

CITY OF BRAWLEY
December 20, 2016

The City Council of the City of Brawley, California met in 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 Couchman @ 6:00 PM**

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

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

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

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

2. PUBLIC APPEARANCES/COMMENTS

- a. **Jose Angel, Executive Director for the Regional Water Quality Control Board Region 7**, updated the City Council on Board activities. During the last board meeting, a Mitigated Negative Declaration was adopted for a proposed change to the method of treatment and disposal for the One World Beef Slaughter House. The staff has prepared a draft permit which is out for a 30 day comment period. A public information meeting is being scheduled for the community of Brawley to come and submit comments and concerns. The meeting will be held on January 4th, 2017 at the Del Rio Branch Library, 1501 I Street starting at 5:30PM. The One World Beef Slaughter House will be on the next agenda for the Regional Water Quality Control Board meeting which will take place on January 19th, 2017, at the Brawley City Council Chambers starting at 9:00AM. Mr. Angel also reported that they are recommending to their board to lift the current cease and desist order against the City the City of Brawley. City of Brawley staff comments were appreciated.

CM Noriega asked Mr. Angel if there have been any concerns regarding odor having to do with One World Beef.

Mr. Angel stated that there have been concerns regarding odor and that the Regional Water Quality Control Board is taking measures in order to delineate responsibilities. He informed the City Council that the Regional Board had not been previously involved in regulating the Beef Plant but to please give the Regional Board the chance to do their job and let them address concerns of the citizens. Mr. Angel would like everyone to know that they have an office in El Centro for any concerns or complaints that need their attention.

CM Nava thanked Mr. Angel for coming to the City and assisting staff. Mr. Angel was asked to consider rescinding the cease and desist order currently imposed on the City.

Eric Brandt, Brawley resident updated the City Council on One World Beef. It has successfully completed three weeks of operation. He mentioned that there are 162 individuals working at the plans. The Brawley Beef brand is back and will be available for sale at various places.

CM Noriega asked if there will be tours of the plant and he said yes at a later time. City Council can come visit the plant anytime.

- b. **Michael Crankshaw, Police Chief**, recognized retiring Police Agent Arnold Valdez for his 30 years of employment with the Brawley Police Department. Officer Valdez was presented with a plaque and his spouse was presented with flowers.
- c. **Shirley Bonillas, Personnel & Risk Administrator**, recognized Retiree Mr. Andrew Escobar for his 9 years of employment with the City of Brawley at the Wastewater Plant. Andrew Escobar was presented with a plaque and his spouse was presented with flowers.
- d. **Shirley Bonillas, Personnel & Risk Administrator**, introduced newly promoted Police Sergeant Dane Wilkinson, plus new employees: Communications Dispatcher Cecilia Leslie, Information Systems Manager Armando Garibay and Associate Civil Engineer Andres Miramontez.
- e. **Chuck Peraza, Fire Chief**, introduced new full time employee Brawley Firefighter Joshua Colunga.
- f. **Steven Swift, Biker from Oregon** invited City Council to an event that will be outside the Brawley Public Library in honor of cancer awareness, which will take place on January 3, 2017 starting at 8am.
- g. **Tim Kelley, Executive Director of Imperial Valley Economic Development Corporation** asked for a follow up in regards to the Brownfield EPA grant that IVEDC applied for in a prior year. He expressed interest in another application process with the deadline of 22nd of December.

CM Bayon Moore informed Mr. Kelley that she had made follow-up contact with Mr. Wilcock regarding the requested support letter and the challenges of providing in kind support in light of staffing constraints. At the time, Mr. Wilcock suggested he may revise the approach but she had not received follow-up communication of that as of yet.

Mr. Kelley informed City Council that IVEDC does not wish to be a burden to the City. Rather, IVEDC aims to look at creating opportunities for the City.

CM Bayon Moore stated that EPA has been very interested in partnering with the City but it has been challenging at times to get property owners to see the opportunities that are available to them. There is skepticism when working with regulators even when the City emphasizes that this is not part of an enforcement effort.

Mayor Couchman informed Mr. Kelley that they will work on a letter as soon as possible.

Mr. Kelley provided an update on the Small Business Development Center. A letter of intent to award the contract to Imperial Regional Alliance was received. Judy Dang will be promoted to be the Acting Manager

for the Imperial Regional Alliance. Some of the requirements have already been met which is fundraising and the other is to hire by April 1.

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 Nava/ Kastner-Jauregui 5-0

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

- a. **Approved** Accounts Payable: November 30, 2016
December 08, 2016

4. PUBLIC HEARING

- a. Updated Guidelines for the Housing Rehabilitation Program for Owner Occupied Residential Housing.

Staff Report – Rosanna Bayon Moore, City Manager

These guidelines conform to current State of California Housing and Community Development (HCD) requirements and include all three funding sources, CDBG, HOME, and CalHome. HCD has requested that all grantees approve the guidelines template. Following HCD’s approval of the draft guidelines, City staff will bring the final document back to the City Council for approval.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING @ 7:09pm

No comments were received

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING @ 7:10pm

5. REGULAR BUSINESS

- a. Discussion and Potential Action to Amend the Joint Use Agreement Between Imperial County Office of Education and City of Brawley for Facilities Located at 1501 I Street and Approve a City Council Budget Adjustment Resolution in the Amount of \$12,757 from the General Fund.

The City Council **approved** the Amendment of the Joint Use Agreement between Imperial County Office of Education and the City of Brawley for Facilities located at 1501 I Street. m/s/c Nava/Noriega 5-0

- b. Discussion and Potential Action to Approve the Agreement for Funding Between the Imperial County Air Pollution Control District (ICAPCD) and the City of Brawley in the Amount of \$200,000 from the Rule 310 Operational Development Fee Program.

The City Council **approved** the Agreement for Funding between the Imperial County Air Pollution Control District (ICAPCD) and the City of Brawley in the Amount of \$200,000 from the Rule 310 Operational Development Fee Program. m/s/c Noriega/Kastner-Jauregui 5-0

- c. Discussion and Potential Action re: the MAG Coalition’s Request to Sponsor the Anti-Gang Awareness Family Health & Outreach Fair, 7.3K Run/1.73 Mile Walk.

The City Council **approved** the Request to Sponsor the Anti-Gang Awareness Family Health & Outreach Fair, 7.3K Run/1.73 Mile Walk. m/s/c Noriega/Kastner-Jauregui 5-0

6. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

- a. Record of Building Permits for October 2016, Prepared by Francisco Soto, Chief Building Official Soto
- b. Notification of Allied Waste Solid Waste Rate Adjustment per Franchise Agreement with an Effective Date of January 1, 2017

7. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Noriega: Attended Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony, traveled to Bombay Beach, met with Santa at the Elks Club and visited with all the children who were decorating cookies. Commended the Elks Club for their community work. Wished everyone happy and blessed holidays.

Kastner-Jauregui: Attended Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony, Bicycle Giveaway Fundraiser at Las Chabelas Restaurant, Student Assembly at Desert Valley High School. Toured the Salton Sea and IID Battery Storage Facility.

Wharton: Received recognition from the Sheriff’s Department for volunteer work. Wished all staff, family and friends Happy Holidays.

Nava: Attended Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony, congratulated CM Wharton on recent recognitions, participated at Barbara Worth Junior High Career Day, met with the Mayor and some business interests that are looking to potentially establish themselves in the City, working with Tim Kelley and Ryan Kelley in regards to the Film Commission to see growth in that industry. Wished everyone happy holidays.

Couchman: Attended Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony, Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the New Solar Plant in Calipatria, Barbara Worth Junior High Career Day, Chamber of Commerce Party, and also met with potential businesses seeking information in regards to establishing themselves in the City of Brawley.

8. CITY MANAGER REPORT

- a. Provided an update on efforts involving the Imperial Valley Velo Club and a future video vignette promoting safe bicycle travel.

- b. Imperial County Public Health Department is beginning orientation for the “Point in Time Count” of the homeless population throughout Imperial County. The homeless population continues to be a concern expressed by community members in the City. City staff will be participating in the count and the collection of data may help the City get better acquainted with assisting with future address of related topics.

9. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT None to report

10. CITY CLERK REPORT None to report

11. CLOSED SESSION

POTENTIAL LITIGATION

- a. Conference with Legal Counsel Potential Litigation – Three (3) Cases (California Government Code §54956.9)

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION

- a. Paramo vs. City of Brawley

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

- a. Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (3) of subdivision (d) of Section §54956.9: One (1) Case

PERSONNEL MATTERS (G.C. §54957)

- a. Public Employee Appointment to the Position of Police Chief
- b. Public Employee Appointment to the Position of Public Works Director

ADJOURNMENT @ 7:40pm

Alma Benavides, City Clerk