

CITY OF BRAWLEY
May 17, 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 Rodriguez, 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. **Mayor Wharton** presented the Pioneers Memorial Health Care District with a Proclamation declaring May 8-14, 2016 National Hospital Week.
- b. **Michael Crankshaw, Police Chief**, introduced Jimmy Duran, newly promoted Lieutenant with the Imperial County Sheriff's Department.
- c. **Mayor Wharton** announced the check presentation of \$10,000 to the City OF Brawley Summer Parks & Recreation Program by County Supervisor Ryan Kelly at the Board of Supervisor's meeting earlier in the day.
- d. **Janet Otto, Brawley resident**, provided comments on the Junior League baseball team's need to access practice fields in Brawley and venues to play their games in town.

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. **Approved** Accounts Payable: April 28, 2016
April 29, 2016

May 5, 2016

- b. **Approved** City Council Minutes: March 15, 2016
- c. **Adopted** Resolution No. 2016-18A: Resolution of the City Council of the City of Brawley, California Amending the Fiscal Year 2015/2016 City of Brawley Budget for the Brawley Fire Department in the amount of \$29,806.44.
- d. **Approved** Annual Purchase of Ultra Violet (UV) Lamps and Ballasts for the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) UV Disinfection System in the Amount of \$31,669.12 from DC Frost Associates, Inc.
- e. **Approved** Purchase of TNT Rescue Extrication Tools for the New Fire Apparatus in the Amount of \$18,996.83 from Fire Etc.

4. REGULAR BUSINESS

- a. Discussion and Potential Action to Approve Resolution No. 2016- : Resolution of the City Council of the City of Brawley, California to Comply with CalPERS Exception of the 180-Day Wait Period and Appointment of Retired Annuitant Ruben Mireles to the position of Interim Operation Division Manager.

The City Council **approved** Resolution 2016-19: Resolution of the City Council of the City of Brawley, California to Comply with CalPERS Exception of the 180-Day Wait Period and Appointment of Retired Annuitant Ruben Mireles to the position of Interim Operation Division Manager. m/s/c Noriega/Couchman 5-0

- b. Discussion and Potential Action to Rescind City Council Resolution No. 2013-53 Formally Establishing Bond Settlement Priorities for La Paloma Subdivision, Units 1 and 2, Reinstate Community Facilities District Levy A and Direct Staff to Proceed with a City- Approved Revitalization Plan.

Staff Report - Gordon Gaste, Planning Director

Because of private sector interest in revival of the La Paloma Subdivision, the City is evaluating the reinstatement of Special Tax A, in addition to the re-prioritization of bond settlements proceeds.

Andrew Dixon, President & CFO Pacific West Development, LP provided a project summary on La Paloma Units 1 and 2 and described the current obstacles associated with project completion.

Public Comments

The following individuals provided comments in opposition to reinstating Special Tax Levy A and rescinding Resolution No. 2013-53:

- * Stephen Elliot, 722 Milano Court
- * Gustavo Sanchez, 728 Milano Court
- * Fernando Miramontes, 705 Hontza Court
- * Justin McKade Cook, 754 Milano Court
- * Daniel Meier, 766 Milano Court

Topics raised by residents are summarized below:

- * Other citizens will benefit from improvements and should participate in sharing the cost.
- * The CFD/Special Tax should be required citywide.
- * Subdivision residents do not agree with all of the improvements if they are responsible for carrying the burden of the cost.
- * Subdivision residents would like more time to review the information.
- * The economy has not improved for everyone and the tax is still a significant financial burden.
- * The starting rate should be used instead of increased rate.

Lengthy discussion occurred among the City Council regarding the benefits and drawbacks of the CFD reinstatement and the application of bond settlement proceeds. Specific concerns were noted regarding the rate to be applied.

The City Council **approved** the rescission of City Council Resolution No. 2013–53: Formally Establishing Bond Settlement Priorities for La Paloma Subdivision, Units 1 and 2. m/s/c Nava/Kastner-Jauregui 5-0

5. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

- a. **Manuel Sevilla, Fire Marshal**, provided an update on the Fire Department’s Self-Inspection Program and the repair of the 2004 fire engine.
- b. **Pat Dorsey, Parks and Recreation Director**, distributed the Summer Program flyer and expressed appreciation for \$10,000 in support from the Board of Supervisors to make summer activities extra special this coming year.

6. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

- a. Record of Building Permits for March and April 2016, Prepared by Francisco Soto, Building Official

7. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Noriega: Attended the SCAG Regional Meeting, Library Board and Veteran’s Meeting, “State of the City” for El Centro, Accion meeting at Brawley Library Del Rio Branch, Art Walk, American Legion Steak Dinner. Thanked Board of Supervisors for the donation to Parks & Recreation Department and all City staff for their hard work. Inquired about a bench in the 500/600 block of Main.

Kastner-Jauregui: Attended the SCAG Regional Meeting, Veteran’s Appreciation Luncheon in Imperial, Business Advisory Committee Meeting and participated as a Judge for a STEM project at Myron D. Witter School.

Nava: Attended a roundtable meeting for IVEDC, the Business Financing Seminar hosted by Accion and attended the State of the City for El Centro.

Couchman: Attended SCAG Regional Meeting, IVROP “Dancing with the Stars,” Veteran’s Appreciation Luncheon, judged the STEM projects at Witter School and

attended the Board of Supervisors meeting where Brawley was awarded \$10,000.

Wharton: Attended the Veteran's Luncheon, spoke about football to kids at a Pop-Warner Football Camp. Offered congratulations to all students graduating from Brawley, and informed the audience that it was National EMS Week and extended a thank you to Manuel Sevilla.

9. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- a. Reminded everyone that ICTC and IVEDC will be hosting a General Assembly and Economic Summit May 18th and 19th.

10. CITY TREASURER'S REPORT None to report

11. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

- a. Attended the League of Cities Attorneys Conference and was amazed with all the learning that occurred. Invited the Council to "Gallery Night" at the Del Rio Country Club.

12. CITY CLERK'S REPORT

- a. Reminded the City Council to save the date for the League of Cities dinner taking place on May 26, 2016 at the Imperial Palms and the Brawley Chamber of Commerce Mega-Mixer which is also occurring on the same date.

ADJOURNMENT @ 8:30 PM

Alma Benavides, City Clerk