

CITY OF BRAWLEY
February 5, 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 Pastor Tom Charlton, Full Gospel Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Marjo Mello, Library Director and Interim Parks/Recreation Director

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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. Presentation by Deborah McGarrey, Public Affairs Manager for Southern California Gas re: Balanced Energy
- b. Proclamation Declaring the Week of February 7-14, 2019 as "National Marriage Week" presented to Juan Campos, IVROP Educational Services/CTE Coordinator.

Mayor Wharton presented Juan Campos, IVROP Educational Services/CTE Coordinator with a Proclamation designating February 7-14, 2019 as "National Marriage Week". Mr. Campos thanked the City for the proclamation and extended an invite to the upcoming Dancing with the Stars Event on May 3, 2019 at Quechan Casino.

- c. Presentation by Charla Teeters, Executive Director of Imperial County Film Commission re: Friday, February 22, 2019 "A Night at the Oscars" Annual Dinner at Ricochet Event Center in Imperial, CA starting @ 5:30pm.

Charla Teeters, Executive Director, provided an update on the current and proposed activities for Imperial County Film Commission. Thirty-five projects worth are valued at approximately \$1.5 million dollars in economic impact to the County. The City Council and public were invited to the 1st Annual Dinner, "A Night at the Oscars," at Ricochet Event Center in Imperial on Friday, February 22, 2019 starting @ 5:30pm.

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 Couchman/Kastner-Jauregui 5-0

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

- a. **Approved** Accounts Payable: January 11, 2019, January 18, 2019 and January 25, 2019
- b. **Approved** City Council Minutes: December 4, 2018 and December 18, 2018
- c. **Approved and Adopt** 2nd Reading of Ordinance No. 2019-01: Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Brawley, California Amending City of Brawley Ordinance Number 86-04 re: Burglar Alarms.
- d. **Approved** Density Bonus Housing Agreement Between the City of Brawley, Elizabeth Machado and Robert O'Brien for 616 Main Street in Brawley, California.

4. REGULAR BUSINESS

- a. Mid-Year 2018/2019 Budget Review presented by Rosa Ramirez, Finance Director
 - Power Point Presentation materials on file and available upon request at the Office of the City Clerk.

Assistant Finance Director Tony Godinez was introduced as the substitute presenter for Rosa Ramirez due to illness. An overview of the current 2018/2019 Budget was provided.

CM Bayon Moore indicated expenditures are currently under the 50% level is because large projects are in cue which will involve significant expenditures later in the fiscal year.

Mayor Wharton inquired about the three top drivers on the expenditure side.

CM Hamby inquired about approved revenues versus approved expenditures. **CM Bayon Moore** clarified that capital projects and the capital budget represent the difference between operational revenues and expenditures.

CM Couchman requested that staff revisit the minor change in property tax year over year. He would like an explanation as to the minimal impact that new housing has on property tax revenues for Brawley.

CM Kastner-Jauregui requested an update on cost recovery for medical services provided by the Fire Department.

CM Bayon Moore stated that the Fire Chief has had the opportunity to survey neighboring jurisdictions. He found they are challenged to keep pace with cost recovery. He also determined that in jurisdictions where transportation and medical service are not provided by the same entity, Medicare and Medical will only pay the transportation agency not the provider of the medical service. If the City rolls out cost recovery for EMS, cost recovery will be limited to private insurance companies. Staff is also pursuing discussions with David Taussig & Associates to undertake a study that would enable to City to establish fees for medical aid, in addition to other service lines.

5. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

- a. Monthly Staff Report for January 2019, Prepared by Shirley Bonillas, Personnel & Risk Management Administrator.

6. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

- Hamby:** Met with BOOT Committee (Beautifying Our Old Town) which is a group of volunteers who want to do a small cleanup project of sidewalks, windows, and gutters on Main Street on a Saturday. Met with volunteers at the Senior Center to look at a potential project to make the changes to the ramp on the side entrance to utilize the shaded seating area. Improvements to sidewalks through out the town are an ongoing conversation. Attended Pioneer Day event at the Pioneer Museum.
- Couchman:** Expressed interest in a further look at approaches to truancy with neighboring jurisdictions, specifically in Coachella and Indio area. Attended League Dinner, Pioneer Day. Commented on Mr. Dominic Fiorenza’s presentation to IID. Support for a fencing project here at the Ag Station outside of Brawley was requested for his Boy Scout Eagle Project. An invitation was extended to the next Brawley City Council meeting. Delivered a presentation to the Retired Teachers Association at Pioneer Museum. Attended the funeral for the late Brawley City Council Member Abe Seabolt and presented his family with a key to the City.
- Nava:** Attended IVEDC Marketing Meeting and ICTC Meeting where he was elected Vice-Chair.
- Kastner-Jauregui:** Attended US Fitness Chamber Mixer, League Dinner, Chamber Meeting. The Chamber is looking for Board Members to serve. Addressed some concerns about code violations and discussed the Tennis Courts at Meserve Park with interested stakeholders.
- Wharton:** Attended IVROP Dancing with the Stars Orientation and the Holtville Rib Cook-Off. Has been working with CM Nava regarding the State of the City. Attended an AD-Hoc 5150 Committee Meeting and completed the IV Velo Club bike ride to Ocotillo. He was recently surprised to be presented with the James Lofton Award.

7. CITY MANAGER REPORT None to report.

8. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT None to report.

9. CITY CLERK REPORT

- a. Employee Appreciation Luncheon scheduled for April 17, 2019.

10. CLOSED SESSION

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR

- a. Agency Designated Representative: Rosanna Bayon Moore, City Manager
Employee Organization: Brawley Public Safety Employees Association, Brawley Police Sergeants’ Association, Brawley Firefighters Association and Teamsters Local No. 542.

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

- a. Conference with Legal Counsel – One (1) case
Maria Garcia vs. City of Brawley

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

- a. Conference with Legal Counsel – Three (3) cases

11. ADJOURNMENT @ 7:15pm

Alma Benavides, City Clerk