

**CITY OF BRAWLEY**  
**January 19, 2021**

The City Council of the City of Brawley, California met in regular session at 6:00 PM, City Council Chambers, 383 Main Street, 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 Hamby** called meeting to order @ 6:00 PM

**PRESENT:** Couchman, Hamby, Nava, Castro, Wharton  
**ABSENT:** None

**1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was **approved** as amended. m/s/c Nava/Couchman 5-0

Item 3 (e): Approve and Adopt 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance No. 2021-01: Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Brawley, California, Establishing City Policy Concerning Sidewalks, Sidewalk Right of Way, and Alleys.

**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 December 1, 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. There was no public appearances or comments were received by email or phone.

**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. m/s/c Couchman/Castro 5-0

**PRESENT:** Couchman, Hamby, Nava, Castro, Wharton  
**ABSENT:** None  
**NAYES:** None  
**ABSENT:** None

- a. **Approved** Accounts Payable: December 23, 2020, December 29, 2020 and January 5, 2021.
- b. **Approved** City Council Minutes: January 5, 2021
- c. **Approved** and Adopt 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance No. 2021-02: Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Brawley, California, Adopting a Formal Personnel System.
- d. **Approved** and Adopt 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance No. 2021-03: Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Brawley, California, Establishing the Installation of Stop Signs at the Intersections of First Street and Emma Place; and First Street and Lena Place.
- e. **Adopted** Resolution No. 2021-03: Resolution of the City Council of the City of Brawley, California Acting in its Capacity as the Successor Agency for the Brawley Community Redevelopment Agency, Approving the Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 and Approving Certain Related Actions.
- f. **Rejected** Claim as recommended by Carl Warren & Company Claims Management adjusters for Claimant: Ramon Lugo, Jr.

**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
  - ii. Discussion and Potential Action to Extend Resolution No. 2020-71: 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. 2021-04: Resolution of the City Council of the City of Brawley, California Proclaiming the Existence of an Ongoing Local Emergency for COVID-19. m/s/c Nava/Couchman 5-0

- b. Discussion and Potential Action to Approve Resolution No. 2021- : Resolution of the City Council of the City of Brawley, California Appointing a Qualified Elector to Assume the Office of Treasurer presented by William Smerdon, City Attorney.

The City Council **approved** Resolution No. 2021-05: Resolution of the City Council of the City of Brawley, California Appointing a Qualified Elector to Assume the Office of Treasurer. m/s/c Couchman/Wharton 5-0

- c. Discussion and Potential Action for Direction to Prepare an Ordinance to Address Concerns About Vendors Operating in City Parks presented by William Smerdon, City Attorney.

The City Council **directed** City Attorney to Prepare an Ordinance to Address Concerns about Vendors Operating in City Parks.

- d. Approve and Adopt 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance No. 2021-01: Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Brawley, California, Establishing City Policy Concerning Sidewalks, Sidewalk Right of Way, and Alleys.

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

[http://brawley.thepublicspectrum.org/view\\_video.php?meeting=211&video=NEIBzqPvaeY&yt=1](http://brawley.thepublicspectrum.org/view_video.php?meeting=211&video=NEIBzqPvaeY&yt=1)

**5. INFORMATIONAL ITEM**

- a. Record of Building Permits for December 2020 in the City of Brawley, Prepared by Oscar Escalante, Interim Building Official.

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**6. 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.

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**7. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS**

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**8. CITY MANAGER REPORT**

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**9. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT**

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**10. CITY CLERK REPORT** Nothing to report

**ADJOURNMENT** @ 7:56 pm



*Alma Benavides*, City Clerk