

**CITY OF TAFT
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
AGENDA
AUGUST 8, 2017
KIVA HUT – 402 PARK STREET
6:30 P.M.**

In accordance with Section 551.041 of the Government Code, notice is hereby given that a Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Taft will be held on the 8th day of August 2017, at 6:30 p.m. at the Kiva Hut, 402 Park St, Taft, Texas 78390.

1. Call to order and quorum check.
2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance.
3. VISITORS - At this time, comments will be taken from the audience on any subject matter. To address the Council, please sign the Opinion/Speaker Registration Form located on the table at the entrance of the meeting room and deliver to the City Secretary before the meeting begins. Should there be more than five (5) people who wish to speak on a particular issue they need to select one (1) representative to speak for them. In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Council may not discuss or take action on any item which has not been posted on the agenda. Citizens are to refrain from any personal attacks on the council or any member of the staff. Failure to abide by these policies could result in a charge of disorderly conduct.
4. Consider, discuss and take action to approve the July 12, 2016, Regular Meeting minutes, August 9, 2016, Regular Meeting minutes, August 23, 2016, Regular Meeting minutes, August 27, 2016, Special Meeting minutes, September 6, 2016, Special Meeting minutes, September 10, Special Meeting minutes, September 13, 2016, Regular Meeting minutes, September 27, 2016, Regular Meeting minutes, October 11, 2016, Regular Meeting minutes, October 29, 2016, Special Meeting minutes, November 18, 2016, Regular Meeting minutes, December 13, 2016, Special Meeting minutes, and December 27, 2016, Special Meeting minutes.
5. Public Hearing: Application for a variance request which, if approved, would allow the placement of a carport on the driveway 19 feet from the street at 108 Juarez St, Taft, TX., with legal description LT 6 BLK 8 TAFT – 1ST Hidalgo.
6. Discuss and take action on whether to approve a variance request which, if approved, would allow the placement of a carport on the driveway 19 feet from the street at 108 Juarez St, Taft, TX., with legal description LT 6 BLK 8 TAFT – 1ST Hidalgo.
7. Consider, discuss 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 7, 2017.
8. Consider, discuss and take action to approve Ordinance No. 971, an ordinance of the City of Taft, Texas calling and ordering a general election to be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2017 for the purpose of electing one Mayor At-Large, one Alderman for Ward One and one Alderman for Ward Two; authorizing the execution of a joint election contract with San Patricio County for election services; establishing Saturday, July 22, 2017, as the first day to file for a place on the official ballot and Monday, August 21,

2017, at 5:00 p.m. central standard time as being the last day to file for a place on the ballot; directing the San Patricio County Election Administrator and/or City Secretary to prepare the official ballot form; adopting a voting system for use in the general election on November 7, 2017, and for early voting by personal appearance beginning October 23, 2017 and ending November 3, 2017, which includes two twelve-hour days of voting as required by state law; ordering publication and posting of notice for the general election; appointing an early voting clerk; providing for early voting dates, times, and polling places; providing for early voting by mail; providing for appointment of a presiding judge, alternate presiding judge and clerks; creating an early voting ballot board; providing for the general election day polling places; providing for canvassing of the general election results; providing a repealing and severability clause; providing an effective date; and ordaining other related matters.

9. Consider, discuss and take action to approve Ordinance No. 972, an ordinance of the City of Taft, Texas calling and ordering a special election to be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2017 for the purpose of the reauthorization of the local sales and use tax in the City of Taft at the rate of one-quarter of one percent to continue providing revenue for maintenance and repair of municipal streets; authorizing the execution of a joint election contract with San Patricio County for election services; directing the San Patricio County Election Administrator and/or City Secretary to prepare the official ballot form; adopting a voting system for use in the special election on November 7, 2017, and for early voting by personal appearance beginning October 23, 2017 and ending November 3, 2017, which includes two twelve-hour days of voting as required by state law; ordering publication and posting of notice for the special election; appointing an early voting clerk; providing for early voting dates, times, and polling places; providing for early voting by mail; providing for appointment of a presiding judge, alternate presiding judge and clerks; creating an early voting ballot board; providing for the special election day polling places; providing for canvassing of the special election results; providing a repealing and severability clause; providing an effective date; and ordaining other related matters.
10. Consider, discuss and take action to approve Ordinance No 973, an ordinance electing for the city to make current service and prior service contributions to the city's account in the benefit accumulation fund of the Texas Municipal Retirement System at the actuarially determined rate of total employee compensation.
11. Consider, discuss and take action to approve Ordinance No. 974, an ordinance of the City of Taft revising community center rates and rules and providing an effective date.
12. Consider, discuss and take action to approve Ordinance No 975, an ordinance of the City of Taft repealing Ordinance No. 895, adopting a revised city personnel policy; abolishing previously adopted provisions in conflict therewith; providing for severability and an effective date.
13. Adjournment.

A closed executive session may be held if the discussion of any of the above agenda items concerns one of the following:

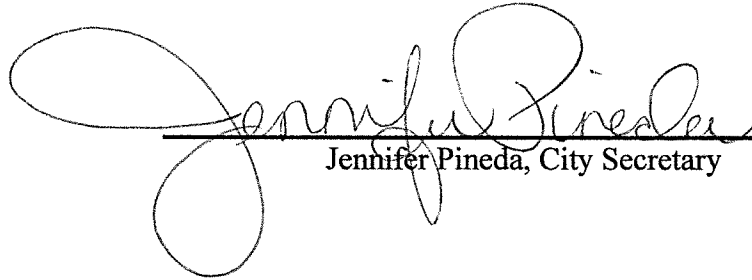
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| 1. | Texas Open Meetings Act - Section 551.071 | Contemplated or pending litigation or matters where legal advice is requested of the City Attorney. |
| 2. | Texas Open Meetings Act - Section 551.072 | The purchase, exchange, lease or value or real property , if the deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the City in negotiations with a third person. |
| 3. | Texas Open Meetings Act - Section 551.073 | A contract for a prospective gift or donation to the City, if the deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on |

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| 4. | Texas Open Meetings Act -
Section 551.074 | Personnel matters involving the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee or to hear a complaint against an officer or employee. |
| 5. | Texas Open Meetings Act -
Section 551.076 | The deployment or specific occasion for the implementation of security personnel or devices . |
| 6. | Texas Open Meetings Act -
Section 551.087 | Deliberations regarding economic development negotiations . |

NOTICE

Persons with disabilities planning to attend this meeting who may need auxiliary aids or services are asked to contact the City offices at (361) 528-3512 by Monday noon.

DATED and **POSTED** this the 3rd day of August 2017, at 6:00 p.m.



Jennifer Pineda, City Secretary