

CITY OF BRAWLEY
May 16, 2011

The City Council of the City of Brawley, California met in an adjourned regular meeting 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 Campbell* @ 6:01 PM

The invocation was offered by *Ronnie Valenzuela, Harvest Time*

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

PRESENT: Campbell, Couchman, Kelley, Miranda, Nava

ABSENT: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Item 3-e Approve Resolution No. 2011- : Resolution of the City Council of the City of Brawley, California, approving the Article 8a application for Bus Benches/Shelters purposes under the Transportation Development Act SB 325), PUC 99400 *was moved from consent agenda to regular business for discussion and approval.*

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

AYES: Campbell, Couchman, Kelley, Miranda, Nava

NAYES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

1. PUBLIC APPEARANCES/COMMENTS

Mr. Carson Kalin presented a check to the City for a loan that the Cattle Call Committee had gotten from Quimby fees 5 years ago.

2. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

PD Gaste showed an award that the city had received to the Council and audience.

Mayor Campbell wanted to thank staff and the people that helped to get this award.

LD Mello stated she was happy to be moving back to the Library.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda was *approved* as followed: m/s/c Kelley/Nava 5-0

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

- a. *Approval* of City Council Minutes of April 5, 2011 and April 12, 2011.
- b. *Approval* of Accounts Payable Registers of April 28, May 5, and May 6, 2011.
- c. *Adopt* 2nd Reading of Ordinance No. 2011-01: Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Brawley, California amending the Municipal Code relating to parking by mobile vendors.
- d. *Approve* Resolution No. 2011-13: Resolution of the City Council of the City of Brawley, California, approving the application for Bicycle and/or Pedestrian funds under the Transportation Development Act and approving the adoption of its bicycle and/or pedestrian plan.
- f. *Approve* Resolution No. 2011-14: Resolution of the City Council of the City of Brawley, California, approving the Article 8c application for Dial-A-Ride Transit purposes under the Transportation Development Act SB 325, PUC 99400.
- g. *Approval* of Use of Court Appointed Receiver for Nuisance Abatement.
- h. *Approval* of K Street Drainage Improvements Property Appraisals.
- i. *Authorize* agreement with Psomas for the preparation of the City of Brawley Integrated Master Plan.
- j. *Accept* Caltran's release and quitclaim of property for the purpose of a sewer access and sewer maintenance easements to the City of Brawley.

4. REGULAR BUSINESS

- a. **APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2011-15: RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRAWLEY, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE ARTICLE 8A APPLICATION FOR BUS BENCHES/SHELTERS PURPOSES UNDER THE TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT SB 325), PUC 99400.**

Staff Report – Ruby Walla, Finance Director

The Transportation Development Act (SB325) provides that each Transportation Planning Agency may allocate funds to specific transit purposes. The financing plan adopted by IVAG on June 23, 2010 allocated \$3,996 for this project. The City of Brawley has recognized the need for maintenance for bus benches and shelters.

CM Kelley asked how funding was going to be used.

PWD Arellano stated that we have enough funds to do a project and we are open to any ideas from Council.

CM Kelley asked how much have we collected and are we using any youths?

CD Hull stated that the Chamber is in contact with the Rainforest program.

The motioned to **approve** Resolution No. 2011- 15: Resolution of the City Council of the City of Brawley, California, approving the Article 8a application for Bus Benches/Shelters purposes under the Transportation Development Act SB 325), PUC 99400. m/s/c Kelley/Couchman 5-0

b. ADOPT 1ST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2011-02: ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BRAWLEY, CALIFORNIA AMENDING THE TRUCK PARKING AREAS WITHIN THE CITY OF BRAWLEY.

Staff Report – Gordon Gaste, Planning Director

We did a revision per *CM Kelley* and *CM Miranda*.

CM Miranda asked if we are allowing parking on E Street, Palm and North Eastern and alley East of Main on the East side of Palm Avenue.

Mr. Gary Tackett asked are you talking about days, weeks or months. Trucks/trailers should not be allowed to park in City streets.

PD Gaste mentioned that a lot of this is being eliminated: half because of schools and residential areas.

CM Nava stated you are talking about a time frame of 48 hours.

CM Kelley stated to give council a truck route of Main Street.

CM Couchman mentioned that we need to take a look into this because it's a work in progress.

PWD Gaste indicated that truck parking is allowed only in designated areas. There are signs in areas coming into town.

The council motioned to *adopt* the 1st Reading of Ordinance No. 2011-02: Ordinance of the City of Brawley, California amending the Truck Parking areas within the City of Brawley. Miranda/Kelley 5-0

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

c. DISCUSSION AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2011- : RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRAWLEY, CALIFORNIA, REASSIGNING THE POSITION OF RECORDS ADMINISTRATOR AS A CITY EMPLOYEE REPORTING TO THE CITY MANAGER.

Staff Report - Gary Burroughs, City Manager

The Record's Administrator is on a pay scale and the City Clerk's pay is \$125.00 a month.

CM Nava stated when the City Clerk was elected what is the difference?

CM Burroughs indicated that it's a position at the will of the City Council.

Mayor Campbell mentioned that this came up a lot of times.

CM Burroughs advised Council that the City Clerk should not be evaluated by City Council.

CM Kelley said that we need to get a history of the City Clerk.

CM Nava mentioned that the City Clerk inherits the job.

CM Burroughs indicated that it's unfair for someone to take papers and expect to be the Records' Administrator and City Clerk.

CA Morita asked why is it like this. The attorney general believes you have an ordinance that affects incumbents.

CM Burroughs mentioned that all this was done by a salary schedule.

CM Morita indicated that under the general rule in this County this is the way it's been. Imperial and El Centro went through a recruitment process.

CM Kelley asked how it was done in the past.

CM Couchman stated that we need to look at a table and take a hard look at it.

CM Burroughs mentioned that we need to make that change soon.

CA Morita indicated positions are not connected.

CM Burroughs stated that the Record's Administrator has a job description and the City Clerk is an elected position.

CM Couchman mentioned that ordinances and resolutions need to be looked at.

The council *motioned* to continue this item to a later date and have the City Attorney look into exactly what a City Clerk is expected to do.

d. PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION AND ADOPTION OF CITY MANAGER'S FY 2011-2012 RECOMMENDED BUDGET.

Staff Report – Gary Burroughs, City Manager

CM Nava discussed several issues.

IVEDC

Staff Report - Tim Kelley, Manager

Taken a much bigger role statewide. Enterprise Zone was getting something. Our role is to promote the valley and especially Brawley. Retain our funding at \$10,000 for more resources for Brawley.

CM Burroughs stated he had not seen anything coming into Brawley.

CM Kelley we brought personnel in-house and I have not seen anything.

CM Nava our level of commitment is \$10,000.

CM Couchman asked how much do you get from El Centro? *Answer: \$5,000 (Kelley)*

CM Kelley and *CM Nava* indicated that they were in favor of \$9,000

CM Couchman mentioned since we are cutting, he is not in favor of full funding if we are cutting other services.

CM Campbell stated that he is willing to help out with either \$2,500 or \$3,000.

CM Kelley stated maybe partially funding them.

CM Miranda stated he goes out there to bring businesses to Brawley but unfortunately we can't at this time.

The council *motioned* to give IVEDC at \$5,000. m/s/c Miranda/Couchman 3-2

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

BRAWLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Staff Report - Ron Hull, CEO

We reduced our staff down to (2) two people from \$85,000 we went to \$60,000. That takes us to a dark place. We support the green campaign and we are marketing Brawley with pamphlets for the Re-Con Convention in Las Vegas next month just gives us a chance.

CM Couchman stated we need a Chamber and they need to exist.

Mr. Hull a \$15,000 cut I understand any kind of money coming our way is good.

CM Kelley stated that the Chamber needs to be an advocate for Brawley and if we are doing something wrong please let us know.

The council ***motioned*** to give the Brawley Chamber of Commerce \$35,000.
m/s/c Nava/Miranda 5-0

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

FILM COMMISSION

The council ***motioned*** to give the Film Commission \$9,000. m/s/c Kelley/Couchman 3-2

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

PRISON CREW & SECOND PRISON CREW

A letter was presented to Council in behalf of the Parks & Recreation Commission Members in support of contracting with the Calipatria State Prison for the use of one additional prison crew in the care and maintenance of public facilities, parks and right-of-ways.

CM Kelley stated that the second prison crew is a want not a needed item, it's an additional cost and I know they do an exceptional job.

CM Campbell indicated that its money well spent.

CM Miranda stated do we need another crew or can we employ 2 new employees?

CM Burroughs mentioned that for 12 to 16 men for \$110,000 skilled and unskilled employees at 5 days and 6 hours a day it's a good price to pay, it might fund 1½ employee with the amount of labor and routine of pothole filling.

CM Nava indicated that this was a benefit to the City; we want to beautify our City and allow the Parks and Recreation employees to spend more time in other needed places.

CM Couchman stated that we need an extra crew for beautification, we are looking at a budget, I feel bad but \$110,000 is \$110,000.

CM Kelley mentioned that people petitioned for \$6,000; and 1 person at \$55,000 for fire station.

CM Burroughs indicated that we need abatement, we need to clean debris around buildings and the airport needs a clean up.

CM Miranda said that it's an eyesore in the community along Hwy 86 and Main Street, hopefully that can fix those much needed areas.

The council *motioned* to hire the second prison crew. m/s/c Miranda/Campbell 3-2 Kelley and Couchman voting no.

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

TRAVEL/TRAINING

CM Kelley stated that we need to cut 20% of travel.

CM Couchman indicated that he is not in favor of straight across the board travel cuts that are not a requirement. We need to continue travel and training with a 10% cut to travel that is non-mandatory and it needs City Manager authorization.

The council *motioned* a 10% cut in travel and training unless authorized by the City Manager. m/s/c Couchman/Nava 5-0

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

SENIOR PLANNER

CM Burroughs stated to let it remain authorized until the position is filled.

Mayor Campbell indicated that we should have a hiring freeze effective July 1, 2011.

CM Burroughs mentioned that we should do a review in December.

The council *motioned* to leave the Senior Planner. m/s/c Miranda/Couchman 4-1

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

e. DISCUSSION OF FY 2011 BALLOT MEASURES.

The Utility Users Tax Ballot Measure and Business License Fee the attorney is working on drafted copies. There will be 2 or 3 resolutions for review.

5. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

- a. *CM Couchman* attended the Cinco de Mayo event at the Hidalgo Hall.
- b. *Mayor Campbell* stated he had gone to the different locations where the Utility User's Tax had been talked about with his colleagues.

6. CITY MANAGER REPORT

- a. *CM Kelley* and *CM Nava* will attend the Utility Users Tax presentation at the ACC.

7. ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION

REPORT OF ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION, IF ANY, BY CITY ATTORNEY.

None to report

ADJOURNMENT @ 8:20 PM

Alma Benavides