

CITY OF BRAWLEY
April 29, 2019

The City Council of the City of Brawley, California met in special session a 9:00 AM, 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 @ 9:00AM

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

INVOCATION CM Hamby

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE CM Kastner-Jauregui

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was **approved** as submitted. m/s/c Nava/Couchman 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. None to report

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.

a. None to report

4. REGULAR BUSINESS

a. None to report

5. GENERAL FUND WORKSHOP NO. 1

a. Presentation, Discussion and Staff Direction

Power Point Presentation * Rosanna Bayon Moore, City Manager

- Presentation content is available upon request at the Office of the City Clerk

Public Comments:

Mike Morris, El Centro Motors Brawley Quick Lane stated that with reference to the credit card processing fee in California, it was not legal until just recently. Up to 3% per transaction can be charged. What has not been addressed at all is growth. The City needs to raise the sales tax and get this town moving again. No one has addressed staffing levels and compensation.

Andrew Colace, Brawley Resident and Parks & Recreation Board Commissioner commented on the 300 new trees recently planted and the long term cost to maintain a year. He is surprised by the Library budget. Is there a new way to offload the Library to a non-profit or somehow not spend so much money? The Parks & Recreation Department should look into investing in LED lights at all parks and reach out to IID for help. Mr. Colace requested a list of the City's assets to see what is paid in principal and interest? Brawley needs more of a pro-growth and pro-business approach to get businesses to come to Brawley.

The City Council gave direction to pursue cost recovery strategies for credit card processing, emergency medical aid services, fees in the Parks & Recreation Department and Animal Control.

CM Bayon Moore stated that staff will be returning to the City Council with additional information based on the feedback that was provided.

6. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

- a. None to report

7. CITY MANAGER REPORT

- a. None to report

8. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

- a. None to report

9. CITY CLERK REPORT

- a. None to report

10. ADJOURNMENT @ 10:57AM

Alma Benavides, City Clerk