

CITY OF BRAWLEY
November 22, 2011

The City Council and Community Redevelopment Agency 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* @ 11:05 AM

The invocation was offered by *Mayor Campbell*

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

PRESENT: Campbell, Couchman, Kelley, Miranda, Nava
ABSENT: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

1. PUBLIC APPEARANCES/COMMENTS

Mayor Campbell stated to fellow *CM Couchman* that he was glad he was doing much better after a trip to the hospital over the weekend.

2. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS There were none to report

3. CONSENT AGENDA There were none to report

4. REGULAR BUSINESS

a. Scheduling of City Council Reorganization Meeting.

Mayor Campbell said the reorganization meeting will take place on December 6, 2011 at 5:30 pm.

CM Kelley asked to have the appointments of Board and Commissions at the regular meeting.

b. FY 2011-2012 General Fund Budget and Possible Strategies for FY 2012-2013 Operational Deficit.

Staff Report – Rosanna Bayon Moore, City Manager

The ***Council*** was addressed with a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Operational Deficit.

CM Couchman asked where are we at. Where is our deficit? I don't want to balance everything on our employees, we need to look at expenditures and also look at other steps.

Mayor Campbell asked when the audit will be ready. ***Answer:*** About January. (***CM Moore***)

CM Kelley asked if we had looked at other retirement avenues and ICERS.

CM Nava mentioned that some Administrative Personnel had been offered other positions at the Police Department.

CM Miranda stated that he was very optimistic and concurred with ***CM Couchman***.

CM Bayon Moore mentioned that there is an article regarding CalPERS Reform in the California League of Cities Magazine.

CM Couchman asked what other communities of our size are doing; we need to be fair to our employees and citizens.

CM Bayon Moore said El Centro employees just started paying the employees' portion of their retirement. They started July 1, 2011 with 50 % and another 50 % will become effective July 1, 2012.

CM Kelley asked about CalPERS insurance.

P&RMA Bonillas said we do have retirement and we need health insurance, let's look at ordinances; it's never going to be good timing.

CM Bayon Moore mentioned that we need to explore health insurance.

CM Nava stated that hopefully with some retirements, property taxes, and some sales tax we will be in a much better position.

CM Couchman asked about the contingency plan.

5. COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORTS

- a. *CM Couchman* said he had a slight incident over the weekend but is doing okay and wanted to commend public safety, paramedics, and hospital staff. I would also like to thank everyone for their prayers and calls.
- b. *CM Miranda* stated he attended the Honey Festival in Westmorland over the weekend.
- c. *CM Kelley* stated he was glad that *CM Couchman* is doing well and is here.
- d. *CM Nava* said he was happy *CM Couchman* was in attendance and also attended the honey festival.
- e. *Mayor Campbell* stated there were a lot of prayers for *CM Couchman*, attended the First Imperial Federal Credit Union Grand Re-opening and wanted to thank staff for their hard work and have a Happy Holiday.

6. CITY MANAGER REPORT

- a. *CM Moore* said she wanted to thank Rosa Ramirez from the Finance Department for stepping up as Acting Finance Director, and I would also like to inform you that on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving and Monday after Thanksgiving we will be having half staff working and a reminder of tonight's meeting at the Hidalgo Hall regarding the New River.

ADJOURNMENT @12:04 PM

Alma Benavides, City Clerk