

# **REGULAR MEETING**

## **MINUTES**

**Regular Meeting of the City of Bradbury City Council**  
**Tuesday, March 21, 2023**  
**Bradbury Civic Center**  
**600 Winson Street, Bradbury, CA 91008**

**CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953(e)(1):** Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54953(e)(1), the City is allowing Councilmembers, Staff and the public to participate in this meeting by means of a Zoom video or telephone call. Participants will be able to hear the entire proceedings and be able to speak during Public Comment, Public Hearing, and other authorized times. Members of the public must maintain silence and mute their microphones and telephones except during those times.

**CALL TO ORDER** – The Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Bradbury was called to order by Mayor Lathrop at 7:13pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **ROLL CALL -**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Lathrop, Mayor Pro-Tem Barakat, Councilmember Hale and Bruny.  
**ABSENT:** Councilmember Lewis  
**STAFF:** City Manager Kearney, City Attorney Reisman, Assistant City Clerk Jensen & Management Analyst Musa.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Mayor Lathrop made a motion to approve the agenda. Mayor Pro-Tem Barakat seconded the motion. It was the consensus of the Council to proceed with The City of Bradbury business.

**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.

City attorney Reisman stated there were no disclosures.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANYTHING NOT ON THE AGENDA:** - No Public Comment.

### **ACTION ITEMS\***

- 1. Consent Calendar Approval**
  - A. Minutes: Regular Meeting of February 21, 2023
  - B. Resolution No. 23-03: Demands & Warrants for March 2023
  - C. Monthly Investment Report for the month of February 2023

It was moved to approve the Consent Calendar by Councilmember Hale, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Barakat and carried on a roll call.

AYES: Mayor Lathrop, Mayor Pro-Tem Barakat, Councilmembers Hale and Bruny.  
NOES: None.  
ABSENT: Councilmember Lewis.

Motion passed 5:0

**2. Presentation – Los Angeles County Fire Department**

The Los Angeles County Fire Department discussed updates to the Brush Clearance Inspection Program. Explanation was given about recently signed state laws “AB 3074 & AB 38” and their fire safety impact to any person who owns, leases, controls, operates, or maintains an occupied dwelling or structure in, upon, or adjoining areas covered with brush, grass, forests or flammable material that is within a very high fire hazard zone. A defensible space of 100 feet from each side and from the front and rear of a structure must be maintained and if not, it is a violation and considered a crime.

With a PowerPoint presentation, L.A. County Fire Chief Romo explained the importance of educating local cities so they can work with their respective fire departments to help educate residents of these changes to come as soon as January 2024 for new construction and January 2025 for existing builds.

California AB 38 establishes that, as of July 1, 2021, a seller of real property located in a high or very high fire hazard severity zone will be required to provide the buyer with documentation stating the property is in compliance with “defensible space requirements”

**3. Discussion on Offering Virtual Attendance During Public Meetings**

Following City Council meeting on 02.21.2023, council to make final decision whether to continue offering Zoom as a way for the public to view city council monthly meetings.

Management Analyst Musa explained the genesis of Zoom began during Covid as a way for the public to view and participate in Council’s monthly meetings while practicing Covid’s social distancing rules. On February 28, 2023, the Covid State of Emergency ended and the longstanding Brown Act was re-established as the “norm” so the need to provide virtual meetings is no longer needed. After discussion amongst the council, it was unanimously decided to discontinue Zoom for the public and Councilmembers. In the event of sickness, being out of town/state, or other reasons approved by City Manager, staff may participate via Zoom.

- 4. **Matters from the City Manager** None.
- 5. **Matters from the City Attorney** None.
- 6. **Matters from the City Council** None
  - Mayor Lathrop* None
  - Mayor Pro-Tem Barakat* None
  - Councilmember Hale* None
  - Councilmember Bruny* None

**7. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS - Cal-Am Water to make a brief presentation.**

## CLOSED SESSION

**RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION:** Conference between City Councilmembers, City Attorney and City Manager to discuss the following pending litigations cases.

1. City of Bradbury vs. Penney Family Trust
2. City of Bradbury v. Zhongying USA Inc
3. Grow Monrovia v. City of Bradbury
4. LAFCO Annexation No. 2021-10 to the City of Bradbury

### REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION:

1. City of Bradbury v. Penney Family Trust  
--- Discussion was in formational only; No votes were taken
2. City of Bradbury v. Zhongying USA Inc  
--- Discussion was in formational only; No votes were taken
3. Grow Monrovia v. City of Bradbury  
--- Council unanimously instructed staff (City Manager) how to proceed.
4. LAFCO Annexation No. 2021-10 to the City of Bradbury  
--- Council unanimously instructed staff (City Manager) how to proceed.

## ADJOURNMENT

The City Council adjourned to a Regular Meeting at the Bradbury Civic Center, 600 Winston Ave., Bradbury, CA 91008 on Tuesday, April 18, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

**SIGNED BY:**

  
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MAYOR – CITY OF BRADBURY

04.18.2023  
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**ATTEST:**

  
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ASST CITY CLERK – CITY OF BRADBURY

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