

**CITY OF BRAWLEY**  
**December 4, 2018**

The City Council of the City of Brawley, California met in a regular meeting 6:00 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 @ 6:00 PM**

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

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

Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Irma Nava**

**1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**2. PUBLIC APPEARANCES/COMMENTS**

- a. **Marty Coyne** provided a Latigo Ranch update. He distributed an information packet to each City Council Member. A letter was requested from the City Manager to assist with timing pressure and a potential extension with the seller.

**Mayor Nava** stated the information would be reviewed. Staff was encouraged to schedule a time to meet with Mr. Coyne.

- b. **Ryan Kelley, County Board of Supervisor District #4** invited the Brawley City Council to join on December 10, 2018 at 10am for a ceremony to formally sign a MOU between Imperial County and Riverside County regarding the Salton Sea. The event will take place at the Travertine Building in Thermal, CA.

**3. SPECIAL BUSINESS**

- a. Adopt Resolution No. 2018- : Resolution of the City Council of the City of Brawley, California Approving the City Council Norms & Procedures Policy.

The City Council **approved** Resolution No. 2018-55: Resolution of the City Council of the City of Brawley, California Approving the City Council Norms & Procedures Policy. m/s/c Nava/Kastner-Jauregui 5-0

- b. Reorganization of Officers

- 1) Election of Mayor/Chairperson for the City Council, Successor Agency to Brawley Community Redevelopment Agency, Public Financing Agency and Public Improvement Corporation
- 2) Election of Mayor Pro-Tempore for the City Council, Vice Chairperson for the Successor Agency to Brawley Community Redevelopment Agency, Vice Chairperson for the Public Financing Authority and Vice President for the Public Improvement Corporation

**Mayor Nava** nominated CM Wharton for Mayor and CM Kastner-Jauregui for Mayor Pro-Tempore. m/s/c Nava/Couchman 5-0

b. Outgoing Mayor Comments by **Mayor Nava**

**CM Nava** stated it was a pleasure to serve as Mayor in 2018. It was a great year with renovations at Hinojosa Park and the Senior Center and new businesses. He looks forward to a great start of a new year and thanked his family, colleagues and City staff.

The City Council **presented** CM Nava with a gift for his year as Mayor and a scrapbook of the year's media clippings in the IV Press and The Desert Review. Representatives from the Offices of Congressman Juan Vargas, Assembly Member Ben Hueso and Senator Eduardo Garcia presented CM Nava with Certificates of Appreciation.

c. Incoming Mayor Comments by **CM Wharton**

**Mayor Wharton** commented on the team effort needed to make things happen. He expressed his gratitude to colleagues. He looks forward to the year ahead. He recognized his supportive friends and family in the audience.

**Mayor Pro-Tempore Kastner-Jauregui** stated her thanks for the support of colleagues and staff. She looks forward to working with the Council and partner agencies that provide a lot of support to the City. A safe and prosperous community calls for realistic goals in 2019.

**CM Hamby** thanked outgoing Mayor Nava. It has been an interesting year and growing experience. He congratulated incoming Mayor Wharton and Mayor Pro-Tempore Kastner-Jauregui and looks forward to good things in 2019.

**CM Couchman** stated that he has served with CM Nava since 2009. He expressed his respect for him and congratulated him for service as Mayor. He has the best interest of Brawley in mind at all times and has pursued things that are good for the City of Brawley. He congratulated CM Wharton as the new Mayor. He has the right energy for the job.

**Recess @ 6:30pm**

**Reconvened @ 6:55 pm**

**4. 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 Couchman/Kastner-Jauregui 5-0

<b>AYES:</b>	Couchman, Hamby, Kastner-Jauregui, Nava, Wharton
<b>NAYES:</b>	None
<b>ABSENT:</b>	None
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	None

- a. Approve Accounts Payable: November 15, 2018, November 19, 2018 and November 30, 2018
- b. Approve City Council Minutes: November 6, 2018
- c. Approve Resolution No. 2018-56: Resolution of the City Council of the City of Brawley, California Approving the Destruction of Specific Police Department Records, Documents and Papers, Pursuant to Sections §34090 of the Government Code of the State of California.

## **5. REGULAR BUSINESS**

- a. Presentation by Jurg Heuberger, AICP, CEP, Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) Executive Officer re: Rancho Los Lagos.

**Jurg Heuberger, Executive Officer for LAFCO** stated that the County of Imperial approved the Rancho Los Lagos project and it has been in the works for quite a number of years. It is a project that requires public services.

When the County was first approached about this project by the developer, there was a lot of discussion with the City of Brawley about potentially providing water services. The project now has all of the land use entitlements in place. The last step is to establish a service district, the Rancho Los Lagos Community Service District. This community will remain unincorporated but will have almost the same authorities as a City.

LAFCO has the responsibility of going thru the process of creating a special district. It is not a forgone conclusion that LAFCO will approve it. For the project to succeed, there has to be some kind of entity because in the County's approval a Community Service District or a County Service Area was specified. The County filed this application with LAFCO, requesting formation of a Community Service District. LAFCO is evaluating how a district provides services.

The State requires that LAFCO not look to form new types of sewer or water facilities if there are existing facilities that are reasonably close and have the potential to provide services. Cities have an aversion to providing services outside of their City limits for good reasons. In this instance, a contractual arrangement is being sought in which the City of Brawley would potentially provide service to the Community Service District.

A number of meetings have taken place with the City Manager. Over the next 4-6 months, LAFCO will be going thru an evaluation process. Ultimately, LAFCO will come to the City with a formal request to see whether Brawley can provide water services to this special district if it is formed.

- b. Discussion and Potential Action to Adopt City Council Resolution No. 2018- : Resolution of the City Council of the City of Brawley, California Authorizing a Letter of Understanding with the County of Imperial re: Future Good Faith Efforts to Accomplish Old Hwy 111/North 8th Street Relinquishment South of the Brawley Bypass and North of Main Street.

The City Council **adopted** Resolution No. 2018-57: Resolution of the City Council of the City of Brawley, California Authorizing a Letter of Understanding with the County of Imperial re: Future Good Faith Efforts to Accomplish Old Hwy 111/North 8th Street Relinquishment South of the Brawley Bypass and North of Main Street.

m/s/c Hamby/Couchman 5-0

- c. Discussion and Potential Action to Adopt City Council Resolution No. 2018-: Resolution of the City Council of the City of Brawley, California Declaring a Shelter Crisis Pursuant to SB 850 (Chapter 48, Statutes of 2018 Government Code § 8698.2

The City Council **adopted** Resolution No. 2018-58: Resolution of the City Council of the City of Brawley, California Declaring a Shelter Crisis Pursuant to SB 850 (Chapter 48, Statutes of 2018 Government Code § 8698.2.

m/s/c Nava/Couchman 5-0

- d. Discussion and Potential Action re: Finding of Public Convenience & Necessity for Elks Building Association of Brawley (DBA Brawley Elks Lodge #1420) Located at 161 S. Plaza Street.

The City Council **approved** the Finding of Public Convenience & Necessity for Elks Building Association of Brawley (dba Brawley Elks Lodge #1420) located at 161 S. Plaza Street. m/s/c Nava/Kastner-Jauregui 4-1 Hamby abstain

- e. Discussion and Potential Action re: Finding of Public Convenience & Necessity for Pilot Travel Centers LLC Located at 1850 Main Street.

The City Council **approved** the Finding of Public Convenience & Necessity for Pilot Travel Centers LLC located at 1850 Main Street. m/s/c Nava/Couchman 4-1 Hamby abstain

- f. Discussion and Potential Action re: January 1, 2019 Regular City Council Meeting Date.

The City Council **canceled** the January 1, 2019 Regular City Council Meeting.

**6. DEPARTMENTAL REPORT**

- a. Monthly Staff Report for December 2018, Prepared by Shirley Bonillas, Personnel & Risk Management.

**7. INFORMATIONAL REPORT**

- a. Record of Building Permits for October 2018 in the City of Brawley, Prepared by Oscar Escalante, Interim Building Official.
- b. Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony, Wednesday, December 5, 2018 at 6pm at Kiwanis Kiosk and Angel Tea Party, Thursday, December 6, 2018 at 5:30pm Brawley Public Library by Marjo Mello, Library Director.

**Interim Parks & Recreation Director Mello** also noted that on December 21, 2019 the movie “Star” will be shown at the Lions Center starting @ 6pm. Refreshments will also be available.

**8. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS**

**Nava:** Attended IVEDC Meeting. Met with several business people for the last few weeks. Put together a video of the Brawley Meat Market. According to the owner, it has increased traffic into the business. Also visited Bill Smerdon at the Karate Studio and posted a video about it. Would like to continue to produce more videos.

**Couchman:** Planning 8 Minute Energy Ribbon Cutting out by Mt. Signal. Observed construction going on at the Pilot Center, Taco Bell and McDonald’s. The Building Permit Summary details housing construction activity.

**Kastner-Jauregui:** Plans to attend the 8 Minute Energy Ribbon Cutting. Met with the Chamber CEO Katie Luna. Because of the video postings on Facebook, business owners have expressed a desire to be featured.

**Hamby:** Performed with the Master Chorale in Brawley and El Centro. Had the opportunity to meet with hopeful business owners in the downtown area about reviving the Downtown Merchants Association, along with the Chamber of Commerce. Met with BUHS Civics students. met with Mayor Wharton on some vision forecasting of projects that the Council can undertake. Met with a Mining Company hoping to open in the Mesquite Area. Received calls about blowing dust in the air and roads that are too narrow.

**Wharton:** Met with my colleagues since the last meeting. Will compete in ½ Iron Man in La Quinta as Brawley Mayor.

**9. CITY MANAGER REPORT**

- a. Expressed appreciation for County of Imperial's cooperation on a number of fronts, including N. 8<sup>th</sup> Street /HWY 111. City of Brawley is working closely with Deputy CEO Esperanza Colio-Warren and Pioneers Memorial Hospital Healthcare District on a potential economic development project and grant opportunity. The City will be joining with the County and PMH for an upcoming visit by U. S. EDA representatives.
- c. Attended CDBG NOFA Workshop. Applications are due in early 2019. Staff is reviewing funding guidelines, including housing rehabilitation.
- d. A Community Workshop led by the Center for Creative Land Recycling re: the future of the Pure Gro Site will take place at Oakley School on December 10, 2018 at 5:30pm.

**10. CITY ATTORNEY**

Thanked Mayor Wharton and CM Nava for recent visit to studio.

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

**12. ADJOURNMENT @** 7:50pm

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**Alma Benavides**, City Clerk