

**CITY OF BRAWLEY**  
**March 2, 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:** Castro, Couchman, Hamby, Nava, Wharton  
**ABSENT:** None

**INVOCATION:** Pastor Ekkie Tepsupornchai, Western Avenue Baptist Church

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** CA William Smerdon

**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.

**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 March 2 2021.**

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. Mike Reeves/Aaron Tuck representing Brawley Little League
- e. Introduction of Karla Romero, Interim Finance Director and Rachel Fonseca, Parks & Recreation Manager.
- f. There were no public appearances or comments received by email or phone.

Public Comments and Presentations are available on the City of Brawley's website:

[http://brawley.thepublicspectrum.org/view\\_video.php?meeting=214&video=q3axMyQhSac&yt=1](http://brawley.thepublicspectrum.org/view_video.php?meeting=214&video=q3axMyQhSac&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. m/s/c Wharton/Castro 5-0

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

- a. **APPROVED** Accounts Payable: February 17, 2021 and February 26, 2021
- b. **APPROVED** City Council Minutes: February 16, 2021
- c. **ADOPTED** 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance No. 2021-04: Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Brawley, California Adopting Rules and Regulations for Sidewalk Vendors that Choose to do Business in City Parks.
- d. **APPROVED** Agreement for Consulting Services between City of Brawley and Castañeda & Associates in the amount not to exceed \$42,500.

**4. REGULAR BUSINESS:**

- a. Discussion and Potential Action to Approve the Proposal from Urban3 to Conduct an Economic Analysis for the City of Brawley and Adopt Resolution No. 2021- : Resolution of the City Council of the City of Brawley, California Amending the Fiscal Year 2020/2021 City of Brawley Budget presented by Tyler Salcido, City Manager.

The City Council **approved** the Proposal from Urban3 to Conduct an Economic Analysis for the City of Brawley and Resolution No. 2021-08: Resolution of the City Council of the City of Brawley, California Amending the Fiscal Year 2020/2021 City of Brawley Budget. m/s/c Nava/Castro 5-0

- b. Update on City of Brawley Declaration of Local Emergency as a Result of COVID-19 Pandemic
  - i. Overall Outlook presented by Mike York, Fire Chief
- c. Discussion and Potential Action to Approve Amended Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Budget Calendar presented by Karla Romero, Interim Finance Director.

The City Council **approved** the Amended Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Budget Calendar. m/s/c Nava/Couchman 5-0

- d. Discussion and Potential Action to Approve Resolution No. 2021- : Resolution of the City Council of the City of Brawley, California Approving the Application for Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program Grant Funds (Proposition 68) presented by Rachel Fonseca, Parks & Recreation Manager.

The City Council **approved** Resolution No. 2021- 09: Resolution of the City Council of the City of Brawley, California Approving the Application for Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program Grant Funds. m/s/c Wharton/Nava 5-0

- e. Approve Amendment No. 3 to the Professional Services Agreement with LC Engineering Consultants to Provide Services to Conduct As-Built Survey and Design of Crossing Improvements of Existing Underground Best Canal and New Water Line within the Wildcat Drive and Western Avenue Intersection in the amount of \$4,130.00 and total contract not to exceed value of \$27,530 presented by Guillermo Sillas, PE, Public

Works Director.

The City Council **approved** Amendment No. 3 to the Professional Services Agreement with LC Engineering Consultants to Provide Services to Conduct As-Built Survey and Design of Crossing Improvements of Existing Underground Best Canal and New Water Line within the Wildcat Drive and Western Avenue Intersection in the amount of \$4,130.00 and total contract not to exceed value of \$27,530.

- f. Discussion and Potential Action to Approve the Replacement of the Spillman Records Management System with Pro Phoenix presented by Jimmy Duran, Police Chief.

The City Council **approved** the Replacement of the Spillman Records Management System with ProPhoenix and adopted Resolution No. 2021-10: Resolution of the City Council of the City of Brawley, California Amending the Fiscal Year 2020/2021 City of Brawley Budget. m/s/c Wharton/Nava 5-0

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

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## **5. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

- a. Update on Informational Technologies Activities, presented by Armando Garibay, Information Systems Manager.
- b. Monthly Staffing Report for March 2021, prepared by Personnel & Risk Management Administrator Shirley Bonillas.
- c. 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 updates are available on the City of Brawley's website:

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## **6. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS**

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## **7. CITY MANAGER REPORT**

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## **8. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT**

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

**10. CLOSED SESSION**

a. Joint Powers Insurance Authority (JPIA) for Insurance Claims Discussions

The Legislative Body, as a Member of a Joint Powers Authority, formed for purposes of insurance pooling pursuant to California Government Code § 6500 et seq., will meet in closed session to discuss claims for the payment of tort liability losses, public liability losses, or workers' compensation liability incurred by the Joint Powers Agency or a Local Agency Member of the Authority. There are two potential Claims (California Government Code § 54956.9)

**PERSONNEL MATTERS** (California Government Code § 54967)

a. Public Employee Appointment to the Position of Finance Director

**11. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

The City Council **unanimously** ratified the Employment Agreement between the City of Brawley and Karla Romero as Finance Director. m/s/c Wharton/Hamby 5-0

**ADJOURNMENT @ 8:45 pm**



*Alma Benavides*, City Clerk