

CITY OF BRAWLEY
May 11, 2011

The City Council of the City of Brawley, California met in an adjourned regular meeting at 6:00 PM, Hidalgo Hall, 420 South 10th 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 Tempore- Naval* @ 6:01 PM

The pledge of allegiance to our flag was led by *CM Kelley*

PRESENT: Couchman, Kelley, Miranda, Nava
ABSENT: Campbell

Mayor Campbell entered @ 6:33 PM

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was *approved* as submitted. m/s/c Miranda/Kelley 4-1

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

1. **PUBLIC APPEARANCES/COMMENTS** There were none to report
2. **DEPARTMENT REPORTS** There were none to report
3. **REGULAR BUSINESS**
 - a. **DISCUSSION ON POTENTIAL USER'S UTILITY TAX AND BALLOT MEASURES.**

Staff Report – Ruby Walla, Finance Director

The purpose of this presentation and discussion is for the City Council to gather citizens' input in different forums in order to decide upon a potential Ballot Measure for 2011 for the extension of the Utility Users Tax.

Eric Reyes stated that he was in support of the User's Utility Tax but we need to look at other revenues and form a citizens committee.

Carmen Araujo mentioned that we need the User's Utility Tax but I hope you use it for what is needed. Do what is right we are in a recession and no raises until the recession is over.

Ramon Castro asked what you are doing to cut cost; you need to explore other avenues.

Mayor Campbell stated that there will be no merit increases and we are looking into a hiring freeze.

CM Couchman mentioned that we need to look at the transit lodging tax.

CM Kelley said that we need more volunteers, just look at how the Veteran's Wall and the lights at Guadalupe and Meserve Parks came about.

4. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

- a. *CM Couchman* said that Rotary Members had a lot of questions.
- b. *CM Miranda* mentioned that he and Mayor Campbell will meet with the Senior Citizens Club on tomorrow and wanted to thank all staff for their help in putting this presentation together.
- c. *CM Kelley* stated that he has gotten nothing but positive feedback.
- d. *CM Nava* concurred with CM Kelley but is in support of the second prison crew.
- e. *Mayor Campbell* mentioned that these meetings have been very good.

5. CITY MANAGER REPORT There was nothing to report

ADJOURNMENT @ 7:30 PM

Alma Benavides