ACTION MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF BRADBURY

REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, October 15, 2024 – 7:00 P.M.

BRADBURY CIVIC CENTER

600 Winston Avenue, Bradbury, CA 91008

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Bradbury was called to order by Mayor Barakat at 7:00 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL -

PRESENT:	Mayor Richard Barakat, Mayor Pro Tem Richard Hale, Councilmember Bruce Lathrop and Councilmember Liz Bruny.
ABSENT:	Councilmember Monte Lewis.
STAFF:	City Manager Kevin Kearney, City Clerk Diane Jensen, Management Analyst Mario Flores, City Planner Jim Kasama and City Attorney Cary Reisman.

Mayor Barakat made a motion to excuse Councilmember Lewis from the meeting. Councilmember Bruny seconded the motion which carried 4:0.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Mayor Pro Tem Hale motioned to approve the Agenda with Councilmember Bruny seconding the motion, which passed, 4:0.

DISCLOSURE OF ITEMS REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 1090 & 81000 ET. SEQ.

In compliance with the California Political Reform Act, each City Councilmembers 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.

Attorney Reisman stated he was not aware of any potential conflicts.

1. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – Mayor Barakat opened the floor to Public Comment

No public comment.

ACTION ITEMS*

2. 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 Council Member 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, the motion will be deemed to "to waive the reading and adopt."

a. Minutes: Regular Meeting, Tuesday, September 17, 2024.
b. Minutes: Special Meeting, Monday, September 30, 2024.
c. Monthly Investment Report for the month of October, 2024.
d. Resolution No. 24-28. Demands & Warrants for October, 2024.

City Manager Kearney spoke of two changes to the Consent Calendar:

Part d, Resolution No. 24-28. Demands & Warrants for October, 2024

a. Section #4 Employee Benefits: Removed entries for Aetna, VSP, Delta Dental and The Standard due to being duplicate entries of Section #1, Pre-Release Checks/ACH.

b. Due to Broadvoice bill charged to City Credit Card, duplicate entries for same invoice were removed from Section #2, Regular Checks and Section #3, ACH/EFT Payments.

Mayor Pro Tem Hale made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar with the changes stated above. Councilmember Lathrop seconded that motion, which passed 4:0.

3. PRESENTATION – LOS ANGELES COUNTY ASSESSOR, JEFF PRANG

Jeff Prang, Los Angeles County Assessor, presented insights into his office's functions and recent updates such as property assessments within the county, technological advancements for property owner services, and Proposition 19's impact on property tax bases and inheritance benefits. He took questions and provided clarifications to council members regarding assessment procedures.

4. 1271 LEMON AVENUE – APN 8527-025-020 CALIFORNIA AMERICAN WATER

American Water presented plans to retire the Lemon Reservoir at the northeast corner of Lemon Avenue and Barranca Road, detailing the project's environmental assessment, noise mitigation, and community outreach efforts.

Mayor Barakat opened the floor for the Public Hearing. The following residents spoke about their reasons for opposing this project as well as four letters received from neighbors, which were presented to the City Council.

1. *Scott Weisner*
2. *Serena Burnett*
3. *Roy Lamb*
4. *Andrew Fash*
5. *Phyllis Fash*
6. *Dr. Albert Clagg*

Councilmember Lathrop made a motion to continue this agenda item to the next meeting with the Public Hearing open. Mayor Barakat seconded the motion which passed 4:0. Council had the following suggestions for Cal American Water:

a. Schedule a community meeting in Monrovia to address the residents' concerns.

b. Schedule a meeting with the City of Monrovia and Bradoaks Elementary to discuss the project and address any concerns.

c. Provide more details on the demolition process and the plan to mitigate impacts on the surrounding neighborhood.

d. Assess the wear and tear on Lemon Avenue and determine if Cal American Water will address any necessary road repairs.

e. Consider increasing the driveway width to 20 feet to accommodate truck access.

f. Explore the possibility of placing an Emergency Operations Center (EOC) on site.

g. The wall along Lemon Avenue should match the Estates wall, which is a block wall, when the project is completed.

h. Wall height up to 8 feet; councilmember Lathrop suggested 6 feet along Lemon Avenue, which is in-line with City of Bradbury ordinance.

i. Consider taking core samples to determine any asbestos issues.

5. CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS UPDATE – BRADBURY ROAD WIDENING PROJECT

Dave Gilbertson, City Engineer, provided an update on the Bradbury Road Widening Project, including negotiation status with two potential contractors.

The council discussed budget considerations and project specifications.

Councilmember Bruny made a motion to authorize negotiation of construction costs cap at $600,000 based on "estimates received." This motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hale and carried 3:1. Council Councilmember Lathrop opposed. Council asked that clarification of expenses to be supplied at a later date or at next meeting.

6. MATTERS FROM THE CITY MANAGER –

a. Ethics Training – *Reminded Councilmembers to try and complete by 10.31.2024.*

b. ID Cards – *Council expressed interest for an ID card.*

c. City Council Reorganization – *November Meeting. Councilmember Bruny to submit 100-word statement to City Clerk for position of Mayor Pro Tem.*

d. Nov. & Dec. City Council Mtg. Dates – *November 19, 2024 City Council meeting at 6:00 p.m. December 17, 2024 City Council meeting.*

7. MATTERS FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY –

The City Attorney plans to attend the League of California Cities annual conference tomorrow and offered to provide conference materials to interested council members.

8. MATTERS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL – No comments from any councilmembers.

9. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS – None at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:49 p.m., the Regular meeting of the City of Bradbury City Council was adjourned to an Adjourned Meeting at the Bradbury Civic Center, 600 Winston Avenue, Bradbury, CA 91008 on Tuesday, November 19, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

SIGNED BY:

Richard T. Hale Jr., Mayor
City of Bradbury

11.19.2024
Date

ATTEST:

Diane Jensen, City Clerk
City of Bradbury

11.19.2024
Date