

**CITY OF BRAWLEY**  
**April 2, 2013**

The City Council of the City of Brawley, California met in regular session @ 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 **Council Member Campbell**

The pledge of allegiance was led by **Council Member Wharton**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The Council **determined that there is a need for immediate action** which cannot reasonably wait for the next regularly scheduled meeting and that the action came to the attention of the body after the agenda had already been posted, and added the following item to the agenda: m/s/c Campbell/Miranda 5-0

Resolution Declaring an Emergency, Ratifying Action Taken by the City Manager and Authorizing Emergency Repairs of Collapsed Manhole at Second Street Between J Street and K Street.

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

**PUBLIC APPEARANCES**

**Pat Vela:** Stated that she was signed up for the Small Business Administration (SBA) workshop. She inquired about jobs for the solar industry and hiring locals for Imperial Valley. She was referred to One-Stop and a website.

**Mayor Couchman** advised that One-Stop advertised the types of jobs that were available with a short window period. Most jobs are in Calexico, with the unions in charge, and with 70% locals hired. Most of the solar occurs in the northend.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

The consent agenda was **approved** as follows: m/s/c Campbell/Wharton 5-0

- a. **Approved** Minutes for the March 18, 2013 meeting.
- b. **Approved** the Accounts Payable Register for March 22, 2013.
- c. **Resolution No. 2013-15:** Resolution of the City Council of the City of Brawley, California, Authorizing Investment of City Monies in Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) was approved, **passed and adopted.** m/s/c Campbell/Wharton  
Ayes: All Nays: None Absent: None
- d. **Approved** Expenditure in the Amount of \$17,961.19 to Total Technologies Solutions for Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Network Wiring Installation
- e. **Approved** Purchase in the Amount of \$315,925.01 for a Dump Truck, Tractor Loader & Telehandler, Using the National Joint Powers Alliance Purchasing Contract #77-377

**REGULAR BUSINESS**

- a. **Resolution No. 2013-17:** Resolution of the City Council of the City of Brawley, California, Approving the Expansion of the Imperial Valley Enterprise Zone Boundaries (Oberon Fuels/037-070-013-000), was approved, **passed and adopted.** m/s/c Campbell/Miranda 5-0

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

- b. Update: Brawley Community Foundation’s 1<sup>st</sup> Annual “Taking Back Main Street” Event, April 27, 2013, 2:00 PM – 7:00 PM & Request to Sell & Consume Alcohol on a City Street.

Presentation by **Council Member Nava**, 1<sup>st</sup> Annual “Taking Back Main Street.”

Overview of Goals & Objectives of Brawley Community Foundation by Tim Kelley, Treasurer and Council Member Wharton. First project, Brawley Theatre. Goal to re-duce the front of the theatre by April 27<sup>th</sup>.

The Council **approved the sale and consumption of alcohol on a City Street** as requested by the Brawley Community Foundation for the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual “Taking Back Main Street” Event on April 27, 2013. m/s/c Campbell/Miranda 3-0-2

Council Members Nava and Wharton are members of the Brawley Community Foundation, and on the advice of legal counsel, abstained from voting due to the potential for a conflict of interest.

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

- c. **Resolution No. 2013-16:** Resolution of the City Council of the City of Brawley, California, Declaring an Emergency, Ratifying Action Taken by the City Manager and Approval of Emergency Repairs of Collapsed Manhole on Second Street Between J Street and K Street, was approved, **passed and adopted.** m/s/c Nava/Miranda 5-0

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

## **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS & INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

- a. Monthly Staffing Report, April 2013, Shirley Bonillas, Personnel & Risk Management Administrator.
- b. Update re: City Projects, Yazmin Arellano, Public Works Director
1. Cattle Call Median, paving, lights and landscaping.
  2. Emergency Operations Center (EOC) & Police Department Remodel.
  3. Transit Transfer Station
  4. Panno Street Intersection construction.
  5. Sewer Lift Station 1 & 2.
  6. Alyce Gereaux Park Renovation.
  7. Fire Station #2 Block Wall
  8. CNG Sweeper purchase.

## **CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**

**Wharton:** Attended Airport Commission meeting, discussed unmanned aircraft testing; Public Safety Committee meeting; Imperial Valley Economic Development Commission (IVEDC); working on committee to “Take Back Main Street,” a vision for Main Street.

**Nava:** Attended American Citizens Club (ACC) Installation; US Fitness Chamber Mixer; Imperial County Transportation Committee, discussed GPS updates for the trucking industry and truck traffic. Thank you to all of the “Taking Back Main Street” volunteers.

**Campbell:** Attended American Citizens Club (ACC) Installation; Thanked Chiefs Gillmore and Peraza for their efforts with all of the things that are happening in the City, you have our support. Will attend Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) meeting tomorrow. Extended invitation to the Cesar Chavez celebration, April 20, 2013.

**Miranda:** Participated in the Calipatria State Prison 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Health Fair, March 27, 2013. California Assemblyman Ben Hueso, was in attendance. Spoke with him about our Community Development Block Grant application for a Fire Truck and manhole reconstruction. He assured me that he would support our request. The Miranda family had a family gathering at Rotary Park for Easter with over 100 in attendance. Invited all to the Cesar Chavez Day Celebration and festivities on April 20, 2013, Cattle Call Arena.

**Couchman:** Attended Imperial Valley Enterprise Zone meeting, March 20<sup>th</sup>; Attended the Strike Fighter evening meeting at which there was a lot of negativity about the Imperial Valley as a base for the F35 aircraft, but the coalition is moving forward as a group. Overall Economic Development Commission (OEDC) CEDS for future Plan/Project EDA Funding; US Fitness Chamber Mixer; Martin Garza Run/Walk. The City is moving forward in spite of the current difficulties we are experiencing.

The **Mayor** reminded the Council about the “Exemplary Civic Award of Distinction” to be held at Brawley Union High School (BUHS) to recognize the civics class, on Friday, April 5, 2013 11:00 AM – 12:00 Noon, in the new gym. BUHS is one of 22 schools in California selected for the award.

#### **TREASURER’S REPORT** - None

#### **CITY MANAGER’S REPORT**

1. The United States Marine Corps (USMC) has requested per an urban training exercise at the Luckey Ranch on May 13, 2013. They will make a public presentation at a future Council meeting.
2. The International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC) will hold their annual event in May. Early bird rate expires in April. Council Members Miranda and Nava expressed an interest to attend.
3. The Council set April 9, 2013 for a budget workshop. Del Rio Branch Library, 1501 I Street . However, it has been noted that all of the Council members cannot attend. The City Manager explained that due to a public hearing on the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) 2013 Application also scheduled for that date, it cannot be canceled, as it has already been published in the new media.

The Council rescheduled the budget workshop for Monday, April 15, 2013, 6:00 PM., City Council Chambers, 383 Main Street, Brawley, California.

**CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT** – None

**ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION** 7:20 PM

**PENDING LITIGATION**

- a. Upon advice of its legal counsel, the Agency will recess to closed session pursuant to G.C. 54956(a) to confer with its attorney regarding pending litigation which has been initiated formally and to which the Agency is a party. The title of the litigation is: Administrative Civil Liability Complaint R7-2013-0028 City of Brawley Wastewater Treatment Plant.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Adjourn to Tuesday, April 9, 2013 @ 5:30 PM, Brawley Del Rio Branch Library, 1501 I Street, Brawley, California.

Next regular meeting, Tuesday, April 16, 2013, 6:00 PM, City Council Chambers, 383 Main Street, Brawley, California.

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***Janet P. Smith***, Deputy City Clerk