

**CITY OF BRAWLEY**  
**June 4, 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 Mike Neciuk, El Redentor Church

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** CM Wharton

**1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was **approved** as submitted. m/s/c Couchman/Nava 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. **Joanna Sanchez, Brawley resident of the 400 Block Willard Avenue**, comments on cars speeding on Willard Avenue and the need for speed bumps or reduction of the speed limit.
- b. **Jim Graves, Owner of Several Properties**, said his had recurring problems with Republic Services and lapses in commercial trash pick up. Asked for City assistance and contract enforcement.

**CM Nava** requested that staff contact Republic Services for an update which would also allow the City to share its concerns concerns.

- c. **Pastor Mike Neciuk, El Redentor Church**, thanked the City Council as City leaders. Announced that Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, he and his wife will celebrate 43 years as pastors in Brawley.

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

- a. **Approved** Accounts Payable: May 23, 2019 and May 31, 2019
- b. **Approved** Resolution No. 2019-21: Resolution of the City Council for the City of Brawley, California Acting as the Legislative Body of Community Facilities District No. 2005-1 of the City of Brawley (Victoria

Park) Authorizing the Levy of Special Taxes Within Community Facilities District No. 2005-1 for Fiscal Year 2019-20.

- c. **Approved** Resolution No. 2019-22 : Resolution of the City Council for the City of Brawley, California Acting as the Legislative Body of Community Facilities District No. 2005-3 of the City of Brawley (La Paloma) Authorizing the Levy of Special Taxes Within Community Facilities District No. 2005-3 for Fiscal Year 2019-20.
- d. **Approved** Resolution No. 2019-23: Resolution of the City Council for the City of Brawley, California Acting as the Legislative Body of Community Facilities District No. 2005-4 of the City of Brawley (Latigo Ranch) Authorizing the Levy of Special Taxes Within Community Facilities District No. 2005-4 for Fiscal Year 2019-20.
- e. **Approved** Resolution No. 2019-24: Resolution of the City Council for the City of Brawley, California Acting as the Legislative Body of Community Facilities District No. 2006-1 of the City of Brawley (Malan Park) Authorizing the Levy of Special Taxes Within Community Facilities District No. 2006-1 for Fiscal Year 2019-20.
- f. **Approved** Resolution No. 2019-25: Resolution of the City Council for the City of Brawley, California Acting as the Legislative Body of Community Facilities District No. 2007-1 of the City of Brawley (Luckey Ranch) Authorizing the Levy of Special Taxes Within Community Facilities District No. 2007-1 for Fiscal Year 2019-20.
- g. **Approved** Resolution No. 2012-26: Resolution of the City Council for the City of Brawley, California Acting as the Legislative Body of Community Facilities District No. 2007-2 of the City of Brawley (Springhouse) Authorizing the Levy of Special Taxes Within Community Facilities District No. 2007-2 for Fiscal Year 2019- 20.
- h. **Approved** Resolution No. 2019-27: Resolution of the City Council of the City of Brawley, California Amending the Bernardo Padilla Assessment District Commencing with FY 2019/2020.

#### **4. REGULAR BUSINESS**

- a. Presentation by Dr. Arturo Hernandez, U. S. Census Bureau Partnership Specialist.

Discussion and Potential Action to Adopt Resolution No. 2019- : Resolution of the City Council of the City of Brawley, California Recognizing the Importance of the 2020 U. S. Census and Commitment to Ensuring a Complete, Fair and Accurate Count of All Brawley Residents.

**CM Bayon Moore** reported that Dr. Hernandez has a change in schedule and was unable to attend the meeting. Census 2020 Complete Count Committee kicked off its campaign outreach at a recent California League of Cities meeting in Brawley. All cities are being asked to take a pro-active role in achieving an accurate count. It is estimated that every person not counted represents \$2000 per year in public funding.

The City Council **adopted** Resolution No. 2019-28: Resolution of the City Council of the City of Brawley, California Recognizing the Importance of the 2020 U. S. Census and Commitment to Ensuring a Complete, Fair and Accurate Count of All Brawley Residents. m/s/c Nava/Couchman 5-0

- b. Discussion and Potential Action to Adopt Resolution No. 2019- : Resolution of the City Council of the City of Brawley, California Identifying WatchGuard Video as the Sole Source Provider and Authorizing the Purchase of Audio/Video Recording Equipment at the Brawley Police Department in the Amount of

\$30,370 with 100% Reimbursement by Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) State and Local Overtime Fund.

**Chief Sawyer** indicated that this is a very unique opportunity for the BPD's investigation room. The equipment will allow for data storage and electronic data sharing with the District Attorney's Office.

The City Council **adopted** Resolution No. 2019-29: Resolution of the City Council of the City of Brawley, California Identifying WatchGuard Video as the Sole Source Provider and Authorizing the Purchase of Audio/Video Recording Equipment at the Brawley Police Department for \$30,370 with 100% Reimbursement by Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) State and Local Overtime Fund. m/s/c Couchman/ Nava 5-0

- c. Discussion and Potential Action to Adopt Resolution No. 2019- : Resolution of the City Council of the City of Brawley, California Identifying Motorola Solutions as the Sole Source Provider and Authorizing the Purchase of Nexgen Radio Equipment at the Brawley Police Department in the Amount of \$665,099.04.

The City Council **adopted** Resolution No. 2019-30: Resolution of the City Council of the City of Brawley, California Identifying Motorola Solutions as the Sole Source Provider and Authorizing the Purchase of Nexgen Radio Equipment at the Brawley Police Department in the Amount of \$665,099.04. m/s/c Couchman/Kastner-Jaurequi 5-0

## **5. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

- a. Personnel & Risk Management Department - Monthly Staffing Report for June 2019
- b. Public Works Department - Emergency Construction at the Brawley Water Treatment Plant to Replace Components of Two Sedimentation Basins and Traffic Signal at Cesar Chavez and Main Street

**PWD Sillas** reported that the emergency continues. City is in the process of obtaining the documentation from the company that will be performing the job. Staff is on alert for anything that might happen at the plant.

Regarding the Traffic Signal on Main Street and Cesar Chavez, the City of Centro provides Brawley with maintenance services. They were contacted and performed an inspection. They have been unable to find the problem. They have replaced the control box a couple of times and still cannot determine the solution. They contacted Caltrans technicians to perform an inspection and Caltrans has recommended to replace the complete cabinet. Staff is researching. The City recached contacted the Caltrans Engineer for the Imperial Valley to request assistance. He offered to contact Electricians' Supervisor to determine whether a suitable cabinet is available and in supply in District 11 as a potential replacement.

- c. Finance Department - Public Meeting Schedule for FY 2019/2020 Budget Process and Piggyback Contracting Opportunities for Vehicle Acquisitions, Fleet Maintenance and Fueling.

**FD Salcido** reported the status of the audit. Auditors are scheduled to be in Brawley from July 8<sup>th</sup> though July 19<sup>th</sup>. Depending on the City Council's availability and desire to have a Special Meeting sometime in the last two weeks of August, the Final Audit may be ready for adoption. The next Regular City Council Meeting on September 3<sup>rd</sup> is an alternative. At that time, the FY 2019/2020 Budget could also be ready for action. With reference to the General, Special and Enterprise Funds, he continues to work with the Executive Team and Staff on closing the budget gaps. Cost recovery areas, non-compensation related expenses and strategies for OT reduction are on the table. Potential staff reduction plans are being evaluated. Cash in lieu of medical benefits are an important topic.

Labor negotiations are ongoing. Getting a resolution are key to a final budget.

**6. INFORMATIONAL REPORT**

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

**7. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS**

**CM Hamby:** Participated with the Boot Committee on a clean-up day at the old Cook's Market. Received a complaint from Joel Sanchez on Willard Avenue about the process for petitioning to get speed bumps. A tree was donated by Comite Civico del Valle to place outside of the City Manager's window, donated with the good will of John Sample and Johnny Hernandez.

**CM Couchman:** Attended McDonalds Ribbon Cutting, Memorial Day Ceremony at Riverview Cemetery and helped the Girls Scout, 4H Club and other individuals to put flags on military graves. Attended funeral for Clyde Shields, Julian Old-Time Fiddler's Competition.

**CM Nava:** Attended McDonalds Ribbon Cutting, Imperial Valley General Assembly and Economic Summit that was hosted by ICTC, Small Business Day and Career Fair hosted by Rabobank, SBA and other lenders. Served as a panel speaker on alternative financing, spent time with Imperial County Association of Realtors. Attended ICTC meeting. Commented on Andy Ruiz Jr. fight and significance of his achievement.

**Kastner-Jauregui:** Attended Memorial Day event at Cemetery, Pioneers Memorial Hospital Ribbon Cutting for Tesla MRI Machine, IVEDC Summit and McDonalds Ribbon Cutting. The Brawley Chamber of Commerce asked to remind everyone of the Branding Iron Award dinner that is scheduled for June 21.

**Wharton:** Attended Memorial Day event that involved basically the whole globe CrossFit community in honor of Lieutenant Murphy, EMS week events, PMH Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, meeting regarding sand season coming up and some of the potential events. The City may rally around potential events, potential product promotion with commercial partners and attract attention regionally. Recently attended a short meeting with a preview of things to come for this year's Cattle Call festivities.

**8. CITY MANAGER REPORT**

None to report.

**9. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT**

None to report.

**10. CITY CLERK REPORT**

None to report.

**11. CLOSE SESSION**

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

- a. Agency Designated Representative: Rosanna Bayon Moore, City Manager  
Employee Organization: Brawley Police Sergeants' Association, Brawley Public Safety Employees Association, Teamsters and Brawley Firefighters Association

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

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

**12. ADJOURNMENT @ 7:30pm**

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**Alma Benavides, City Clerk**