

**CITY OF BRAWLEY**  
**June 16, 2015**

The City Council of the City of Brawley, California met in regular session at 6:00 PM, Council Chambers, 383 Main, 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 @ 6:01 PM**

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

The invocation was offered by **Pastor Arturo Pesqueria, Victory Outreach Church**

The pledge of allegiance was led by **City Manager Rosanna Bayon Moore**

**1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**2. PUBLIC APPEARANCES**

- a. **Rosemarie Wood, NoCCA Executive Director** mentioned that new money is coming to NoCCA; met with Arts Council in Sacramento and that the County of Imperial appointed herself, Hildy Carrillo of Calexico Chamber of Commerce and Charla Teeters of the Imperial Valley Film Commission to the Arts Council of Imperial County.
- b. **Jason Zara, Brawley Chamber of Commerce Executive Director** announced theme for this year's Cattle Call Wild Wild West and hopefully we will have more events for each event and a quick reminder of tomorrow quarterly meeting.
- c. **Pat Dorsey, Parks & Recreation Director** introduced Gerardo Vindiola, Parks & Recreation Maintenance Worker.

**3. CONSENT AGENDA** Items are approved by one motion. Council Members or members of the public may request consent items be considered separately at a time determined by the Mayor.

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

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

- a. **Approved** Accounts Payable: May 28, 2015  
May 29, 2015  
June 4, 2015
- b. **Approved** Resolution No. 2015- 27: Resolution of the City Council of the City of Brawley, California, acting as the Legislative Body of Community Facilities District No. 2005-3 of the City

- of Brawley (*La Paloma*), authorizing the levy of Special Taxes within Community Facilities District No. 2005-3 for Fiscal Year 2015-2016.
- c. **Approved** Resolution No. 2015-28: Resolution of the City Council of the City of Brawley, California, acting as the Legislative Body of Community Facilities District No. 2005-4 of the City of Brawley (*Latigo Ranch*), authorizing the levy of Special Taxes within Community Facilities District No. 2005-4 for Fiscal Year 2015-2016.
- d. **Approved** Resolution No. 2015-29: Resolution of the City Council of the City of Brawley, California, acting as the Legislative Body of Community Facilities District No. 2007-1 of the City of Brawley (*Luckey Ranch*), authorizing the levy of Special Taxes within Community Facilities District No. 2007-1 for Fiscal Year 2015-2016.
- e. **Approved** Resolution No. 2015-30: Resolution of the City Council of the City of Brawley, California, acting as the Legislative Body of Community Facilities District No. 2006-1 of the City of Brawley (*Malan Park*), authorizing the levy of Special Taxes within Community Facilities District No. 2006-1 for Fiscal Year 2015-2016.
- f. **Approved** Resolution No. 2015-31: Resolution of the City Council of the City of Brawley, California, acting as the Legislative Body of Community Facilities District No. 2007-2 of the City of Brawley (*Springhouse*), authorizing the levy of Special Taxes within Community Facilities District No. 2007-2 for Fiscal Year 2015-2016.
- g. **Approved** Resolution No. 2015-32: Resolution of the City Council of the City of Brawley, California, acting as the Legislative Body of Community Facilities District No. 2005-1 of the City of Brawley (*Victoria Park*), authorizing the levy of Special Taxes within Community Facilities District No. 2005-1 for Fiscal Year 2015-2016.
- h. **Approved** Resolution No. 2015-33: Resolution of the City Council of the City of Brawley, California, Requesting the Board of Supervisors of the County of Imperial to Consolidate a General Municipal Election to be Held on November 3, 2015, with the School Election to be Held on the date Pursuant to §10403 of the Elections Code.
- i. **Approved** Resolution No. 2015- 34: Resolution of the City Council of the City of Brawley, California, Giving and Calling Notice of the Holding Of a General Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2015, for the Election of Certain Officers as Required by the Provisions of the Laws of the State of California Relating to General Law Cities.
- j. **Approved** Resolution No. 2015-35: Resolution of the City Council of the City of Brawley, California Adopting an Employer Paid Sick Leave Policy for Part-Time, Temporary and Seasonal Employees.
- k. **Ratify** Action Taken by the City Manager to Repair the Lions Center Pool Circulation Motor and Authorize Performance of Work by Knorr Systems, Inc. in the Amount of \$16,500.
- l. **Approved** Contract Change Order No. 1 for Contract 2015-12: Purchase and Installation of 4 Air Conditioner Units in the Amount of \$0 (time extension) to Becerril Air Solutions, Inc.

#### **4. CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING – EXTENDED TO JULY 7, 2015**

- a. Appeal for a Zone Change (ZC14-01)/General Plan Amendment GPA14-01/Site Plan (SP14-02)/Conditional/Use Permit (CUP14-02)/Parcel Map (PM14-01) – River Palm Mobile Home and RV Park/Mini-Storage/Convenience Market.
  1. Continued Public Hearing
  2. 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Ordinance No. 2015- : Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Brawley, California Amending the Brawley Municipal Code to Change the Zoning Designation for Specified Properties.
  3. Approve Resolution No. 2015- : Resolution of the City Council of the City of Brawley, California Amendment to the City of Brawley General Plan.

#### **5. REGULAR BUSINESS**

- a. Review and Potential Action to Authorize Proceeding with Proposition 218 Process based on the findings for the City of Brawley Water, Wastewater and Stormwater Rate Study.

**Doug Dove and JP Branson**, from Bartle Wells Associates and **Ruby Walla**, Finance Director presented a Power Point Presentation

**Ruby Walla**, Finance Director advised City Council that the increase was needed for financial stability and is required per the loan agreement made by City. The new rates would continue till 2020. The increase would help to pay for improvements that are critical which include sewer pipe replacements and water meters for commercial. The City will face annual deficits and will not be able to pursue capital projects if rates are not increased. Bartle Wells Associates recommends raising rates to cover the annual operating costs, debt service coverage and capital projects of each enterprise.

**Gracie Fernandez** resident of Brawley delivered a letter via email to the City Clerk for distribution at the City Council meeting with her concerns for cost projects for Water and Wastewater that include increasing costs for personnel services, the Wastewater Plant is not running as efficient and economical as it should, water rates keep going up and water quality is bad and does not meet established health standards residents are paying money for bottled drinking water. Comparisons of rates surrounding our community are not justified for raising our rates plus compare the whole operation and quality of service.

The Council **requested** for Bartle Wells Associates to work with staff and bring back in July with different proposals.

- b. Review and Approve Urgency of Ordinance No. 2015-05: Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Brawley, California Prohibiting Wasteful Use of Water, Establishing Restrictions on Water Use and Meeting State Conservation Standards.

Yazmin Arellano, Public Works Director presented a Power Point Presentation

The Council **approved** Urgency Ordinance No. 2015-05: Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Brawley, California Prohibiting Wasteful Use of Water, Establishing Restrictions on Water Use and Meeting State Conservation Standards. m/s/c Nava/Noriega 5-0

- c. Review and Potential Action to Approve Contract Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$50,697.47 for Contract 2015-10 Volunteer Park Parking Lot Improvement Project.

The Council **approved** Contract Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$50,697.47 for Contact 2015-10 Volunteer Park Parking Lot Improvement Project. m/s/c Campbell/Nava 5-0

- d. Amend and Approve 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance No. 2015-06: Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Brawley, California Regulating the Time Within Which Political Signs May be Placed from 105 to 120 days.

The Council **approved** 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance No. 2015-06: Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Brawley, California regulating the time within which Political Signs may be placed from 105 to 120 days. m/s/c Noriega/Couchman 5-0

- e. Review and Potential Action re: Sponsorship Request from the American Citizens Club for their 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Father's Day Party, Sunday, June 21, 2015.

The Council **approved** the Sponsorship Request for \$200 dollars for the American Citizens Club for their 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Father's Day Party, Sunday, June 21, 2015. m/s/c Noriega/Campbell 5-0

- f. Review and Potential Action to Modify or Eliminate the City of Brawley Elected City Treasurer Position.

The City Attorney has advised per Government Code 36501, general law cities are to be governed by a City Council, City Clerk, City Treasurer, Police Chief and Fire Chief. At this time, he does not recommend eliminating the Office of Treasurer. Compensation and benefits of the Office of Treasurer are set by resolution or ordinance.

The Council **motioned** to eliminate the Health Insurance Coverage from the City Treasurer Position. m/s/c Nava/Noriega 5-0

## **6. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

- a. **Pat Dorsey**, Parks & Recreation Director updated the City Council on the Brawley Parks & Recreation Department 2015 Summer Schedule.
- b. **Marjo Mello**, Library Director updated the City Council on the City of Brawley Summer Reading Program.

## **7. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS**

**Nava:** Attended the Elk's Chamber Mixer, Ribbon Cutting of the New Gym at Barbara Worth, toured the Wastewater Treatment Plant with the Brawley Business Advisory Committee and met with the Cattle Call Committee.

**Noriega:** Attended Ms. Betty Hardy's Retirement Party from Brawley Union High School, Ribbon Cutting at Barbara Worth Gym, Elk's Chamber Mixer, NoCCA Breakfast and Opera/Mariachi Concert, BUHS Graduation, and Newly Elected Officers Academy for JPIA.

**Couchman:** Attended Branding Iron Award Dinner, Ribbon Cutting at Barbara Worth Gym, Art Walk, Award Ceremony at Phil Swing School, and Elk's Chamber Mixer. A lot of things going around Brawley and I appreciate all of you for your work.

**Campbell:** Attended BUHS & BESD graduation and Branding Iron Award Dinner; would like to have staff look into becoming a Charter City.

**Wharton:** Attended Branding Iron Award Dinner, met with Cattle Call Committee, flied around town this morning and have a safe and enjoyable 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

**8. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

- a. Regional Water Quality Control Board Discharge Permit for Wastewater Treatment Plant was approved for 5 years
- b. Working with Chamber of Commerce and Brawley Business Advisory Committee to navigate a road map for new businesses.
- c. Submitting a grant to SCAG for sustainable strategy for downtown corridor to include sidewalks and safe routes to schools.

**9. TREASURER'S REPORT** None to Report

**10. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

- a. A lot of LSR's
- b. Firework Show in Calipatria

**11. CITY CLERK'S REPORT** None to Report

**12. CLOSED SESSION**

- a. EXISTING LITIGATION (G.C. Section §54956.9)  
  
Enrique Garza vs. City of Brawley

**ADJOURNMENT** @ 7:55 PM

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**Alma Benavides**, City Clerk