



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
AUGUST 6, 2024 – 6:30 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN THE CITY OF TAFT MUNICIPAL BUILDING
230 GREEN AVENUE, TAFT, TX. 78390**

Notice is hereby given of a Regular Meeting of the City Council on the 6th day of AUGUST 2024 at 6:30 p.m. at which time business will be conducted in accordance with Texas Government Code 551 as follows:

Opening Agenda

1. Call City Council meeting to order
2. Call Roll and establish quorum is present
3. Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge
4. Prayer
5. Citizen Comments: 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 it is requested that they 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.

6. **Consent Agenda**

This section shall provide for items that require action by the Council, but where little or no discussion is anticipated. By a single motion, second and affirmation majority vote. Items under this section are approved without further discussion or action.

A. CITY SECRETARY

- Approval of Minutes for Regular Council Meeting July 2, 2024

7. ANNOUNCEMENT OF TOWN HALL MEETING WITH THE SAN PATRICIO COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (Presenter: Maxine Bowen)
8. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND NECESSARY ACTION REGARDING THE COMP. TIME POLICY. (Presenter: Mayor Vasquez)



9. DISCUSS, CONSIDER, AND NECESSARY ACTION REGARDING THE CITY ORDINANCE #1091 PERTAINING TO BRUSH AND BULK PICK UP. (Presenter: Mayor Vasquez)
10. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND NECESSARY ACTION REGARDING THE CITY SIDEWALKS, CURBS, AND GUTTERS. (Presenter: Mayor Vasquez)
11. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND NECESSARY ACTION REGARDING THE CITY ORDINANCE #939 PERTAINING TO THE ALLEYWAYS. (Presenter: Councilman Molina)
12. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND NECESSARY ACTION REGARDING RESOLUTION #24-08-01 BANK SIGNATORIES. (Presenter: Ryan Smith)
13. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND NECESSARY ACTION REGARDING RESOLUTION #24-08-02 AUTHORIZED CREDIT CARD HOLDERS. (Presenter: Ryan Smith)
14. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND NECESSARY ACTION TO AMEND ORDINANCE #956 TO ORDINANCE #24-08-03 PERTAINING TO THE ANIMALS IN THE CITY. (Presenter: Ryan Smith)
15. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND NECESSARY ACTION TO ALLOW THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS. (Presenter: Ryan Smith)
16. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND NECESSARY ACTION TO INCREASE THE ALLOTMENT FOR ALLOWABLE EXPENSES ON THE 3RD PARTY INVESTIGATION. (Presenter: Ryan Smith)
17. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND NECESSARY ACTION ON A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIVISION OF A TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION PROGRAM. (Presenter: Ryan Smith)
18. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND NECESSARY ACTION REGARDING THE TML CONVENTION IN HOUSTON, TEXAS ON OCTOBER 9– 11, 2024. (Presenter: Councilman Rodriguez)
19. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND NECESSARY ACTION TO REMOVE ANDREW QUITTNER AS CITY OF TAFT CONTRACTUAL ATTORNEY. (Presenter: Councilman Rodriguez)
20. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND NECESSARY ACTION REGARDING THE AUDIT FROM THE ACCOUNTING FIRM FROM DONALD L. ALLMAN, CPA, PC. (Presenter: Councilman Rodriguez)



21. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND NECESSARY ACTION TO REQUEST TXDOT TO CREATE/POST STREET SIGNS ALONG HIGHWAY 181. (Street signs needed: Meyer Ave., San Patricio Ave., Field Ave., Fetick Ave., Green Ave., Victoria Ave., Industrial Ave.) (Presenter: Councilman Rodriguez)
22. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND NECESSARY ACTION TO PLACE LIGHTS WITH A TIMER AT THE BASKETBALL COURT OF GARCIA PARK. (Presenter: Councilman Rodriguez)
23. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND NECESSARY ACTION REGARDING THE SAN PATRICIO COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT. (Presenter: Councilman Rodriguez)
24. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND NECESSARY ACTION TO ORDER THE NOVEMBER 5, 2024 GENERAL ELECTION FOR THE OFFICES OF CITY COUNCIL ALDERMAN, WARD ONE, AND CITY COUNCIL ALDERMAN, WARD TWO. (Presenters: Ryan Smith)
25. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND NECESSARY ACTION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH SAN PATRICIO COUNTY FOR THE NOVEMBER 5, 2024 GENERAL ELECTION.
26. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND NECESSARY ACTION REGARDING THE NATIONAL NIGHT OUT TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY OCTOBER 1, 2024 FROM 6:00 PM – 8:30PM, WITH STREET CLOSURES FOR THE 200 – 300 BLOCKS OF GREEN AVE (City Hall to Police Department). (Presenter: Ryan Smith)
27. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND NECESSARY ACTION REGARDING RETURNING THE FUNDS GIVEN TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT BY EDC TYPE A. (Presenter: Ryan Smith)

Executive Session

21. **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) 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
 - CITY MANAGER INTERVIEW – RYAN SMITH
 - CITY MANAGER INTERVIEW – WILLIAM COX
- Texas Government Code § 551.071, consultation with attorney on matter involving pending or contemplated litigation or other matter in which the



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22. **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.

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28. Council and staff comments: Comments may be made by staff or council but no action will be taken.

29. Items to consider for placement on future agendas.

30. Announcements of Community interest and/or upcoming events.

31. Adjourn.

Special Accommodations

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

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89673161002?pwd=GG0p1LjEcNFug9xqdJO0DPa4eRFQSG.1>

The City Council of the City of Taft reserves the right to convene in Executive Session in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code: Section 551.071 (Consultations with Attorney),



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Section 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters), Section 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices), or Section 551.087 (Deliberations Regarding Economic Development Negotiations) on any of the above items.

Certification

I, Andrea Gomez certify that the above notice of this Special Meeting of the City Council was posted at the front doors to the City Hall, 230 Green Avenue, Taft, Texas on the 2nd day of August 2024 by 5:00 p.m.

Andrea Gomez – City Secretary