

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRADBURY
HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 2022**

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 25-20:

Pursuant to Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-25-20, the City is allowing Council Members, Staff and the public to participate in this City Council meeting by means of a Zoom video or telephone call. Participants will be able to hear the entire proceedings (other than the Closed Session) 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.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

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

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Mayor Bruny, Mayor Pro-Tem Lathrop, Councilmembers Barakat and Hale

ABSENT: Councilmember Lewis

STAFF: City Manager Kearney (remote), City Attorney Reisman, Assistant City Attorney Kranitz (remote) City Planner Kasama, City Clerk Saldana and Management Analyst Musa

**COUNCILMEMBER LEWIS
EXCUSED:**

Councilmember Barakat made a motion to excuse Councilmember Lewis from the meeting. Mayor Pro-Tem Lathrop seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Councilmember Barakat made a motion to approve the agenda to proceed with City business. Councilmember Hale 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 stated that he was not aware of any conflicts of interest.

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 "waive further reading and adopt."

- A. Minutes: Special Meeting of March 7, 2022
- B. Minutes: Regular Meeting of March 15, 2022
- C. Minutes: Adjourned Meeting of March 22, 2022

- D. Resolution No. 22-10: Demands & Warrants for April 2022
- E. Monthly Investment Report for the month of March 2022
- ~~F. Appointment of City Treasurer for a 2-year term ending April 2024~~
- G. Approval of Deed Restriction - State Parks General Per Capita Program; Lemon Avenue Trail Project

**MOTION TO APPROVE
CONSENT CALENDAR:**

Councilmember Hale made a motion to approve Consent Calendar as presented. Mayor Pro-Tem Lathrop seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote:

APPROVED:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Lewis

Motion passed 4:0

**REVIEW OF A DRAFT ORDINANCE
IMPLEMENTING SENATE BILL 9 INTO
THE CITY'S DEVELOPMENT CODE:**

City Manager Kearney stated that the City Council held meetings on February 7, 2022 and March 7, 2022 to review the impacts of SB 9 and to discuss its implementation into the City's Development Code. At the March meeting, Staff received sufficient direction from the City Council to move forward with producing a draft ordinance.

The draft ordinance is based on the City Council's direction from the March 7th meeting. In addition to implementing SB 9, it makes other related changes to the City's Development Code relating to Secondary Living Quarters. Chapter 86 of the Development Code will be repealed in its entirety. Chapter 86 regulates Accessory Living Quarters and should have been repealed when Article IV relating to Accessory Living Quarters was added to Chapter 85 in 2021.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council review the draft ordinance, provide any feedback, and send the draft ordinance to the Planning Commission for it to undergo its formal review process.

DISCUSSION:

Mayor Pro-Tem Lathrop suggested some changes on pages 11 and 21 of the draft ordinance. Assistant City Attorney Kranitz stated that she will incorporate the discussed changes into the draft ordinance before it gets sent to the Planning Commission for their May 25 Meeting.

City Manager Kearney and Assistant City Attorney Kranitz stated that they will not be in town on May 25th.

ACTION TAKEN:

The City Council unanimously approved to send the draft ordinance to the Planning Commission for it to undergo its formal review process.

ADOPTION OF A JOINT EXERCISE OF POWERS AGREEMENT AMONG THE CITIES OF ARCADIA, BRADBURY, DUARTE, MONROVIA AND SIERRA MADRE FOR THE PURPOSE OF CREATING THE RIO HONDO/SAN GABRIEL RIVER WATERSHED MANAGEMENT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY:

City Manager Kearney stated that for years, the Cities of Arcadia, Bradbury, Duarte, Monrovia and Sierra Madre have been discussing the formation of a joint powers authority (JPA) to meet stormwater requirements. These discussions never materialized until a regional project was recently funded through the Safe Clean Water (LA County's Measure W) program. The funding of the regional project brought to the forefront a number of complexities associated with the current structure of how the Cities operate together to meet the requirements.

FORMATION OF A JPA:

The formation of a JPA would be a solution to these complexities and act as a mechanism to provide liability protections to the Cities, provide the ability to bond on behalf of the Cities and be the key holder of any potential land acquisition that may arise in the future.

FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS:

Cody Howing, RKA Consulting Group, joined online to present the financial obligations outlined in the Cost Allocation Formula, which reads:

- A. 10% Base Cost = $[(\text{Total Project costs} - \text{funds contributed from external sources}) \times 10\%] / \# \text{ of members}$
- B. 90% Land Areas = $[(\text{Total Project costs} - \text{funds contributed from external sources} \times 90\%) \times \text{Percentage of total developed land area (not including Angeles National Forest)}]$

Councilmember Barakat stated that he does not feel that the formula is fair to Bradbury. Arcadia is not benevolent.

City Manager Kearney replied that there have been calls to alter the formula throughout the years, all of which would be of detriment to Bradbury, so the solidification of the formula is beneficial to the City of Bradbury.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the Joint Powers Agreement.

MOTION TO ADOPT THE JPA:

Councilmember Hale made a motion to adopt the JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT AMONG THE CITIES OF ARCADIA, BRADBURY, DUARTE, MONROVIA AND SIERRA MADRE, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CREATING THE RIO HONDO/SAN GABRIEL RIVER WATERSHED MANAGEMENT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY. Councilmember Barakat seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote:

APPROVED:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Lewis

Motion passed 4:0

**DISCUSSION OF USE OF
CAL RECYCLE FUNDS:**

Management Analyst Musa stated that the City applied for the CalRecycle Beverage Container Recycling City/County Payment Program and was approved to receive \$5,000. In the past, there have been challenges expending these monies, as these funds are restricted and may only be utilized to support activities related to container recycling and litter abatement.

In previous years, the City expended CalRecycle funds through a grant program and partnered with surrounding cities. In 2021, water refill stations were added as an eligible activity and would allow the City to use funds to install water refill stations. As such, the City paid for water stations to be installed in Monrovia Canyon Park, an area greatly affected by the Bobcat Fire.

The City Council may elect to move forward with a grant program once again or choose to install a water refill station in the City of Bradbury.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council provide direction on how to move forward with the CalRecycle Funds. Should the City Council desire to implement a grant program, staff will release a Request for Grant Proposals and return with the responses. Should the City Council elect to install a water refill station in the City, Staff recommends that the City Council choose a desired location.

DISCUSSION:

Councilmember Barakat suggested to partner with the City of Duarte to install a water refill stations at the east end of the Royal Oaks Trail or at the entrance at Buena Vista.

ACTION TAKEN:

City Manager Kearney that that Staff will contact the City of Duarte and return to the City Council with a presentation of the actual costs of installation based on the pre-identified feasible areas.

**DISCUSSION ON PUBLISHING
CITY CRIME LOGS:**

City Manager Kearney stated that at the March meeting, the City Council directed Staff to bring an item to the April meeting to discuss publishing the City's crime logs. This discussion will cover the City's current crime logs, introduce other cities' crime logs, and review the benefits, pitfalls, and things to consider if making the City's crime logs publicly available.

BACKGROUND:

The Los Angeles Sheriff's Department is the law enforcement agency that services the City of Bradbury. Each week, the Sheriff's Department provides a "Calls for Service" log from the prior week. The log outlines general information on a call, such as the date, time, deputy dispatched time and arrival time. It also details the type of call, address, a narrative that the dispatcher details to the responding deputy, and the resolution of the call.

Staff receives these call logs on a weekly basis and analyses them for any significant trends that might need to be addressed. For example, if Staff sees that there have been repeated calls and responses to a property for loud music at night, Staff might be able to send a warning letter to the

property owner. If Staff finds out that a burglary recently occurred at a property, Staff can further inquire about the incident and coordinate with detectives and residents to try and bring a solution to the situation.

THINGS TO CONSIDER:

The following is a list of items to consider if the City Council decides to make crime logs public:

- ***What to distribute?*** Duarte and Monrovia both make Part I crimes publicly available, with some exceptions. These exceptions include excluding sex crimes, crimes against children, and domestic violence.
- ***How often to distribute crime logs?*** Both Duarte and Monrovia do website postings and blasts to their community on a weekly basis.
- ***How to distribute crime logs?*** Distribution could be done by posting on the City website or by individual blasts through the City's Connect-CTY program. They could also be included in the City's electronic newsletter. The City does not have social media platforms like Duarte/Monrovia but could be started if desired.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council direct Staff on how to proceed with publishing the City's crime logs. Should crime logs be published, it is recommended that the City Council provide direction on what to distribute, and how to distribute it.

DISCUSSION:

Councilmember Hale stated that he was very opposed to publishing crime stats.

Mayor Bruny stated that if the City were to publish crime stats, it should be tied in with pro-active solutions to the problem.

Mayor Pro-Tem Lathrop suggested to refer the discussion to the Public Safety Committee and also stated that only crime stats of the public areas of Bradbury should be published.

ACTION TAKEN:

The City Council referred this item to the Public Safety Commission for consideration and took no further action at this time.

DISCUSSION ON RESUMING CITY EVENTS:

City Manager Kearney that during the January meeting, the City Council discussed resuming City events, such as Bradbury Night Out and the Volunteer Appreciation event. The decision was talbed for a few months as the COVID restrictions at the time made it difficult to determine the future of such events.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council direct Staff on how to proceed with scheduling future City events.

BRADBURY NIGHT OUT TO BE HELD ON JULY 28, 2022.

Following discussion, Bradbury Night Out 2022 was scheduled to be held on Thursday, July 28, 2022.

DISCUSSION ON HONORING CITY VOLUNTEERS DURING CERTAIN MILESTONES:

City Manager Kearney stated that at the request of Councilmember Barakat, the City Council will discuss honoring City volunteers during certain milestones of service (e.g. 5, 10, 20, 25, etc. years of service). Gestures of gratitude could range from providing volunteers with a City plaque, purchasing a gift card, etc. Utilizing public funds to purchase volunteer gifts is acceptable provided the value is under \$500.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council direct Staff on how to proceed with scheduling future City events.

DISCUSSION:

Councilmember Barakat stated that City Treasurer Laurie Stiver has 25 years of service with the City.

Mayor Pro-Tem Lathrop was in favor of honoring City volunteers during certain milestones with a plaque and/or gift card.

DISCUSSION ON COMMUNITY SUPPORT FUNDS:

Management Analyst Musa stated that as a result of the Los Angeles Civil Grand Jury findings for the City of Bradbury, the City donated \$3,000 in Fiscal Year 2016/2017 to support organizations that provide housing and shelter to those in need. Although this was a mandatory one-time donation, the City Council decided to budget and allocate \$3,000 to donate to Union Station Homeless Services, Foothill Unity Center and Friends in Deed every year since.

This fiscal year, the City Council budget \$4,000 to donate to support community homelessness,

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council direct Staff on how to expend the budgeted \$4,000, which has been set aside for a charitable donation.

DISCUSSION:

Mayor Pro-Tem Lathrop stated that he would like to donate the same as last year: \$1,000 to Union Station Homeless Services, \$1,000 to Foothill Unity Center and \$1,000 to Friends in Deed. The remaining \$1,000 should be kept for future donation to Rebuilding Together San Gabriel Valley Foothills (RTSGVF), when work needs to be done.

DIRECTION TO STAFF:

The City Council directed Staff to send checks in the amount of \$1,000 each to Union Station Homeless Services, Foothill Unity Center and Friend in Deeds.

MATTERS FROM THE CITY MANAGER:

City Manager Kearney had nothing to report.

MATTERS FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY:

City Attorney Reisman stated that he has a report for the Closed Session.

MATTERS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL:

MAYOR BRUNY:

Nothing to report

MAYOR PRO-TEM LATHROP:

Nothing to report

COUNCILMEMBER BARAKAT:

Nothing to report

COUNCILMEMBER HALE: Nothing to report

COUNCILMEMBER LEWIS: Not present

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS: None

CLOSED SESSION

**PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING
CLOSED SESSION ONLY:** None

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION: The City Council adjourned to a Closed Session to discuss the following:

A. Conference with Labor Negotiator

Agency Negotiator: Kevin Kearney, City Manager
Unrepresented Employees: City Clerk & Management Analyst
Authority: Government Code Section 54957.6

B. Conference with Labor Negotiator

Agency Negotiator: Cary S. Reisman, City Attorney
Unrepresented Employee: City Manager
Authority: Government Code Section 54957.6

REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION: City Attorney Reisman reported that City Council met in Closed Session and discussed negotiations for all three positions. No formal or informal votes were taken.

ADJOURNMENT: At 8:40 p.m. Mayor Bruny adjourned the meeting to an Adjourned Meeting on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.


MAYOR – CITY OF BRADBURY

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK – CITY OF BRADBURY