

**CITY OF BRAWLEY**  
**October 3, 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 **Father Ed Horning, Communities of Brawley & Westmorland**

Pledge of Allegiance was led by **CM Kastner-Jauregui**

**1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**2. PUBLIC APPEARANCES/COMMENTS**

- a. **Father Ed Horning**, serving as Priest for the Communities of Brawley and Westmorland updated Council on the status of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. For almost 60 years it has been a spiritual home for many catholics which originally was intended to be a chapel or mission but became a parish. In this time of financially instability and economic difficulty, the parish has not been able to keep the building up to code, bathrooms are not ADA acceptable, tiling is dangerous, and the bell tower is decrepit, precarious and leaning. The parish hall needs an overhaul as does the house and office. To keep the parish open, cost estimates are for over \$1,000,000.
- b. **Sgt. Adam Green**, of the Brawley Police Department was introduced by Interim Police Chief Kelley Brown
- c. **Roy Livingston, Brawley resident** suggests that some of the Caltrans relinquishment money could be t used to stripe and put reflectors on Main Street
- d. **Tim Kelley**, Brawley resident; Co-Chairman of the Brawley Airport Commission praised the great condition the Airport and the City staff who apply for and receive grants
- e. **Meredith Garcia, IVEDC** gave on update on the progress and goals of the IVSBDC. The Imperial Regional Alliance component met or exceeded all set goals. In Brawley, 6 new business and 27 existing businesses used counseling services through IVSBDC.

**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 Kastner-Jauregui/Noriega 5-0

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

- a. **Approved** City Council Minutes: July 25, 2017  
August 28, 2017
- b. **Approved** Accounts Payable: September 15, 2017  
September 22, 2017  
September 29, 2017
- c. **Approved** Travel Authorization in Excess of 500 Miles for Library Director and Supervisory Clerk to Attend Rural Library Professional Development and Summer Quality Principles Workshop in Sacramento, California from October 16, 2017 thru October 17, 2017.

**4. REGULAR BUSINESS**

- a. Discussion and Potential Action to Approve Request by the Brawley Chamber of Commerce to Sell and Consume Alcohol on a City Street and Public Property (Plaza Park) on Saturday, November 11, 2017 from 7pm to 11pm.

The City Council **approved** Request by the Brawley Chamber of Commerce to sell and Consume Alcohol on a City Street and Public Property (Plaza Park) on Saturday, November 11, 2017 from 7pm to 11pm. m/s/c Nava/Kastner-Jauregui 5-0

- b. Discussion and Potential Action to Award Contract for Purchase and Installation of 8 Air Conditioner Units for Various City Buildings to R & K in the Amount of \$46,300.

The City Council **approved** Action to Award Contract for Purchase and Installation of 8 Air Conditioner Units for Various City Buildings to R & K in the Amount of \$46,300. m/s/c Noriega/Nava 5-0

- c. Discussion and Potential Action to Approve Resolution No. 2017- : Resolution of the City Council of City of Brawley, California Adopting Findings of Fact Following a Public Hearing to Consider the Relocation Impact Report Submitted by AMG & Associates in Regard to the Planned Closure of the Brawley Mobile Home Park.

The City Council **approved** Resolution No. 2017-42: Resolution of the City Council of City of Brawley, California Adopting Findings of Fact Following a Public Hearing to Consider the Relocation Impact Report Submitted by AMG & Associates in Regard to the Planned Closure of the Brawley Mobile Home Park. m/s/c Kastner-Jauregui 5-0

**5. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

- a. Monthly Staff Report for October, 2017 – Shirley Bonillas, Personnel & Risk Management Administrator

- 6. CITY TREASURER’S REPORT** None to report

**7. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

- a. Record of Building Permits for August 2017, Prepared by Oscar Escalante, Interim Building Official
- b. Attendance Summary & Minutes for City of Brawley Boards/Commissions from April 1, 2017 thru August 31, 2017
  - 1) Brawley Airport Advisory Commission
  - 2) Brawley Oversight Board-Successor Agency to the Brawley RDA
  - 3) Brawley Parks & Recreation Commission

- 4) Brawley Planning Commission
- 5) Brawley Public Library Board of Trustees

**8. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS**

**Nava:** Attended ICTC Meeting. ICTC will be moving to a new facility at the corner of Imperial and Main Streets in El Centro. Attended the COLAB Dinner and Candidates' Forum. Thanked the students in audience from Brawley Union High School Civics Class for their participation.

**Wharton:** Attended El Centro Regional Medical Center Board Meeting, Imperial Valley's Fire Chief Association Meeting, COLAB Dinner. Recently appointed to the California Reserve Peace Officers State Board.

**Kastner-Jauregui:** I attended the Welcome Back Teacher's Dinner at Hidalgo Hall.

**Noriega:** Attended the Welcome Back Teacher's Dinner, Mayor's Meeting/Dinner in Mexicali, B.C. where an MOU was signed to work together on key issues like safety, health issues, water and so on.

**Couchman:** Attended a meeting at the Airport Large Conference Room with Assembly Member Garcia's staff regarding Park Grants that Brawley will benefit from, Girl Scouts 100<sup>th</sup> Celebration in Imperial, helped at the Soroptimist Turkey Dinner, Imperial Valley Community Golf Tournament, Blithe Spirit Dinner/Theatre at the Stockmen's Club, Welcome Back Teacher's Dinner, COLAB Dinner, Chamber Board Meeting, Elks Lodge Golf Tournament.

**9. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT** None to report

**10. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT** None to report

**11. CITY CLERK'S REPORT** None to report

**12. CLOSED SESSION**

a. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION

Name of Case: Garcia 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: Two (2) potential cases.

**ADJOURNMENT** @ 7:06pm

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**Alma Benavides**, City Clerk