

CITY OF BRAWLEY
September 5, 2017

The City Council of the City of Brawley, California met in a special session at 3:00 PM, City Council Chambers, 383 Main, Brawley, California, the date, time and place duly established for the holding of said meeting. The City Clerk attests to the posting of the agenda pursuant to G.C. §54954.2.

The meeting was called to order by **Mayor Couchman** @6:00 PM

PRESENT: Couchman, Kastner-Jauregui, Nava, Noriega, Wharton
ABSENT: None

Invocation was offered by **CM Noriega** and **Pastor Mike Neciuk, El Redentor Church**

Pledge of Allegiance was led by **CM Wharton**

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was **approved** as submitted. m/s/c Noriega/Kastner-Jauregui 5-0

2. PUBLIC APPEARANCES/COMMENTS

- a. **Kay A. Pricola, Executive Director of Coalition of Labor, Agricultural & Business**, announced that COLAB will conduct a candidate's forum at the City Council Chambers on September 21st starting at 6pm.
- b. **Maria Pinedo, Imperial County Public Health Information Officer**, informed the City Council that the California Health Interview Survey (CHIS) will be conducted in the City of Brawley in the evenings starting this coming Friday and weekends. They will be door knocking to verify phone numbers because this survey is done via phone. It is being lead by UCLA. Volunteers will be wearing a large identification badge on them so there will be no misunderstanding about who they are.

CM Nava inquired about the size of the survey and where in the City? **Pinedo** replied the work will occur throughout Imperial County but will focus heavily on the north end. The Salton Sea area, Niland, Calipatria, Brawley and Westmorland are included and households are randomly selected.

Mayor Couchman suggested the City can post information on the City website and public, bulletin boards. It is important that the Police Department is notified because sometimes they will get calls from residents who see the contact as unusual.

- c. **Luis Olmedo, Executive Director Comite Civico del Valle**, updated the City Council on two upcoming events. On November 2nd, Comite will be holding the Environmental Health Leadership Summit for this year. More details will be provided at a later date. Another update is about AB617. Community Air Monitoring in Imperial County now includes 40 monitoring stations that are being operated. Additional monitors are now also in Coachella Valley. AB617 establishes these low cost technologies. The local air district will now have a hand in new community monitoring happening locally, in addition to the monitoring network already established.
- d. **Stella Jimenez, Representative for Assembly Member Eduardo Garcia for Imperial County**, introduced herself and gave brief legislative updates introduced by Assembly Member Garcia and signed by Governor Jerry Brown. In the fall, Assembly Member Garcia looks forward to visiting City Council meetings throughout the County to provide a fully updated legislative package of successful legislative endeavors. Stella can be reached at 760-355-8656 or vial email at Stella.Jimenez@asm.ca.gov

3. CONSENT AGENDA Items are approved by one motion. Council Members or members of the public may request consent items be considered separately at a time determined by the Mayor.

The consent agenda was **approved** as submitted. m/s/c Nava/Kastner-Jauregui 5-0

AYES: Couchman, Kastner-Jauregui, Nava, Noriega, Wharton
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

- a, **Approved** City Council Minutes: June 6, 2017
June 20, 2017
- b. **Approved** Accounts Payable: August 28, 2017

4. PUBLIC HEARING

- a. Discussion and Potential Action to Approve Implementation of the Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) Program by the Brawley Police Department.

Staff Report - Brett Houser, Police Commander

Working in conjunction with various law enforcement agencies in the Imperial County, the Brawley Police Department (BPD) has joined a regional effort to implement the use of Automatic License Plate Readers (ALPRs). Nine (9) of BPD's marked patrol vehicles are to be equipped with cameras that capture license plate information of vehicles, which will then be utilized in criminal investigations.

CM Bayon Moore reported there are pending court matters that could affect implementation in the future. While it is staff's recommendation to proceed at this time, future policy adjustments may be needed with reference to public records act exemption.

CM Noriega inquired regarding the total project cost, **Houser** stated the total project cost is 1 million dollars but no local funds are associated with the project. As a regional project, funds are available for all participating agencies. The project has no impact on the general fund. The equipment has already been purchased at the regional level. City Council authorization will allow for the equipment's installation, utilization and program implementation within the City of Brawley.

Mayor Couchman inquired about the timing for implementation if approved? **Houser** stated within the month.

CM Wharton asked Commander Houser to share with the public the success of the equipment when used. **Houser** stated that it's highly successful at collecting information and comparing it to available data on stolen vehicles, abductions, high profile and technical alerts.

CM Nava asked if it is continuously scanning. **Houser** stated that it continues scanning as long as the patrol car is out on the streets.

OPENED PUBLIC HEARING @ 6:18PM

No comments were received.

CLOSED PUBLIC HEARING @ 6:20PM

The Council motioned to **approve** Implementation of the Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) Program by the Brawley Police Department. m/s/c Noriega/Kastner-Jauregui 5-0

5. REGULAR BUSINESS

- a. Discussion and Potential Action to Award Bales Engineering Contractors a Contract in the Amount of \$1,192,533 for Project No. 2017-02 - Airport Lighting Rehabilitation Project and Authorize an Agreement with AE Consulting, Inc. for Construction Management Services in the Amount of \$222,745.

The City Council **awarded** Bales Engineering Contractors a Contract in the Amount of \$1,192,533 for Project No. 2017-02 - Airport Lighting Rehabilitation Project and Authorize an Agreement with AE Consulting, Inc. for Construction Management Services in the Amount of \$222,745. m/s/c Noriega/Wharton 5-0

- b. Discussion and Potential Action to Adopt Resolution No. 2017- : Resolution of the City Council of the City of Brawley, California, Amending the 2017-2018 Budget to Incorporate a List of Projects Funded by SB1: The Road Repair and Accountability Act.

The City Council **approved** Resolution No. 2017-39 Resolution of the City Council of the City of Brawley, California, Amending the 2017-2018 Budget to Incorporate a List of Projects Funded by SB1: The Road Repair and Accountability Act. m/s/c Nava/Wharton 5-0

- c. Discussion and Potential Action to Adopt 1st Reading of Ordinance No. 2017- : Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Brawley, California Amending Chapter 7, Section 7.1 of the Brawley Municipal Code.

The City Council **approved** 1st Reading of Ordinance No. 2017-07: Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Brawley, California Amending Chapter 7, Section 7.1 of the Brawley Municipal Code. m/s/c Wharton/Nava 5-0

- d. Discussion and Potential Action to Approve Resolution No. 2017- : Resolution of the City Council of the City of Brawley, California Appointing of Members to the Brawley Airport Commission, Brawley Planning Commission, and Imperial Valley Housing Authority.

Brawley Airport Commission

Tim Kelley
Term Expiring June 30, 2019

Tony Friley
Term Expiring June 30, 2019

Brawley Planning Commission

Gene Bumbera
Term Expiring June 30, 2021

Jay Goyal
Term Expiring June 30, 2021

Imperial Valley Housing Authority

Mary Miller
Term Expiring June 30, 2021

Robert Palacio
Term Expiring June 30, 2021

The City Council **approved** Resolution No. 2017-40: Resolution of the City Council of the City of Brawley, California Appointing Members to the Brawley Airport Commission, Brawley Planning Commission, and Imperial Valley Housing Authority. m/s/c Couchman/Noriega 5-0

- e. Discussion and Potential Action re: Sponsorship Request for Hidalgo Society’s 30th Annual Dia de la Raza on October 7, 2017.

The City Council **approved** a \$250 dollars contribution to the Hidalgo Society for the 30th Annual Dia de la Raza Event on October 7, 2017. m/s/c Wharton/Kastner-Jauregui 5-0

- f. Discussion and Potential Action re: Brawley Elks Lodge Request for Alcohol Sales and Consumption on a City Street on Saturday, October 21, 2017 from 6AM to 6PM.

The City Council approved the request by Brawley Elks Lodge for Alcohol Sales and Consumption on a City Street on Saturday, October 21, 2017 from 6am to 6pm. m/s/c Nava/Noriega 5-0

6. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

- a. Monthly Staff Report for September, 2017 – Shirley Bonillas, Personnel & Risk Management Administrator.
- b. Record of Building Permits for July 2017, Prepared by Oscar Escalante, Interim Building Official.
- c. U. S. Department of Justice Federal Bureau of Prisons Correspondence to Mayor Sam Couchman Dated August 14, 2017 re: Request for Proposals for Residential Recovery Services.
- d. Applications for Alcoholic Beverage Licenses from:
 - 1. Paddy’s at the Rock, 132 South Plaza, Brawley, California
 - 2. Inferno, 505 Main Street, Brawley, California
 - 3. Fatboys’s Kitchen & Catering, 133 East Main Street, Brawley, California

7. CITY TREASURER’S REPORT

- a. Investment Activity Report as of June 30, 2017

8. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Kastner-Jauregui: Nothing to report at this time.

Wharton: Welcomed everyone back to school and work, looking forward to the Annual League of California Cities Conference in September.

Nava: Thanked staff for their help for the Networking Event, the Brawley Chamber of Commerce and The Desert Review for their publicity.

Noriega: Distributed dictionaries and backpacks to about 800 kids sponsored by the Brawley Elks Lodge to school children here in Brawley, Westmorland and Calipatria.

Couchman: Participated in the distribution of dictionaries to students, attended the Utility Users Tax Meeting, Wounded Warriors Dinner for Police Officers at Stockmen's and Dove Hunt Luncheon.

9. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT None to report

10. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT None to report

11. CITY CLERK'S REPORT

a. Reminder: Upcoming Candidates Forum on September 21, 2017 starting @ 6pm City Council Chambers.

12. CLOSED SESSION

POTENTIAL LITIGATION

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) or (3) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: 1 case.

ADJOURNMENT @ 7:11pm

Alma Benavides, City Clerk