

**CITY OF BRAWLEY**  
**December 3, 2012**

The City Council of the City of Brawley, California met in adjourned 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 Nava @ 6:00 PM**

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

The invocation was offered by Mayor Nava.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Council Member Miranda.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was **approved as submitted**. m/s/c Miranda/Couchman 3-0, Campbell absent.

Mayor Nava announced that due to a conflicting commitment, Council Member Campbell could not be present at the meeting until 7:45 PM, but wanted to hear the candidate's statements and participate in the process to appoint a person to fill the vacant City Council position. The Mayor recessed the meeting at 6:05 PM until 7:45 PM.

The meeting was reconvened at 7:45 PM. Campbell, Couchman, Miranda and Nava were present.

Council Member statements:

Campbell      Thanked the candidates and the public for their patience, and wished each of the candidate's good luck.

Couchman      shared that he was pleased with the participation and that there were so many candidates.

Miranda      Expressed that it would be a difficult decision to make, but the City Council will select the candidate who is the best for Brawley.

Mayor Nava stated that this meeting will be broadcast over the internet. He advised that the order in which the candidates will speak will be alphabetically, and that they will be allowed 5 minutes each, to give a statement for the reason each is seeking the

office. After each candidates has spoken, the discussion will be open to the public for comments.

Each of the following candidates gave statements of their education, experience, goals and objectives, why they are seeking the office, and how and what they would do to see the City move forward successfully.

Arne Eaton, 260 West A Street  
Jitendra (Jay) Goyal, 890 Flamming Avenue  
Norma Kastner Juaregui, 1106 Calle del Sol  
Joe Paul Lucio, 920 Calle Del Cielo  
Lisa McMillon, 661 South Imperial Avenue  
Helen M. Noriega, 940 Ivy Street  
Lee A. Quarcelino, Sr., 788 Maple Court  
Jeremy Rodriguez, 1076 Ronald Street  
Donald L. Wharton, 1134 La Valencia Court

Mayor Nava read letters of recommendation submitted for:

Arne Eaton – Henry Graham, Mayor of Westmorland  
James Harmon, Superior Court Judge (Retired)

Donald L. Wharton – Darren Smith, Smith-Kandal Insurance/Real Estate

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Jay Kruger, 605 South Rio Vista Avenue, thanked the Council for placing the subject of filling the vacancy at the forefront of the Council's business. He said that many who have stepped forward are friends and neighbors, and that the City Council will do what is best for all concerned.

Public Comments Session Closed @ 8:40 PM

Council Member statements:

Nava: Thanked the applicants for applying for the position and for their support of the community.

Couchman: It was difficult for the candidates to submit their names for nomination. It is a very difficult decision for the City Council also. These are friends and colleagues, and each one brings a different talent and perspective. I expressed preference for the election process. If not chosen, He encourage continuing to work with the city as a volunteer in another capacity, and not to be discouraged.

Based on experience and involvement in the community, Council Member Miranda stated that he nominated Donald L. Wharton to fill the vacant City Council seat expiring November 2015. Seconded by Couchman. 4-0

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

Donald L. Wharton, stated that he was deeply humbled to be chosen, in light of the field of candidates represented. He said that he looked forward to moving the City forward.

**ADJOURNMENT** 8:45 PM

  
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Janet P. Smith, Deputy City Clerk