

**CITY OF BRAWLEY**  
**November 17, 2020**

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 Kastner-Jauregui** called meeting to order @6:00 PM

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

**1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was **approved** as submitted. m/s/c Nava/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.

**To maintain social distancing, in person attendance is strongly discouraged. Should a member of the public wish to provide public comments, please submit written comments via email to [abenavides@brawley-ca.gov](mailto:abenavides@brawley-ca.gov) or contact the City Clerk's Office at 760/351.3080. The deadline to submit written comments is 2pm November 17, 2020.**

State of California Governor Gavin Newsom waived specific portions of the Brown Act by Executive Order for the period that social distancing measures are recommended and required by state and local public health officials. The waiver of Brown Act provisions requires:

- a. Members of the public are allowed to observe and address public meetings telephonically or through other electronic means.
- b. Procedures "swiftly" accommodate any reasonable request to accommodate access by disabled individuals to meetings that are accessible telephonically or through other electronic means in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act ("ADA").
- c. Notice of the procedure is provided for making requests for such reasonable accommodation with the notice for any public meeting.
- d. Presentation of Certificate of Recognition to Elliot Houser postponed to a later City Council Meeting.
- e. No public comments were received by email or phone.
- f. Eric Reyes, Isabel Solis and Miguel Hernandez re: Chevron Donation

Information regarding all Public Comments available on the City of Brawley's website:

[http://brawley.thepublicspectrum.org/view\\_video.php?meeting=206&video=iKNfffiRLAg&yt=1](http://brawley.thepublicspectrum.org/view_video.php?meeting=206&video=iKNfffiRLAg&yt=1)

**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. **Approved** Accounts Payable: November 6, 2020 and November 12, 2020
- b. **Approved** City Council Minutes: November 3, 2020 (Special Meeting)

**4. REGULAR BUSINESS**

- a. Update on City of Brawley Declaration of Local Emergency as a Result of COVID-19 Pandemic
  - i. Overall Outlook Presented by Fire Chief Mike York

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- ii. Discussion and Potential Action to Extend Resolution No. 2020-65:  
Resolution of the City Council of the City of Brawley, California  
Proclaiming the Existence of an Ongoing Local Emergency for COVID-19.

The City Council **approved** Resolution No. 2020-71: Resolution of the City Council of the City Of Brawley, California Proclaiming the Existence of Ongoing Local Emergency for Covid-19. m/s/c Couchman/Wharton 5-0

- b. Adopt Resolution No. 2020- : Resolution of the City of Brawley, California Amending the Fiscal Year 2020/2021City of Brawley Budget in the Amount of \$30,000.00.

The City Council **approved** Resolution No. 2020-71: Resolution of the City Council of the City of Brawley, California Amending the Fiscal Year 2020/2021City of Brawley Budget in the Amount of \$30,000.00. m/s/c Hamby/Kastner-Jauregui 5-0

- c. Adopt Resolution No. 2020- : Resolution of the City Council of the City of Brawley, California Declaring an Emergency, Ratifying Action Taken by the City Manager and Approving Emergency for the Electrical Separation of Distribution Pumps 423, 424 and 425 of the Old Electrical Control System by Five Star Electric in the Amount not to Exceed \$37,260 plus a Contingency Amount to be Determined Based on Field Conditions.

The City Council **approved** Resolution No. 2020-72: Resolution of City Council of the City of Brawley, California Declaring an Emergency, Ratifying Action Taken by the City Manager and Approving Emergency for the Electrical Separation of Distribution Pumps 423, 424 and 425 of the Old Electrical Control System by Five Star Electric in the Amount not to exceed \$37,260 plus a Contingency Amount to be Determined Based on Field Conditions. m/s/c Couchman/Wharton 5-0

- d. Discussion and Potential Action on Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony.

The City Council **approved** the Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony to take place on Wednesday, December 9, 2020.

- e. Discussion and Potential Action on the December 1, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting.

The City Council took no action on changing the date for the December 1, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting.

Discussion and information regarding all City Council Action items available on the City of Brawley's website:

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**5. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

- a. Update on Emergency Construction Project at the Brawley Water Treatment Plant to Replace Components of Two Sedimentation Basins Presented by Public Works Director Guillermo Sillas, PE.

Information regarding the update available on the City of Brawley's website:

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**6. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS**

City Council Member Reports are available on the City of Brawley's website:

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**7. CITY MANAGER REPORT**

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- 8. CITY ATTORNEY** Nothing to report.

- 9. CITY CLERK** Nothing to report.

**10. CLOSED SESSION**

PERSONNEL MATTERS (California Government Code §54957)

- a. Public Employee Appointment to the Position of Director of Community & Economic Development

CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS (California Government Code §54956.8)

- a. Property: Brawley Municipal Airport, 948 Ken Bemis Drive  
Agency Negotiator: City Manager  
Negotiating Parties: Michael Sass  
Under Negotiation: Rate and Terms
- b. Property: Brawley Municipal Airport, 948 Ken Bemis Drive  
Agency Negotiator: City Manager  
Negotiating Parties: Farm Aviation  
Under Negotiation: Rate and Terms

**ADJOURNMENT** @ 7:30pm

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**Alma Benavides**, City Clerk