

CITY OF BRAWLEY
May 29, 2018

The City Council of the City of Brawley, California met in special session at 4:00 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 @ 4:00 PM**

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

Invocation was offered by **Richard Rodriguez, House of Bread Ministries.**

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

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

2. PUBLIC APPEARANCES/COMMENTS

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/Nava 5-0

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

- a. **Approved** Accounts Payable: May 4, 2018
May 10, 2018
- b. **Approved** City Council Minutes: March 20, 2018
- c. **Approved** Loan No. 10897-446 in the Amount of \$96,162, Funded by the City of Brawley's 15-HOME-10897 Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Program.
- d. **Approved** Contract Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 2018-01 Hinojosa Park ADA Improvement Project in the Amount of \$18,996.89, Funded by 13-CDBG-8954.
- e. **Adopted** Resolution No. 2018- 26: Resolution of the City Council of the City of Brawley, California Amending the Fiscal Year 2017/2018 City of Brawley Budget in the Amount of \$10,200 and Programming the Use of Highway Relinquishment Funds for Professional Services to Accomplish the Pavement Rehabilitation Evaluation of 8th Street (Old State Route 111).

4. REGULAR BUSINESS

- a. Discussion and Potential Action to Adopt Resolution No. 2018- : Resolution of the City of Brawley, California Amending the Fiscal Year 2017/2018 City of Brawley Budget for the Parks and Recreation

Department in the Amount of \$126,301, Programming the Use of Parks Facilities Development Impact Fees and Authorizing Purchase of Upgraded Park Bleachers from Kay Park Recreation in the Amount of \$126,301.

The City Council **approved** Resolution No. 2018-27: Resolution of the City Council of the City of Brawley, California, Amending the Fiscal Year 2017/2018 City of Brawley Budget for the Parks and Recreation Department in the Amount of \$126,301, Programming the Use of Parks Facilities Development Impact Fees and Authorizing Purchase of Upgraded Park Bleachers from Kay Park Recreation in the Amount of \$126,301. m/s/c Kastner-Jauregui/Nava 5-0

b. Discussion and Potential Action to Adopt Resolution No. 2018- : Resolution of the City Council of the City of Brawley, CA Amending the Fiscal Year 2017/2018 City of Brawley Budget for the Fire Department in the Total Amount of \$118,411.62 to Reflect State of California Reimbursements.

The City Council **approved** Resolution No. 2018-28: Resolution of the City Council of the City of Brawley, California, Amending the Fiscal Year 2017/2018 City of Brawley Budget for the Fire Department in the Total Amount of \$118,411.62 to Reflect State of California Reimbursements. m/s/c Couchman/Wharton 5-0

c. Discussion and Staff Direction re: City Treasurer Appointment Process.

CM Bayon Moore notified Council that this item was added to the agenda due to the departure of City Treasurer Ruby Walla relocating out of Imperial County and City limits. Per the approved November 2017 ballot measure, referred to as Measure Y, this position will be filled by the Finance Director beginning in 2020. Between now and 2020, a City Treasurer is required per the Government Code. The City Treasurer must be a resident of Brawley and a registered voter. City Attorney Bill Smerdon has indicated that he is available to serve in that capacity if desirable to the Council.

Mayor Nava indicated that the involvement of the City Treasurer is very limited. The City employs a Finance Director and Assistant Finance Director. A large effort is not needed to recruit someone for work that is primarily carried out by staff. He expressed for the City Attorney as an alternative if he is willing to serve.

CA Smerdon stated that he would be willing to do so but would refuse the stipend and just have his name on the stamp. In 2020, when the initiative goes into effect, the Finance Director will then serve as the City Treasurer at that point.

CM Hamby said he would like to see the City solicit candidates with a finance background in the community and see if there is interest. He proposed if no one responds, then CA Smerdon could serve as the backup alternative.

CM Bayon Moore described the role of City Treasurer. Per City Ordinance, the Treasurer oversees the City's investment activities and also is the signature on all City checks that are issued. Jim Hamilton served as the City Treasurer for a number of years. He chose not to seek re-election. Miguel Miranda was a successful candidate but unexpectedly passed away. There is a small stipend, however the City Council took action a number of years ago to remove all the benefits associated with the position.

CM Wharton stated that the City Council went through this process at a prior meeting. If the City Attorney is offering to fill the position until 2020, his service would be appreciated. Advertising will incur an expense, prolong the process and leave the City with potentially no City Treasurer.

Mayor Nava stated that the City Finance Director is actually the person looking at investments.

CM Kastner-Jauregui stated her recollection when Ruby Walla was City Treasurer is that she pursued the possibility of earning greater interest on City deposits and she contacted the banks.

CA Smerdon stated that the Finance Director performs the work and the reason cities have City Treasurers is because it is a Government Code requirement.

The City Council gave **staff direction** to proceed with a future action item to appoint City Attorney William S. Smerdon as City Treasurer.

5. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

- a. Lion Center Pool Overview & Assessment, Summer 2018 Splash Pad Plan and Summer 2018 Activities in the City of Brawley, Prepared by Marjo Mello, Library Director and Interim Parks & Recreation Director

6. INFORMATION REPORTS

- a. Record of Building Permits for April 2018 in the City of Brawley, Prepared by Oscar Escalante, Interim Building Official.

7. CITY TREASURER REPORT None to report.

8. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Hamby: Attended quite a few events. Served as MC and provided music for the father-daughter purity ball at Gateway Church. Attended Library Board meeting, Parks & Recreation Committee meeting. Attended the Master Chorale USO show at the Pioneer Museum at which Lloyd Miller's father-in-law was honored for his service to the country. Participated in the IV Symphony Orchestra Concert as a concert master. Visited family in Arizona and celebrated Memorial Day.

Kastner-Jauregui: Attended SCAG Conference, two Chamber events which were the Mega Mixer at the Hidalgo and DS Arts, Norma Saikhon's funeral services, American Public Works Association awards banquet along with City Engineer Guillermo Sillas and Interim Parks Coordinator Miguel Perez where the City was given an honor award for the Alyce Gereaux Park-Splash Pad. Also attended Brawley Little League games.

Couchman: Attended DS Arts event, Chamber Board meeting, Master Chorale USO Show, American Legion Memorial Day event at Riverview. Expressed appreciation to City staff for their hard work.

Wharton: Met with a developer interest in McMillin's Latigo Ranch project. Continues to explore interests in airport FBO opportunity. Recently experienced the passing of several Brawley citizens, including mother in law Mary Lou Hausmann.

Nava: Attended and participated in ICTC meeting and IVEDC meeting. Toured various locations that IVEDC is looking into. Attended the public safety summit hosted by City of El Centro at IVC. Attended SCAG General Assembly, 5K City of El Centro run, Mega Mixer, IVROP Dancing with the Stars, REACH Signing Ceremony with Pioneers Memorial Healthcare District.

9. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

She and staff are looking forward to full staffing of the Finance Department. She stated that the City is not at a point today to deliver content for enterprise and special funds. It looks quite possible that adopting the budget by June 30th is not going to occur. The City Council has the option to adopt what is called a continuing resolution where the pre-existing assumptions are carried forward until a budget is in place.

She noted that an update was circulated to the City Council regarding some issues that with the vehicle for the City's animal control officer. Vehicle replacement has been part of prior budget discussions but it does not appear possible for us to elongate the life of the existing truck.

The City was contacted by a grant writer for the City of El Centro who prepared the prior Cal Fire Urban Forestry grant application that El Centro has obtained along with numerous other cities of the valley. El Centro is pursuing a next phase application and a letter of support was requested of Brawley.

Later this week, SCAG and IVEDC will be hosting the Economic Summit and the General Assembly, taking place Wednesday and Thursday.

Next Saturday, Alyce Gereaux Park will be the location for a YES on Proposition 68 rally for a park bond on the June ballot. The bond includes funding for Salton Sea restoration. The event is scheduled for Saturday from 9 am to 11am and Assembly Member Eduardo Garcia will be the featured speaker.

10. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT None to Report.

11. CITY CLERK'S REPORT None to Report.

12. CLOSED SESSION

POTENTIAL LITIGATION (C.G.C. Section §54956.9)

a. Conference with Legal Counsel - One (1) Case

ADJOURNMENT @ 4:15pm

Alma Benavides, City Clerk