

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

On the 14th day of May 2024, the City Council of Taft, Texas, convened for a regular meeting at 230 Green Avenue, Taft, Texas, Taft City Hall at 6:30 P.M.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

There being a quorum, Mayor Vasquez called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

2. CALL ROLL AND ESTABLISH A QUORUM IS PRESENT

Councilman Molina	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> present	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Councilman Garza	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> present	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Mayor Pro-tem Keeney	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> present	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Mayor Vasquez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> present	<input type="checkbox"/> absent

Others Present: Andrea Gomez, Kandi Hubert, others present listed on sign in sheet

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilman Garza led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. PRAYER

Rev. Steve Boettcher led the prayer.

5. PRESENTATION: GULF COAST GROWTH VENTURES

Paul Fritz presented information regarding Gulf Coast Growth Ventures. Mr. Fritz discussed the progress of the plant along with sponsoring the Taft High School girls for women in the industry conference. Mr. Fritz informed the public that health and safety are an important part of the industry as well.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

A. CITY SECRETARY REPORT

Approval of Minutes for 04/23/2024 Regular council meeting.

Councilman Keeney moved to approve the minutes for the 04/23/2024 Regular council meeting, the motion was seconded.

The following Votes were polled:

Councilman Molina	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Councilman Garza	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Mayor Pro-tem Keeney	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Mayor Vasquez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent

The motion carried.

B. PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Kandi Hubert stated the Public Works Director David Furzer was not available.

C. COURT REPORT

Ricardo Medina informed the council the report was printed and placed in council boxes for review. Councilman Keeney inquired if that report was the total for the month of April, Mr. Medina confirmed.

D. LIBRARY REPORT

Librarian Georgina Silvas reported to the Council that the extended hours of operation will begin sometime in June. Ms. Silvas also announced the book sale will take place in June.

E. CITY MANAGER REPORT

Kandi Hubert announced the training session for the 4A and 4B EDC committees will take place on Thursday May 16, 2024 at 6:30 p.m, and she invited the public to attend. Ms. Hubert also announced the Planning and Zoning meeting will be held the same day in the back room. Both meetings will take place simultaneously.

7. CITIZEN COMMENTS.

- 1) Maria Garcia requested to speak regarding the Annexation. Ms. Garcia expressed she lives on Escobedo Road and is concerned of the rise in traffic that will take place if the annexation takes place.
- 2) Jason Keeney stated he is looking for the direction of Taft. Mr. Keeney stated that the Council has the choice to decide what direction Taft will go.
- 3) Rebecca McCarty stated her mother is Robbin McCarty. Rebecca McCarty stated her mother was kicked off of the TQIC board.

8. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND NECESSARY ACTION REGARDING ADOLFO APARICIO'S REQUEST FOR ANNEXATION.

9. PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING ADOLFO APARICIO'S REQUEST FOR ANNEXATION

10. PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION'S REQUEST TO PURCHASE APARICIO'S 2.21 TRACT OF LAND LOCATED OFF ABAZOLA FOR \$79,560 PLUS CLOSING COSTS.

Public Hearing Opened at 7:00 p.m.

David Smith board president for the Taft Economic Development Corporation presented these items numbered 8 through 10 combined. Mr. Smith stated that Mr. Adolfo Aparicio has requested volunteered annexation for his 2.21 acres of property with the City of Taft. Mr. Smith explained the sequence of events that are to take place if the Council approves the annexation and answered any questions that were brought to his attention. Mr. Smith also showed the Council and the public a video image of what is to take place if the annexation is approved.

Public Hearing Closed at 7:34 p.m.

Councilman Keeney moved to approved Adolfo Aparicio's request for annexation on the 2.21 land located off of Abazola, the motion was seconded.

The following Votes were polled:

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| Councilman Molina | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for | <input type="checkbox"/> against | <input type="checkbox"/> abstain | <input type="checkbox"/> absent |
| Councilman Garza | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for | <input type="checkbox"/> against | <input type="checkbox"/> abstain | <input type="checkbox"/> absent |
| Mayor Pro-tem Keeney | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for | <input type="checkbox"/> against | <input type="checkbox"/> abstain | <input type="checkbox"/> absent |
| Mayor Vasquez | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for | <input type="checkbox"/> against | <input type="checkbox"/> abstain | <input type="checkbox"/> absent |

The motion carried.

11. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND NECESSARY ACTION TO PURCHASE 200 WATER METERS (150 CURRENTLY NEEDED).

Ryan Smith stated he had presented the Council with documents explaining the quotes on the necessary meters. Mr. Smith informed the Council that these new meters will be more efficient for the residents and the staff as they will no longer have to manually read those new meters.

Councilman Garza motioned to approve the purchase of the 200 water meters for the City of Taft for the cost of \$73,000, the motion was seconded.

The following Votes were polled:

Councilman Molina	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Councilman Garza	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Mayor Pro-tem Keeney	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Mayor Vasquez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent

The motion carried.

12. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND NECESSARY ACTION TO ACCEPT ROBBIN MCCARTY'S RESIGNATION FROM THE 4A BOARD OF (TQIC).

Councilman Keeney moved to accept Ms. McCarty's resignation from the 4A board of TQIC, the motion was seconded.

The following Votes were polled:

Councilman Molina	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Councilman Garza	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Mayor Pro-tem Keeney	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Mayor Vasquez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent

The motion carried.

13. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND NECESSARY ACTION TO APPOINT MEMBERS TO THE 4A BOARD (TQIC).

The council discussed the members that should be reinstated, Manuel Espinosa and Glen Searcy. Councilman Garza asked Mr. Espinosa and Searcy if they would like to be reinstated back to the board, both individuals responded yes.

Councilman Keeney moved to reinstate Manuel Espinosa and Glen Searcy, the motion was seconded.

The following Votes were polled:

Councilman Molina	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Councilman Garza	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Mayor Pro-tem Keeney	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Mayor Vasquez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent

The motion carried.

A second motion was made regarding item number 13 and goes as follows.

Councilman Keeney moved to table the remaining nominations for the 4A board TQIC, the motion was seconded.

The following Votes were polled:

Councilman Molina	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Councilman Garza	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Mayor Pro-tem Keeney	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Mayor Vasquez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent

The motion carried. The 2nd part of the item was tabled.

14. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND NECESSARY ACTION TO UPDATE THE SIGNATORIES AND NAMES ON THE TQIC BANK ACCOUNT.

After further discussion and explanation that there is not a complete board, the Council decided it was best to remove all signatories on the TQIC bank account until there is a complete board.

Councilman Keeney moved to remove all the signatories from TQIC until further consideration, the motion was seconded.

The following Votes were polled:

Councilman Molina	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Councilman Garza	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Mayor Pro-tem Keeney	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Mayor Vasquez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent

The motion carried.

15. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND NECESSARY ACTION TO ALLOW THE CITY'S PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TO AID 4B (EDC) IN CLEANING THEIR PROPERTY LOCATED ON TOLAND ROAD.

David Smith stated that the EDC has allocated funds to have the Toland Road property cleaned. The EDC has previously used Mr. Mirabal cleaning. Mr. Smith stated he would like to contract with the City for assistance in this cleaning and EDC will be able to pay the City for the use of the dump truck that is needed to haul off items that are not accepted at the dump site such as concrete and tires.

Councilman Garza motioned to allow the City Public works department to aid the 4B EDC in the cleaning of their property located on Toland Road, the motion was seconded.

The following Votes were polled:

Councilman Molina	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Councilman Garza	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Mayor Pro-tem Keeney	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Mayor Vasquez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent

The motion carried.

16. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND NECESSARY ACTION TO APPOINT MAXINE BOWEN TO THE CHENIERE COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Maxine Bowen stated that she would like to be more involved.

Councilman Keeney moved to appoint Maxine Bowen to the Cheniere Community Advisory Committee, the motion was seconded.

The following Votes were polled:

Councilman Molina	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Councilman Garza	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Mayor Pro-tem Keeney	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Mayor Vasquez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent

The motion carried.

17. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND NECESSARY ACTION REGARDING THE 2024 LITTLE LEAGUE CONTRACT.

Councilman Keeney inquired if there was a current signed contract with the Little League. Kandi Hubert stated there was not one at this time.

Councilman Keeney moved to table item number 17 to a later date, the motion was seconded.

The following Votes were polled:

Councilman Molina	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Councilman Garza	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Mayor Pro-tem Keeney	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Mayor Vasquez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent

The motion carried. The item was tabled.

18. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND NECESSARY ACTION TO AMEND PERSONNEL POLICY REGARDING ON CALL TIME / COMPENSATION.

Kandi Hubert had given the council an updated copy of the Personnel Policy for review showing the removal of the 7 hours “on call” time. Councilman Garza inquired if this updated policy would be standard practice from here, Ms. Hubert stated yes after the approval today.

Councilman Garza motioned to approve the personnel policy regarding on call time/compensation, the motion was seconded.

The following Votes were polled:

Councilman Molina	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Councilman Garza	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Mayor Pro-tem Keeney	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Mayor Vasquez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent

The motion carried.

19. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND NECESSARY ACTION TO REAPPOINT RUDY MIRABAL, JERALD NINO, AND JOSE HERNANDEZ TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD FOR A 2 YEAR TERM.

Councilman Keeney moved to reappoint Rudy Mirabal, Jerald Nino and Jose Hernandez to the Planning and Zoning board for a 2 year term, the motion was seconded.

The following Votes were polled:

Councilman Molina	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Councilman Garza	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Mayor Pro-tem Keeney	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Mayor Vasquez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent

The motion carried.

20. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND NECESSARY ACTION REGARDING SWIMMING POOL QUOTES / REPAIRS.

Ryan Smith informed the Council that the previous pool quote that was given was a little on the higher side, this item is to discuss the idea of possibly gathering other bids.

Councilman Keeney moved to allow the City Manager to continue to gather quotes for the repairs of the swimming pool, the motion was seconded.

The following Votes were polled:

Councilman Molina	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Councilman Garza	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Mayor Pro-tem Keeney	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Mayor Vasquez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent

The motion carried.

21. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND NECESSARY ACTION REGARDING PAINT COLORS FOR THE OUTBUILDINGS AT THE POOL (RECEPTION AND EQUIPMENT STORAGE).

Ryan Smith informed the Council there is currently graffiti on the walls of the city’s pool. To maintain the appearance and integrity it will be necessary to repaint the structure.

Councilman Garza motioned to approve the painting of the out buildings of the pool (reception and storage area), the motion was seconded.

The following Votes were polled:

Councilman Molina	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Councilman Garza	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Mayor Pro-tem Keeney	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Mayor Vasquez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent

The motion carried.

22. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND NECESSARY ACTION REGARDING THE NAMING OF THE POOLS AND PARKS.

Kandi Hubert stated what the City would like to do is try to sell the name of the pool to try to offset the costs.

Councilman Keeney moved to allow the City staff to pursue negotiations with surrounding businesses to offset the cost of the pool and include their business name on it, the motion was seconded.

The following Votes were polled:

Councilman Molina	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Councilman Garza	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Mayor Pro-tem Keeney	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Mayor Vasquez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent

The motion carried.

23. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND NECESSARY ACTION TO AMEND ORDINANCE 1096 (ESTABLISHING A REVISED SCHEDULE FOR WATER AND WASTEWATER SERVICES) AND APPROVE ORDINANCE #1103-2024 REGARDING THE WATER AND WASTE WATER RATES TO INCLUDE TAPS.

Kandi Hubert informed the Council that recommendations for water and waste water rates had been given to the Council for review to help offset the water and waste water charges. The City has been charging less than what the City is being charged. The bulk water rate will stay the same.

Councilman Keeney moved to amend Ordinance #1096 by approving Ordinance # 1103-2024, the motion was seconded.

The following Votes were polled:

Councilman Molina	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Councilman Garza	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Mayor Pro-tem Keeney	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Mayor Vasquez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent

The motion carried.

24. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND NECESSARY ACTION REGARDING AN APPLICATION FOR A CCN FOR WATER SERVICES (CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY).

Ryan Smith stated that the public utility commission issues a CCN granting a utility geographic monopoly for providing utility service. At this time the city has not applied for this designation and it would be prudent to do so as it will protect the city.

Councilman Keeney moved to approve the application for a CCN for water services for the City, the motion was seconded.

The following Votes were polled:

Councilman Molina for against abstain absent
Councilman Garza for against abstain absent
Mayor Pro-tem Keeney for against abstain absent
Mayor Vasquez for against abstain absent

The motion carried.

25. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND NECESSARY ACTION REGARDING THE GEAR GRANT FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT SPONSORED BY THE TEXAS FOREST SERVICE.

Ryan Smith informed the Council the Gear Grant from the Texas Forrest Service will help will cost participate with the city in purchasing new hear for the Taft Volunteer Fire Dept. The city's total cost will not exceed \$6000.00.

Councilman Garza motioned to approve item number 25 regarding the Gear Grant for the Fire Department, the motion was seconded.

The following Votes were polled:

Councilman Molina for against abstain absent
Councilman Garza for against abstain absent
Mayor Pro-tem Keeney for against abstain absent
Mayor Vasquez for against abstain absent

The motion carried.

26. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND NECESSARY ACTION REGARDING THE POLICY FOR CITY ISSUED DEVICES.

Kandi Hubert stated that the policy for city issued devices will be added to the Personnel Policy. This acknowledgment states that any issued electronic devices or keys are to be returned to the City prior to terminating their services. Ryan Smith included that due to the public information act this also ensures that any devices are to be turned in are intact so that any information may be properly removed from the devices.

Councilman Garza motioned to approve item number 26, the motion was seconded.

The following Votes were polled:

Councilman Molina for against abstain absent
Councilman Garza for against abstain absent
Mayor Pro-tem Keeney for against abstain absent
Mayor Vasquez for against abstain absent

The motion carried.

27. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND NECESSARY ACTION REGARDING ADDING A CONFIDENTIAL CLAUSE TO THE PERSONNEL POLICY.

Ryan Smith stated a confidential clause of personnel policy is to establish a policy that there are certain channels to go through to obtain information. This is to make sure the employees understand that information is confidential within City Hall.

Councilman Keeney moved to adopt the new confidentiality agreement for employees with the City of Taft, the motion was seconded.

The following Votes were polled:

Councilman Molina for against abstain absent
Councilman Garza for against abstain absent
Mayor Pro-tem Keeney for against abstain absent
Mayor Vasquez for against abstain absent

The motion carried.

28. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND NECESSARY ACTION TO SET A BUDGET WORKSHOP.

Kandi Hubert asked the Council as a whole what day would be best to hold a Budget workshop. The Council decided 6:30 on 5/21/2024.

Councilman Keeney moved to set a budget workshop for Tuesday 5/21/24 at 6:30 p.m., the motion was seconded.

The following Votes were polled:

Councilman Molina	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Councilman Garza	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Mayor Pro-tem Keeney	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Mayor Vasquez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent

The motion carried.

29. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND NECESSARY ACTION REGARDING AN UPDATE ON THE ATTORNEY GENERALS REPORT.

Kandi Hubert stated there have been no updates at this time from the City Attorney or the Police Chief regarding an update on the attorney general opinion. Councilman Molina reminded Council that the city's inquiries have been ongoing for 7 months.

Councilman Keeney moved to table item number 29 until a later date, the motion was seconded.

The following Votes were polled:

Councilman Molina	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Councilman Garza	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Mayor Pro-tem Keeney	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Mayor Vasquez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent

The motion carried. The item was tabled.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

30. CLOSED SESSION: City Council will meet in Closed session pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, in accordance with the authority contained in:

- Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters) and Section 551.071 (Advice of Counsel) and Section 1.05 (Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct):
 - To deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment of duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee or to hear a complaint or charge against officer or employee
 - INTERNAL EMPLOYEE INVESTIGATION
 - (551.074 (a)) POLICE CHIEF – JOHN LANDRETH
 - (551.074 (a)) MAYOR – LEONARD VASQUEZ
 - (551.071 (a)) PENDING LITIGATION

Mayor Vasquez announced that he and Chief John Landreth have requested their items be held in open session.

Councilman Keeney motioned to move into closed session, the motion was seconded.

The following Votes were polled:

Councilman Molina	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
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Councilman Garza	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Mayor Pro-tem Keeney	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Mayor Vasquez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent

The motion carried.

The Council moved into Executive Session at 8:06 pm.

31. Open Session: The City Council will reconvene in Open Session at which time action on the matter(s) discussed in Closed Session may be considered.

- Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters) and Section 551.071 (Advice of Counsel) and Section 1.05 (Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct):
 - To deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment of duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee or to hear a complaint or charge against officer or employee
 - INTERNAL EMPLOYEE INVESTIGATION
 - (551.074 (a)) POLICE CHIEF – JOHN LANDRETH
 - (551.074 (a)) MAYOR – LEONARD VASQUEZ
 - (551.071 (a)) PENDING LITIGATION

The Council Reconvened Session at 9:21 pm.

Matters of Executive Session:

- INTERNAL EMPLOYEE INVESTIGATION: No Action Taken
- (551.071 (a)) PENDING LITIGATION: No Action Taken
- (551.074 (a)) MAYOR – LEONARD VASQUEZ: No Action Taken
- (551.074 (a)) POLICE CHIEF – JOHN LANDRETH (Open Session): No Action Taken

Councilman Molina suggested a roll call to take place for the record. The roll call to include John Landreth due to his position being placed on the agenda. The following roll was called:

Councilman Molina	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> present	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Councilman Garza	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> present	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Mayor Pro-tem Keeney	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> present	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Mayor Vasquez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> present	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Chief John Landreth	<input type="checkbox"/> present	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> absent

Councilman Molina motioned to table this item due Chief Landreth’s absence, the motion was seconded.

The following Votes were polled:

Councilman Molina	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Councilman Garza	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Mayor Pro-tem Keeney	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Mayor Vasquez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent

The motion carried. The item was tabled.

32. COUNCIL AND STAFF COMMENTS: COMMENTS MAYBE MADE BY STAFF OR COUNCIL BUT NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN

Kandi Hubert reminded the Council and public of Thursdays EDC training at 6:30 p.m.

33. ITEMS TO CONSIDER FOR PLACEMENT ON FUTURE AGENDAS

Councilman Keeney – Would like to look into the school zone sign on Davis Road. The sign on the North end is un-operational and would like to get it fixed.

34. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST AND/OR UPCOMING EVENTS

Councilman Keeney announced an invitation to the upcoming Budget Workshop and invited the public to show up for everything.

Councilman Garza agreed with Councilman Keeney to show up for future workshops and meetings.

20. ADJOURN – TIME 9:35 P.M.

Councilman Garza motioned to Adjourn, the motion was seconded.

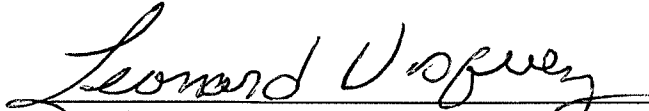
The following Votes were polled:

Councilman Molina	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Councilman Garza	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Mayor Pro-tem Keeney	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Mayor Vasquez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent

The motion carried.

Passed and Approved this 11th day of June, 20 24.

CITY OF TAFT


Leonard Vasquez, Mayor

ATTEST:


Andrea Gomez, City Secretary