

CITY OF BRAWLEY
April 23, 2018

The City Council of the City of Brawley, California met in special session at 5:00 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 Nava @ 5:01 PM**

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

Invocation was offered by **CM Hamby**.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by **CM Couchman**.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

2. PUBLIC APPEARANCES/COMMENTS

a. **Jean Pantaleo, Brawley resident**, requested that the City Council consider a senior center discount on the Water/Sewer/Trash bill.

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 Wharton/Hamby 5-0

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

a. **Approved** Accounts Payable: February 20, 2018 and February 26, 2018

b. **Approved** City Council Minutes: April 13, 2018 and April 16, 2018

c. **Rejected** Claim as Recommended by Carl Warren & Company Claims Management Adjusters for Patricio M. Lopez.

4. REGULAR BUSINESS

a. Discussion and Potential Action to Adopt Resolution No. 2018- : Resolution of City Council of the City of Brawley, California Amending Fiscal Year 2017/2018 City of Brawley Budget for the Parks & Recreation Department in Amount of \$34,880.00

The City Council **approved** Adoption of Resolution No. 2018-19: Resolution of City Council of the City of Brawley, California Amending Fiscal Year 2017/2018 City of Brawley Budget for the Parks & Recreation Department in Amount of \$34,880.00. m/s/c Kastner-Jauregui/Hamby 5-0

- b. Discussion and Potential Action to Approve a Consulting Services Contract in the Amount of \$33,900 with Psomas for the Pilot/Flying J Travel Center Hydraulic Analysis to be 100% Reimbursed by Said Developer.

The City Council **approved** the Consulting Services Contract in the Amount of \$33,900 with Psomas for the Pilot/Flying J Travel Center Hydraulic Analysis to be 100% reimbursed by said developer. m/s/c Kastner-Jauregui/Couchman 5-0

5. GENERAL FUND WORKSHOP NO. 1

- a. Presentation, Discussion and Staff Direction

Power Point Presentation * - Rosanna Bayon Moore, City Manager

- Presentation content is available upon request at the Office of the City Clerk.

Public Comments:

Katie Luna, Brawley Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, thanked the City Council for consideration of the Chamber's proposal. Requested that Council keep it in mind when the conversation is continued as it relates to proposed services. The Chamber is appreciative of the additional funds and requests objectives and contracts lined up behind it because it is good business to have solid measurable goals and outcomes.

Mike Morales, Representative for Teamsters Local 542, stated he would like to make a comment as a representative for the employees for City of Brawley. Keep in mind that a person's employment is involved. If the City goes the route of outsourcing, this change will involve the maintenance of fire engines. The existing staff is certified to work on these fire apparatuses. If the City outsources, the closest place is San Diego and during that time, the City will be without an engine. There is no one here in Imperial Valley that can work on fire engines.

Chuck Peraza, Fire Chief, stated the department has not fully explored the topic because it is still in the early stages. When there have been some difficulties with engines, the City often outsources to the actual vendor of the engine itself. Pierce South Coast is located in Ontario. There is also another option in San Diego that Brawley has not used before but San Diego Fire uses them. Locally, Brawley used to go to Dion. Another company took over that Fire Department has not really explored. Imperial County Fire they have their own mechanics but they are struggling with approximately 26 engines and potential maintenance delays. Callexico recently engaged a company by the name of Rick's Diesel in El Centro.

Eric Reyes, Brawley Resident, stated as a person who coordinates events that involve shut down of City streets, the \$500 fee is very appropriate. He would be glad to pay it but it is much more difficult when the events are fundraisers. It is suggested that the City Council deal with it on a case by case basis depending on the event. The amount is appropriate for organizations that wish to be a partner with the City. There are other ways to recover fees in other places as well. The budget workshop was very good and the information coming forward is appreciated.

Liz Gonzalez, Hart Insurance, appreciates that the City is considering the requested \$20,000. The Chamber has its challenges. The Chamber has to rely on beer sales for the success of its program and that is not the way it should be. Our business member community is dwindling, unfortunately. The big box operations such as Starbucks do not join the Chamber. So, the support from the City Council of the Chamber is very important and is appreciated.

CM Bayon Moore, presented content in a PowerPoint format, including the City's Revenue and Expenditure projections, City Council direction from the Strategic Planning Workshop and Mid-Year Financial Review.

City Council Member comments are summarized below:

Hamby: Stated there is value in the events held by the Brawley Chamber of Commerce and potentially a return on investment. He expressed openness to allocating a portion of the existing TOT up to 30%.

Kastner-Jauregui: Requested that the MOUs for pool use be looked at for Brawley Elementary School District, Brawley Union High School and Imperial Valley Desert Aquatics. She recommended increasing the contribution to the Brawley Chamber of Commerce to \$20,000 instead of 30%.

Couchman: Suggested the freezing of all openings, looking at expectations, fee structures and placement of the TOT on the ballot. Supported further review of the potential outsourcing of fleet maintenance. Stated he is in agreement with CM Jauregui to contribute to the Chamber at the \$20,000 level. Requested City further research what the City might want to do for the Chamber in the future.

Wharton: Stated that the City is looking at eliminating the dedicated SRO for the elementary school but not eliminating that actual Law Enforcement Officer. The human being will be occupying a vacant Police Officer position and be absorbed back to the organization and part of patrol, not part of the school assignment. Requested that staff explore what could be reduced that has the least impact. If positions are not filled, can it work without them being filled. Will that offset some of that gap? Requested that staff look across the agency as a whole and come back with some solutions. There are one-time monies tied up in these capital projects in the maintenance funds. These should be re-evaluated. In the past, the Fire Chief has pursued research of possibilities for some medical service cost recovery. Staff are encouraged to revisit.

Nava: Requested that staff look at all fee schedules and cost recovery for medical services. On the Communication Associate, he requested more information on the position with respect to the social media policy and job description to see if there is interest amongst Council to move forward. It is important for the Council to see the personnel report and to see what dollar figure corresponds, as well the justification for filing those positions. Is there anything that can be outsourced? Answer: potentially fleet maintenance.

The City Council gave **direction** to staff to look at fee schedules, at what vacancies and positions could be delayed, outsourcing fleet maintenance and/or other activities, to further analyze projects and the resources involved, potential cost recovery for medical aid, to revisit available reserves and opportunities to draw on it. If there is a change in policy that needs to be made, the City Council can make it at that time. Staff were directed to revisit MOU's for Brawley Elementary School District, Brawley Union High School and Imperial Valley Desert Aquatics to look at some alternatives to help reduce pool expenses. The Council requests these items return before making a final decision.

6. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Hamby: Attended Taco Showdown great event and fielded a couple of calls, including one in particular with the Fire Department.

Kastner-Jauregui: Attended Taco Showdown, IVC Hall of Fame Dinner for Dr. Silva and Dr. Roach.

Couchman: Attended Taco Showdown and Inferno's after party, Pioneer's Museum Dinner, Rotary Club Spring Social and gave a presentation at the Council Chambers of the history of Brawley to approximately 5 students from Brawley Christian Academy.

Wharton: Attended Taco Showdown, Rotary Spring Social. Will be meeting with CM Hamby regarding Brawley Municipal Airport and with CM Kastner-Jauregui as an Ad Hoc Committee Member regarding the Norms and Procedures.

Nava: Attended Taco Showdown, 2018 Women of the Year Recognition by Assembly Member Eduardo Garcia at Chabelas, Taco Showdown, IVC Hall of Fame Dinner and would like to thank everyone for coming out to the Workshop.

7. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- a. Recognized Rosa Ramirez, Finance Director, Ruby Walla, City Treasurer and Shirley Bonillas, Personnel & Risk Management given major staff transitions.
- b. City staff is exploring various alternatives with the Airport Commission for the Airport Fixed Base Operator RFQ/RFP.

8. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT None to report.

9. CITY CLERK'S REPORT

- a. Reminder: Cancer Resource Center of the Desert Casino Gala is this Saturday, April 28, 2018 at the IV Expo, Casa de Manana starting at 6pm.

ADJOURNMENT @ 7:37pm

Alma Benavides, City Clerk