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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF TAFT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION  
TAFT CITY HALL, 230 GREEN AVE., TAFT, TEXAS  
JANUARY 14, 2025 – 5:30 P.M.**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ROLL CALL AND CERTIFY A QUORUM**
- 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND TEXAS PLEDGE**
- 4. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

*The public is invited to address the Taft EDC board on any matter of Taft EDC business. Please note that all comments should be made at this time. Unless an agenda item is listed as a "public hearing," comments will not be taken elsewhere. Also, Board members cannot respond to comments if the topic is not on this agenda. Each speaker will be allowed three minutes. If you wish to speak, please sign up with the City Secretary before the meeting begins.*

**5. DISCUSSION/ ACTION ITEMS**

*Items in this section are not expected to require action by Taft EDC and are generally for information only. However, all items in this section may become action items on request of any Board Member, and the Taft EDC board may take action on any item listed in this section without further notice.*

- a. Discuss, consider and necessary action regarding the Treasury Report for November & December 2024
  - i. Prosperity Bank Checking Account
  - ii. Prosperity Bank Loan
  - iii. Security Service Bank Account & Certificate of Deposit
  - iv. Accounts Payable
  - v. Revenue and Expense Report
  - vi. USDA Grant
  - vii. Sales Tax Pending
  - viii. Sales Tax Deposits
- b. Consider, discuss and possible action on consolidating 6 accounts into 3 and to consolidate the Owner ID into one account from three separate accounts
- c. Consider, discuss and possible action on retaining an accounting firm to provide services, forensic audit.
- d. Consider, discuss and possible action on resolution to change names for Security Services and Prosperity Bank accounts.
- e. Update from Taft Parks Committee
- f. Consider, discuss and possible action on the pending grant for renovations to the downtown business district, including paving of Green Ave.
- g. Consider, discuss and possible action on the Blackland Museum requesting \$5,000 for financial assistance for the Smithsonian Museum on Main Street Changes in Rural America Program, from January 2025- March 2025. (Sue Zimmerman, Executive Director)
- h. Update on Taft Chamber of Commerce Christmas Festival.
- i. Update on Open Meetings Act Training for board members

**6. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*All items listed in this section will be deliberated in a closed session. Members of the public are not generally permitted to attend a closed session. Executive session items may be considered as an action item at the discretion of the Taft EDC President: however, Taft EDC board will not take any action in closed session*

- a. Section 551.072, Deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property if deliberations in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the government body in negotiations with a third person
  - i. Toland Road Property
  - ii. Purchase of Real Estate in Taft, TX

**7. ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS**

*The board will reconvene in open session and may take action on any item listed in the Executive Session action of this agenda.*

- a. Section 551.072, Deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property if deliberations in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the government body in negotiations with a third person
  - i. Town of Taft Pt Block 55 (Hospital Tract)- 325 Toland Rd.
  - ii. Purchase of Real Estate in Taft, TX

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

**Certification**

I, Jessica Gonzalez, certify that the above notice of this Regular Meeting of the Taft Economic Development Corporation was posted on the City Hall bulletin board, a place convenient and readily accessible to the general public at all times, and to the City's website, [www.tafttx.gov](http://www.tafttx.gov), in compliance with Chapter 551, Texas Government.

Posted on:

Date: Jan. 10, 2025

Time: 4:15pm



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Jessica Gonzalez, City Secretary

The Taft Economic Development Corporation 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.

NOTICE OF POSSIBLE QUORUM OF THE CITY OF TAFT CITY COUNCIL: A possible quorum of the City of Taft City Council may be in attendance at the Regular meeting of the Taft Economic Development Corporation board meeting. Although this gathering is not a meeting of the Taft City Council pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act and a quorum of the members of the City Council may or may not be available to attend this meeting, this notice is being posted as a precaution.

**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 [jgonzalez@tafttx.gov](mailto:jgonzalez@tafttx.gov) for further information. Braille is not available.