer Pineda

City Secretary



MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

On the 10th day of March, 2015, the City Council of Taft, Texas, convened in a special session at 501 Green Ave, at the City Hall, at 12:00 p.m. with the following members present:

Pedro "Pete" Lopez	Mayor	Absent
Denise Hitt	Mayor Pro-tem	
Rolando Rodriguez		
Donnie Riojas		
Leonard Vasquez		

Others present: Roxann Cotroneo, City Attorney, Joshua Sosa, City Management team member, and Jennifer Pineda, Interim City Secretary.

#1. There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 12:16 p.m.

#2. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

This item was skipped.

#3. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ON TRAFFICPAYMENT.COM, WHICH IS A PROGRAM TO MAKE MUNICIPAL COURT CITATION AND CITY UTILITY PAYMENTS ONLINE.

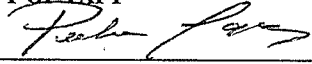
Peter Neang with Trafficpayment.com gave a power point presentation on the program. He gave a brief overview of the company and also showed the council how the defendants/customers would pay online. He discussed how the convenience fee would be set up and how the services will be set up with the city.

#19. ADJOURNMENT.

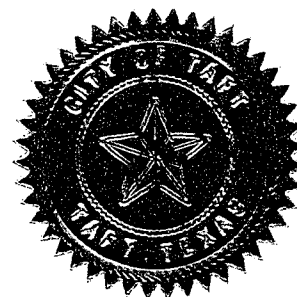
There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilwoman Riojas to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Vasquez, Hitt
Nays: None
Absent: Mayor
The motion carried.

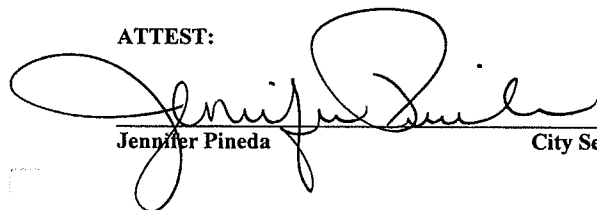
CITY OF TAFT



Pedro Lopez Mayor



ATTEST:



Jennifer Pineda City Secretary

MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

On the 18th day of March, 2015, the City Council of Taft, Texas, convened in a special session at 402 Park St, at the Kiva Hut, at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present:

Pedro "Pete" Lopez	Mayor
Denise Hitt	Mayor Pro-tem
Rolando Rodriguez	
Donnie Riojas	
Leonard Vasquez	Absent

Others present: Roxann Cotroneo, City Attorney, Joshua Sosa, City Management Team, Mary Alice Sandoval, Finance Director and Jennifer Pineda, Interim City Secretary.

#1. There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

#2. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Councilman Rodriguez led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation.

#3. VISITORS.

There were no visitors.

#4. DISCUSS, CONSIDER, AND TAKE ACTION TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE NO. 937 – ANNEXING THE HEREIN DESCRIBED TERRITORY KNOWN AS SAN PATRICIO COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT NO. 56277, COMMONLY KNOWN AS BARTELS FARMS, BEING AN AREA OF APPROXIMATELY 104.79 ACRES OF LAND, SITUATED IN THE T. TODD SURVEY 2, A-268, APPROXIMATELY 0.5 MILES WEST OF TAFT, ABSTRACT NO 268, SAN PATRICIO COUNTY, TEXAS AND BEING MORE SPECIFICALLY DESCRIBED AS: TRACT 1: LOTS 1,2,3,9 TO 12, AND 15 TO 18 INCLUSIVE OT OF REVISED TRACT "A" OUT OF THE THOMAS TODD SURVEY NO 2, SAN PATRICIO COUNTY, TEXAS TOGETHER WITH ALL ABANDONED ROADS LYING BETWEEN SAID LOTS AND DRAINAGE DITCHES ADJOINING SAID PROPERTY, LESS THE FOLLOWING TWO TRACTS: 0.605 ACRES OUT OF THE NE CORNER OF LOT 1 AND 1.335 ACRES OUT OF THE NORTH END OF LOT 3, SAID TRACTS HAVING BEEN CONVEYED TO TEXAS & NEW ORLEANS RR CO. ON JUNE 21, 1947, AS RECORDED IN VOLUME 151, PAGE 596, OF THE DEED RECORDS OF THE SAN PATRICIO COUNTY, TEXAS. TRACT 2: 3.03 ACRES OUT OF THE SOUTH END OF AN 8 ACRE TRACT OF LAND OUT OF THE THOMAS TODD SURVEY, SAN PATRICIO COUNTY, TEXAS BEING IN THE 8 ACRES OF LAND CONVEYED TO SA AND AP RAILWAY CO., BY THE COLEMAN FULTON PASTURE CO. BY DEED DATED NOVEMBER 29, 1906 SCOUNTY, TEXAS. TRACT 3: ABANDONED 60' WIDE EXTENTION OF ESCOBEDO STREET, 0.46 ACRE. AND EXTENDING THE BOUNDARY LIMITS OF SAID CITY SO AS TO INCLUDE THE DESCRIBED PROPERTY WITHIN THE CIYT LIMITS, AND GRANTING TO ALL THE INHABITANTS OF THE PROPERTY ALL THE RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES OF OTHER CITIZENS AND BINDING HE IN HABITITANTS B ALL OF THE ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, ACTS AND REGULATIONS OF THE CITY; ADOPTING A SERVICE PLAN; FINDING AND DTERMINING THAT ALL REQUIREMENTS FOR ANNEXATION INCLUDING PUBLIC HEARINGS, NOTICES, AND OPEN MEETINGS HAVE BEEN MET ACCORDING TO LAW; PROVIDING INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILING THIS ORDINANCE AND FOR CORRECTING THE OFFICAL MAP AND BOUNDARIES OF SAID CITY; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY AND CUMULATIVE CLAUSES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Roxann briefed the Council on the process of this Ordinance and what events have already occurred. Mr. Bartels gave a background on the land.

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 937. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Hitt
Nays: None
Absent: Vasquez
The motion carried.

#5. CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 569 REQUESTING THAT THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE PROVIDE OVERSIGHT OF FEDERAL FUNDS GRANTED TO THE STATE OF TEXAS BY THE GULF COAST RESTORATION TRUST FUND AND

PROVIDE A PERCENTAGE OF THESE FUNDS TO BE SOLELY ALLOCATED TO CITIES UNDER 20,000 IN POPULATION AND COUNTIES UNDER 70,000 IN POPULATION.

Ray, on a phone conference, gave a brief overview behind the resolution.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to adopt Resolution 569 requesting that the Texas Legislature provide oversight of federal funds granted to the State of Texas by the Gulf Coast Restoration Trust Fund and provide a percentage of these funds to be solely allocated to cities under 20,000 in population and counties under 70,000 in population. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hitt.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Hitt
Nays: None
Absent: Vasquez
The motion carried.

At this time Council jumped to Item 7.

#7. CONSIDER AND ACT UPON GRANT WRITING SERVICES FOR CITY GRANT APPLICATIONS TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TEXAS CAPITAL FUND AND THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to approve grant writing services for city grant applications to be submitted to the Texas Department of Agriculture Texas Capital Fund and the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Corporation. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Hitt
Nays: None
Absent: Vasquez
The motion carried.

At this time Council went back to Item 6.

#6. CONSIDER AND ACT UPON APPOINTING COUNCIL MEMBER RONNIE RODRIGUEZ TO THE SAN PATRICIO COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS AS A REPLACEMENT FOR THE SEAT CURRENTLY HELD BY MAYOR %PEDRO LOPEZ.

Mayor Lopez recommended Ronnie Rodriguez to replace him on the San Patricio County Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors. Josh stated that he spoke to Lynn Spencer and she said the Council may appoint whomever they choose.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to appoint Council Member Ronnie Rodriguez to the San Patricio County Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors as a replacement for the seat currently held by Mayor Pedro Lopez. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hitt.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Hitt
Nays: None
Absent: Vasquez
The motion carried.

#8. PRESENTATION BY BERTHA NELL BARTH TO THE CITY OF TAFT PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Bertha Nell Barth of the Women's Club presented Mary Griffin with a plaque. She explained that the Women's Club had dissolved but still had funds in their account that would be given to the library at a later date.

#9. CONSIDER AND DISCUSS UPDATE REGARDING THE CITY'S FINANCIAL CONDITION AS IT RELATES TO BONDED DEBT, PAST DUES, RECURRING PAYMENTS, REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES.

Mary Alice updated the council on the monthly financials. She stated that 79% of the property taxes within the city limits had been collected so far and 58% of the property taxes for the disannexed area had been

collected. The City also paid over \$11,000 in past due debt.

#10. CONSIDER AND DISCUSS PRESENTATION REGARDING WEEKLY AND BI-WEEKLY PLAN FROM PUBLIC WORKS REGARDING (1) ROAD REPAIRS, (2) PARK MAINTENANCE, (3) MOWING, (4) BASIC CLEAN-UP.

Josh updated the council on the status of the patching project and the monthly mowing list.

#11. CONSIDER AND ACT UPON INITIATING A PARK FITNESS PROGRAM.

Councilman Rodriguez briefed the council on this item and suggested that the city may be able to write a grant for a project like this.

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to table this item. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hitt.

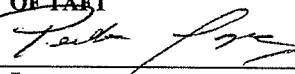
The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Hitt
Nays: None
Absent: Vasquez
The motion carried.

#12. ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilwoman Hitt to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Hitt
Nays: None
Absent: Vasquez
The motion carried.

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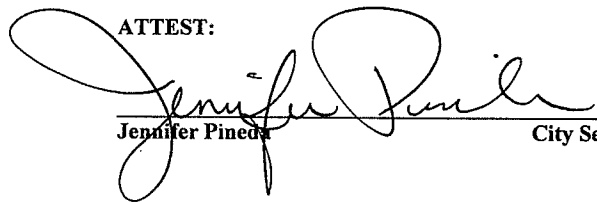


Pedro Lopez

Mayor



ATTEST:



Jennifer Pineda

City Secretary

MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

On the 14th day of April, 2015, the City Council of Taft, Texas, convened in a regular session at 402 Park St, at the Kiva Hut, at 6:30 p.m. with the following members present:

Pedro "Pete" Lopez	Mayor
Denise Hitt	Mayor Pro-tem
Rolando Rodriguez	
Donnie Riojas	
Leonard Vasquez	Absent

Others present: Ray De Los Santos, Interim City Manager, Roxann Cotroneo, City Attorney, Joshua Sosa, City Management Team, Fred Farias, Public Works Director, Mary Alice Sandoval, Finance Director, Carmel Herrera, Municipal Court Judge and Jennifer Pineda, Interim City Secretary.

#1. There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

#2. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Councilwoman Riojas led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation.

#3. VISITORS.

There were no visitors.

#4. PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS CONSTRUCTION OF SHARED-USE PATHS THAT CONNECT COMMUNITY DESTINATIONS AND PROVIDE SAFE ROUTES FOR PEDESTRIANS AND BICYCLISTS.

Kiersten Stanzel with Greenwing, LLC explained what the project would consist of and the different phases. Ray gave a background of the project. They both answered questions the council had.

#5. CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE SUBMISSION OF NOMINATION FORM TO THE TXDOT TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to approve a resolution to approve submission of nomination form to the TxDot Transportation Alternatives Program. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Hitt
Nays: None
Absent: Vasquez
The motion carried.

#6. CONSIDER AND ACT UPON ACCEPTING THE LETTER OF RESIGNATION OF DR. CHAD KELLY AS A BOARD DIRECTOR FROM THE TAFT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to accept the letter of resignation of Dr. Chad Kelly as a board director from the Taft Economic Development Corporation. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Hitt
Nays: None
Absent: Vasquez
The motion carried.

#7. CONSIDER AND ACT UPON APPOINTING NOEL SNEDEKER TO THE TAFT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to appoint Noel Snedeker to the Taft Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Hitt
Nays: None
Absent: Vasquez

The motion carried.

#8. DISCUSS, CONSIDER, AND ACT TO APPROVE INTERLOCAL GOVERNMENT CONTRACT AND AGREEMENT WITH SAN PATRICIO COUNTY REGARDING SERVICES FOR ROAD AND BRIDGE, PRECINCT NO. 1.

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to approve interlocal government contract and agreement with San Patricio County regarding services for road and bridge, Precinct No. 1. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Hitt
Nays: None
Absent: Vasquez
The motion carried.

#9. CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO AWARD A BID AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR MUNICIPAL COURT AND CITY UTILITY ONLINE PAYMENT SERVICES.

Ray explained the reason for the item to be on the agenda. Joshua gave an overview of the presentation that was given at a special meeting on March 10, 2015.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to award a bid and enter into a contract with TrafficPayment.Com for municipal court and city utility online payment services. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hitt.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Hitt
Nays: None
Absent: Vasquez
The motion carried.

#10. CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 927 TO INCREASE PROCESSING FEES FOR ALL NON-MUNICIPAL COURT RELATED CHARGES, IF NECESSARY.

No action was taken on this item.

#11. HEAR UPDATE REGARDING MUNICIPAL COURT OPERATIONS.

Judge Herrera updated the council on the court operations. She informed them of some of the minor changes in daily processes that have been set in place. Roxann spoke on the citations for driving while license suspended and explained that the court has tried to help defendants in the process of obtaining their license.

#12. CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO CLARIFY THE RECORDED MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 23, 2015 THAT MANUEL BANDA NOT MATTHEW BANDA WAS APPOINTED AS BOARD DIRECTOR OF THE TAFT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FOR A TERM OF 2 YEARS.

Councilman Rodriguez stated that he apologized for his mispronunciation when he stated Matthew Banda not Manuel Banda.

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to clarify the recorded meeting minutes of February 23, 2015 that Manuel Banda was the individual appointed as board director of the Taft Community Development Corporation for a term of 2 years not Matthew Banda. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hitt.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Hitt
Nays: None
Absent: Vasquez
The motion carried.

#13. CONSIDER AND DISCUSS UPDATE REGARDING THE CITY'S FINANCIAL CONDITION AS IT RELATES TO BONDED DEBT, PAST DUES, RECURRING PAYMENTS, REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES.

Ray updated the council on the monthly financials. He informed the council that the debt for 2012 was paid off completely last month. Mary Alice updated the council on the status of the current budget and explained

certain line items that needed to be adjusted.

14. CONSIDER AND DISCUSS PRESENTATION REGARDING WEEKLY AND BI-WEEKLY PLAN FROM PUBLIC WORKS REGARDING (1) ROAD REPAIRS, (2) PARK MAINTENANCE, (3) MOWING, (4) BASIC CLEAN-UP.

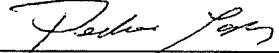
Fred updated the council on the street patching. Phase 1 was completed and the department is working on Phase 2. They are about half way complete with Phase 2.

#15. ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilwoman Hitt to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Hitt
Nays: None
Absent: Vasquez,
The motion carried.

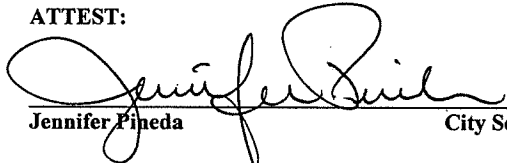
CITY OF TAFT



Pedro Lopez Mayor



ATTEST:



Jennifer Pineda City Secretary

MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

On the 28th day of April, 2015, the City Council of Taft, Texas, convened in a special session at 402 Park St, at the Kiva Hut, at 6:30 p.m. with the following members present:

Pedro "Pete" Lopez	Mayor
Denise Hitt	Mayor Pro-tem
Rolando Rodriguez	
Donnie Riojas	
Leonard Vasquez	Absent

Others present: Roxann Cotroneo, City Attorney, Joshua Sosa, City Management Team, and Mary Alice Sandoval, Finance Director.

#1. There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m.

#2. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Councilman Rodriguez led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation.

#3. CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM AND HEAR COMMUNITY INPUT REGARDING POTENTIAL PROJECTS FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDING.

Dr. Stanzel with SMMP explained the community development block grant federal program.

#4. CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 551, SUBCHAPTER D, V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071CONSULTATION WITH THE CITY ATTORNEY TO SEEK LEGAL ADVICE; SECTION 551.072 REGARDING THE PURCHASE, EXCHANGE, LEASE OR VALUE OR REAL PROPERTY BECAUSE DELIBERATION IN AN OPEN MEETING WOULD HAVE A DETRIMENTAL EFFECT ON THE POSITION OF THE CITY IN NEGOTIATIONS ON PROJECT CONDOR II.

The council went into executive session.

#5. CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION ON ITS FIRST READING TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF TAFT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TO PURCHASE PROPERTY KNOWN AS AN AREA OF APPROXIMATELY 104.79 ACRES OF LAND, SAN PATRICIO COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT NO. 56277, SITUATED IN THE T. TODD SURVEY 2, A-268, APPROXIMATELY 0.5 MILES WEST OF TAFT, ABSTRACT NO. 268, SAN PATRICIO COUNTY, TEXAS, ALSO COMMONLY KNOWN AS BARTELS FARMS ("PROPERTY").

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to adopt a Resolution on its first reading to authorize the City of Taft Economic Development Corporation to purchase property known as an area of approximately 104.79 acres of land, San Patricio County Appraisal District No. 56277, situated in the T. Todd Survey 2, A-268, approximately 0.5 miles west of Taft, Abstract No. 268, San Patricio County, Texas, also commonly known as Bartels Farms ("Property"). The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Hitt
Nays: None
Absent: Vasquez
The motion carried.

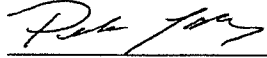
#6. ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilwoman Hitt to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Hitt
Nays: None
Absent: Vasquez

The motion carried.

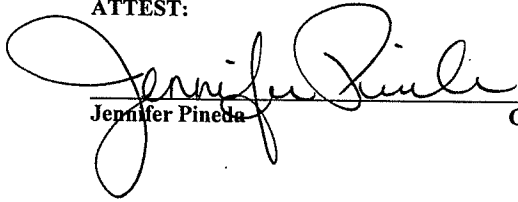
CITY OF TAFT



Pedro Lopez

Mayor

ATTEST:



Jennifer Pineda

City Secretary



MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

On the 8th day of May, 2015, the City Council of Taft, Texas, convened in a special session at 402 Park St, at the Kiva Hut, at 11 a.m. with the following members present:

Pedro "Pete" Lopez	Mayor
Denise Hitt	Mayor Pro-tem
Rolando Rodriguez	Absent
Donnie Riojas	
Leonard Vasquez	

Others present: Roxann Cotroneo, City Attorney, Ray De Los Santos, City Management Team, Joshua Sosa, City Management Team, Mary Alice Sandoval, Finance Director, and Jennifer Pineda, Interim City Secretary.

#1. There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m.

#2. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Councilwoman Riojas led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation.

#3. DEVELOPMENTAL WORKSHOP. THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE DISCUSSED DURING THE WORKSHOP:

- CHAIN OF COMMAND
- DEPARTMENT STATUS REPORT (IE STAFFING, RECRUITMENT, RETENTION)
- ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF CITY STAFF
- PERSONNEL MANUAL
- ORDINANCES
- STAFFING
- CITY CODE OF CONDUCT
- CURRENT PROJECTS
- NEW PROJECTS
- NOTICEABLE NEEDS OF IMPROVEMENT

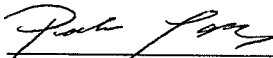
These items were discussed at length. No action was taken.

#4. ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilwoman Hitt to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt
Nays: None
Absent: Rodriguez
The motion carried.

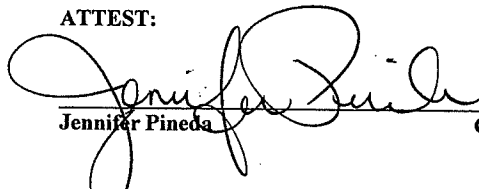
CITY OF TAFT


Pedro Lopez

Mayor



ATTEST:


Jennifer Pineda

City Secretary

MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

On the 14th day of May, 2015, the City Council of Taft, Texas, convened in a regular session at 402 Park St, at the Kiva Hut, at 6:30 p.m. with the following members present:

Pedro "Pete" Lopez	Mayor
Denise Hitt	Mayor Pro-tem
Rolando Rodriguez	
Donnie Riojas	
Leonard Vasquez	Absent

Others present: Roxann Cotroneo, City Attorney, Ray De Los Santos, City Management Team, Joshua Sosa, City Management Team, Fred Farias, Public Works Director, Mary Alice Sandoval, Finance Director, and Jennifer Pineda, Interim City Secretary.

#1. There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 6:36 p.m.

#2. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Councilman Rodriguez led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation.

#3. VISITORS.

There were no visitors.

#4. HEAR AND DISCUSS PRESENTATION REGARDING 2015 ROAD REHABILITATION PROJECT.

Jose with LNV updated the council on the Road Rehabilitation Project. He stated that the project would start anytime between 15 and 20 days once they received approval to begin.

#5. MR. ARMANDO GARZA PRESENTATION OF CITY OF TAFT CONCERNS AND ISSUES WITH RECOMMENDATIONS. (MAYOR LOPEZ)

Mr. Armando Garza from 524 Peach St. addressed the council on issues and concerns he had with the ordinance and resolution in regards to the voluntary annexation. He asked the attorney to review the signature on the paperwork that was filed.

#6. CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON WHETHER TO GRANT A VARIANCE TO LAMAS FUNERAL HOME, INC. TO OPEN A FUNERAL HOME IN A R-1 RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT ZONE LOCATED AT 1201 GREGORY ST, TAFT, TEXAS.

Natalia Lamas with Lamas Funeral Home, Inc. addressed the council on the variance and what the company's plans are for the property. She stated that the project would take about 3 years to complete.

Council discussed on what the wording of the motion should be and also discussed setting certain criteria for the company to follow in regards to safety, permits, and length of time for completion.

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to table this item for a special meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Hitt

Nays: None

Absent: Vasquez

The motion carried.

#7. CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION ON ITS SECOND READING TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF TAFT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TO PURCHASE PROPERTY KNOWN AS AN AREA OF APPROXIMATELY 104.79 ACRES OF LAND, SAN PATRICIO COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT NO. 56277, SITUATED IN THE T. TODD SURVEY 2, A-268, APPROXIMATELY 0.5 MILES WEST OF TAFT, ABSTRACT NO. 268, SAN PATRICIO COUNTY, TEXAS, ALSO COMMONLY KNOWN AS BARTELS FARMS ("PROPERTY").

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to adopt a Resolution on its second reading to authorize the City of Taft Economic Development Corporation to purchase property known as an area of approximately

104.79 acres of land, San Patricio County Appraisal District No. 56277, situated in the T. Todd Survey 2, A-268, approximately 0.5 miles west of Taft, Abstract No. 268, San Patricio County, Texas, also commonly known as Bartels Farms ("Property"). The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Hitt
Nays: None
Absent: Vasquez
The motion carried.

#8. CONSIDER AND DISCUSS UPDATE REGARDING THE CITY'S FINANCIAL CONDITION AS IT RELATES TO BONDED DEBT, PAST DUES, RECURRING PAYMENTS, REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES. (MAYOR LOPEZ)

Mary Alice addressed the council on the city's financials.

#9. CONSIDER AND DISCUSS PRESENTATION REGARDING WEEKLY AND BI-WEEKLY PLAN FROM PUBLIC WORKS REGARDING (1) ROAD REPAIRS, (2) PARK MAINTENANCE, (3) MOWING, (4) BASIC CLEAN-UP. (MAYOR LOPEZ)

Fred addressed the council on the weekly and bi-weekly plan. He let the council know that phase 1 of the patching priority checklist was complete and the crew was working on phase 2.

#10. CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 551, SUBCHAPTER D, V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071 CONSULTATION WITH THE CITY ATTORNEY AND OUTSIDE LEGAL COUNSEL TO SEEK LEGAL ADVICE REGARDING RYAN SMITH AND MONA PRICE FOSTER VS. CITY OF TAFT, TEXAS, CAUSE NO. 2:15-CV-167 IN THE U.S. DISTRICT COURT, SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS, CORPUS CHRISTI DIVISION.

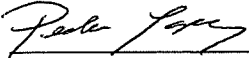
The council went into executive session.

#11. ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilwoman Hitt to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

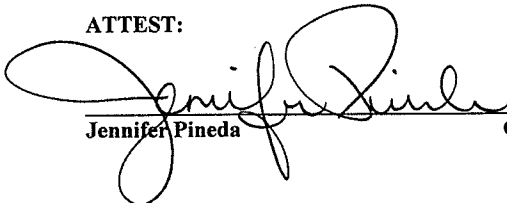
The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Hitt
Nays: None
Absent: Vasquez
The motion carried.

CITY OF TAFT


Pedro Lopez Mayor



ATTEST:


Jennifer Pineda City Secretary

MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

On the 5th day of June, 2015, the City Council of Taft, Texas, convened in a special session at 402 Park St, at the Kiva Hut, at 12:00 p.m. with the following members present:

Pedro "Pete" Lopez	Mayor
Denise Hitt	Mayor Pro-tem
Rolando Rodriguez	
Donnie Riojas	
Leonard Vasquez	Absent

Others present: Roxann Cotroneo, City Attorney, Ray De Los Santos, City Management Team, Joshua Sosa, City Management Team, Fred Farias, Public Works Director, and Jennifer Pineda, Interim City Secretary.

#1. There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m.

#2. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Councilwoman Riojas led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation.

#3. CONSIDER, DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION TO GRANT A ZONING VARIANCE TO LAMAS FUNERAL HOME, INC. TO OPEN AND OPERATE A FUNERAL HOME IN A R-1 RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT ZONE LOCATED AT 1201 GREGORY ST., TAFT, TEXAS PROVIDED THAT THEY COMPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

- (1.) OBTAIN AND MAINTAIN ALL NECESSARY PERMITS REQUIRED AND ISSUED BY THE CITY TO CONSTRUCT, REPAIR, RENOVATE, AND MAINTAIN THE PROPERTY;
- (2.) COMPLETE CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION OR REPAIR OF THE BUILDING(S) LOCATED AT SAID PROPERTY WITHIN A CERTAIN TIME PERIOD;
- (3.) PROVIDE AND MAINTAIN FENCING ON THE PERIMETER OF THE PROPERTY UNTIL COMPLETION OF CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION OR REPAIR OF THE PROPERTY OR AS DETERMINED BY THE CITY BUILDING OFFICIAL;
- (4.) ANY AND ALL PERMITS AND CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY ARE NON-TRANSFERABLE AND MUST REMAIN IN THE NAME OF THE ORIGINAL OWNER AND LOCATION;
- (5.) AT ALL TIMES COMPLY WITH ALL FEDERAL AND STATE LAWS AND THE CITY OF TAFT, TEXAS CODE OF ORDINANCES, WHICH INCLUDES BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO TIMELY PAYMENT OF PROPERTY TAXES AND SALES TAXES; AND
- (6.) ANY OTHER CONDITIONS AS REQUIRED BY THE TAFT CITY COUNCIL.

Kevin Schleicher, attorney for the Lamas family, addressed the council. The family would like to do the renovations in phases and would like to have the council approve separate deadlines for each phase. They stated that they estimate phase one to take about 1 year.

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to grant a zoning variance to Lamas Funeral Home, Inc. to open and operate a funeral home in a R-1 residential district with conditions number 1 through 6 included. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Hitt
Nays: None
Absent: Vasquez
The motion carried.

#4. CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION REGARDING ROAD REPAIRS TO BE MADE ON THE 400 BLOCK OF KIRKPATRICK.

Robert Viera with LNV, Inc. addressed the council in regards to the collapse of a line in the 400 block of Kirkpatrick. His recommendation is to do a point repair and he has received estimates between \$5,000 to \$20,000.

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion not to exceed \$20,000 for a point repair excluding Bunco. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Hitt

Nays: None
Absent: Vasquez
The motion carried.

**#5. CONSIDER AND ACT UPON SELECTING EXTERNAL AUDITING SERVICES FOR THE
FY2013 AND FY2014 AUDIT YEARS.**

Ray asked the council to table this item and put it on Tuesday's meeting agenda. Mr. Raul Hernandez was not able to make today's meeting.

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to table. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Hitt
Nays: None
Absent: Vasquez
The motion carried.

#6. ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilwoman Hitt to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Hitt
Nays: None
Absent: Vasquez
The motion carried.

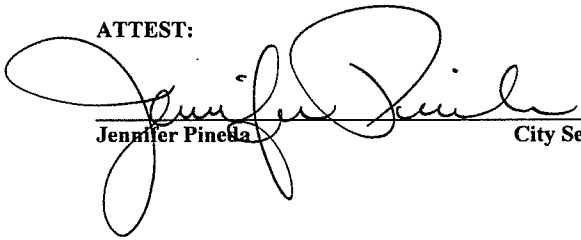
CITY OF TAFT



Pedro Lopez

Mayor

ATTEST:



Jennifer Pineda

City Secretary



MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

On the 9th day of June, 2015, the City Council of Taft, Texas, convened in a regular session at 402 Park St, at the Kiva Hut, at 6:30 p.m. with the following members present:

Pedro "Pete" Lopez	Mayor
Denise Hitt	Mayor Pro-tem
Rolando Rodriguez	
Donnie Riojas	
Leonard Vasquez	Absent

Others present: Roxann Cotroneo, City Attorney, Ray De Los Santos, City Management Team, Joshua Sosa, City Management Team, Mary Alice Sandoval, Finance Director, and Jennifer Pineda, Interim City Secretary.

#1. There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m.

#2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Rodriguez led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation.

#3. Visitors.

Marcus Adams of 614 San Patricio addressed the council and stated that he was not happy with the insider trading and nepotism. He also addressed issues with drainage, code enforcement, and brush not being picked up.

#4. Mayoral Proclamation designating June 9, 2015 Velma Poenisch Day.

Mayor Lopez read the proclamation out loud and presented it to Velma Poenisch.

#5. Certificate of Appreciation presentation to Leroy Espinoza.

Mayor Lopez read the certificate of appreciation out loud and presented it to Leroy Espinoza.

#6. Consider and act upon selecting external auditing services for the FY2013 and FY2014 audit years.

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to table this item. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Hitt

Nays: None

Absent: Vasquez

The motion carried.

#7. Update and discussion regarding unapproved City Council written meeting minutes. (Councilman Rodriguez).

Councilman Rodriguez stated that it came to his attention that the minutes were not up to date and wanted to see if someone could elaborate. Ray stated that the minutes were available in digital form for anyone who is wondering what transpired at a meeting. Roxann also explained that the council is not in any violation.

#8. Consider, discuss and take action to post notice that City Council members may attend and participate at all future meetings of the Taft Community Development Corporation and/or Taft Economic Development Corporation. (Councilman Rodriguez)

Councilman Rodriguez addressed the council on this item. Roxann explained the Texas Open Meetings Act.

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to post notice that the City Council members may attend all future meetings of the Taft Community Development Corporation and/or Taft Economic Development Corporation. There was no second therefore the motion died.

#9. Presentation and discussion on status of Municipal Court cases, collections, warrants and future strategies to resolve these issues. (Councilman Rodriguez).

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to table this item. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hitt.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Hitt

Nays: None

Absent: Vasquez

The motion carried.

#10. Discuss contractual updates on the City of Taft HOME Program with Grantworks. (Councilwoman Riojas).

Councilwoman Riojas stated that she has been approached by several applicants that have stated that there has not been any activity. Ray informed the council that as of June 5, 2015 the response from GrantWorks stated that there were more applications than there is funding.

#11. Consider, discuss and take action to rename the City's Type A Economic Development Corporation, currently known as the Taft Community Development Corporation. (City Attorney).

Roxann informed the audience the purpose of this corporation. She stated that the Secretary of State rejected the name for being too similar to the City's Type B Economic Development Corporation.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to rename the City's Type A Economic Development Corporation the Taft Quality Improvement Corporation. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hitt.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Hitt

Nays: None

Absent: Vasquez

The motion carried.

#12. Consider, discuss and take action to adopt Resolution No. 572 to approve the amended Articles of Incorporation for the Type A Economic Development Corporation and order the City Attorney to file said Articles of Incorporation with the Texas Secretary of State. (City Attorney).

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 572 to approve the amended Articles of Incorporation for the Type A Economic Development Corporation and order the City Attorney to file said Articles of Incorporation with the Texas Secretary of State. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hitt.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Hitt

Nays: None

Absent: Vasquez

The motion carried.

#13. Consider, discuss and take action to adopt Resolution No. 573 to approve the Bylaws for the Type A Economic Development Corporation as recommended by said Corporation. (City Attorney).

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 573 to approve the bylaws for the Type A Economic Development Corporation as recommended by said Corporation. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hitt.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Hitt

Nays: None

Absent: Vasquez

The motion carried.

#14. Presentation and discussion on high weeds ordinance. (City Attorney).

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to table the discussion on high weeds ordinance. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Hitt
Nays: None
Absent: Vasquez
The motion carried.

#15. Discuss, consider and take action to approve 2 City Summer Programs:

- **Fitness at the park**
- **Movies under the stars**

Joshua Sosa addressed the council on this item and how they would work in Taft.

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to approve two city summer programs. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Hitt
Nays: None
Absent: Vasquez
The motion carried.

#16. Consider and discuss update regarding the city's financial condition as it relates to bonded debt, past dues, recurring payments, revenues and expenditures.

Mary Alice updated the council on the financial condition.

Mayor reopened the Visitor Item. Mr. Joe Lopez, Taft ISD Superintendent, introduced himself to the Council.

#17. Discuss, consider and act on a cost of living adjustment for city employees.

Ray addressed the council on this item and explained the different options that they may want to consider.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to table this item. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hitt.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Hitt
Nays: None
Absent: Vasquez
The motion carried.

#18. EXECUTIVE SESSION – In accordance with Texas Government Code, Section 551.001, et seq., the City Council will recess into Executive Session (closed meeting) to discuss:

- **Pursuant to Chapter 551, Subchapter D, V.T.C.A. Government Code, Section 551.087 deliberations regarding economic development negotiations for Project Condor II/Ironman.**

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to enter into executive session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Hitt
Nays: None
Absent: Vasquez
The motion carried.

The Council entered into executive session at 8:32 p.m.

#19. RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION – In accordance with Texas Government Code, Sec. 551.001, et seq., the City Council will reconvene into Regular Session.

- **Discuss, consider and take any action deemed necessary in relation to continued economic development negotiations for Project Condor II/Ironman.**

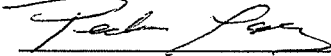
The council reconvened into regular session at 9:20 p.m. No action was taken on this item.

#20. Adjournment.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilwoman Hitt to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Hitt
Nays: None
Absent: Vasquez
The motion carried.

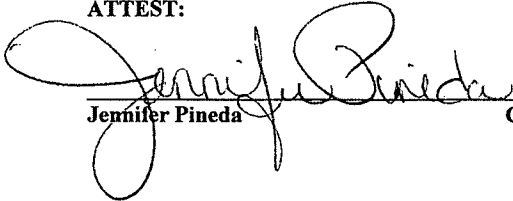
CITY OF TAFT



Pedro Lopez Mayor



ATTEST:



Jennifer Pineda City Secretary

MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

On the 18th day of June, 2015, the City Council of Taft, Texas, convened in a special session at 402 Park St, at the Kiva Hut, at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present:

Pedro "Pete" Lopez	Mayor
Denise Hitt	Mayor Pro-tem
Rolando Rodriguez	
Donnie Riojas	
Leonard Vasquez	Absent

Others present: Roxann Cotroneo, City Attorney, Ray De Los Santos, City Management Team, Joshua Sosa, City Management Team, Mary Alice Sandoval, Finance Director, and Jennifer Pineda, Interim City Secretary.

#1. There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

#2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilwoman Riojas led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation.

#3. Discuss contractual updates on the City of Taft HOME Program with Grantworks.

Donna Johnson with GrantWorks updated the council on the Taft HOME Program. She stated that the funding for the program had been cut and everything was on hold at the moment.

#4. Discuss, consider, and act on Taft Housing Authority to waive the City's ad valorem taxes in accordance with the payment in lieu of taxes program.

Donnie advised the council that, if approved, the Boys and Girls club would receive the money.

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to waive the City's ad valorem taxes in accordance with the payment in lieu of taxes program for the Taft Housing Authority in the amount of \$4,617.39. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Hitt
Nays: None
Absent: Vasquez
The motion carried.

#5. Discuss, consider and act on a cost of living adjustment and/or retention incentives for city employees.

Mary Alice informed the council that this would be done in phases with Phase 1 being city staff, Phase 2 police department, and Phase 3 EMS staff.

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to grant the retention phase 1 city staff including Rendy Rodriguez in the amount of \$10,250 as a one time payment. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Hitt
Nays: Mayor

Absent: Vasquez
The motion carried.

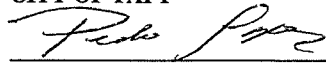
#6. Adjournment.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilwoman Riojas to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hitt.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Hitt
Nays: None

Absent: Vasquez
The motion carried.

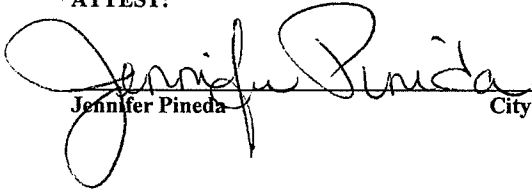
CITY OF TAFT



Pedro Lopez

Mayor

ATTEST:



Jennifer Pineda

City Secretary



MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

On the 11th day of July, 2015, the City Council of Taft, Texas, convened in a special session at 402 Park St, at the Kiva Hut, at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present:

Pedro "Pete" Lopez	Mayor
Denise Hitt	Mayor Pro-tem
Rolando Rodriguez	
Donnie Riojas	
Leonard Vasquez	Absent

Others present: Roxann Cotroneo, City Attorney, Ray De Los Santos, City Management Team, Joshua Sosa, City Management Team, Gary Keenan, Code Compliance Officer, Mary Alice Sandoval, Finance Director, and Jennifer Pineda, Interim City Secretary.

#1. There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m.

#2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilwoman Riojas led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation.

#3. Developmental Workshop. The following items will be discussed and action may be taken to provide city staff with direction to amend ordinances rated to the following:

- **Ordinances related to signage, parking on unimproved surfaces, bulk pickup, high weeds, junk vehicles, public nuisance, and utility accounts.**

Ray stated that the workshop was to hear some of the concerns of the council and what they would like to change or not change in the ordinances.

The council proceeded to discuss the ordinances on high weeds, signage, parking on unimproved surfaces and public nuisance.

#4. Discuss, consider and take action if necessary on administration roles and responsibilities.

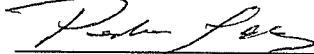
No action was taken on this item.

#5. Adjournment.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilwoman Hitt to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Hitt
Nays: None
Absent: Vasquez
The motion carried.

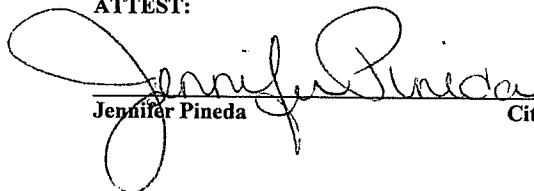
CITY OF TAFT



Pedro Lopez

Mayor

ATTEST:



Jennifer Pineda

City Secretary



MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

On the 22nd day of July, 2015, the City Council of Taft, Texas, convened in a regular session at 402 Park St, at the Kiva Hut, at 11:30 a.m. with the following members present:

Pedro "Pete" Lopez	Mayor
Denise Hitt	Mayor Pro-tem
Rolando Rodriguez	
Donnie Riojas	
Leonard Vasquez	Absent

Others present: Roxann Cotroneo, City Attorney, Ray De Los Santos, City Management Team, Joshua Sosa, City Management Team, Mary Alice Sandoval, Finance Director, and Jennifer Pineda, Interim City Secretary.

#1. There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 11:32 a.m.

#2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilwoman Riojas led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation.

#3. Consider, discuss, and take action to appoint or reappoint a board director to the Taft Economic Development Corporation and for said director to serve a two-year term.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to reappoint Denise Hitt to the Taft EDC to serve a two-year term. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Hitt

Nays: None

Absent: Vasquez

The motion carried.

Councilman Vasquez arrived at 11:37 a.m.

#4. Consider, discuss and take action to approve the Annual Financial Report for the year ended September 30, 2013.

Ernest Garza, city auditor, reviewed the annual financial report with the council and explained some of the highlights.

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to approve the Annual Financial Report for the year ended September 30, 2013. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#5. Hear presentation from San Patricio County officials relating to road rehabilitation solutions in the City of Taft. (Mayor Lopez)

Frank Gonzales with the San Patricio County informed the council that a interlocal agreement would need to be agreed upon before they would be able to do any work. The city would need to furnish the rock, oil, stabilizer and fuel.

#6. Consider and act upon utilizing San Patricio County officials for assistance with road rehabilitation project or to proceed with the process to complete plans and specifications needed for a bid package to rehabilitate selected streets or a combination of both. (Mayor Lopez)

Jose with LNV Engineering addressed the council on the plans and specifications for the bid package.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to utilize San Patricio County officials for assistance with road rehabilitation project not to exceed \$60,000. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor,

Nays: Vasquez, Hitt

The motion carried.

#7. Consider and act upon authorizing a disbursement of street funds for road rehabilitation project.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to authorize a disbursement of street funds for road rehabilitation project not to exceed \$60,000. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor,
Nays: Vasquez, Hitt
The motion carried.

#8. Adjournment.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilman Rodriguez to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

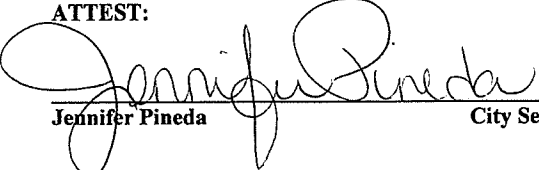
The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt
Nays: None
The motion carried.

CITY OF TAFT



Pedro Lopez Mayor

ATTEST:



Jennifer Pineda City Secretary



MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

On the 11th day of August, 2015, the City Council of Taft, Texas, convened in a regular session at 402 Park St, at the Kiva Hut, at 6:30 p.m. with the following members present:

Pedro "Pete" Lopez	Mayor
Denise Hitt	Mayor Pro-tem
Rolando Rodriguez	
Donnie Riojas	
Leonard Vasquez	

Others present: Roxann Cotroneo, City Attorney, Ray De Los Santos, City Management Team, Joshua Sosa, City Management Team, Mary Alice Sandoval, Finance Director, and Jennifer Pineda, Interim City Secretary.

#1. There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

#2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Rodriguez led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation.

#3. VISTORS.

Andrew Perez, from 746 Tutt Ave, asked about road repairs and wants the council to take into consideration what is the best for the city.

Belinda Perez, from 746 Tutt Ave, asked about street repairs and stated that she didn't want only patch repairs.

#4. Discuss, consider and act on approving the April 14, 2014 Special Meeting minutes, May 13, 2014 Regular Meeting minutes, and May 29, 2014 Special Meeting minutes.

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to approve the April 14, 2014 Special Meeting minutes, May 13, 2014 Regular Meeting minutes, and May 29, 2014 Special Meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#5. Presentation, discussion and take action to approve purchase and enter into a contract with Tyler Technologies for e-citation units (ticket writers) up to \$22,000.

Kimberly Germer with Brazos Technology did a power point presentation on the e-citation units and answered questions from the council.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to approve purchase and enter into a contract with Tyler Technologies for e-citation units for 2 to be purchased from the court technology fund and waiting until October to purchase 1 through the general funds. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hitt.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

The motion carried.

The council took a 5 minute recess.

At this time the council jumped to Item #13.

#13. Consider and act upon entering into an interlocal agreement with San Patricio County for the rehabilitation of a trial demonstration roadway within the City of Taft, Texas. (Mayor Lopez) designating Gregory Road as reflected in the paperwork turned in to the City of Taft on a trial basis.

Ray let the Council know that the county would be willing to do the 300 block of Gregory St as a demonstration street.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to enter into an interlocal agreement with San Patricio County for the rehabilitation of a trial demonstration roadway within the City of Taft, Texas designating Gregory road as reflected in the paperwork turned in to the City of Taft on a trial basis. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

The motion carried.

At this time the council went back to Item #6.

#6. Consider, discuss and act upon presentation from the Taft Economic Development Corporation. (Councilman Rodriguez)

Councilman Rodriguez stated he was just inquiring and would like Ray to go over details as he sees fit. Ray updated the council on the different items that the Taft EDC is working on. There was no action on this item.

#7. Consider, discuss and take action to approve a Resolution to appoint a director for the Taft Economic Development Corporation to serve a two-year term.

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to appoint Arnulfo Banda as a director for the Taft Economic Development Corporation to serve a two-year term. The motion was seconded by Mayor Lopez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Mayor

Nays: Riojas, Vasquez, Hitt

The motion failed.

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to appoint Shawn Cass as a director for the Taft Economic Development Corporation to serve a two-year term. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Riojas, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: Rodriguez, Mayor

The motion carried.

#8. Consider and act upon selecting financing for the City's windstorm insurance and authorizing the execution of documents related thereto.

Josh addressed the council on this item and pointed out that the only difference between the two options would be the down payment option. Ray explained the difference in detail.

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to use AFCO Premium Credit LLC for the windstorm insurance financing using option 2. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#9. Consider and take action to approve a Joint Election contract between the City and San Patricio County Election Administrator for the County to conduct the City's General Election for Tuesday, November 3, 2015.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to approve a Joint Election contract between the City and San Patricio County Election Administrator for the County to conduct the City's General Election for Tuesday, November 3, 2015. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None
The motion carried.

#10. Consider and take action to adopt an ordinance to: (1) Call and order a General Election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2015 for the purpose of electing one Mayor at-large, one Alderman for Ward One and one Alderman for Ward Two; (2) Authorize the execution of a joint election contract with the San Patricio County Election Administrator for election services; (3) Establish Saturday, July 25, 2015, as the first day to file for a place on the official ballot and Monday, August 24, 2015, at 5:00 p.m., Central Standard Time as being the last day to file for a place on the ballot; (4) Direct the San Patricio County Election Administrator and/or the City Secretary to prepare the official ballot form; (5) Adopt a voting system for use in the General Election on November 3, 2015 and for Early Voting by personal appearance beginning October 19, 2015 and ending October 30, 2015, which includes two twelve-hour days of voting as required by state law; (6) Order publication and posting of notice for the General Election; (7) Appoint an Early Voting Clerk; (8) Provide for early voting dates, times and polling places; (9) Provide for early voting by mail; (10) Provide for the appointment of a Presiding Judge, Alternate Presiding Judge and clerks; (11) Create an Early Voting Ballot Board; (12) Provide for General Election Day polling places; and (13) Provide for canvassing of the General Election results.

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to approve Ordinance No 938. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hitt.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt
Nays: None
The motion carried.

#11. Consider and discuss update regarding the city's financial condition as it relates to bonded debt, past dues, recurring payments, revenues and expenditures.

Josh and Ray gave the council an update on the city financial condition.

#12. Consider and discuss presentation regarding weekly and bi-weekly plan from Public Works regarding (1) road repairs, (2) park maintenance, (3) mowing, (4) basic clean-up. (Mayor Lopez).

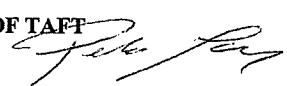
Josh addressed the council on this item and updated them on the progress that the public works department had done.

#14. Adjournment.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilwoman Riojas to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt
Nays: None
The motion carried.

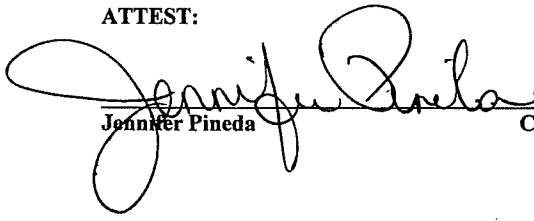
CITY OF TAFT


Pedro Lopez

Mayor



ATTEST:



Jennifer Pineda City Secretary

MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

On the 25th day of August, 2015, the City Council of Taft, Texas, convened in a regular session at 402 Park St, at the Kiva Hut, at 6:30 p.m. with the following members present:

Pedro "Pete" Lopez	Mayor
Denise Hitt	Mayor Pro-tem
Rolando Rodriguez	
Donnie Riojas	
Leonard Vasquez	Absent

Others present: Roxann Cotroneo, City Attorney, Ray De Los Santos, City Management Team, Joshua Sosa, City Management Team, Mary Alice Sandoval, Finance Director, and Jennifer Pineda, Interim City Secretary.

#1. There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

#2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilwoman Riojas led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation.

#3: Visitors.

There were no visitors.

#4. Consider and take action on whether to issue a special permit which, if approved, would allow the placement of a manufactured home outside of designated zones or a mobile home park and be placed at 320 Gregory, Taft, Tx with legal description LTS 28 29 & W 45 30 BLK 38 .523 acres in Taft, Tx. Also known as San Patricio County Appraisal District Parcel ID 50420.

Clinton Ash from 320 Gregory addressed the council on his request.

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to table this item to the September regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Hitt

Nays: None

Absent: Vasquez

The motion carried.

#5. Consider and take action on whether to grant a variance and issue a special permit which, if approved, would allow the placement of a garage on the rear and side property line at 641 Green Ave., Taft, Tx, with legal description LT 31 BLK 1 0.162 acres in Taft, Tx. Also known as San Patricio County Appraisal District Parcel ID 72176.

Ray addressed the council on this request.

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to grant the variance to place the new garage in the footprint of the demolished garage was. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Mayor, Hitt

Nays: None

Abstain: Riojas

Absent: Vasquez

The motion carried.

#6. Consider, discuss and take action to approve a quitclaim deed to transfer title from the City of Taft to The Hlavinka Equipment Company pursuant to Texas Capital Fund Contract No. 712072, as amended, with the Texas Department of Agriculture on real property known as 415 Kirkpatrick St., Taft, Texas with a legal description of: a. Lot Nos. One (1), Two (2), Three (3), Four (4), Five (5), Six (6), Seven (7), Eight (8), Nine (9), Ten (10), Eleven (11), and Twelve (12), Block No. Twenty-One (21), TAFT & ADDITIONS, an Addition to the Town of Taft in San Patricio County, Texas according to map or plat thereof recorded in Volume 3, Page 3, Map Records of San Patricio, County, Texas; and b. Lot A, Block Twenty-One (21), TAFT & ADDITIONS, an Addition to the Town of Taft in San Patricio, County, Texas as shown by map or plat of same of record in Volume 3, Page 3, Map Records of San Patricio, County, Texas.

Ray advised that this was just an administrative request to transfer the property back to Hlavinka.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to approve a quitclaim deed to transfer title from the City of Taft to The Hlavinka Equipment Company pursuant to Texas Capital Fund Contract No. 712072, as amended, with the Texas Department of Agriculture on real property known as 415 Kirkpatrick St., Taft, Texas with a legal description of: a. Lot Nos. One (1), Two (2), Three (3), Four (4), Five (5), Six (6), Seven (7), Eight (8), Nine (9), Ten (10), Eleven (11), and Twelve (12), Block No. Twenty-One (21), TAFT & ADDITIONS, an Addition to the Town of Taft in San Patricio County, Texas according to map or plat thereof recorded in Volume 3, Page 3, Map Records of San Patricio, County, Texas; and b. Lot A, Block Twenty-One (21), TAFT & ADDITIONS, an Addition to the Town of Taft in San Patricio, County, Texas as shown by map or plat of same of record in Volume 3, Page 3, Map Records of San Patricio, County, Texas. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Hitt
Nays: None
Absent: Vasquez
The motion carried.

#7. Consider and act upon the proposed tax rate, take record vote and schedule a public hearing.

Ray addressed the council on this item.

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to decrease the tax rate from \$1.05 to \$0.961672 for the City of Taft. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Mayor
Nays: Riojas, Hitt
Absent: Vasquez
The motion carried.

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to accept the proposed rate of \$0.419217 per \$100 for the City of Taft Deannexed SW area for 2015. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hitt.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Mayor
Nays: Riojas, Hitt
Absent: Vasquez
The motion carried.

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to schedule a public meeting on September 9th and September 15th at 5:30 p.m. regarding the tax rate. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Mayor
Nays: Riojas, Hitt
Absent: Vasquez
The motion carried.

#8. Consider, discuss and take action to adopt Ordinance No. 939 to rescind Ordinance Nos. 579 and 772 and prohibit weed growth to a certain height; duty to prevent weeds, grass, or vegetation from becoming a nuisance or fire hazard; prohibiting vegetation in alley, street, or sidewalk to grow to certain height; city removal of weeds and vegetation upon failure of owner, occupant or person in control to do so when notice required; charges to be collected from property owners; and lien on premises for failure to pay charges.

Roxann explained that this ordinance was a product from the workshop.

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 939. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Hitt
Nays: None
Absent: Vasquez
The motion carried.

#9. Consider, discuss and take action to approve Ordinance No. 940 to establish minimum housing standards for any structure intended for human occupancy such standards to include property standards, structural standards, utility standards, health standards, and security standards; and providing a penalty for a violation.

Roxann explained that this ordinance was another product from the workshop.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 940. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hitt.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Hitt
Nays: None
Absent: Vasquez
The motion carried.

#10. Discuss, consider and act to approve funding for pothole repairs throughout the city. (Mayor Pro Tem Hitt).

Councilwoman Hitt addressed the council on this item.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to approve the funding \$40,000 from the dedicated street fund for pothole repairs. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Hitt
Nays: None
Absent: Vasquez
The motion carried.

#11. Discuss, consider and act to appoint a full time City Secretary. (Mayor Pro Tem Hitt).

This item was tabled until after the budge.

#12. Consider and discuss update regarding the city's financial condition as it relates to bonded debt, past dues, recurring payments, revenues and expenditures.

Mary Alice addressed the council and let them know of the city's financial condition.

#13. Consider and discuss presentation regarding weekly and bi-weekly plan from Public Works regarding (1) road repairs, (2) park maintenance, (3) mowing, (4) basic clean-up. (Mayor Lopez).

Josh addressed the council with the weekly and bi-weekly plan.

#14. Adjournment.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilwoman Hitt to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

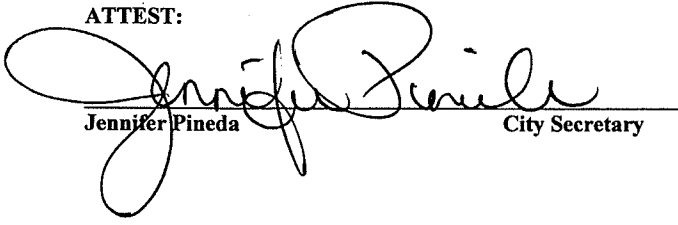
The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Hitt
Nays: None
Absent: Vasquez
The motion carried.

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Pedro Lopez _____ Mayor



ATTEST:



Jennifer Pineda City Secretary

MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

On the 9th day of September, 2015, the City Council of Taft, Texas, convened in a regular session at 402 Park St, at the Kiva Hut, at 5:30 p.m. with the following members present:

Pedro "Pete" Lopez Mayor
Denise Hitt Mayor Pro-tem
Rolando Rodriguez
Donnie Riojas
Leonard Vasquez

Others present: Roxann Cotroneo, City Attorney, Ray De Los Santos, City Management Team, Joshua Sosa, City Management Team, Fred Farias, Public Works Supervisor, Mary Alice Sandoval, Finance Director, and Jennifer Pineda, Interim City Secretary.

#1. There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

#2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Rodriguez led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation.

#3. VISTORS.

Ruth Robertson of 542 Tutt addressed her concerns to the council addressing policies of the water department at city hall.

#4. Discuss, consider and act on approving the June 10, 2014 Regular Meeting minutes.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to approve the June 10, 2014 Regular meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hitt.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#5. Consider and take action on recommendation to award construction contract for water tower rehabilitation project (TXCDBG Contract #7214439) to Tank Pro, Inc.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to award construction contract for water tower rehabilitation project, TXCDBG Contract #7214439, to Tank Pro, Inc. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hitt.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#6. Consider and take action on whether to issue a special permit which, if approved, would allow the placement of a manufactured home outside of designated zones or a mobile home park and be placed at 320 Gregory, Taft, Tx with legal description LTS 28 29 & W 45 30 BLK 38 .523 acres in Taft, Tx. Also known as San Patricio County Appraisal District Parcel ID 50420.

The property owners are still looking for the information requested by the council.

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to table this item to the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#7. Consider, discuss and act upon the City's proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2015-16.

Ray went over key items of the proposed budget with the council.

#8. 1st Public Hearing to hear comments for and against the proposed 2015 property tax rate for City of Taft.

Mayor opened the public hearing. There were no comments. Mayor closed the public hearing.

#9. Announce the City's governing body will adopt a property tax rate for the 2015 tax year for the City of Taft at the Taft City Council Special Meeting on September 18, 2015 at 12 p.m. at Kiva Hut, 402 Park Street, Taft, Texas.

Mayor read this item out loud.

#10. Announce the City's governing body will adopt a property tax rate for the 2015 tax year for the City's Deannexed Southwest Taft area to pay for the area's pro rata share of the indebtedness at the time the area withdrew from the City at the Taft City Council Special Meeting on September 18, 2015 at 12 p.m. at Kiva Hut, 402 Park Street, Taft, Texas.

Mayor read this item out loud.

#11. Consider, discuss and take action to approve Resolution No. 576 to appoint or reappoint members to the City's Planning and Zoning Commission to serve a three-year term.

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to appoint Kenneth Goben to the City's Planning and Zoning Commission to serve a three year term. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

Abstain: Riojas

The motion carried.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to appoint Daniel Guajardo to the City's Planning and Zoning Commission for a term to expire June 12, 2017. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hitt.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

The motion carried.

Mayor Lopez made a motion to appoint Adolfo Aparicio as the chair person to the City's Planning and Zoning Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hitt.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#12. Consider, discuss and take action to approve Resolution No. 577 to approve the use of up to \$22,000 from the City of Taft Municipal Court Technology Fund for the purchase and implementation of electronic ticket writers.

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to approve Resolution No. 577. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#13. Consider and discuss update regarding the city's financial condition as it relates to bonded debt, past dues, recurring payments, revenues and expenditures.

Mary Alice updated the council on the city's financials.

#14. Consider and discuss presentation regarding weekly and bi-weekly plan from Public Works regarding (1) road repairs, (2) park maintenance, (3) mowing, (4) basic clean-up. (Mayor Lopez)

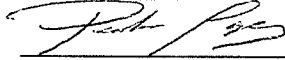
Fred updated the council on the work that public works department had completed and what their next plan would be.

#15. Adjournment.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilwoman Riojas to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hitt.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt
Nays: None
The motion carried.

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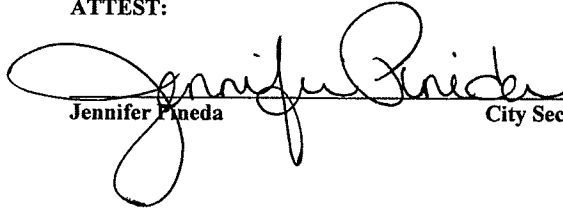


Pedro Lopez

Mayor



ATTEST:



Jennifer Pineda

City Secretary

MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

On the 15th day of September, 2015, the City Council of Taft, Texas, convened in a special session at 402 Park St, at the Kiva Hut, at 5:30 p.m. with the following members present:

Pedro "Pete" Lopez	Mayor
Denise Hitt	Mayor Pro-tem
Rolando Rodriguez	
Donnie Riojas	
Leonard Vasquez	

Others present: Roxann Cotroneo, City Attorney, Ray De Los Santos, City Management Team, Mary Griffin, Librarian, Dan Gibson, Fire Chief, Gary Keenan, Code Compliance Officer, Inocencio Bustillos, Animal Control Officer, Mary Alice Sandoval, Finance Director, and Jennifer Pineda, Interim City Secretary.

#1. There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

#2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilwoman Riojas led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation.

#3. Visitors.

Anna Rodriguez of 320 Gregory St. commended the council on the street repairs done to the 300 block of Gregory St.

Ray De Los Santos of Santos McBain Management & Planning compared and contrast on the past, current, and the future of the city's finances and gave his resignation effective 90 days.

#4. Hear presentation from the City's insurance agent of record regarding healthcare coverage plans for the City of Taft.

Will Heavin, from Heavin & Associates Insurance Agency, went over the different options that will become available in October. He also stated that he would have more information at the next council meeting.

#5. Consider and take action on whether to issue a special permit which, if approved, would allow the placement of a manufactured home outside of designated zones or a mobile home park and be placed at 320 Gregory, Taft, Tx with legal description LTS 28 29 & W 45 30 BLK 38 .523 acres in Taft, Tx. Also known as San Patricio County Appraisal District Parcel ID 50420.

Anna Rodriguez stated that she would like more time to be able to gather all the information requested.

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to table this item for 30 days to allow the owners to submit the information to the city. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#6. Conduct a public hearing to hear comments for and against the City's proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016, which begins October 1, 2015 and ends September 30, 2016.

Mayor opened the public hearing at 6:03 p.m. There were no comments. Mayor closed the public hearing at 6:04 p.m.

#7. Conduct a public hearing to hear comments for and against the proposed 2015 property tax rate for the City of Taft.

Mayor opened the public hearing at 6:05 p.m. There were no comments. Mayor closed the public hearing at 6:06 p.m.

#8. Conduct a public hearing to hear comments for and against the proposed 2015 property tax rate for the City of Taft Deannexed Southwest Area to pay for the area's pro rate share

of the indebtedness at the time the area withdrew from the City.

Mayor opened the public hearing at 6:06 p.m. There were no comments. Mayor closed the public hearing at 6:07 p.m.

#9. Consider, discuss and act upon the City's proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016, which begins October 1, 2015 and ends September 30, 2016.

Ray addressed this item and pointed out the changes made from the original proposed budget. Discussion continued on several revenue and expenditure items.

#10. Announce that the Taft City Council will adopt the City's budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 at the Taft City Council meeting on September 18, 2015 at 12:00 p.m., Kiva Hit, 402 Park Street, Taft, Texas.

Mayor read this item out loud.

#11. Announce that the Taft City Council will adopt a property tax rate for the 2015 tax year for the City of Taft at the Taft City Council meeting on September 18, 2015 at 12:00 p.m., Kiva Hut, 402 Park Street, Taft, Texas.

Mayor read this item out loud.

#12. Announce that the Taft City Council will adopt a property tax rate for the 2015 tax year for the City of Taft Deannexed Southwest Area to pay for the area's pro rata share of the indebtedness at the time the area withdrew from the City at the Taft City Council meeting on September 18, 2015 at 12:00 p.m., Kiva Hut, 402 Park Street, Taft, Texas.

Mayor read this item out loud.

#13. Consider, discuss, and take action to approve Resolution No. 578 to appoint or reappoint members to the City's Planning and Zoning Commission to serve a three-year term.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to appoint Ruben Trevino and Herman Martinez. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hitt.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#14. Adjournment.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilman Rodriguez to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hitt.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

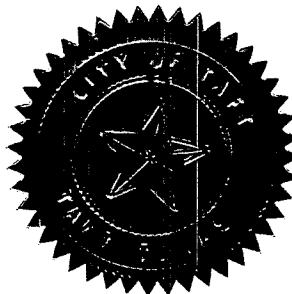
The motion carried.

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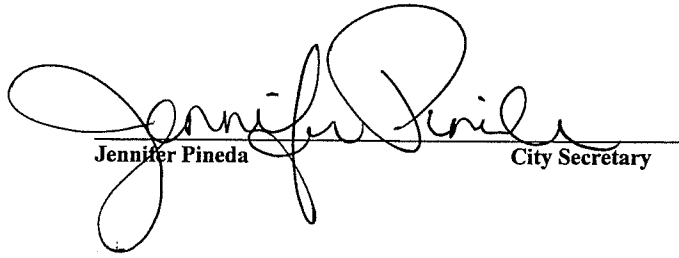


Pedro Lopez

Mayor



ATTEST:


Jennifer Pineda City Secretary

MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

On the 18th day of September, 2015, the City Council of Taft, Texas, convened in a special session at 402 Park St, at the Kiva Hut, at 12:00 p.m. with the following members present:

Pedro "Pete" Lopez	Mayor
Denise Hitt	Mayor Pro-tem
Rolando Rodriguez	
Donnie Riojas	
Leonard Vasquez	Absent

Others present: Roxann Cotroneo, City Attorney, Ray De Los Santos, City Management Team, Mary Griffin, Librarian, Dan Gibson, Fire Chief, John Landreth, Police Chief, Mary Alice Sandoval, Finance Director, and Jennifer Pineda, Interim City Secretary.

#1. There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m.

#2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Rodriguez led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation.

#3. Conduct a public hearing to hear comments for and against the City's proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016, which begins October 1, 2015 and ends September 30, 2016.

Mayor opened the public hearing at 12:01 p.m. There were no comments. Mayor closed the public hearing at 12:02 p.m.

#4. Consider, discuss and act to adopt Ordinance No. 941 to approve the City's budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016, which begins October 1, 2015 and ends September 30, 2016.

Ray explained the revised changes as requested by the council.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 941 to approve the City's budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016, which begins October 1, 2015 and ends September 30, 2016, with the recommended changes.. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Hitt
Nays: None
Absent: Vasquez
The motion carried.

#5. Consider, discuss and act to adopt Ordinance No. 942 to:

1. **Approve and levy an ad valorem total tax rate of \$0.961672 for the use and support of the City for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 on each \$100.00 of assessed valuation on all property within the corporate City limits;**
2. **Approve, levy and apportion ad valorem taxes for the maintenance and operations (M&O) of the City at a tax rate of \$0.643209 on each \$100.00 of assessed valuation on all taxable property within the corporate City limits;**
3. **Approve, levy and apportion ad valorem taxes for the debt service (I&S) of the City at a tax rate of \$0.318463 on each \$100.00 of assessed valuation on all taxable property within the corporate City limits; and**
4. **Approve, levy and apportion ad valorem taxes for the debt service (I&S) of the City at a tax rate of \$0.419217 on each \$100.00 of assessed valuation on all taxable property within the Deannexed Southwest Taft area.**

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 942. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Hitt
Nays: None
Absent: Vasquez
The motion carried.

#6. Consider and act upon allocating and authorizing the expenditure of funds for the

rehabilitation of City streets through an inter-local agreement with San Patricio County.
(Mayor Lopez).

Mayor addressed this item with the council.

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to table this item. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hitt.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Hitt
Nays: None
Absent: Vasquez
The motion carried.

#7. Adjournment.

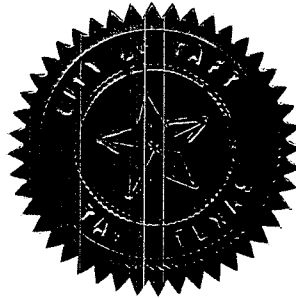
There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilwoman Hitt to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Hitt
Nays: None
Absent: Vasquez
The motion carried.

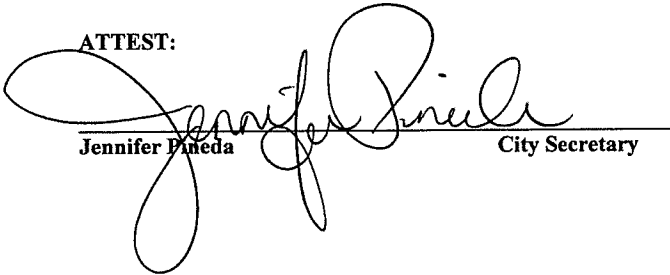
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Pedro Lopez Mayor



ATTEST:



Jennifer Medina City Secretary

MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

On the 13th day of October, 2015, the City Council of Taft, Texas, convened in a special session at 402 Park St, at the Kiva Hut, at 6:30 p.m. with the following members present:

Pedro "Pete" Lopez	Mayor
Denise Hitt	Mayor Pro-tem
Rolando Rodriguez	
Donnie Riojas	
Leonard Vasquez	

Others present: Roxann Cotroneo, City Attorney, Ray De Los Santos, City Management Team, Mary Griffin, Librarian, Fred Farias, Public Works Director, Mary Alice Sandoval, Finance Director, and Jennifer Pineda, Interim City Secretary.

#1. There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m.

#2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Rodriguez led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation.

#3. Certificate of Recognition to producers of the *We Are Taft* video. (Mayor Lopez)

At this time the students had not arrived so Mayor moved to Item #4.

When returned to this item, the council showed the *We Are Taft* video. Mayor then read the certificates aloud and presented them to Aaron Gonzales, Andrew Gonzales, and Aaron Saldana.

#4. Certificate of Appreciation presentation to Precinct 1 Commissioner Nina Trevino. (Mayor Lopez)

Mayor read the certificate of appreciation aloud and presented it to Commissioner Nina Trevino.

#5. Visitors.

Natalia Saloman, of 1205 Murry St., addressed the council with her concerns with the Taft EMS and potholes at the entrance to the apartments.

Ruben Lopez, of 733 Retama, commended the council for an awesome job on street repair and on lowering the debt balance.

Marcus Adams, of 614 San Patricio, stated that he feels that the City of Taft is not doing a good job.

Natividad Rios, of 537 Reynolds Ave., addressed the council on his concerns on flooding on Harding St when it rains.

Andrew Perez, of 746 Tutt, stated that he was impressed with the 300 block of Gregory St. and would like the council to continue with the rest of the streets.

At this time the council went back to Item #3.

#6. Closed/Executive Session pursuant to Chapter 551, Subchapter D, V.T.C.A. Government Code, Section 551.071 consultation with the City Attorney and outside legal counsel to seek legal advice regarding *Ryan Smith and Mona Price-Foster vs. City of Taft, Texas, et al, Civil Action No. 2:15-cv-167 in the U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas, Corpus Christi Division. (Liza Aguilar Wood, Outside Legal Counsel)*

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to enter into executive session. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt
Nays: None
The motion carried.

The council went into executive session at 7:12 p.m.

The council reconvened at 8:00 p.m.

#7. Hear and discuss healthcare update from Heavin & Associates, the city's agent of record.

Will Heavin, of Heavin & Associates, addressed the council on this item. He stated that the market place was offering no ppo plans and that there would only be a 2 ½% increase from last year's rates.

#8. Consider and act upon request from the Taft Chamber of Commerce for the use of city property and approval of parade in support of the 2015 Taft Christmas Festival to be held on Saturday, December 5, 2015.

Chamber board member Pattie Martinez addressed the council on this item and requested the use of the City Park and the Kiva Hut.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to approve the request from the Taft Chamber of Commerce for the use of city property and approval of parade in support of the 2015 Taft Christmas Festival to be held on Saturday, December 5, 2015. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hitt.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#9. Consider and act upon choosing the color of paint for the water tower and logo.

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to match the colors that are currently there. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#10. Consider and act upon authorizing reimbursement and/or payment to San Patricio County Precinct 2 for the road rehabilitation of the 300 block of Gregory Street.

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to authorize to reimburse San Patricio County Precinct 2 for the road rehabilitation according to the agreement that they have submitted. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#11. Consider and act upon allocating and authorizing the expenditure of funds for the rehabilitation of City streets through an inter-local agreement with San Patricio County. (Mayor Lopez)

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to authorize the expenditure of funds for the rehabilitation of city streets through an inter-local agreement with San Patricio County not to exceed \$45,000. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#12. Consider, discuss and take action to adopt Ordinance No. 943 to prohibit throwing, depositing, or placing litter upon or in any alley, gutter, street, sidewalk, public places, parks, vacant lots, any body of water or upon private premises in an unauthorized manner within the City; providing for City removal of litter upon failure of owner, occupant or person in control to do so with notice required; charges to be collected from the property owners; lien

on premises for failure to pay charges; and providing a penalty for violation of ordinance.

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion adopt Ordinance No. 942. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt
Nays: None
The motion carried.

#13. Discuss, consider and act on approving the July 1, 2014 Special Meeting minutes.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to approve the July 1, 2014 special meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt
Nays: None
The motion carried.

#14. Discuss, consider and act on schedule for brush and bulk pickup. (Mayor Pro Tem Hitt)

Mayor Pro Tem Hitt asked if we needed to revamp the schedule or if the pickup was on back on schedule. Fred answered her questions and stated that pickup was back on schedule.

There was no action on this item.

#15. Discuss, consider and act on interlocal agreement with Code Enforcement officer from another city. (Mayor Pro Tem Hitt)

Mayor Pro Tem Hitt addressed the Council on this item. She stated that the police department is short staff and asked for the council to consider having an interlocal agreement with another city just to be able to write citations for code enforcement violations.

There was no action on this item.

#16. Discuss, consider and act on updating personnel policy. (Mayor Pro Tem Hitt)

Mayor Pro Tem Hitt addressed the council on this item and suggested maybe having a workshop to review the policy.

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to table this item. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt
Nays: None
The motion carried.

#17. Consider and discuss presentation regarding weekly and bi-weekly plan from Public Works regarding (1) road repairs, (2) park maintenance, (3) mowing, (4) basic clean-up. (Mayor Lopez)

Fred updated the council on the schedule of the public works department.

#18. Review and discuss City Ordinance No. 875 detailing the Collection Station (Article 8). (Councilwoman Riojas)

Councilwoman Riojas addressed the council on this item and just wanted to make sure that staff is familiar with the process of this ordinance.

#19. Discuss bulk water sales and accountability. (Mayor Lopez)

Mayor addressed the council and stated that he would like to see accountability and a procedure.

#20. Consider and discuss update regarding the city's financial condition as it relates to bonded debt, past dues, recurring payments, revenues and expenditures. (Mayor Lopez)

Mary Alice addressed the council on this item. She stated that the city made their final payment to Government Capital and the final payment for the ambulance would be in January 2016.

#21. Consider and take action to schedule a Taft City Council regular meeting date for November 2015.

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to schedule the next regular meeting on November 12, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt
Nays: None
The motion carried.

#22. Closed/Executive Session pursuant to Chapter 551, Subchapter D, V.T.C.A. Government Code, Section 551.074, personnel matters involving the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of the City Manager.

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to enter into executive session. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt
Nays: None
The motion carried.

The council entered into executive session at 10:09 p.m.

#23. Reconvene into Regular Session and consider action, if necessary, on any item(s) discussed in Executive Session.

The council reconvened at 10:51 p.m. There was no action on this item.

#24. Adjournment.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilwoman Riojas to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hitt.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt
Nays: None
The motion carried.

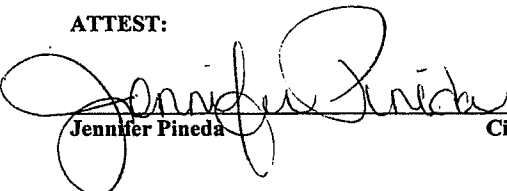
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Pedro Lopez Mayor



ATTEST:



Jennifer Pineda City Secretary

MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

On the 12th day of November, 2015, the City Council of Taft, Texas, convened in a regular session at 402 Park St, at the Kiva Hut, at 6:30 p.m. with the following members present:

Pedro "Pete" Lopez	Mayor
Denise Hitt	Mayor Pro-tem
Rolando Rodriguez	
Donnie Riojas	
Leonard Vasquez	

Others present: Roxann Cotroneo, City Attorney, Ray De Los Santos, City Management Team, Fred Farias, Public Works Supervisor, Mary Alice Sandoval, Finance Director, and Jennifer Pineda, Interim City Secretary.

#1. There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

#2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilwoman Riojas led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocación.

#3. Visitors.

There were no visitors.

#4. Consider and take action to approve Ordinance No. 944 to canvass the returns and declare the results of the General Election held on Tuesday, November 3, 2015 for the purpose of electing one Mayor at large, one Alderman for Ward One and one Alderman for Ward Two for a term of two years.

Roxann read the results from Ordinance No. 944 aloud.

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 944 to canvass the returns and declare the results of the General Election held on Tuesday, November 3, 2015 for the purpose of electing one Mayor at large, one Alderman for Ward One and one Alderman for Ward Two for a term of two years. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt
Nays: None
The motion carried.

#5. Swearing In and Oath of Office of newly elected officials

Judge Herrera swore in Mayor Lopez, Councilman Rodriguez, and Councilwoman Riojas.

#6. Consider and take action on whether to issue a special permit which, if approved, would allow the placement of a manufactured home outside of designated zones or a mobile home park and be placed at 320 Gregory, Taft, Tx with legal description LTS 28 29 & W 45 30 BLK 38 .523 acres in Taft, Tx. Also known as San Patricio County Appraisal District Parcel ID 50420.

Ana Rodriguez stated that she did not have any new information to show the council.

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt
Nays: None
The motion carried.

#7. Consider and act upon exercising an option to extend another year of health/life insurance services with Humana, and/or Unum, and/or Aflac.

Ray informed the council of the option to extend in the rfp from last year. There is only a 2.55% increase

from last year.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to extend another year of health/life insurance services with Humana, Unum, and Aflac. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hitt.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#8. Consider, discuss and take action to adopt Resolution No. 579 to authorize the creation of a Chapter 380 Economic Development Agreement Program and negotiation and execution of a Chapter 380 Economic Development Agreement between the City of Taft, Texas and TLV Investments, LLC regarding a 0.172 acre of land on Lots 21-22, Block 22, Taft Texas, also commonly known as 213 McIntyre, Taft Texas.

Ray informed the council that TLV Investments, LLC already paid the fees.

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 579 to authorize the creation of a Chapter 380 Economic Development Agreement Program and negotiation and execution of a Chapter 380 Economic Development Agreement between the City of Taft, Texas and TLV Investments, LLC regarding a 0.172 acre of land on Lots 21-22, Block 22, Taft Texas, also commonly known as 213 McIntyre, Taft Texas. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hitt.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#9. Consider and act upon entering into a rental or lease agreement for the temporary acquisition of an emergency services vehicle.

Ray and Stephanie informed the council of the different options to consider on this item.

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to approve entering into a rental or lease agreement for the temporary acquisition of an emergency services vehicle not to exceed \$8,000 in 30 days. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#10. Consider and act upon authorizing use of funds for the lowering of a water line in a drainage ditch on the East side of Toland Rd.

Ray informed the council that this was at the request of the San Patricio County Drainage District. This is not a City of Taft initiated project and the city became aware of it after the fact.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to authorize the City of Taft to negotiate with the drainage district. Councilwoman Hitt amended the motion by adding and to accept the negotiated price that the city manager receives from the drainage district.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to accept the amendment. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

The motion carried.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to authorize the City of Taft to negotiate with the drainage district. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hitt.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#11. Discuss, consider, and act on a possible public/private partnership to operate the Taft Recreational Center (Water park). (Mayor Pro Tem Hitt)

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to table this item. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hitt.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#12. Discuss, consider, and act to appoint Donnie Riojas as the vice president of the Pride of Taft. (Adrian Garcia, President Pride of Taft).

Adrian Garcia addressed the council on this item and stated he recommended that Donnie Riojas be appointed Vice President of the Pride of Taft.

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to appoint Donnie Riojas as the vice president of the Pride of Taft. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#13. Discuss, consider, and act to reduce the number of Pride of Taft board members from 10 to 5. (Adrian Garcia, President Pride of Taft).

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to table this item to the December meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#14. Discuss, consider and act on a cost of living adjustment and/or retention incentives for city employees.

Ray discussed the different options that the council should consider.

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to table this item to the December meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hitt.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#15. Discuss the rate of impact fees in the City of Taft, Texas. (Mayor Lopez)

Mayor Lopez stated that he would like the staff to compare with the fees of different cities and report back to the council with the results.

#16. Consider and discuss update regarding the city's financial condition as it relates to bonded debt, past dues, recurring payments, revenues and expenditures. (Mayor Lopez)

Mary Alice addressed the council and updated them on the financials.

#17. Consider and discuss presentation regarding weekly and bi-weekly plan from Public Works regarding (1) road repairs, (2) park maintenance, (3) mowing, (4) basic clean-up.

(Mayor Lopez)

Fred updated the council on the work that the public works crew has been doing.

#18. Adjournment.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilwoman Riojas to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hitt.

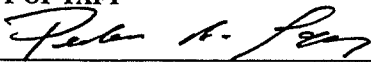
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Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

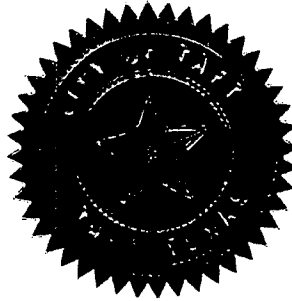
The motion carried.

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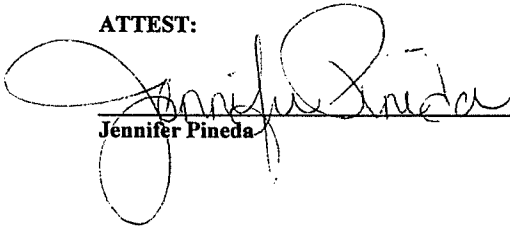


Pedro Lopez

Mayor



ATTEST:



Jennifer Pineda

City Secretary

MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

On the 8th day of December, 2015, the City Council of Taft, Texas, convened in a regular session at 402 Park St, at the Kiva Hut, at 4:30 p.m. with the following members present:

Pedro "Pete" Lopez	Mayor
Denise Hitt	Mayor Pro-tem
Rolando Rodriguez	
Donnie Riojas	
Leonard Vasquez	

Others present: Roxann Cotroneo, City Attorney, Ray De Los Santos, City Management Team, Mary Griffin, Librarian, Fred Farias, Public Works Director, Mary Alice Sandoval, Finance Director, and Jennifer Pineda, Interim City Secretary.

#1. There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m.

#2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Rodriguez led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation.

#3. Visitors

Kenneth Ponce from South Texas AirMed – served 5 days when the ambulances were down and is willing to answer any questions the council may have regarding EMS.

#4. Closed/Executive Session pursuant to Chapter 551, Subchapter D, V.T.C.A. Government Code, Section 551.071 consultation with the City Attorney and outside legal counsel to seek legal advice regarding *Ryan Smith and Mona Price-Foster vs. City of Taft, Texas, Civil Action No. 2:15-cv-167* in the U.S. Southern District Court of Texas, Corpus Christi Division.

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to enter into executive session. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hitt.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt
Nays: None
The motion carried.

The council went into executive session at 4:36 p.m.

#5. Reconvene into regular session and take any action if necessary regarding item discussed in closed session.

There was no action taken.

#6. Consider, discuss and take action to approve Resolution No. 580 to authorize signatures for the Texas Community Development Block Grant Contract No. 7214439.

Ray explained to the council that we only have two signatures and staff wants to add all council members in case the two are not available.

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to approve Resolution No. 582 to include Leonard Vasquez, Ronnie Rodriguez, and Donnie Riojas as authorized signatures. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt
Nays: None
The motion carried.

#7. Consider, discuss and take action to adopt Ordinance No. 945 to establish a revised rate schedule for solid waste collection, transportation, and disposal services in the City to reflect an increase in the consumer price index to be effective January 1, 2016.

Mike Reeves, with Republic Services, explained that the CPI increase would be \$0.24 beginning January 1, 2016.

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 945. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#8. Consider, discuss and take action upon appointing a member of the City Council to serve as the City's Mayor Pro Tem for a term of one year pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Section 22.037.

Councilwoman Riojas and Councilman Vasquez nominated Denise Hitt.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to appoint Denise Hitt to serve as the City's Mayor Pro Tem for a term of one year pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Section 22.037. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#9. Consider, discuss and take action to adopt Ordinance No. 946 to name the official newspaper for the City of Taft. (Mayor Pro Tem Hitt.).

Mayor Pro Tem Hitt stated that this is just an ordinance that needs to be revised on a yearly basis. Jason Jansky and Karl Arnst with San Patricio County News thanked the council for making their paper the official newspaper and would look forward to continue being the official newspaper.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 946 and name San Patricio County News as the official newspaper for the City of Taft. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#10. Consider, discuss and take action to approve Resolution No. 581 authorizing the City of Taft Economic Development Corporation to accept donated property from Enterprise Texas Service Rental Inc. at no costs for said Property known as 402 Green Ave, Taft, Texas, commonly referred to as the former Taft Medical Center Building, San Patricio County Appraisal District Property ID 45927 and 45928 and after legally acquiring said Property to abate and demolish any and all structures on said Property in an amount not to exceed \$30,000 in an effort to create and retain primary jobs and promote new or expanded business development.

Ray gave a background on this item to council and stated that the only cost would be for oversight, abatement, and demolition.

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to approve Resolution No. 581. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#11. Consider, discuss and take action to hire/utilize the City of Taft public works crew and machinery to maintain EDC property during non-work hours and/or days. (Mayor Pro Tem Hitt)

David Smith addressed the council and stated that the Taft EDC was prepared to pay overtime rates.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to approve the hire/utilize the City of Taft public works crew and machinery to maintain EDC property during non-work hours and/or days. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez..

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt
Nays: None
The motion carried.

#12. Consider, discuss and take action on approving the August 12, 2014 Regular Meeting minutes and August 19, 2014 Special Meeting minutes.

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to approve the August 12, 2014 Regular Meeting minutes and August 19, 2014 Special Meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt
Nays: None
The motion carried.

#13. Consider, discuss and take action upon issuing a request for proposal for external auditing services.

Ray let the council know that it would be beneficial to the city to receive different proposals.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to issue a request for proposal for external auditing services for the City of Taft. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt
Nays: None
The motion carried.

#14. Consider, discuss and take action upon casting City of Taft's votes for persons to serve on the San Patricio Appraisal District Board of Directors.

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to cast five votes for Moises Alfaro, John Curlee, Ann Matula, Dalia Sanchez, Jan Whiteley, Bill T Wilson II and six votes for Peter Perkins. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt
Nays: None
The motion carried.

#15. Consider, discuss and take action to place a stop sign at the corner of Gregory and McIntyre. (Mayor Pro Tem Hitt.)

Councilwoman Hitt stated that she had been contacted by Pastor Cliff in regards to making the corner of Gregory and McIntyre safer by placing 2 additional stop signs. This would make the intersection a 4 way stop.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to place two stop signs at the corner of Gregory and McIntyre. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hitt.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt
Nays: None
The motion carried.

#16. Consider, discuss and take action upon City of Taft EMS operations including capital improvements, capital equipment replacement, an Emergency Service District, and privatization

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to table this item until a workshop date is agreed upon in January 2016. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt
Nays: None
The motion carried.

#17. Consider, discuss and take action on language reflecting the ability of any and/or all said members of any and all respective committees or organizations to be able to attend other meetings without being in conflict or contempt of constituting a possible quorum respectively. (Councilman Rodriguez)

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to table this item. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt
Nays: None
The motion carried.

#18. Discuss status and/or commitment of respective members of the Planning & Zoning Committee. (Councilman Rodriguez)

Councilman Rodriguez stated that his concern was if the current members being able to make the time to attend the meetings. He wanted to know if we could address this with the members. Councilwoman Hitt wanted to know the different options that the council would have. Roxann explained the different options that the council could consider.

#19. Consider and discuss update regarding the city's financial condition as it relates to bonded debt, past dues, recurring payments, revenues and expenditures. (Mayor Lopez)

Mary Alice updated the council on the city's current financial situation.

#20. Consider, discuss and take action upon authorizing repairs to the City of Taft public works department hydro cleaner.

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to authorize repairs to the City of Taft public works department hydro cleaner in the amount of \$6,850. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt
Nays: None
The motion carried.

#21. Consider, discuss and take action on a cost of living adjustment and/or retention incentives for city employees.

Ray addressed the council on this item and let the council know the different options being presented for consideration.

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to do a onetime retention incentive option 2 for the city employees

in the amount of \$20,000. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

After discuss Councilman Rodriguez rescinded his motion.

The motion died.

Mayor Lopez made a motion to table this item until council discusses EMS first. There was no second.

The motion died.

Councilman Vasquez made a motion to approve a cost of living adjustment for 3%. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hitt.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: Mayor

The motion carried.

#22. Consider, discuss and take action upon the City of Taft 2016 Holiday Schedule.

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to approve the City of Taft 2016 Holiday schedule without the employee birthday holiday. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#23. Consider and discuss presentation regarding weekly and bi-weekly plan from Public Works regarding (1) road repairs, (2) park maintenance, (3) mowing, (4) basic clean-up. (Mayor Lopez).

Fred updated the council on the work that his department has done in the last month.

#24. Consider, discuss and take action upon hiring an asphalt contractor and authorizing funds for pothole patching within the City of Taft.

Ray addressed the council on this item. He stated that he would like to have the authority to negotiate with a contractor.

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to approve hiring an asphalt contractor and authorizing funds for pothole patching within the City of Taft in the amount of \$15,000 for labor and equipment to include material costs. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hitt.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#25. Consider, discuss and take action upon allowing the City of Taft Housing Authority to participate in the City of Taft's group health insurance plans and options.

Councilwoman Riojas abstained herself from discussion on this item.

Ray addressed the council on this item and explained the cost savings to the Taft Housing Authority.

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to allow the City of Taft Housing Authority to participate in the City of Taft's group health insurance plans and options beginning January 1, 2016. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hitt.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

Abstain: Riojas

The motion carried.

#26. EXECUTIVE SESSION – In accordance with Texas Government Code, Section 551.001, et seq., the City Council will recess into Executive Session (closed meeting) to discuss:

- a) **Pursuant to Chapter 551, Subchapter D., V.T.C.A. Government Code, Section 551.087 deliberations regarding economic development negotiations between the City of Taft Economic Development Corporation and others. (Councilman Rodriguez)**
- b) **Pursuant to Chapter 551, Subchapter D, V.T.C.A. Government Code, Section 551.074, personnel matters involving the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of the City Manager**

Before going into executive session Councilman Rodriguez tabled item 26A. The council only entered into executive session for item 26B.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to enter into executive session.. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt
Nays: None
The motion carried.

The council entered in executive session at 8:35 p.m.

#27. Reconvene into regular session.

The council reconvened into regular session.

#28. Consider, discuss and take action to adopt Ordinance No. 947 to provide for the City Manager's appointment, residency, term of office, absence or disability, power and duties, compensation, salary, disability and retirement benefits, other benefits, bond and annual performance evaluation.

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to table this item. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt
Nays: None
The motion carried.

#29. Consider, discuss and take action to appoint and approve a contract for city manager for the City of Taft, Texas.

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to table this item. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt
Nays: None
The motion carried.

#30. Adjournment.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilwoman Hitt to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt
Nays: None
The motion carried.

CITY OF TAFT

Pedro A. Lopez

Pedro Lopez

Mayor



ATTEST:

Jennifer Pineda

Jennifer Pineda

City Secretary

MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

On the 22nd day of December, 2015, the City Council of Taft, Texas, convened in a regular session at 402 Park St, at the Kiva Hut, at 6:30 p.m. with the following members present:

Pedro "Pete" Lopez Mayor
Denise Hitt Mayor Pro-tem
Rolando Rodriguez
Donnie Riojas
Leonard Vasquez

Others present: Roxann Cotroneo, City Attorney, Ray De Los Santos, City Management Team, and Mary Alice Sandoval, Finance Director.

#1. There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

#2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilwoman Riojas led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation.

#3. Visitors.

There were no visitors.

#4. Consider, discuss and take action upon selecting repair and maintenance options for the City of Taft elevated water storage tank and funding related thereto.

Hector Castaneda with LNV Engineering presented options to council for the maintenance repairs to the elevated water storage tank.

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to select option #3 with wind rods. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt
Nays: None
The motion carried.

#5. Consider, discuss and take action upon authorizing the expenditure of funds from account 6072012732 for final payment of 2010 Ford E450 Type III Horton Concept III ambulance in the amount of \$30,341.26.

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to authorize the expenditure of funds from account 6072012732 for final payment of 2010 Ford E450 Type III Horton Concept III ambulance in the amount of \$30,341.26. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt
Nays: None
The motion carried.

#6. Consider, discuss and take action to adopt Ordinance No. 948 authorizing and allowing, under the act governing the Texas Municipal Retirement System, restricted prior service credit to employees who are members of the system for service previously performed for various other public entities for which they have not received credited service; and establishing an effective date for the Ordinance.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 948 authorizing and allowing, under the act governing the Texas Municipal Retirement System, restricted prior service credit to employees who are members of the system for service previously performed for various other public entities for which they have not received credited service; and establishing an effective date for the Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt
Nays: None

The motion carried.

#7. Consider, discuss and take action upon City of Taft EMS operations including capital improvements, capital equipment replacement, an Emergency Service District, and privatization.

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to utilize South Texas Airmed as the emergency services provider for the City of Taft as a as needed basis. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#8. EXECUTIVE SESSION – In accordance with Texas Government Code, Section 551.001, et seq., the City Council will recess into Executive Session (closed meeting) to discuss:

- a) **Pursuant to Chapter 551, Subchapter D, V.T.C.A. Government Code, Section 551.074, personnel matters involving the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of the City Manager**
- b) **Pursuant to Chapter 551, Subchapter D., V.T.C.A. Government Code, Section 551.074, personnel matters involving the appointment of an Interim Emergency Medical Services Director**

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to enter into executive session. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hitt.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#9. Reconvene into regular session.

The council reconvened into regular session.

#10. Consider, discuss and take action to adopt Ordinance No. 947 to provide for the City Manager's appointment, residency, term of office, absence or disability, power and duties, compensation, salary, disability and retirement benefits, other benefits, bond and annual performance evaluation.

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to adopt Ordinance No 947. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#11. Consider, discuss and take action to appoint and approve a contract for city manager for the City of Taft, Texas.

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to appoint and approve city manager Ray De Los Santos for city manager for the City of Taft. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor

Nays: Vasquez, Hitt

The motion carried.

#12. Consider, discuss and take action regarding the appointment of an Interim Emergency Medical Services Director.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to table this item. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hitt.

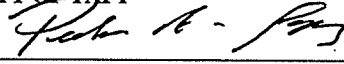
The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt
Nays: None
The motion carried.

#13. Adjournment.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilwoman Hitt to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt
Nays: None
The motion carried.

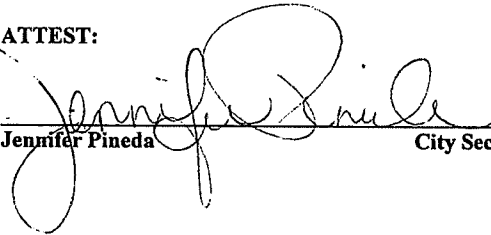
CITY OF TAFT



Pedro Lopez Mayor



ATTEST:



Jennifer Pineda City Secretary