

**CITY OF BRAWLEY**  
**February 16, 2016**

The City Council of the City of Brawley, California met in a regular session at 6:00 PM, 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.

The meeting was called to order by **Mayor Wharton @ 6:01 PM**

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

Invocation was offered by **Pastor Jim Pazan, First Presbyterian Church**

Pledge of Allegiance was led by **CM Couchman**

**1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was **approved** as submitted. m/s/c Noriega/Kastner-Noriega 5-0

**2. PUBLIC APPEARANCES/PRESENTATIONS**

- a. **Kay Pricola, Brawley Chamber of Commerce President** formally introduced **Katie Luna** as the new Executive Director for the Brawley Chamber of Commerce. She thanked everyone for their participation at the Merle Norman Grand Opening, Farmers Market and Mixer at the Chamber. There is an upcoming Chamber Mixer to be held on Thursday, February 26, 2016 from 5:30-7:00pm at the Stockmen's Club.

- 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/Couchman 5-0

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

- a. Approve Accounts Payable: January 28, 2016  
February 4, 2016  
February 5, 2016
- b. Approve City Council Minutes: December 1, 2016  
December 15, 2016  
January 5, 2016

- c. 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance No. 2016-03: Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Brawley, California Amending Ordinance No. 2015-15 Prohibiting Wasteful Use of Water and Establishing Restrictions.
- d. Reject Claim as recommended by Carl Warren & Company Claims Management Adjusters for Claimant: Lois Cannaliato.

#### **4. REGULAR BUSINESS**

- a. Discussion and Potential Action re: the Establishment of Public Meeting Schedule for FY 2016/2017 City of Brawley Budget Process.

The City Council **requested** that the subject be placed on the next meeting agenda so they could look review calendars.

- b. Discussion and Potential Action: re: Appointment of a Qualified Elector to Fill the City Treasurer Vacancy.

Upon reviewing alternatives, the City Council **appointed** Ruby Walla as City Treasurer. m/s/c Nava/Kastner-Jauregui 5-0

- c. Discussion and Potential Action to Approve Request to Double the Number of Replacement Bleachers for the Two Highest Use Park Facilities Adopt a City Council Resolution to Amend the Budget for the Parks and Recreation Department in the Amount of \$41,200.

The City Council **approved** the Request to Double the Number of Replacement Bleachers for the Two Highest Use Park Facilities and Adopt a City Council Resolution to Amend the Budget for the Parks and Recreation Department in the Amount of \$41,200. m/s/c Noriega/Kastner-Jauregui 5-0

#### **5. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

- a. 2015-2016 Mid-Year Budget Review by Ruby Walla, Finance Director
  - Power Point Presentation materials are on file and available upon request at the Office of the City Clerk.
- b. Review of Reverse 911 by Police Chief Mike Crankshaw and Fire Chief Chuck Peraza

**Police Chief Mike Crankshaw** indicated that on November 19, 2015, the City of Brawley activated the mass notification (Reverse 911) system as part of a major water line rupture. During the incident, it was discovered that the web based system, Geo Cast, did not perform as expected.

An after action assessment was conducted to help determine the contributing causes for the underperformance of the system. Prior to the assessment, several key areas of concern were identified during the initial notification period. Concerns included the extended time-lapse of the original notice, the preparation of the message without translation, the usage and lack of clarity of the default computer generated message voiceover and the extremely low percentage of targeted residents successfully contacted during the first notice.

As a result of the experience, new Geo Cast activation protocols are in place, providing greater confidence in the effectiveness of Reverse 911 contact.

It is recommended that the City actively promote community participation in phone registration. It is also recommended that a formal request is made to the Imperial Valley Emergency Communications Authority (IVECA) to oversee all aspects the Geo Cast system and a secondary system, such as Nexle Communications, should be researched as a possible alternative deployment resource and backup system for redundancy.

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

- Noriega:** Attended a Women’s Retreat and would like to mention that all departments are doing a great job.
- Kastner-Jauregui:** Attended Merle Norman Grand Opening, Hidalgo Society Installation of Officers, Senior Center Meeting and was honored to Swear in new officers.
- Nava:** Attended Merle Norman Grand Opening, Unmet Transit Meeting and ICTC Meeting Board made a change to expedite signalization at by-pass stripping/yield signs.
- Couchman:** Attended EPA Meeting at Comite Civico, welcomed a Convertible Car Club to Brawley at Chabela’s and announced Pioneer’s Museum event this weekend.
- Wharton:** Reported that working with the Chamber on preparations for the Mayor’s Breakfast. Announced the upcoming Renewable Energy Summit and Strategic Planning Workshop.

## **7. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT**

- a. EPA and Regional Board are looking at sites on Eastern/Main and H/Cesar Chavez Blvd. They have inquired about the City’s interest in supporting assessment and potential clean up. The sites were selected due to prior potential petroleum contamination.
- b. The State of the City is scheduled for February 26, 2016 and the Employee Recognition Luncheon is scheduled for March 30, 2016.

## **8. CITY ATTORNEY’S REPORT**

- a. Attended Medical Marijuana Meeting in San Diego provided by League. Recreational Marijuana is anticipated to be on the ballot in November.

## **9. CITY CLERK’S REPORT** None to Report

## **10. CLOSED SESSION**

REAL PROPERTY MATTERS (G.C. Section §54956.8)

- a. Conference with Real Property Negotiators  
Property: 138 South 8<sup>th</sup> Street – APN 049-031-004  
Agency Negotiator: Rosanna Bayon Moore, City Manager  
Negotiating Party: Imperial Irrigation District  
Under negotiation: Price and Terms of Use
- b. Conference with Real Property Negotiators  
Property: Airport Administration Hanger  
Agency Negotiator: Rosanna Bayon Moore, City Manager  
Negotiating Party: Imperial Flying Service  
Under Negotiation: Renewal of Lease
- c. Conference with Real Property Negotiator Address: APN 047-231-013 and 047-231-014 Ulloa & B Street, Brawley, CA  
Negotiator: Rosanna Bayon Moore, City Manager  
Negotiating Parties: Coachella Valley Housing Coalition and Mark Gaddis G/4 Construction  
Under Negotiation: Vacant Land
- d. Conference with Real Property Negotiators  
Address: Brawley Cattle Call Park, Cattle Call Drive  
Negotiator: Rosanna Bayon Moore, City Manager  
Negotiating Parties: Brawley Cattle Call Committee  
Under Negotiation: Lease Agreement
- e. Conference with Real Property Negotiators  
Address: Guadalupe Park, Malan St.  
Negotiator: Rosanna Bayon Moore, City Manager  
Negotiating Parties: Roman Catholic Bishop of San Diego  
Under Negotiation: Lease Agreement

**PERSONNEL MATTERS (G.C. Section §54957)**

- a. Public Employee Performance Evaluation  
Title: City Attorney
- b. Public Employee Performance Evaluation  
Title: City Manager

**RECONVENED IN OPEN SESSION**

The Brawley City Council **entered** into an Agreement with Imperial Flying Services, Larry Rose, CEO Airport Manager/Fixed Base Operator. m/s/c Nava/Couchman 5-0

**ADJOURNMENT** @ 7:40 PM

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**Alma Benavides**, City Clerk