

CITY OF BRAWLEY
December 1, 2016

The City Council of the City of Brawley, California met in a special session at 4:30 PM, Brawley Public Library, 400 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 @ 4:32 PM**

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

Invocation was offered by **Pastor Tom Charlton, Full Gospel Church**

Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Mayor Wharton**

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

2. PUBLIC APPEARANCES/COMMENTS

- a. **Valerie Smith, Elk's Member**, thanked Mayor Wharton for his tenure as Mayor for 2016. Invited all kids to the Elk's National Hoop Shoot that will take place on Saturday, December 10, 2016 starting at 10am at the Boys and Girls Club of Imperial Valley, 165 South Plaza Street, Brawley and to the 2016 Children's Christmas Bicycle Fundraising Driving sponsored by Chabelas, Brawley Elk's and the Courtroom Sunday, December 11, 2016 at Chabelas from 11am to 2pm.
- b. **Yuli Alonzo-Garza, President for MAG Coalition**, thanked outgoing Mayor Wharton for his service and support throughout the year and congratulated the incoming Mayor. Thanked the City Council for continued support for Anti-Gang Awareness and invited them to the upcoming Vigil that will take place on Friday, January 6, 2017 at Brownie's Diner starting at 5pm. The 7.3 K RUN & 1.73 Mile WALK will take place on Saturday, January 7, 2017 at IVC Campus starting at 7:30am.
- c. **Pat Dorsey, Parks & Recreation Director**, invited everyone to the 16th Annual Trees of the Community that will take place December 3rd and 4th at the Lions Center and the Tree Lighting Ceremony that will be on Friday, December 9, 2016 starting at 6pm.
- d. **Recognition of 27 years of Employment by Police Sgt. Perry Monita**

Mayor Wharton presented Police Sgt. Perry Monita with a plaque and Mrs. Julie Monita with a floral arrangement. Sgt. Monita was formally recognized for his 27 years of service to the City of Brawley by the City Council.

e. **Recognition of 31 years of Employment by Parks & Maintenance Worker Eddie Sanchez**

Mayor Wharton presented Eddie Sanchez with a plaque. The City Council formally thanked Mr. Sanchez for his 31 years of service to the City of Brawley.

3. REGULAR BUSINESS

a. Reorganization of Officers

- 1) Election of Mayor/Chairperson for the City Council, Successor Agency to Brawley Community Redevelopment Agency, Public Financing Agency and Public Improvement Corporation.

The City Council **motioned** to nominate CM Couchman as the Mayor/Chairperson for the City Council, Successor Agency to Brawley Community Redevelopment Agency, Public Financing Agency and Public Improvement Corporation. m/s/c Noriega/Nava 5-0

- 2) Election of Mayor Pro-Tempore for the City Council, Successor Agency to Brawley Community Redevelopment Agency, Public Financing Agency and Public Improvement Corporation.

The City Council **motioned** to nominate CM Noriega as the Mayor Pro-Tempore Chairperson for the City Council, Vice Chair for the Successor Agency to Brawley Community Redevelopment Agency and Vice Chair for the Public Financing Agency and Public Improvement Corporation. m/s/c Nava/Kastner-Jauregui 5-0

The City Council **presented** outgoing Mayor Wharton with a plaque and a collection of news clippings from the year.

Tomas Oliva, representative for Congressman Juan Vargas, presented outgoing Mayor Wharton with a Certificate of Recognition for his leadership and dedication to the citizens of Brawley.

Christian Nunez, representative for Assembly Member Eduardo Garcia, presented outgoing Mayor Wharton with a Certificate of Recognition for his leadership and dedication to the citizens of Brawley.

Hector Araujo and Alondra Perea, representatives for Senator Ben Hueso, presented outgoing Mayor Wharton with a Certificate of Recognition leadership and dedication to the citizens of Brawley.

b. Outgoing Mayor Comments

Outgoing **Mayor Wharton** thanked everyone for their support and for allowing him to serve as Mayor for 2016. He thanked his family for their support and expressed his gratitude to the citizens of Brawley and to City staff who assisted him during his tenure as Mayor.

Fellow Council Members thanked Outgoing Mayor Wharton for his year of service.

c. Incoming Mayor Comments

Incoming **Mayor Couchman** thanked his family for their continued support. He stated his parents would be proud of him to see him serve the community as Mayor. He thanked Council Members, staff and members of the public.

Fellow Council Members wished Mayor Couchman success this coming year and expressed they look forward to working together as a team.

4. 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/Wharton 5-0

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

- a. **Approved** Accounts Payable: November 18, 2016
November 23, 2016
- b. Approve Resolution No. 2016-48: Resolution of the City Council of the City of Brawley, California Approving the Destruction of Specific Police Department Records, Documents and Papers in Accordance with Government Code Section §34090
- c. Approve Resolution No. 2016-49: Resolution of the City Council of the City of Brawley, California Amending the Fiscal Year 2016/2017 City of Brawley Budget for the Fire Department in the amount of \$25,844.00.
- d. Authorize Agreement with The Holt Group, Inc. to Provide Consulting Engineer and Public Works Director Services in an Amount Not to exceed \$50,000 and Authorize City Manager to execute all documents in relation to the provision of interim services.

5. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

- a. Monthly Staff Report for December, 2016 – Shirley Bonillas, Personnel & Risk Management Administrator
- b. Tree Lighting Ceremony and Trees of the Community – Pat Dorsey, Parks & Recreation Director

6. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

- a. 2017 City of Brawley Calendar, Prepared by Shirley Bonillas, Personnel & Risk Management Administrator

ADJOURNMENT @ 5:30pm

Alma Benavides, City Clerk