

CITY OF BRAWLEY
July 16, 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 @ 6:00 PM.

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

INVOCATION Pastor Ekkie Tepsupornchai, Western Baptist Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE CM Couchman

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Item 4 (d) Discussion and Potential Action to Approve the Cattle Call Queen Royalty Association’s Request to Sell and Consume Alcohol at the Brawley Municipal Airport on October 12, 2019 from 5:30PM to Midnight **was withdrawn by applicant.**

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.**

a. There was none.

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 Nava/Kastner-Jauregui 5-0

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

- a. **Approved** Accounts Payable: July 5, 2019
- b. **Approved** City Council Minutes: May 21, 2019, June 4, 2019, June 18, 2019 and July 2, 2019.
- c. **Approved** Final Parcel Map (PM19-03) – 1525 & 1537 C Street

- d. **Approved** Amendment No. 2 to City of Brawley Professional Services Agreement with LC Engineering Consultants, Inc. in the Amount of \$2,500 for a Total Not to Exceed Sum of \$31,500 to Provide Expedited Plan Check Review Services for Victoria Park Subdivision, Unit No. 3A.
- e. **Adopted** Resolution No. 2019-33A: Resolution of the City Council of the City of Brawley, California Authorizing the Purchase and Installation of Five Vehicle Mounted 800 MHz Radios and Associated Equipment at a Total Cost of \$18,713 for the Brawley Police Department, 100% Reimbursed by Homeland Security Investigations (HSI).
- f. **Authorized** Contract Change Order No. 001 to Contract 2019-01a: Re-Advertisement of Rio Vista Avenue Asphalt Rehabilitation (Construction) for \$0 for a Contract Time Extension of seven Calendar Days.
- g. **Adopted** Resolution No. 2019-34: Resolution of the City Council of the City of Brawley, California Authorizing Designated City Officials as Authorized Signers of City Monies Currently Held by Financial Institutions.
- h. **Approved** Resolution No. 2019-35: Resolution of the City Council of the City of Brawley, California Authorizing the County of Imperial to Administer and Enforce Underground Storage Tank and Water Well Regulations Within Brawley City Limits.
- i. **Authorized** Agreement with WEX Bank for Fuel Cards and Related Vehicle Fuel Management Transaction and Payment Settlement/Processing Services, Utilizing a Piggyback Provision in Sourcewell Contract 042016-WEX.

4. REGULAR BUSINESS

- a. Discussion and Potential Action to Adopt Resolution No. 2019- : Resolution of the City Council of the City of Brawley, California Authorizing the Purchase of Eight Flock Safety License Plate Recognition Cameras and 24 Months of Software Support at a Total Cost of \$32,000 for the Brawley Police Department, 100% Reimbursed by Homeland Security Investigations (HSI).

The City Council **adopted** Resolution No. 2019-36: Resolution of the City Council of the City of Brawley, California Authorizing the Purchase of Eight Flock Safety License Plate Recognition Cameras and 24 Months of Software Support at a Total Cost of \$32,000 for the Brawley Police Department, 100% Reimbursed by Homeland Security Investigations (HSI). m/s/c Hamby/Couchman 5-0

- b. Discussion and Potential Action to Approve Amendment No. 10 to Imperial County Humane Society Agreement for Animal Sheltering Services in the Amount \$72,000 per Year.

The City Council **approved** Amendment No. 10 to Imperial County Humane Society Agreement for Animal Sheltering Services for \$72,000 per year. m/s/c Nava/Couchman 5-0

- c. Discussion and Potential Action to Approve Professional Engineering Services Agreement with The Holt Group, Inc. in the Amount of \$28,778 for a Design Upgrade to Integrate Plaza Circuitry for the Main Street Safety & Decorative Lighting Project.

The City Council **approved** the Professional Engineering Services Agreement with the Holt Group, Inc. for \$28,778 for a Design Upgrade to Integrate Plaza Circuitry for the Main Street Safety & Decorative Lighting Project. m/s/c Couchman/Kastner-Jauregui 5-0

- d. Discussion and Potential Action to Approve Resolution No. 2019- : Resolution of the City Council for the

City of Brawley, California Supporting Balanced Energy Solutions and Maintaining Local Control of Energy Solution.

The City Council **approved** Resolution No. 2019-37: Resolution of the City Council for the City of Brawley, California Supporting Balanced Energy Solutions and Maintaining Local Control of Energy Solution. m/s/c Nava/Hamby 5-0

e. Discussion and Potential Action re: Public Meeting Schedule in August 2019.

The City Council **approved** the cancellation of the August regularly scheduled meetings and advised staff that if unanticipated time sensitive business arises, a meeting date can be established.

5. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

a. Attendance Summary & Minutes for City of Brawley Boards/Commissions from April 1 thru June 30, 2019.

- 1) Brawley Airport Advisory Commission
- 2) Brawley Parks & Recreation Commission
- 3) Brawley Planning Commission
- 4) Brawley Library Board of Trustees*

*January 1 thru June 30, 2019

6. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

a. Update on Emergency Construction at the Brawley Water Treatment Plant to Replace Components of Two Sedimentation Basins, Traffic Signal at Cesar Chavez and Main Street by Public Works Director Guillermo Sillas, PE.

1. The emergency continues, a Pre-Con Meeting was held on July 16, 2019, today was established as the day for the Notice to Proceed. Contractor will order material and work is scheduled to begin in early October.
2. An assessment was performed by St. Francis Electric on July 8th. A quote by the end of the week for the cabinet replacement is anticipated.

b. Update on Fireworks Ordinance Enforcement Efforts by Police Chief Robert Sawyer and Interim Fire Chief Mike York.

1. Chief Sawyer stated they saw a decrease in the number of fireworks reported on 4 July. Overall, PD responded to 33 incidents, compared to 84 in 2018. That does not mean there are necessarily less fireworks within the City but the number of reported offenses was down significantly. Eight citations were issued which are considered misdemeanors under the Brawley Municipal Code. Those individuals were provided a court date. The citations will go through the administrative process with a potential fine for a first time offense of \$100, going up for each offense thereafter up to a total of \$500 on the fifth occurrence. There were a number of large seizures of illegal fireworks, usually after an officer arrived on scene and people ran and left them on the streets.
2. Interim Fire Chief Mike York said they had a very busy 4 of July. They responded to 13 incidents, six of which were medical aid and seven were fire related during this time. One (1) was completely unrelated, although it did draw quite a bit of resources. Three (3) were reported by witnesses as illegal fireworks. The remainder of the three were related to disposal of fireworks

whether they were illegal or not. They were trashcan, rubbish and coal fires due to improper disposal that evening. Brawley Fire placed a unit in service with a senior Firefighter and 1 Reserve Firefighter to patrol area. They attempted to patrol in the high volume neighborhoods but they were rapidly pulled off to assist with actual incidents. During their patrol, they interacted with the public and counseled the public concerning City Ordinance and educated regarding Safe and Sane versus illegal fireworks. One interaction of the illegal use of fireworks was directly witnessed and it was referred to the Police Department, which responded.

- c. Update on Cost Recovery Analysis for Brawley Fire Department False Alarm Calls and Emergency Medical Services.
1. Finance Director Tyler Salcido mentioned about Full Cost Recovery for the services that the City provides related to EMS calls and false alarms that were prepared by DTA. Interim Chief York provided the data that went into the analysis provided the response time estimates and worked with Finance on a number of training hours per year another non chargeable hours and the number of staff per call that was generated out of the Fire Department and Finance we provided all salary and benefits and payroll costs that went in that analysis to come up with the fully burden rate. We are currently seeking direction if you wish to bring back an Ordinance by September and if so what of that percentage at a full cost recovery or a certain percentage see to be taken and along those lines if go that route I would like to work with City Attorney on potentially seeing some sort of escalator clauses because as we are aware employers cost continue to rise year after year so instead of having to revisit it through the Ordinance I don't know if that's possible but that's something to approach and present.

The City Council **directed** city staff to move forward to prepare the Ordinance for Full Cost Recovery on EMS Services and False Alarms.

2. Finance Director gave a quick update on the Motorola Upgrade that was presented a couple of meetings ago. The interest rate once at 4.7% is now at 3.9%.

7. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Hamby: Attended a Firework Show in the Flagstaff area and played some music to open the Flagstaff Symphony before their patriotic concert at the Pepsi Amphitheatre and saw a spectacular firework show in Williams. Received some calls over the last couple of weeks regarding the Traffic Signal at Main and Cesar Chavez, also received calls regarding trees at Cattle Call Park and concerns from joggers. This was discussed during the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting. Last night, attended the North End Action Council Public Meeting that was held at the Library in Calipatria. One of the topics was the water rates.

Couchman: Attended Library Board Meeting. Met with Alex Cardenas, IID Director, and thanked him for support with the canal. Has seen a lot of activity going with fire, police and medical stuff going around town, and it appears a lot of businesses are slow, especially during the summer.

Nava: Met with the Senior Center group and updated them on what is going on in the City. Had some recent meetings with business owners and will provide an update in the future. Wished everyone a happy summer vacation and thanked staf for all for their work.

Kastner-Jauregui: Met with local owners from the Downtown Area. The 4th of July was bad for dogs.

Wharton: Has spent time in San Diego enjoying family. Met with about 50 concerned citizens.

8. CITY MANAGER REPORT

- a. An appeal hearing is taking place because of the County of Imperial's request to run the CUPA. The County is encouraging local stakeholders to express their support for local control. The request was previously denied by the State of California. There are only two counties statewide that do not run their own CUPA's. Imperial County is one of them. The meeting is Wednesday, July 17, 2019 from 1:30 to 3:30pm in the Board of Supervisors Chambers.

9. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

- a. With reference to the ongoing code enforcement effort on I Street, the tenants have been served with a 3-day notice and are expected to be evicted shortly.

10. CITY CLERK REPORT None to report.

11. CLOSED SESSION

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

- a. Conference with Legal Counsel – One (1) case

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR (C.G.C. §54957.6)

- a. Agency Designated Representative: Rosanna Bayon Moore, City Manager Employee Organizations: Brawley Public Safety Employees Association and Teamsters.

PERSONNEL MATTERS (G.C. §54957)

- a. Public Employee Evaluation - City Manager

13. ADJOURNMENT @ 7:13 pm

Alma Benavides, City Clerk