



230 Green Avenue, Taft, Texas 78390

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**AMENDED
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
AUGUST 20, 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 Special Meeting of the City Council on the 20th 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. DISCUSS, CONSIDER, AND NECESSARY ACTION TO APPROVE PATTIE MARTINEZ, JASON KEENEY, AND PEGGY BENAVIDES TO THE BOARD FOR THE EDC (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION) PARKS COMMITTEE AND TO ACCEPT TWO (2) ADDITIONAL NOMINATIONS. (COUNCILMAN MOLINA)
7. DISCUSS, CONSIDER, AND NECESSARY ACTION TO ENTER INTO AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH SAN PATRICIO COUNTY TO USE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT MITIGATION (MOD) FUNDS TO EXECUTE MITIGATION PROJECTS. (RYAN SMITH)
8. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND NECESSARY ACTION ON THE CONFLICT BETWEEN THE RECENT APPOINTMENT OF THE CITY ATTORNEY AND THE REQUIREMENTS IN SEC. 2-67 OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCE REGARDING THE ATTORNEY'S GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION. (RYAN SMITH)



9. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND NECESSARY ACTION REGARDING THE AD/POSTING FOR CITY MANAGER. (MAYOR VASQUEZ)
10. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND NECESSARY ACTION REGARDING LIMITING THE IN PERSON APPEARANCES AND/OR ATTENDANCE BY THE CITY ATTORNEY THOMAS A. GWOSDZ. (COUNCILMAN MOLINA)
11. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND NECESSARY ACTION TO ENTER INTO A CONSULTATION AGREEMENT WITH JENNIFER PINEDA FOR UTILITY BILLING. (MAYOR VASQUEZ)
12. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND NECESSARY ACTION REGARDING THE SELLING OF PUBLIC WORKS VEHICLES AND/OR EQUIPMENT: ASPHALT ZIPPER, WOOD CHIPPER, HYSTER FOLK LIFT, DUMP TRUCK – 1988 NAVISTAR INTERNATIONAL CORP. VIN#1HTLDTVN2KH644713. (GABRIEL MORALES)
13. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND NECESSARY ACTION TO TRADE IN A PUBLIC WORKS TRAILER FOR ANOTHER TRAILER THAT CAN BE USED FOR THE MINI EXCAVATOR AND SKID STEER. (GABRIEL MORALES)
14. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND NECESSARY ACTION REGARDING ORDINANCE #939 ALLEYWAYS. (COUNCILMAN MOLINA)
15. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND NECESSARY ACTION REGARDING THE CITY ORDINANCE #1091 PERTAINING TO BRUSH AND BULK PICK UP. (MAYOR VASQUEZ)
16. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND NECESSARY ACTION REGARDING THE COMP. TIME POLICY. (MAYOR VASQUEZ)
17. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND NECESSARY ACTION REGARDING THE CITY SIDEWALKS, CURBS, AND GUTTERS. (MAYOR VASQUEZ)
18. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND NECESSARY ACTION TO INCREASE THE ALLOTMENT FOR ALLOWABLE EXPENSES ON THE 3RD PARTY INVESTIGATION. (RYAN SMITH)
19. DISCUSS, CONSIDER, AND NECESSARY ACTION TO APPROVE AN EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT FOR THE POSITION OF CITY MANAGER WITH RYAN SMITH.
20. OATH OF OFFICE FOR CITY MANAGER RYAN SMITH.



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21. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND NECESSARY ACTION REGARDING THE CALCULATED NO NEW REVENUE (NNR), VOTER APPROVED RATE (VAR), AND DE MINIMIS PROPERTY TAX RATES FOR THE 2024 TAX YEAR AND SET THE PROPOSED TAX RATE FOR THE 2024 TAX YEAR.
22. DISCUSS, CONSIDER, AND NECESSARY ACTION REGARDING SETTING DATES FOR THE PUBLIC HEARINGS TO ADOPT THE BUDGET AND TAX RATE FOR THE 2024 TAX YEAR.

Executive Session

23. **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 SECRETARY– Andrea Gomez
- Texas Government Code § 551.071, consultation with attorney on matter involving pending or contemplated litigation or other matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the Texas Open Meetings Act. Thomas A. Gwosdz, City Attorney

24. **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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25. Council and staff comments: Comments may be made by staff or council but no action will be taken.
 26. Items to consider for placement on future agendas.
 27. Announcements of Community interest and/or upcoming events.
 28. Adjourn.
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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), 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 Regular Meeting of the City Council was posted at the front doors to the City Hall, 230 Green Avenue, Taft, Texas on the 16th day of August 2024 by 5:00 p.m.



Andrea Gomez – City Secretary