

CITY OF BRAWLEY
July 2, 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 CM Hamby

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Police Chief Sawyer

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was **approved** as amended. m/s/c Hamby/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. **Jackie Valadez**, Brawley resident, commented on the South Rio Vista Avenue street project with ADA ramps and no sidewalks. If grant funds are use it or lose it and contingent on ADA ramp installation, the City should have foregone the project.

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/Nava 5-0

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

a. **Approved** Accounts Payable: June 20, 2019 and June 28, 2019

b. **Reject** Claim as recommended by Carl Warren & Company Claims Management Adjusters for Claimant: Melissa Green c/o Binh Bui.

d. **Approved** Final Parcel Map (PM19-02) – 1549 C Street.

4. REGULAR BUSINESS There was none.

5. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

- a. Personnel & Risk Management Department – Monthly Staffing Report for July 2019.
- b. Public Works Department – Emergency Construction at the Brawley Water Treatment Plant to Replace Components of Two Sedimentation Basins.
 - 1. The emergency continues. The Contractor is in the process of signing all the documents and has communicated that materials have been ordered.
 - 2. Traffic Signal at Main and Cesar Chavez Streets – After City of El Centro and Caltrans evaluations, the City has made multiple attempts to obtain a diagnostic and quote to replace/repair with four different companies. A scheduled evaluation is pending.
 - 3. With reference to the Rio Vista topic, the City obtains grants to rehabilitate streets with funding requirements, including the installation of handicap ramps even if they do not connect to any sidewalk. The construction of pedestrian facilities is similar to when somebody remodels their home. It may not be possible to do everything at the same time and may be constructed in parts as the money becomes available.

6. INFORMATIONAL REPORT

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

7. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Hamby: Attended Branding Iron Award Dinner and Memorial Service for Mike Mello. Thanked staff for responding to some concerns with railroad crossings, wished everyone a Happy 4th of July.

Couchman: Attended Branding Iron Award Dinner, Memorial Service for Mike Mello. The project across from Walmart is going up rapidly and the Rio Vista Rehab Project. City Staff is busy, especially Public Safety. The Summer Programs are up and operating. Have a great 4th of July.

Nava: Attended Branding Iron Award Dinner, ICTC Meeting and joined a ride along with Republic Services. He will work on a plan to bring back to City Council. There are weeds in the rights of way. Made a video at STA Mobile/Cellular Service and attended the Andy Ruiz Parade.

Kastner-Jauregui: Attended Branding Iron Award Dinner. Congratulated Paul & Debbie Cameron and Joel Gonzales. Attended Memorial Service for Mike Mello, check presentation for Oberon Fuels. Presented proclamation to Andy Ruiz, Jr. on behalf of City Council. Met with Assembly Member Eduardo Garcia. Wished staff and have a Happy 4th of July.

Wharton: Attended Branding Iron Award Dinner. Wished everyone a safe Happy 4th of July.

8. CITY MANAGER REPORT

- a. Met with Jurg Heuberger regarding Rancho Los Lagos Project. Expects to have additional information to share with Council in the future.
- b. Met with City staff and the Carpenters Union to explore potential community project ideas based on their skills and availability.

9. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

- a. The H Street property is cleaned up and 14th & I are in the process.

10. CITY CLERK REPORT None to report.

11. CLOSED SESSION

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

- a. Conference with Legal Counsel – One (1) Case
 - i. Estella Velasco and Joseph Galvan vs. City of Brawley

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 Police Sergeants’ Association, Brawley Public Safety Employees Association and Teamsters.

PERSONNEL MATTERS (G.C. §54957)

- a. Public Employee Evaluation - City Manager

12. RE-CONVENED IN OPEN SESSION

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

The City Council **unanimously** ratified the agreement with the City of Brawley and Brawley Police Sergeants’ Association. m/s/c Kastner-Jauregui/Couchman 5-0

13. ADJOURNMENT @ 6:30 pm

Alma Benavides, City Clerk