

CITY OF BRAWLEY
January 27, 2016

The City Council of the City of Brawley, California met in an adjourned workshop session at 5:30 PM, Lions Center, 225 A 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.

The meeting was called to order by **Mayor Wharton** @ 5:31 PM

PRESENT: Couchman, Kastner-Jauregui, Noriega, Wharton
ABSENT: Nava

PRESENT: Bumbera, Goyal, Hutchinson, Marquez, Palacio, Smith
ABSENT: Castro

Invocation was offered by **CM Noriega**

Pledge of allegiance was led by **PC Smith**

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was **approved** as submitted. m/s/c Couchman/Noriega 4-0 Nava absent

2. PUBLIC APPEARANCES/PRESENTATIONS

- a. John Lormon, Attorney for One World Beef addressed Council that they are in escrow for the purchase of National Beef, escrow is set to close in March. We would like to be placed on the next City Council Meeting we want to know if you are interested and if so please direct staff to work with us.

- 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 Noriega/Kastner-Jauregui 4-0 Nava absent

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

- a. Adopt Resolution No. 2016-01: 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, 2016 through June 30, 2017 and approving certain related actions.
- b. Approve Agreement with County of Imperial for the Loan of a Fire Apparatus and the Response to Incidents Outside the City Limits for Fire Protection Services.

4. REGULAR BUSINESS

- a. Discussion and Potential Action to Approve Letter of Support Request from Comité Civico del Valle for California Department of Public Health Project Entitled Use of Community-Based

Mapping and Monitoring to Reduce Air Pollution Exposures.

- b. The Council directed staff to prepare Letter of Support Request from Comité Civico del Valle for California Department of Public Health Project Entitled Use of Community-Based Mapping and Monitoring to Reduce Air Pollution Exposures.

5. ADJOURNMENT TO JOINT WORKSHOP WITH PLANNING COMMISSION

- a. Discussion and Staff Direction re: the Development of Public Policy to Address Medical Marijuana in the City of Brawley.

The Council held a joint workshop with the Planning Commission, the public was invited to address their comments and concerns. The purpose was to gather information. Cities may choose to ban medical marijuana dispensaries or they may allow to operate within the City. The next step is for the Planning Commission to hear at a later date.

Devan Eddy, spoke in support of regulated use he was seriously wounded in the service and prescribed pharmaceuticals but had bad side effects, then he was recommended medical marijuana and has worked without side effects.

Jay Grijalva, who established a medical marijuana delivery service in San Francisco and has his children working with him he delivers to San Diego as well and would like to begin delivering in Brawley.

Angel Fernandez, mentioned that there is a lot of deliveries going on in Brawley and the City is getting nothing.

Richard Rubio, Brawley resident stated to Council that they should consider allowing it in the City of Brawley it could be an opportunity for revenue since a lot of departments are on a limited budget.

Brook Hamby, Brawley resident mentioned that the City has made a proper decision with a ban and would like for it to stay the same, I think it's a terrible idea.

A poll was taken among City Council and Planning Commission and it was a split vote.

Mayor Wharton and **Mayor Pro-Tempore Couchman** were for the prohibition, **Council Member Noriega** and **Council Member Kastner-Jauregui** were in favor, **Council Member Nava** was absent.

Mayor Wharton expressed his concerns he has reservations with different aspects Federal laws, recreational use, black market and the use of it.

6. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Noriega: Attended the Solar Frontier Tour and had lunch with them at Inferno

Kastner-Jauregui: Attended the League of Cities New Mayors and Council Members Conference in Sacramento it was outstanding and also went to the State Capitol and met with Senator Ben Hueso and Assembly Member Eduardo Garcia

Couchman: Attended Brawley Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting, Solar Frontier Project Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Wharton: Attended the League of Cities New Mayors and Council Members Conference in Sacramento, met with Siemens Corporation re: Energy Efficiency and a reminder of tomorrow's League Dinner in El Centro.

7. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- a. Would like to thank the Planning Commission for coming out today.
- b. Heaters at pool working
- c. Redevelopment Agency Final Closeout
- d. State of the City scheduled for Friday, February 26, 2016 at the Stockmen's Club

8. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

- a. Working with One World Beef

9. CITY CLERK'S REPORT None to report

ADJOURNMENT @ 8:00PM

Alma Benavides, City Clerk