

**CITY OF BRAWLEY**  
**March 1, 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 @ 6:00 PM**

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

Invocation was offered by **Pastor Richard Rodriquez, House of Bread Ministries**

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

**1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**2. PUBLIC APPEARANCES/PRESENTATIONS**

- a. Presentation of Plaque in Honor of Rabobank's Corporate Citizenship and Commitment to Community Service.

**Randy Taylor, Vice President, Robert Carreno, Brawley Branch Manager and John Levada, El Centro Agricultural Manager** were present to receive plaque.

**Eddie Wiest**, Grandson of the late Eddie Wiest was present to receive plaque.

The City Council **thanked** Rabobank and the Wiest Family for their generous support and contribution of \$13,000 each towards the scoreboard project at Wiest Field.

- b. **Gregorio A. Ponce, Interim Dean Professor of Mathematics Education** at San Diego State Imperial Valley Campus came to introduce himself and mentioned if we needed anything to please let him know.

**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: February 10, 2016

February 19, 2016

- b. **Reject** Claim as recommended by Carl Warren & Company Claims Management Adjusters for Claimant: Rachel Barboza.
- c. **Approve** Letter of Support for the Calexico West Land Port of Entry (LPOE) Phase II Reconfiguration and Expansion Project.

**4. REGULAR BUSINESS**

- a. Discussion and Staff Direction re: Energy Services and Facilities Modernization Program by Siemens Industries, Inc. Building Technologies.

Power Point Presentation Presented by Gabriel Teran, Business Development Manager, Ernest Kim, Business Development Manager and Sirisha Nerella, Sr. Energy Engineer

The City Council **directed** staff to work with Siemens Industries, Inc. Building Technologies to create a proposal.

**Rosanna Bayon Moore, City Manager** stated that a proposal will be drawn up and reviewed by Legal Counsel and will come back to you for approval.

- b. Discussion and Staff Direction re: Preferred Approach to Request from Pacific West Development as it Pertains to the La Paloma Subdivision Units 1 and 2.

**Andrew Dickson, Co-Owner of Pacific West Development** stated that they have owned Unit 1 since 2010 and Unit 2 since 2013. In order for Units 1 and 2 to be viable for development, the Developer must have the benefit of the Community Facilities District reimbursement fund for all off-tract improvements. Eastern Avenue access and Bryant Canal storm drain improvements are subject to reimbursement from CFD. The value to complete the bonded improvements for both Unites 1 and 2 is estimated at \$750,000.00.

The City Council **directed** staff to work with Pacific West Development as it pertains to the La Paloma Units 1 and 2 and bring back in sixty (60) days.

- c. Discussion and Potential Action to Amend City of Brawley's Ordinance No. 2009-03 to Include Self-Inspections for Business Deemed Low Hazard in the City of Brawley and Adopt City Council Resolution No. 2016- : Approving the Fire Department Fee Schedule.

**Mayor Wharton** summarized the letter submitted by Mr. Bob Trimm for the record.

The City Council **approved** Resolution No. 2016-05: Resolution of the City of Brawley, California Approving the Fire Department Fee Schedule. m/s/c Kastner-Jauregui/Noriega 5-0

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

The City Council **approved** the Public Hearing Schedule for FY 2016/2017 City of Brawley Budget Process to include March 29, 2016 as the Strategic Planning Session. m/s/c Noriega/Kastner-Jauregui 5-0

- d. Discussion and Potential Action re: Formal Comments to U.S. Department of Transportation for Essential Air Service to Imperial County.

Boutique Air, Great Lakes Aviation, Ltd. and Mokulele distributed information to City Council and audience.

The City Council took no action on this item it was only informational.

## **5. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

- a. Monthly Staffing Report for March, 2016 – Shirley Bonillas, Personnel & Risk Management Administrator.

## **6. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS**

- a. Request of Building Permits for January 2016, prepared by Francisco Soto, Building Official

## **7. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS**

**Noriega:** Attended State of the City for Brawley and State of the County of Imperial.

**Kastner-Jauregui:** Attended Frankie Chavez Memorial Scholarship, Chamber Mixer @ Smith Kandal and Grand Re-Opening for Sylvia's Little Treasurers.

**Nava:** Attended the Mayor's Breakfast thank you to staff and chamber, and met with Assembly member Eduardo Garcia and Senator Ben Hueso in Sacramento.

**Couchman:** Attended State of the County, State of the City, weekend backpack event at the the Food Bank, met with Senator Ben Hueso and staff on the Solar Projects, Blacksmithing at Pioneer's Museum, Chamber Board Meeting, Chamber Mixer and a school meeting at Sacred Heart.

**Wharton:** Attended El Centro Regional Medical Center Dinner, Chamber Mixer, Meeting at Sacred Heart, and as I was preparing for the State of City I had a chance to meet with the Cattle Call Committee talked about the upcoming Agreement and would like to thank my fellow Council Members/Colleagues a big heartfelt thanks.

## **8. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

- a. Meserve Park Restrooms to kickoff this coming Friday our Utilities Department along with Parks and Recreation Department outlined a project in set of improvements, with help from Ramon Castro from the Building Trade Industry, Pat Dorsey, Parks & Recreation Director was informed today by Mr. Castro that Assembly member Garcia will be in town on Friday and would like to do a public launch on this project so I will be in touch with you for the time.

- b. Met with Sara Griffin Executive Director Food Bank she shared some future plans for their new facility in Imperial which will be in the Industrial Area Park, secured a 30% portion grant for hunger, also talked about some upcoming events in Brawley a half marathon and marathon at Cattle Call Park which I told her she needed to contact the Rodeo.

**9. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

- a. A lot of work

**10. CITY CLERK'S REPORT** None to Report

**11. CLOSED SESSION**

**ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**

- a. Conference with Legal Counsel – Initiation of Litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Government Code §54956.9. There are one (1) potential case.

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

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

**CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR**

- a. Agency designated representative: Rosanna Bayon Moore, City Manager  
Employee Organization: Brawley Public Safety Employees, Brawley Police Sergeants' Association, Brawley Firefighter's Local No. 1967, and Teamsters Local No. 542

**ADJOURNMENT** @ 8:11pm

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**Alma Benavides**, City Clerk