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## **Brawley City Council Meeting Highlights – March 17, 2026**

**Brawley, CA** — The Brawley City Council convened for its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, March 17, 2026, to recognize outstanding employees, hear presentations from community organizations, and consider items related to the City's budget, housing opportunities, and building standards. The following is a summary of major actions and presentations from the meeting:

### Presentations and Recognitions

- The Council presented a Proclamation designating April 2026 as Autism Awareness Month and April 2, 2026 as World Autism Awareness Day in the City of Brawley, recognizing the importance of raising awareness, promoting acceptance, and supporting individuals and families affected by autism.
- The City Council recognized William Huang, IT Technician, as the City of Brawley Employee of the Month for January 2026 in appreciation of his dedication and contributions to supporting the City's technology systems and services.
- The Council also recognized Valerie Solorio, Part-time Library Aide, as the City of Brawley Employee of the Month for February 2026 for her commitment to providing excellent service and support to the Brawley Public Library and its patrons.

### Council Approvals and Actions

- The Council approved the first reading of Ordinance No. 2026-01, which adopts the 2025 Edition of the California Building Standards Code. Adoption of updated building standards ensures the City remains aligned with statewide regulations related to building safety, construction practices, and development requirements.
- The Council also adopted a resolution authorizing the City to apply for \$500,000 in HOME Investment Partnerships Program funding. If awarded, the funding will support local housing initiatives and help expand opportunities for affordable housing within the community.

## Study Session

- The Council held a Fiscal Year 2026/27 General Fund Proposed Budget Study Session, presented by Finance Director Silvia Luna. The study session provided an overview of the proposed General Fund budget and began the Council's review of departmental requests and fiscal priorities for the upcoming fiscal year.

Budget study sessions are an important part of the City's annual financial planning process and allow the Council to review proposed expenditures, evaluate priorities, and provide direction ahead of final budget adoption.

## Informational Items

- The Council received informational presentations from community organizations regarding the Imperial County Lithium Valley Specific Plan and Programmatic Environmental Impact Report. These presentations provided perspectives from community and business stakeholders on the proposed plan and its potential regional impacts.

Presentations were provided by:

- Valle Unido por Beneficios Comunitarios
- Los Amigos de la Comunidad and the Imperial Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce

The Brawley City Council remains committed to transparency, fiscal responsibility, community engagement, and thoughtful planning to ensure the continued delivery of quality services and infrastructure to the Brawley community.

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