

**CITY OF BRAWLEY**  
**March 4, 2014**

The City Council of the City of Brawley, California met in regular session at 6:00 PM, Emergency Operations Center, 351 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 @ 6:00 PM**

**PRESENT:** Campbell, Couchman, Nava, Noriega, Wharton  
**ABSENT:** None

The invocation was offered by **Pastor Richard Rodriguez, House of Bread Ministries**

The pledge of allegiance was led by **CM Nava**

**1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was **approved** as submitted. m/s/c Nava/Noriega 5-0

**2. PUBLIC APPEARANCES**

- a. **Jason Zara**, Brawley Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, reminded everyone of the State of the City Mayor's Breakfast on Friday, March 7, 2014 starting at 7:00 am at the Stockmen's Club of Imperial Valley and the Farmer's Market that will take place on Saturday, March 8, 2014 from 12:00 – 4:00 pm.
- b. **Juan Gonzales**, IVROP staff, updated the City Council on services the students have provided to various cities throughout the valley. **Alexa Montoya**, IVROP student, spoke on behalf of the students.
- c. **Alfred Legler** spoke on behalf of several employees in the audience regarding the closure of the ICE Facility in El Centro. Last week they were told the facility would be closing and that they needed to look for other jobs. An Ad-Hoc Committee has been formed.
- d. **Ryan Kelley**, Imperial County Supervisor, updated the City Council on several issues. Thanked CM Wharton and CM Nava for participation in the National Beef Ad Hoc Committee; briefed the City Council on recent trip to Washington, DC and spoke about the Salton Sea Restoration and Potential Renewable Energy, Joint Strike Fighter at NAF and the closure of ICE. It was also noted that the County of Imperial applied for a grant to address high rates of teen pregnancy in Brawley and Calexico.

**3. CONSENT AGENDA**

The consent agenda was **approved** as submitted. m/s/c Nava/Noriega 5-0

**AYES:** Campbell, Couchman, Nava, Noriega, Wharton  
**NOES:** None  
**ABSENT:** None  
**ABSTAIN:** None

- a. **Approved** Accounts Payable Registers for February 13, 2014, February 20, 2014, February 21, 2014 and February 27, 2014.
- b. **Approved** Minutes of February 11, 2014 (adjourned) and February 18, 2014.
- c. **Approved** Purchase and Installation of two additional security cameras and radio point to point connectivity between the City of Brawley Transit Transfer Station and the Community Development Services Building in an amount not to exceed \$21,149.15 from Athenx, Inc.
- d. **Rejected** Claims as recommended by Carl Warren & Company Claims Management Adjusters for Claimant: Sarah Ferguson

#### **4. REGULAR BUSINESS**

- a. Review and Potential Action regarding the request from the Brawley Chamber of Commerce, the Institute of Socio Economic Justice and the Brawley Community Foundation to sell and consume alcohol on Main Street on April 12, 2014 as part of the Brawley Farmer's Market, the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Cesar Chavez Family Festival and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Celebration "Taking Back Main Street".

The City Council **approved** the request from the Brawley Chamber of Commerce, the Institute of Socio Economic Justice and the Brawley Community Foundation to sell and consume alcohol on Main Street on April 12, 2014 as part of the Brawley Farmer's Market, the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Cesar Chavez Family Festival and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Celebration "Taking Back Main Street". m/s/c Nava/Wharton 5-0

- b. Discussion and Potential Action regarding Strategic Planning for the City of Brawley; Power Point Presentation by Council Member Donald Wharton

*\* Workshop notes are in progress and will be prepared for final presentation to the City Council for approval.*

#### **5. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**

**Noriega:** Attended Dr. Patricia Saracco-Lang Retirement Dinner and met with Congressman Juan Vargas.

**Wharton:** None to report

**Nava:** None to report

**Couchman:** Attended meeting with National Rifle Association and Rotary Training.

**Campbell:** Attended Dr. Patricia Saracco-Lang Retirement Dinner and thanked staff for their continued hard work.

**8. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT** None

**9. TREASURER'S REPORT** None

**10. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT** None

**11. CITY CLERK** None

**12. ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION** @ 9:25 PM

**ANTICIPATED LITIGATION** (G.C. Section 54956.9)

- a. Conference with Legal Counsel – Initiation of Litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Government Code §54956.9. There is one (1) potential case.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Next Adjourned Regular Meeting, **Tuesday, March 18, 2014**, City Council Chambers, 383 Main Street, Brawley, California.

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***Alma Benavides***, City Clerk