

CITY OF BRAWLEY
January 15, 2013

The City Council of the City of Brawley, California met in regular session at 6:00 PM, Council Chambers, 383 Main Street, 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: Campbell, Couchman, Miranda, Nava, Wharton
ABSENT: None

The invocation was offered by Pastor Bob Feist, 1st Christian Church.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Council Member Nava.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was **approved as amended**. m/s/c Wharton/Nava 5-0

The following items were placed for regular discussion/action:

- 3a. Minutes for December 19, 2013
- 3c. Reject Claim: Sedgwick CMS (Subro: Richard Nossett) Deleted from agenda.
- 3g. Resolution No. 2013- : Approving the Expansion of the South San Diego Recycling Market Zone to Include the City of Brawley

PUBLIC APPEARANCES

Police Chief Mark Gillmore introduced Sarah Albanese, newly appointed Police Department Dispatcher. Ms. Albanese stated that she was privileged to be a part of the department, it was something she has always wanted to do, and I “am now here.”

Charla Teeters, Imperial County Film Commission gave an update on the current and proposed activities for the Imperial County Film Commission and United Desert Gateway. To date, there have been 23 productions with an estimated impact of \$450,000. An event is planned at the Brawley Skate Park on February 26th. A Beer, Wine & Chocolate event is scheduled for April 12th. The Third Annual Film Festival will be August 2-3, 2013. Currently working with the Bureau of Land Management on a business plan and fee structure.

Council Member Wharton asked about the fee structure. Ms. Teeters advised that there are three (3) proposals: 1. No change; 2. Step Change and 3. 100% increase.

Wharton stated interest in the City submitting a comment letter to the BLM regarding the fees, and that there is a migration of desert visitors to the west (Mt. Signal) rather than the east (Glamis) due to fees.

Danny Fitzgerald, New Manager for the Imperial County Enterprise Zone introduced himself to the Council.

CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda was **approved** as follows: m/s/c Nava/Wharton

AYES: Campbell, Couchman, Miranda, Nava, Wharton
NAYES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

- a. **Approved Minutes** minutes for the December 18, 2012 meeting.
- b. **Approved Accounts Payable Registers** for December 13, 2012, December 14, 2012, December 21, 2012, December 27, 2012 And January 4, 2013.
- c. **Ordinance No. 2013-01:** Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Brawley Establishing a Loading/Unloading Zone and A Temporary Parking Zone in the Vicinity of Brawley Union High School was **approved for 2nd Reading & Adoption.**
- d. **Ordinance No. 2013-02:** Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Brawley Amending the Brawley Municipal Code to Change the Zoning Designation for Specified Properties; Downtown Specific Plan (SP 12-01) & Zone Change (12-02) was **approved for 2nd Reading & Adoption**
- e. **Resolution No. 2013-01:** Resolution of the City Council of the City of Brawley Establishing Fees For The Sale Of Fireworks was **passed and adopted.**
- f. **Accepted Grant of Easement** From AND LLC to the City of Brawley to Construct, Operate, Repair, and/or Maintain the Sanitary Sewer Pipeline & Appurtenances.
- g. **Approved Agreement** Between the City of Brawley & Southern California Gas Company for the Installation of an Advanced Met

REGULAR BUSINESS

- a. **Approved minutes** for the December 19, 2012 meeting **as corrected**.
m/s/c Miranda/Wharton 5-0
- b. Following a presentation by Yazmin Arellano, Public Works Director, reviewing the current recycling program and the benefits for the City of Brawley's inclusion in the South San Diego Recycling Market Zone,

Resolution No. 2013-02: Resolution of the City Council of the City of Brawley Approving the Expansion of the South San Diego Recycling Market Zone to Include the City of Brawley, was **passed and adopted**.

AYES: Campbell, Couchman, Miranda, Nava, Wharton
NAYES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

- c. **Rancho Porter Specific Plan (SP07-02) & Annexation Update**

Staff report presented by Gordon Gaste, Planning Director

The Council requested that staff obtain the developer's request in writing before the City Council considers proceeding with deferred payment of annexation fees and the tax sharing agreement with the County of Imperial.

The City Attorney explained the legalities of delaying annexation fees, the need to negotiate and record a proper agreement to secure the deferred payment. He advised that he would have to review the Municipal Code regarding these fees.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS & INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- a. Climate Action Plan (CAP/Housing Element Update for Strategic Growth Council (SGC) Grant

Staff report – Gordon Gaste, Planning Director

City was notified regarding a grant for the preparation of a Climate Action Plan (CAP/Housing Element Update in November 2012. Castaneda & Associates, our consultants, are ready to proceed with the work.

The City Manager advised that the state has requested that the City certify the sole source arrangement with Castaneda & Associates.

b. Non Motorized Transportation Plan

The project progressing. It is scheduled for the Planning Commission's consideration in March and the City Council in April.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Wharton: Have had briefings with City Manager. Thanked staff for assisting with transition; Attended multi Rotary meetings. Visited Ormat Plant. Attended Board of Supervisors swearing in ceremony; Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC) meeting; Imperial Irrigation District government affairs meeting; volunteered for the F-35 joint strike coalition. Will attend the League of California Cities Mayor's & New Councilmember Academy, and will meet with state legislators.

Nava: Attended Ryan Kelley's swearing in ceremony; Grand opening of G P Awards. GP Awards designed the key to the City presented Sergio Romo.

Campbell: Attended Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) meeting in Los Angeles, January 3rd; Calipatria State Prison Advisory Committee meeting; John Benson's 75th Birthday; GP Awards Grand Opening; Ryan Kelley's Swearing in. The Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) meeting was rescheduled.

Miranda: Attended Hidalgo 75th Christmas Program at which 65 bicycles were given; Had a great Christmas and New Year; Complimented the Police and Fire Departments for their handling of the December 21 and January 11 school incidents.

Couchman: Attended the January 8, 2013 Board of Supervisors meeting at which time I thanked the County for their assistance with the August earthquakes. Attended GP Awards Grand Opening and the Imperial Valley Business Showcase. Met with the Chief Executive Officer of Pioneers Memorial Hospital.

TREASURER'S REPORT None

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Met with Chief Executive Officer of Pioneers Memorial Hospital; discussed potential joint meeting re: program guidelines for the Economic Development Agency (EDA) funding opportunity.

2. Daniel Smith is the new appointee to the Community Redevelopment Agency Oversight Board, replacing Katy Santillan, for Pioneers Memorial Hospital District (PMHD).
3. Announced ground breaking for the Transit Transfer Station, January 30, 2013 @ 10:30 AM.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT – None

ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION 6:58 PM

- a. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9(a)): Jupiter Ventures vs. City of Brawley
- b. Conference with Labor Negotiator
Agency Designated Representative: Rosanna Bayon Moore
Employee Organizations:
 - (1) Teamsters Local 542
 - (2) Management & Unrepresented
- c. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation; Initiation of Litigation Pursuant to Subdivision © of Section 54956.9 One (1) Potential Case

ADJOURNMENT – Next regular meeting, Tuesday, February 5, 2013, 6:00 PM, City Council Chambers, 383 Main Street, Brawley, California.



Janet P. Smith, Deputy City Clerk