

**CITY OF BRAWLEY**  
**July 21, 2015**

The City Council of the City of Brawley, California met in regular session at 6:02 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 @ 6:00 PM**

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

The invocation was offered by **CM Campbell**

The pledge of allegiance was led by **Brawley Firefighter Art Duran**

**1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**2. PUBLIC APPEARANCES**

- a. **John Hernandez, Brawley Parks & Recreation Commissioner**, commented on the need for ADA accessible parking spaces the Senior Center, an improved stop for the Dial-A-Ride and thanked the City for assisting Comite Civico Del Valle following the fire that displaced the organization.
- b. **Jason Zara, Brawley Chamber of Commerce Executive Director**, extended an invitation to the Mega Mixer @ Stockmen's Club on Thursday, July 25, 2015 and announced that the application period is open for Cattle Call Queen.
- c. **Chuck Peraza, Brawley Fire Chief**, introduced newly hired City of Brawley Firefighter Art Duran.

**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: July 2, 2015  
July 9, 2015  
July 10, 2015
- b. **Approved** Amendment No. 6 to Agreement between City of Brawley and Imperial County Humane Society Agreement in the amount of \$60,000 for Animal Sheltering Services extended to August, 2016.

- c. **Amend** Resolution No. 2015-37: Resolution of the City Council of the City of Brawley, California, Citizens Option for Public Safety (COPS) Supplemental Law Enforcement Funds for Fiscal Year (FY) 2014-2015 and Expenditure Plan.

## **5. REGULAR BUSINESS**

- a. Discussion and Potential Action re: Award of Contract to Aggregate Products, Inc. in the amount of \$2,599,316.90 for Project No. 2015-19 Street Rehabilitation Phase 10.

The Council **approved** the Award Contract to Aggregate Products, Inc. in the amount of \$2,599,316.90 for Project No. 2015-19 Street Rehabilitation Phase 10 in the amount of \$2,599,316.90. m/s/c Campbell/Noriega 5-0

- b. Discussion and Potential Action re: Award of Contract to Pierce Manufacturing, Inc. in the Amount of \$499,998.00 for Project No. 2015-03 Purchase of a New Fire Engine Apparatus.

The Council **approved** the Award of Contract to Pierce Manufacturing, Inc. in the amount of \$499,998.00 for Project No. 2015-03 Purchase of a New Fire Engine Apparatus in the amount of \$499,998.00 m/s/c Campbell/Wharton 5-0

- c. Discussion and Potential Action to Ratify a Reduced Rental Rate and Approve a Formal Lease Agreement Between the City of Brawley and La Gente Boxing Club for the Elks Youth Building Located at 105 A Street.

The Council **approved** the ratification of the Reduced Rental Rate and a Formal Lease Agreement between the City of Brawley and La Gente Boxing Club for the Elks Youth Building Located at 105 A Street. m/s/c Nava/Campbell 5-0

- d. Discussion and Potential Action re: Address of the Affordability Component of the Affordable Care Act as it pertains to the City's Health Insurance Allowance Commencing January 2016.

**Shirley Bonillas, Personnel and Risk Management Administrator, and Rosa Ramirez, Assistant Finance Director**, updated the City Council on newly published CALPERS premiums and summarized the compliance requirements for the Affordable Care Act.\*

\*PowerPoint Presentation content is on file and available upon request at the Office of the City Clerk.

**Rosanna Bayon Moore, City Manager**, reported that each bargaining unit has been briefed on anticipated increases as of January 1, 2016 and obligations per the Affordable Care Act. The City Council was informed that the total fiscal impact is \$60,438.72 if all bargaining units and unrepresented employees are provided with the same health care allowance increase. A City Council Resolution for the associated budget adjustment will follow on a future agenda with each affected funds identified.

The Council **approved** an increase in the amount of \$64.16 per month to the City of Brawley Health Insurance Allowance for all regular, full time employees to meet the ACA affordability threshold, effective January 2016. m/s/c Nava/Noriega 5-0

- e. Discussion and Potential Action to Approve Resolution No. 2015-40: Resolution of the City Council of the City of Brawley, California Appointing Members to the Brawley Airport Advisory

Commission, Brawley Planning Commission, Brawley Parks & Recreation Commission and Brawley Public Library Board of Trustees.

The Council **approved** Resolution No. 2015-40: Resolution of the City Council of the City of Brawley, California appointing Tony Friley and Tim Kelley to the Brawley Airport Advisory Commission. m/s/c Nava/Wharton 5-0

The Council **approved** Resolution No. 2015-41: Resolution of the City Council of the City of Brawley, California appointing Ramon Castro, Robert Palacio and Darren Smith to the Brawley Planning Commission. m/s/c Nava/Noriega 5-0

The Council **approved** Resolution No. 2015-42: Resolution of the City Council of the City of Brawley, California appointing John Hernandez, Mary Miller and Ramon Sagredo to the Brawley Parks & Recreation Commission. m/s/c Nava/Campbell 5-0

The Council **approved** Resolution No. 2015-43: Resolution of the City Council of the City of Brawley, California appointing Judy Grant, Diane Lohr and Dixie Smith to the Brawley Public Library Board of Trustees. m/s/c Nava/Campbell 5-0

f. Review and Staff Direction re: Preliminary Findings of City of Brawley Water, Sewer and Stormwater Rate Study Prepared by Bartle Wells Associates.

**Ruby Walla, Finance Director**, reported that City Council direction was provided June 16, 2015 meeting when the City Council directed that Bartle Wells Associates work with City staff to further evaluate approaches to 2 inch meter residential customers, as well as reduce first year water rate increases and more evenly distribute increases over the five year period.

At the June 16<sup>th</sup> meeting, the draft water rate increase for a 5 year period was proposed at 18% in year 1 (FY 2016) with an overall rate increase of 34.1% and 46.4%. Wastewater rates were proposed to increase by 9% in year 1 (FY 2016) with an overall 5 year period increase of 18.6%. With these proposed rate changes, Brawley would remain at mid-range charges in comparison to neighboring jurisdictions.

The revised proposed rate schedule now makes a distinction between the base meter size for residential and commercial. A 2 inch meter for residential is proposed at \$62.49 instead of \$100.36 as previously proposed.

The 18% recommended increase was described as necessary to meet debt service requirements. Since then, an adjustment has been made to the City's Admin Allocation. In addition, the Water Enterprise Fund loan payment to Wastewater Enterprise Fund in the amount of \$102,308 per year is no longer accounted for as an Operations & Maintenance expense. With these adjustments, the overall proposed rate increase has decreased for year 1 (FY2016) from 18% to 11% with an overall 5 year increase of 54%. The proposed consumption rate has been altered from \$1.63 per 1,000 gallons to \$1.53 per 1,000 gallons for ALL accounts. The proposed adjustment and reclassification place the City in a position to meet debt service requirements for all 5 years.

**Joel Gonzalez, Brawley resident and business owner**, commented on the fairness of businesses that do not have meters but are obligated to install them.

**Rosanna Bayon Moore, City Manager**, clarified that businesses have been required to install a water meter when there is a location change, a building permit pulled or a new business sited. The City is not

imposing a new condition on existing operating businesses. One of the capital projects contemplated with the new rate structure is the City's installation of water meters for commercial customers.

The Council **directed** staff to proceed with Proposition 218 process in accordance with proposed rates per the Water, Wastewater and Stormwater Rate Study, including the Noticing Requirement, Public Hearing and Rate Increases Subject to Majority Protest. m/s/c Nava/Campbell 5-0

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

**Noriega:** Attended Quick Lane event and the PMHD Wound Clinic & Center for Liver & Digestive Disease Re-Opening Ribbon Cutting. Attended a meeting regarding the proposed Mobile Home Park.

**Couchman:** Thanked Public Works and public safety personnel for prompt cleanup during recent storm and major water breaks. Commented on cleanup underway at 279 J Street.

**Campbell:** Thanked staff for hard work and requested review of safety improvements at crosswalk on Main Street.

**Wharton:** Attended Brawley Business Advisory Committee and Brawley Mobile Home Park meeting. Attended the PMHD Wound Clinic & Center for Liver & Digestive Disease Re-Opening Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, Quick Lane Ribbon Cutting, Ad Hoc Committee meeting for One World Beef and recently read at the Del Rio Library.

**Nava:** Attended Quick Lane Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, CJPIA Annual Board Meeting and met with One World Beef. Thanked Brawley Police and Fire Departments for providing Comite Civico Del Valle with assistance during recent fire. Thanked Public Works for efforts during the storm.

## **6. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

a. Update on Fire Station 1 and Senior Center Parking Lot Resurfacing. Window and door replacements at Fire Station No. 1 are underway but due to custom dimensions, additional time is required.

## **7. TREASURER'S REPORT** None to report

## **8. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

a. Updated Council on a Bid Protest regarding Imperial Irrigation District.

## **9. CITY CLERK'S REPORT**

a. The Nomination Period for City Council, City Clerk and City Treasurer opened July 13, 2015 and runs till August 7, 2015.

**ADJOURNMENT** @7:55 PM

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**Alma Benavides**, City Clerk