

CITY OF BRAWLEY
September 19, 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** @6:01 PM

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

Invocation was offered by **Pastor Richard Rodirquez, House of Bread Ministries**

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

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

2. PUBLIC APPEARANCES/COMMENTS

- a. **Norma Schoonover, Brawley resident**, stated she lived at Ventana Ranch west of the hospital and would like to know when the roads in the area are going to be addressed. Legion Road has not been paved since the subdivision was built.

Bayon Moore, City Manager informed Ms. Schoonover that Legion Road is actually identified for a project in the near future within 12 to 24 months. Council has provided staff direction to look at utilizing development impact fees and assigning those dollars to address Legion Road. It has been identified as a priority roadway that will be taken out of order of our normal roadway improvements. Great growth has occurred in that specific area, and there is also interest in supporting the City's largest employer, Pioneers Memorial Health District.

- b. **Rosa Silva, Brawley resident**, requested an update from the City Council regarding the Brawley Mobile Home Park Settlement Funds. She stated 39 of the 44 residents have agreed on the mitigation offered. Because of 5 residents, they cannot receive the money. Residents were told that by the end of August, a partial check would be issued and by the middle of September the remaining amount. Residents want to know what is going on and if the topic can be on a future City Council agenda for discussion and an update. She informed that other residents did not attend the meeting because there was a possibility that they would not be heard.

The Council **advised** Ms. Silva that this item will be on the October 17, 2017 meeting as an update and to advise if a lawsuit has been filed during the 90 day appeal period.

- c. **Yulil Garza, MAG Coalition President**, thanked the City Council for attending the MAG Coalition Mixer September 8th, 2017 at the Elks Lodge and extended an invitation to the 1st Annual Gang Awareness Prevention Summit that will take place in January of 2018. More information will follow in the next couple of months. Assembly Member Eduardo Garcia introduced a resolution to declare January as Gang Awareness Prevention month.
- d. **Mayor Couchman** presented M & M 4-H a proclamation in honor of 4-H National Week October 1-7, 2017.

- e. **Ryan Kelley, County Supervisor District #4**, provided the City Council an update on projects going on in the County and also mentioned the Governor Jerry Brown was invited to the annual Cattle Call Festivities.

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 Noriega/Kastner-Jauregui 5-0

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

- a. **Approved** City Council Minutes: July 18, 2017
- b. **Approved** Accounts Payable: September 1, 2017
September 8, 2017
- c. **Approved** 2nd Reading and Adoption 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.
- d. **Approved** Annual Purchase of Ultra Violet (UV) Lamps and Ballasts for the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) UV Disinfection System in the Amount of \$28,499.71 from DC Frost Associates, Inc.
- e. **Approved** Resolution No. 2017-41: Resolution of the City Council of the City of Brawley Amending the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 City of Brawley Budget to Reflect Staffing of School Resource Officers through June 30, 2018.
- f. **Approved** Amendment to the Development Agreement for La Paloma Unit II.

5. REGULAR BUSINESS

- a. Discussion and Potential Action to Approve the Hidalgo Society's Request to Sell and Consume Alcohol on City Property on October 7, 2017 from 3PM to 7PM as Part of Dia de la Raza Festivities.

The City Council **approved** the Hidalgo Society's Request to Sell and Consume Alcohol on City Property on October 7, 2017 from 3pm to 7pm as part of Dia de la Raza Festivities. m/s/c Noriega/Kastner-Jauregui 5-0

- b. Discussion and Potential Action to Award a Contract to Moss, Levy and Hartzheim for Accounting Services for Year-End Close and Financial Statement Preparation for Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2017 & June 30, 2018 in an Amount Not to Exceed \$21,340.

The City Council **approved** to Award a Contract to Moss, Levy and Hartzheim for Accounting Services for Year-End Close and Financial Statement Preparation for Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2017 & June 30, 2018 in an Amount Not to exceed \$21,340. m/s/c Nava/Wharton 5-0

- c. Discussion and Potential Action to Award a Contract to Vavrinek, Trine, Day & Co., LLP (VTD) for Professional Auditing Services for Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2017, 2018 and 2019 in the Amount of \$59,350.

The City Council **approved** the Award of a Contract to Vavrinek, Trine, Day & Co., LLP (VTD) for Professional Auditing Services for Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2017, 2018 and 2019 in the Amount of \$59,350. m/s/c Kastner-Jauregui/Noriega 5-0

6. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

- a. Summer 2017 Parks & Recreation Program Statistics Prepared by Pat Dorsey, Parks & Recreation Director
- b. Summer 2017 Library Program Statistics Prepared by Marjo Mello, Library Director
 - 1) September 30, 2017 Mobile Consulate at Del Rio Library Branch
 - 2) December 7, 2017 Angel Tea Party

7. CITY TREASURER'S REPORT None to report.

8. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Noriega: Attended the Grandparents Dinner/Dance at the Lions Center. It was a very well attended event. Also attended El Grito at the Hidalgo Hall where Hector Huerta was in attendance. Thanked him for all he does for Brawley.

Kastner-Jauregui: Attended the Grandparents Dinner/Dance and the California League of Cities Conference in Sacramento. It provided a great networking opportunity, and much information on CALPERS pension matters.

Wharton: Attended the California League of Cities Conference. As Division President for Imperial County Division, met with a lot of dignitaries from Vista, Coronado and others. Attended several workshops and met with Assembly Member Eduardo Garcia over dinner.

Nava: Attended the California League of Cities Annual Conference and met with many local elected officials. Spent quality time with Assembly Member Garcia and had the chance to discuss matters involving a local business. Also met with Senator Ben Hueso. Attended a reception with Imperial and San Diego County Elected Officials, as well. Attended MAG Coalition Mixer at the Elks Lodge and looking forward to a Teacher's Mixer that will be held at Inferno sometime in October. Announced tickets for sale for COLAB's Annual Dinner on September 19th, 2017 at the Stockmen's Club.

Couchman: Attended MAG Coalition Mixer, Rotary Board Meeting, T-Mobile Grand Opening, BUHS Open House, Wild Game Meeting and Monday Night Football at the Stockmen's Club.

9. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT None to report

10. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

- a. DS Arts Studio is moving on October 2, 2017 to North Plaza

11. CITY CLERK'S REPORT

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

12. CLOSED SESSION

a. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION

- 1) Name of Case: City of Brawley v. Singh
- 2) Name of Case: City of Brawley v. Diaz
- 3) Name of Case: City of Brawley v. Caldeman
- 4) Name of Case: Duran v. City of Brawley

b. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) or (3) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956: One (1) potential case.

ADJOURNMENT @ 7:03pm

Alma Benavides, City Clerk