

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRADBURY  
HELD ON TUESDAY, JULY 17, 2012**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Mayor Lathrop at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Lathrop led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:** PRESENT: Mayor Lathrop, Mayor Pro-Tem Pycz, Councilmembers Barakat and Hale

ABSENT: Councilmember Lewis

STAFF: City Manager Keith, City Attorney Reisman, City Clerk Saldana and Management Analyst Kearney

**COUNCILMEMBER LEWIS  
EXCUSED:** Councilmember Lewis was excused from the meeting.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Mayor Pro-Tem Pycz made a motion to approve the agenda to proceed with City Business. Councilmember Barakat seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

**DISCLOSURE OF ITEMS  
REQUIRED BY GOV. CODE  
SECTION 1090 & 81000  
ET SEQ.** In compliance with the California Political Reform Act, each City Councilmember has the responsibility to disclose direct or indirect potential for a personal financial impact as a result of participation in the decision making process concerning agenda items.

City Attorney Reisman reported that he was not aware of any conflicts.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**CONSENT CALENDAR:** All items on the Consent Calendar are considered by the City Council to be routine and will be enacted by one motion unless a Councilmember requests otherwise, in which case the item will be removed and considered by separate action. All Resolutions and Ordinances for Second Reading on the Consent Calendar are deemed to be "to waive further reading and adopt."

- A. Minutes - Regular City Council Meeting of June 19, 2012
- B. Resolution No. 12-24: Demands & Warrants for July 2012
- C. Financial Statement for the month of June 2012
- D. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 324: An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Bradbury Amending Article 1 of the Bradbury Municipal Code by adding Section 1211 regarding contracts with Los Angeles County

**MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT  
CALENDAR:** Councilmember Hale moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Councilmember Barakat seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Mayor Lathrop, Mayor Pro-Tem Pycz, Councilmembers Barakat and Hale

NOES: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Lewis

Motion passed 4:0

**PUBLIC HEARING –  
INTRODUCTION AND  
FIRST READING OF  
ORDINANCE NO. 325:**

City Manager Keith stated that the current Bradbury Municipal Code Chapter 8 governs the bidding of Public Works contracts. This includes processes and limits for formal and informal bidding procedures. However, since its re-adoption in 2008 the monetary amounts have increased. It is recommended that the City Council read for the first time by title only (and waive further reading of) Ordinance No. 325: An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Bradbury amending Bradbury Municipal Code Chapter 8 regarding bidding amounts for Public Works Projects.

The California Legislature (through the "Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act") established the required amounts for public works projects to be awarded through formal and informal bidding procedures. From time to time, the thresholds have been raised, and many cities have adjusted their ordinances to reflect these changes. In 2011, the Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act was amended to enable government agencies to informally bid projects with a value up to \$175,000. Formal bidding is required for contracts over that amount. Projects valued at \$30,000 or less may be awarded without recourse to the competitive bidding requirements. Ordinance No. 325 would amend the Bradbury Municipal Code to conform with present state law.

**PUBLIC HEARING OPENED:**

Mayor Lathrop opened the public hearing and invited those wishing to speak in favor or opposition to come forward and be heard.

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY:**

None

**PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED:**

There being no public testimony, Mayor Lathrop declared the public hearing closed.

**MOTION:**

Councilmember Hale made a motion to place Ordinance No. 325 on the August 21, 2012 City Council agenda for second reading and adoption. Mayor Pro-Tem Pycz seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Mayor Lathrop, Mayor Pro-Tem Pycz, Councilmembers Barakat, and Hale

NOES: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Lewis

Motion passed 4:0

**CITY OF BRADBURY FISCAL  
SUSTAINABILITY –  
APPOINTMENTS TO THE  
FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

City Manager Keith stated that the City Council will make appointments to the City's Finance Committee. The Committee has been established to assist the City Council with determining solutions to the City's ongoing fiscal sustainability issues. The Committee will meet as needed and provide an update to the City Council in the fall of 2012 in order to provide ample time if necessary for a ballot measure in Spring 2013. The City Council will review applications submitted by the community and may or may not make appointments.

Staff received two applications thus far: from Anne Absey (District Two) and James Adams (District Two). City Manager Keith stated Lisa Bailey, our part-time Finance Director, will also serve on the Committee as requested by the City Council.

Councilmember Hale inquired if the Council could appoint more people if it made those two appointments tonight. Staff stated yes.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Hale made a motion to appoint Anne Absey and James Adams to the Finance Committee, and to continue to look for more people. Councilmember Barakat seconded the motion.

**MAYOR LATHROP:** Mayor Lathrop stated that ideally the goal would be to have someone from each district on the Finance Committee.

**KAREN DUNST:** Planning Chairperson Karen Dunst announced that she was interested in serving on the Finance Committee, but wasn't sure if that would be a conflict of interest since she was already serving on the Planning Commission.

**CITY ATTORNEY:** City Attorney Reisman stated that serving on both the Planning Commission and the Finance Committee would not be a problem.

**AMENDED MOTION:** Mayor Pro-Tem Pycz made an amended to motion to add Karen Dunst to the Finance Committee. Councilmember Barakat seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Mayor Lathrop, Mayor Pro-Tem Pycz, Councilmembers Barakat, and Hale

NOES: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Lewis

Motion passed 4:0

**LONG-TERM SOLUTIONS TO  
REDUCE TAXES IN BRADBURY  
FOR SUSTAINABLE VIABILITY  
AND/OR COST SAVINGS:**

This item is on the agenda every month for the City Council to consider ideas and comments from residents regarding long-term solutions to the City's fiscal challenges, specifically potential strategies for enhancing and creating new revenue and/or cost savings.

**DISCUSSION:**

City Manager Keith stated that there are new items on the table:

1. Adopt a Street Light Program
2. Community Yard Sale
3. Three Peaks Run in Bradbury

Staff is also working on a logo for Café Press and we are accepting donations and continue to sell bricks. Councilmember Barakat inquired about how many bricks the City has to sell. City Manager Keith replied that we ordered 250 bricks to sell. We have 4"x8" bricks for \$150 and 8"x8" bricks for \$300.

The cost to adopt a street light would be \$150 plus the light bulb, signage and maintenance. The street lights and bricks are tax deductible.

Councilmember Hale felt that there was too much "stuff" and that the City should concentrate on one thing (the bricks) and then move on to other funding programs. Each City Councilmember is supposed to buy a brick. Councilmember Barakat suggested bricks for deceased city officials.

An audience member (no name given) disagreed with Councilmember Hale, stating that it's better to be able to choose from a variety of charities.

Karen Dunst suggested to hold the yard sale before the Community clean-up event this fall and stated that the City could charge between \$75 and \$100 per seller's table, since customers expect "upscale junk" from the City of Bradbury.

City Manager Keith stated that the Salvation Army or Goodwill would also come and take the items that did not sell.

Anne Absey felt that \$100 per seller's table was a lot and asked the City Manager how much Sierra Madre charged. Ms. Keith replied that Sierra Madre charged \$25 per table. Ms. Absey suggested looking into having private restaurants sell food at the Community Yard Sale.

City Manager Keith stated that staff will bring back details regarding the Yard Sale at the next meeting.

**MATTERS FROM THE CITY MANAGER:**

City Manager Keith stated that she had nothing to report other than that the Civic Center landscaping project has started.

**MATTERS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL:**

**MAYOR LATHROP:**

Mayor Lathrop stated that the San Gabriel Valley COG has a new interim Executive Director, Fran Delach, while Nick Conway remains on administrative leave following his arrest. Mayor Lathrop stated that Arroyo Associates are still being paid for its services. There is also discussion about separating ACE (Alameda Corridor-East Construction Authority) from the COG.

**MAYOR PRO-TEM PYCZ:**

Mayor Pro-Tem Pycz stated that the Board of the Southern California Joint Powers Insurance Authority (JPIA) will meet tomorrow and that Bradbury is the smallest of its 31 member cities.

**COUNCILMEMBER BARAKAT:**

Councilmember Barakat stated that he serves on the Personnel Board of the LA County Sanitation Districts and San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District. These agencies are raising the retirement age of their (new) employees from 55 to 60 years of age. They may also make their employees contribute to their retirement (up to 7%) in PERS

**COUNCILMEMBER HALE:**

Councilmember Hale stated that he has pictures of the Duarte High School Stadium astro turf project which was constructed with school bond money. Mr. Hale stated that there are good watch dogs on the Bond Oversight Committee.

**COUNCILMEMBER LEWIS:**

Not present.

**ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:**

None

**CLOSED SESSION:**

At 7:50 p.m. the Council went into Closed Session to discuss Personnel:

- A. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957 – Evaluation of Performance. Title: Engineering Services

**RECONVENE OPEN SESSION AND ANNOUCE ACTION TAKEN:**

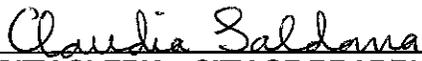
The Open Session was reconvened and City Attorney Reisman stated that no formal votes were required or taken.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 8:00 p.m. Mayor Lathrop adjourned to the meeting to Tuesday, August 21, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Bradbury Civic Center.

  
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MAYOR - CITY OF BRADBURY

**ATTEST:**

  
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CITY CLERK - CITY OF BRADBURY