

CITY OF BRAWLEY
February 19, 2019

The City Council of the City of Brawley, California met in regular session at 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.

Mayor Wharton called meeting to order @ 6:00PM

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

INVOCATION Deacon Don Spinney, Sacred Heart Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE CM Couchman

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Emergency Item Closed Session Topic Real Estate Negotiations and Subject Property of Fire Station 1 and 2.

2. PUBLIC APPEARANCES/COMMENTS (Not to exceed 4 minutes) this is the time for the public to address the Council on any item not appearing on the agenda that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the City Council. The Mayor will recognize you and when you come to the microphone, please state your name for the record. You are not allowed to make personal attacks on individuals or make comments which are slanderous or which may invade an individual's personal privacy. Please direct your questions and comments to the City Council.

There was none.

3. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

a. Presentation of Certificates of Recognition to Brawley Union High School Academic Decathlon Team

The Brawley Union High School Academic Decathlon Team and Coaches were presented with Certificates of Recognition. Coach Barrera announced that March 20th thru 24th the team will be going to the State competition.

b. Presentation by Dominic Fiorenza re: Boy Scout Eagle Project to Repair & Replace Fence at Imperial Valley Conservation Research Center

Dominic Fiorenza, Boy Scouts of America Troop 4070 of Imperial provided a Power Point Presentation on the Imperial Valley Conservation Research Center Fence Repairs and Replacement as part of his Eagle Project.

The Council **approved** a \$100 donation from each of their individual accounts for this project for a total of \$500.

c. Introduction of Newly Promoted Assistant Chief Operator of the City of Brawley Water Treatment Plant Ricardo Arguellez and Literacy & Mobile Books Services (LAMBS) Coordinator Karen Teran

Andy Miramontez, Associates Civil Engineer introduced Ricardo Arguellez as the Newly Promoted Assistant Chief Operator of the City of Brawley Water Treatment Plant.

Marjo Mello, Library Director, introduced Karen Teran as the Literacy and Mobile Books Services (LAMBS) Coordinator.

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 Kastner-Jauregui/Hamby 5-0

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

- a. **Approved** Accounts Payable: February 1, 2019 and February 15, 2019.
- b. **Adopted** Resolution No. 2019-04: Resolution of the City Council of the City of Brawley, California amending the Fiscal Year 2018/2019 City of Brawley Budget for the Fire Department in the amount of \$18,199.28 to Reflect State of California Reimbursement for the Mendocino Complex Fire in Ukiah, CA.

5. REGULAR BUSINESS

- a. Scheduled Public Hearing for Submittal of State Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application at 6PM or Shortly Thereafter.

City Manager Bayon Moore, introduced Chris Westlake, Consultant who is available to assist with questions. He is providing the City with technical support through HCD's CDBG application process. He serves as a major resource to a number of valley jurisdictions given his prior work experience with HCD.

Staff Report – Gordon Gaste, Development Services Director

The City of Brawley intends to apply for State of California Housing & Community Development (CDBG) grant funds for \$500,000 for two eligible activities. These activities are proposed as Housing Rehabilitation and the Homeownership Assistance Combination Program which will target low-moderate income households. It is staff's recommendation to first adopt a City Council resolution for the application for CDBG funds and then adopt a second resolution to revise CDBG Housing Rehabilitation and Homebuyer Guidelines.

Open Public Hearing @ 6:35pm

No Comments

Close Public Hearing @ 6:38pm

- 1) The Council **adopted** Resolution No. 2019-05: Resolution of the City Council of the City of Brawley, California Approving an Application for Funding and the Execution of A Grant Agreement and Any Amendments Thereto From the 2018 Funding Year for the State of California CDBG Program. m/s/c Kastner-Jauregui/Couchman 5-0
- 2) The Council **adopted** Resolution No. 2019-06: Resolution of the City Council of the City of Brawley, California Adopting the Revised City of Brawley CDBG Housing Rehabilitation Program and Homebuyer Guidelines. m/s/c Couchman/Kastner-Jauregui 5-0
- b. Discussion and Potential Action to Approve Loan #H10897-447 Funded by 15-HOME-10897 in the Amount of \$146,850 and Award a Contract to Raul Garcia Construction.

The Council **adopted** Loan # H10897-447 funded by 15-HOME-10897 in the amount of \$146,850 and Award a Contract to Raul Garcia Construction. m/s/c Kastner-Jauregui/Hamby 5-0

- c. Discussion and Potential Action Approve Insurance Waiver for Mobile Consulate Services at the Brawley Main Branch Library on February 23, 2019 from 9AM to 4:30PM at the Request of the Mexican Consulate.

The Council **approved** the Insurance Waiver for Mobile Consulate Services at the Brawley Main Branch Library on February 23, 2019 from 9AM to 4:30PM at the Request of the Mexican Consulate. m/s/c Nava/Kastner-Jauregui 5-0

- d. Discussion and Potential Action to Adopt Resolution No. 2019-__: Resolution of the City Council of the City of Brawley, California Authorizing the Submission of the City of Brawley’s Proposed Projects in Response to Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC) Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) 2018 Call for Projects for Fiscal Years 2019/2020, 2020/2021, and 2021/2022.

Staff Report - Victor Garcia, Assistance Civil Engineer

Priority	Project	From	To	Classification	Estimate
1	Legion St.	West of Kelley Ave.	West of street Deflection	Minor Arterial	\$700,000
2	K St.	Hwy 86	8 th St.	Minor Arterial	\$750,000
	K St.	Hwy 86	Rio Vista Ave.	Minor Arterial	
3	River Drive	Western Ave.	7 th St.	Minor Arterial	\$950,000
	Panno St.	Willard Ave.	Legion St.	Major Collector	

The Council **adopted** Resolution No. 2019-07: Resolution of the City Council of the City of Brawley, California Authorizing the Submission of the City of Brawley’s Proposed Projects in Response to Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC) Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) 2018 Call for Projects for Fiscal Years 2019/2020, 2020/2021, and 2021/2022. m/s/c Couchman/Kastner-Jauregui 5-0

- e. Discussion and Potential Action to Adopt Resolution No. 2019-__: Resolution of the City Council of the City of Brawley, California, Authorizing the Submission of the City of Brawley’s Proposed Projects in Response to Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC) Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) 2018 Call for Projects for Fiscal Years 2019/2020, 2020/2021, and 2021/2022.

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Priority	Project	Estimate
1	Legion Street Phase 1 (Northern ½ Street from Frontage Street east of SR86 to S. Western Avenue)	\$1,100,000
2	Western Avenue Phase I (Full width street from Wildcat Drive to Legion Street)	\$1,100,000

The Council **approved** Resolution No. 2019-08: Resolution of the City Council of the City of Brawley, California, Authorizing the Submission of the City of Brawley’s Proposed Projects in Response to Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC) Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) 2018 Call for Projects for Fiscal Years 2019/2020, 2020/2021, and 2021/2022. m/s/c Kastner-Jauregui/Couchman 5-0

- f. Discussion and Potential Action to Award a Professional Engineering Services Agreement with LC Engineering Consultants, Inc. for the Design of Wildcat Drive Improvements from Western Avenue to South First Street in an Amount Not to Exceed \$65,960.

The City Council **approved** the Award of a Professional Engineering Services Agreement with LC Engineering Consultants, Inc. for the Design of Wildcat Drive Improvements from Western Avenue to South First Street in an Amount Not to exceed \$65,960. m/s/c Couchman/Hamby 5-0

6. INFORMATION REPORT

- a. Record of Building Permits for January 2019 in the City of Brawley, Prepared by Oscar Escalante, Interim Building Official.

7. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Hamby: Attended the State of the City Address, Hidalgo Society Installation of Officers, Library Board Meeting and Book Sale, Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting. He is excited to see the tree program moving forward. He has received complaints about the conditions of some streets. He had a chance to speak with a couple of concerned elderly residents about sidewalk accessibility and the Senior Center Volunteer Project..

Couchman: Attended the State of the City Address, Hidalgo Society Installation of Officers, Friends of the Library book sale, Rotary Club Four-Way Speech Contest, Boys & Girls Club Chamber Mixer, IID meeting, NRA Banquet, County Board of Supervisors Meeting, BUHS Freshen Award Ceremony.

Nava: With respect to young minds and academic success, he thanked the City Council for recognizing the he BUHS Academic Decathlon Team. It is an impressive team and their coaches are doing a great job.

Kastner-Jauregui: Attended the State of the City Address. Thanked CM Nava for putting the presentation together. The City has a lot to accomplish this year. Attended Hidalgo Society Installation of Officers, met with a Business Manager regarding some City concerns, reached out to SBDC staff to assist a prospective business owner that's wanting to open a business in downtown Brawley. There is potential that the City may get some trees from a nonprofit out of Riverside County. Thanked staff for work on the Volunteer Park parking lot. Acknowledged and thanked the Brawley Chamber for all their hard work for the State of the City.

Wharton: Expressed appreciation for support of fellow Council Members on the State of the City and CM Nava for an outstanding presentation and information appealing to those who saw it, staff and everyone that made that possible. Attended Hidalgo Society Installation of Officers. He is appreciative of their board for accommodating the City's request to make the two events work. He is participating in the 5150 Ad-Hoc Committee. Had and an interview with Roy Dorantes on ambulance services. Toured Witter School for second time. Congratulated CM Nava for his professional services that ran in the paper and thanked the Desert Review for State of the City coverage

8. CITY MANAGER REPORT

- a. The BESD Board of Trustees invite you to their 2nd Annual Parent Fair on Friday, February 22nd starting @ 4:00 pm at the Barbara Worth Junior High School Gym. Superintendent Silva requested that City officials consider making an appearance at this event.

9. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

- a. City of Calipatria will kick off its 100th Centennial celebration on Friday, March 1, 2019.

10. CITY CLERK REPORT None to report.

11. CLOSED SESSION

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR

Agency Designated Representative: Rosanna Bayon Moore, City Manager
Employee Organization: Brawley Police Sergeants' Association and Brawley Firefighters Association

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

Conference with Legal Counsel – One (1) case

12. ADJOURNMENT @ 7:31pm



Alma Benavides, City Clerk