

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRADBURY,
HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2009 AT 7:30 P.M.
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT CITY HALL
600 WINSTON AVENUE, BRADBURY, CA 91008**

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Bradbury was called to order by Mayor Barakat.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Mayor Barakat, Mayor Pro-Tem Lathrop, Councilmembers Guthrie and Lewis

EXCUSED ABSENCE: Councilmember Hale

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

EXCUSED ABSENCE: Mayor Barakat made a motion to excuse Councilmember Hale for his absence; Councilmember Lewis seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Mayor Pro-Tem Lathrop made a motion to approve the agenda as presented; Councilmember Lewis seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION Councilmember Lewis presented Planning Commissioner Ed Black a plaque and thanked him for his ten years of service on the Planning Commission.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Rick Pycz, 1157 Lemon Ave, stated that the trail project from Royal Oaks Drive North to Lemon Ave is progressing well adding that they have removed all the debris and have begun grading.

DISCLOSURE OF ITEMS REQUIRED BY GOV. CODE SECTION 1090 & 81000 ET SEQ.: In compliance with the California Political Reform Act, each City Council Member 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.

The City Attorney stated that with respect to item K. Authorization to Enter Into An Agreement With Giron Engineers for Civil Engineering Work on the Civic Center Project, Mayor Barakat was in conflict due to the proximity of the Civic Center Project to his own home and therefore would be excused from participation on the item.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

- A. Minutes - Regular City Council Meeting January 20, 2009
- B. Financial Statement for the month of January 2009
- C. Resolution No. 09-01 Demands and Warrants for February 2009
- D. Approval of the Appointments to the Beautification Committee (Dist. 3)

- E. Award of Contract for work on the Sanitary Sewer Master Plan to RKA Consulting
- F. Award of Contract to for Tree Trimming Services for the City's Public Trees
- G. Approval of an Assignment Agreement between the City of Bradbury and the City of West Hollywood for the Exchange of Proposition A Local Returns Funds
- H. Approval of City's Matching Funds for the Fire Hazard Reduction Plan Stage 2 Grant
- I. Approval of Resolution No. 09-04 Supporting the Los Angeles Radio Interoperable Communications System, (LA-RICS) Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) and Rescinding Resolution No. 08-35
- J. Approval of the Foothill JPA Agreement to add the City of Pasadena
- K. Authorization to Enter Into An Agreement With Giron Engineers for Civil Engineering Work on the Civic Center Project

Mayor Barakat requested to postpone item D. until the next meeting.

Mayor Pro-Tem Lathrop requested the minutes be corrected on page five to reflect that landscaping be included on all of the speed humps to soften them up.

Councilmember Lewis stated he was left off of the voting record for the Consent Calendar and requested the minutes be amended.

Councilmember Lewis made motion to approve items A through J. on the consent calendar with the exception of D. which had been removed; Mayor Pro-Tem Lathrop seconded the motion and opened the item up for discussion.

Councilmember Guthrie requested clarification where the funds were coming from on item E. Award of Contract for work on the Sanitary Sewer Master Plan to RKA Consulting.

City Manager Keith stated that the funds to pay for the Sanitary Sewer Master Plan were coming from the General Fund not the Sewer Fund.

Mayor Barakat stated that item J. Approval of the Foothill JPA Agreement to add the City of Pasadena was initiated by him. Mayor Barakat stated that the Foothill JPA had been servicing the Pasadena, but did not have their name attached to the organization. The addition of Pasadena should bring the JPA better funding from

**MOTION TO APPROVE
CONSENT CALENDAR
ITEMS A THROUGH J.:**

the Federal Government.

Mayor Pro-Tem Lathrop moved to approve items A, B, C, E, F, G, H, I, and J. on the consent calendar. Councilmember Lewis seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Mayor Barakat, Mayor Pro-Tem Lathrop, Councilmembers Guthrie and Lewis

NOES: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Hale

ABSTAIN: None

**DISCUSSION OF
CONSENT CALENDAR
ITEM K.
AUTHORIZAITON TO
ENTER INTO AN
AGREEMENT WITH
GIRON ENGINEERS FOR
CIVIC ENGINEERING
WORK ON THE CIVIC
CENTER PROJECT**

Mayor Barakat excused himself from participating in item K. Authorization to Enter Into an Agreement With Giron Engineers for Civil Engineering Work on the Civic Center Project.

Councilmember Lewis inquired if the work that is to be done by Giron Engineers would complete the necessary plans needed for a design build project.

City Manager Keith stated that was the plan, and although it is a design build project preliminary estimates is that it will cost \$1,000,000. City Manager Keith stated that the estimate does not include temporary site costs, furniture and moving costs for relocating City Hall. City Manager Keith stated she is currently working out the details of that estimate.

Councilmember Guthrie inquired whether or not grading plans were really necessary for a site that is relatively flat.

City Manager Keith stated that the overall construction site is over an acre, including the parking area, which requires the City to get a permit from the State Water Control Board. The permit requires the preparation of the Engineering documents that are before you tonight.

Councilmember Guthrie inquired if any of the money that was previously spent on preparing documents for the Civic Center Project can still be used.

City Manager Keith stated that the reason the Mr. Giron's quote is reduced is because he has gone through the existing documents and was able to glean from preexisting information.

Councilmember Lewis moved to authorize the City Manager to contract with Giron Engineering to work on the Civic Center Project in an amount not to exceed \$15,000. Councilmember

Guthrie seconded the motion seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Mayor Pro-Tem Lathrop, Councilmembers Guthrie and Lewis

NOES: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Hale

ABSTAIN: Mayor Barakat

**PRESENTATION BY ELISA
CLIFFORD FROM
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
EDISON**

Mayor Barakat rejoined the meeting.
City Manager Keith introduced Elisa Clifford from Southern California Edison. Ms. Clifford provided handouts to the City Council and spoke on the Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project and the potential visual affect it may have on the City. Ms. Clifford opened the discussion up for questions.

Mayor Pro-Tem Lathrop inquired if any of the transmission lines will pass through Bradbury.

Ms. Clifford stated that the lines do not pass through, although are visible from different points in the City.

Councilmember Lewis inquired how large the towers were now and how large would they become once the project was done.

Ms. Clifford stated that the towers were now eighty feet tall and would be one hundred and sixty feet when the project was done, doubling in size.

**AGENDA ITEM #4
COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT BLOCK
GRANT (CDBG)
PROPOSED PROJECT FOR
PROGRAM YEAR 2009-
2010**

Mayor Barakat opened the public hearing for the Community Development Block Grant 2009-2010.

City Manager Keith stated that it is the City's intent to sell its Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) allocation to another city this is step one in the process that the Community Development Commission requires in order to sell. City Manager Keith stated that the City already had an interested buyer of the funds and the sale would net .50 to .60 cents on the dollar, adding that the City had approximately \$3,400 for sale.

Mayor Barakat inquired about which City was interested.

City Manger Keith stated she believed the interested city was Hawaiian Gardens.

Mayor Barakat opened the item up to the public for comment.

There being no comment from the public, the Mayor closed the public comment.

Mayor Pro-Tem Lathrop made a motion to authorize the City Manager to open the negotiations for the sale of Community Development Block Grant funds for program year 2009-2010. Councilmember Guthrie seconded the motion seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Mayor Barakat, Mayor Pro-Tem Lathrop, Councilmembers Guthrie and Lewis

NOES: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Hale

ABSTAIN: None

**AGENDA ITEM # 5
RESOLUTION NO. 09-05-
ALLOCATING THE CITY
OF BRADBURY'S
CITIZEN'S OPTION FOR
PUBLIC SAFETY (COPS)
FUNDS**

City Manager Keith provided a report regarding where the Community Option for Public Safety (COPS) have been spent in the past and outlined the Council's options for allocating the funds. City Manager Keith stated this year due to the State not having an approved budget; the City only has received \$50,000 and is awaiting the remaining \$50,000 upon the approval of the State budget. City Manager Keith stated that the amount under consideration tonight is \$50,000 the amount currently in City's possession. The item may come back to the City Council once the additional funds have been received.

Mayor Barakat requested clarification on the amount being spent on Duarte and Monrovia Active Gang Enforcement DAMAGE program.

City Manager Keith stated that \$20,000 total is going to fund the program split between two DAMAGE programs, \$10,000 for Duarte's program and \$10,000 for Monrovia's program.

Councilmember Lewis requested clarification for part C on the resolution is \$35,000 which could include traffic enforcement and assistance with the Royal Oaks School traffic issues and the amount of \$15,000 for School Resource Deputy at Duarte Schools. Councilmember Lewis inquired if the \$15,000 was a good use of funds.

Mayor Pro-Tem Lathrop stated that the School Resource Deputy was used to intervene students prior to when they may be influenced by gangs.

City Manger Keith added that the School Resource Deputy provided presence at the school as a preventative measure used to

deter students from crime.

Councilmember Lewis inquired why so much of our COPS funds were going to the Duarte Schools and not to Monrovia Schools.

City Manager Keith stated that the City has chosen to fund the Duarte Schools in part because Bradbury is part of the Duarte School District.

Mayor Pro-Tem Lathrop added that more areas of our City border Duarte than Monrovia, therefore using more COPS funds in Duarte would more directly benefit our City.

Councilmember Guthrie requested more emphasis be placed on traffic enforcement on Winston Ave.

City Manager Keith stated she will address that issue with the Sheriffs.

City Manager Keith stated that in the course of working on the fee study it has been brought to her attention that the City is not currently receiving revenue from the citations that are issued within our City. City Manager Keith stated she has spoken to Lt. Harshman on the issue and will bring an ordinance before the City Council at a future meeting to amend the revenue from citations so that the City will now be the recipient.

Mayor Barakat opened the item up to the public for comment.

There being no comment from the public, the Mayor closed the public comment.

Mayor Pro-Tem Lathrop made a motion to approve Resolution No. 09-05 allocating the City of Bradbury's Citizen's Option for Public Safety (COPS) funds. Councilmember Lewis seconded the motion seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Mayor Barakat, Mayor Pro-Tem Lathrop, Councilmembers Guthrie and Lewis

NOES: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Hale

ABSTAIN: None

City Manager Keith reviewed the City website redesign and opened the presentation to questions from the City Council.

**AGENDA ITEM #6
PRESENTATION ON THE
CITY'S WEBSITE**

REDESIGN

Mayor Barakat inquired in the Councilmembers could place their own bios on the website.

City Manager Keith stated that if it was desire of the City Council than bios could be added to the site.

Councilmember Lewis suggested changing the home page so that when the mouse hovers over a particular section all the selections light up instead of how it is designed currently.

Mayor Pro-Tem Lathrop requested a page on the Community Services District be added to the website explaining their role in our City.

City Manager Keith stated that information could be entered in under School District and Utilities.

Mayor Pro-Tem Lathrop inquired if residents could sign up on a list serve to receive all the important notices.

City Manager Keith stated we could either look into that method of distribution or alternatively staff has discovered with our Connect CTY system there is an option to send out notifications when new material is posted on the website.

Councilmember Guthrie inquired if the City website would have a customer service survey for residents to complete.

City Manager Keith demonstrated where that already existed on the website.

Mayor Pro-Tem Lathrop requested the “About Bradbury” section be rewritten to reflect more of attributes of the City and provided the City Manager a revised version with some suggestions.

Councilmember Lewis provided staff with corrections he has noted throughout the website.

Staff was directed to make the corrections mentioned in the presentation and continue moving the website towards completion. City Manager Keith stated that the Foothill Transit Authority has requested the City appoint an alternate to their organization.

Mayor Pro-Tem Lathrop inquired if the Foothill Transit Authority was having trouble meeting a quorum because our City representative was not attending meetings.

AGENDA ITEM #7 CITY COUNCIL ALTERNATE LIASON APPOINTMENT TO Foothill TRANSIT

City Manager Keith stated that was not the case.

Councilmember Guthrie volunteered to be alternative for the Foothill Transit.

REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney reported that the City Council met in a noticed closed session before tonight's meeting to discuss the evaluation of the new City Manager, feedback was presented both ways, no votes were requested no votes were taken.

MATTERS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Keith stated that the meeting with Assemblyman Huff on March 6th would have to be rescheduled due to a conflict in his schedule.

City Manager Keith requested items for discussion for the Breakfast with Supervisor Antonovich meeting. The City Council requested discussions on the development of the County Flood Control area into a park, guidelines on Measure R funds, update on the development of the Gold Line and the Gang issue.

City Manager Keith stated that if it was alright with the City Council she would like to request the three days before Easter off.

The City Council approved the vacation request.

MATTERS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL:

MAYOR PRO-TEM LATHROP:

Mayor Pro-Tem Lathrop requested if anyone knew of a homeowner in Bradbury that would be willing to open their home for the Duarte Education Foundation Fall fundraiser event to contact Michelle or the foundation.

Mayor Pro-Tem Lathrop requested to place a discussion item about historical preservation in the City on a future agenda.

City Manger Keith stated that was on her list to bring to the City Council and she'd be happy it be moved up and address it at the next meeting.

COUNCILMEMBER HALE: Absent.

COUNCILMEMBER GUTHRIE : None.

COUNCILMEMBER LEWIS: Councilmember Lewis stated that he went to San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (COG) meeting three weeks ago along with Mayor Pro-Tem Lathrop and found it to be interesting. Councilmember Lewis stated that he will be attending this Thursday's COG meeting to continue to gather impressions and

MAYOR BARAKAT:

report back to the Council.

Mayor Barakat stated he has received a request for support from Supervisor Antonovich regarding regency requirement of sex offenders and that could be discussed at the next meeting if that was alright with everyone. There were no objections.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 9:20 PM the meeting was adjourned to March 17, 2009.

MAYOR CITY OF BRADBURY

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK – CITY OF BRADBURY