

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRADBURY
HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 17, 2021**

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, City Attorney Reisman (remote), City Clerk Saldana and Management Analyst Musa

**COUNCILMEMBER LEWIS
EXCUSED:**

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Councilmember Hale 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 stated he was aware of none.

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: Regular Meeting of July 20, 2021
- B. Resolution No. 21-16: Demands & Warrants for August 2021
- C. Financial Statement for the month of July 2021

MINUTES AMENDED:

Mayor Pro-Tem Lathrop had one correction to the minutes on page 5 (remove address from burglary report).

DEMANDS & WARRANTS:

Councilmember Barakat inquired about Check #16551 in the amount of \$191.65 for LARA Membership Fees. What is LARA? City Manager Kearney replied that LARA stands for Los Angeles Regional Agency and it is part of the City of Los Angeles Public Works/Sanitation Department. Councilmember Barakat wondered why these services are not provided by the LA County Sanitation Districts, as they provide sanitation services to the City of Bradbury. City Manager Kearney stated that he will find out and report back.

JULY FINANCIAL STATEMENT PULLED:

City Manager Kearney stated that a clerical error was discovered in the City Attorney Division of the July Financial Statement. As a result, staff is pulling the Financial Statement off the Consent Calendar to make the appropriate correction and bring it back next month for approval.

MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR:

Mayor Pro-Tem Lathrop made a motion to approve Consent Calendar Items A (minutes as amended) and B (demands & warrants). 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

DISCUSSION ON REDISTRICTING SERVICES:

City Manager Kearney stated that at the July meeting, the City Council authorized Staff to release a Request for Proposals (RFP) for redistricting services. The RFP yielded only one response from Bear Demographic & Research ("Bear") in the amount of \$70,000. After some discussion with Staff, Bear agreed to reduce the price to \$50,000.

ANALYSIS:

Every ten (10) years, local governments use new census data to redraw their district lines to reflect how local populations have changed. Assembly Bill No. 849, adopted in 2019, requires cities to engage communities in the redistricting process by holding public hearings and/or workshops and doing public outreach, including to non-English-speaking areas/communities. Districts must be redrawn every ten years to that each district is substantially equal in population. This process ensure that each City Councilmember represents about the same number of constituents.

REDISTRICTING CRITERIA:

To the extent practicable, district lines shall be adopted using the following criteria:

- (1) Geographically contiguous districts;
- (2) The geographic integrity of local neighborhoods or communities shall be respected in a manner that minimizes its division;

- (3) Geographic integrity of a city shall be respected in a manner that minimizes its division;
- (4) Easily identifiable boundaries that follow natural or artificial barriers; and
- (5) Lines shall be drawn to encourage geographic compactness. In addition, boundaries shall not be drawn to purposes of favoring or discriminating against a political party.

REDISTRICTING PROCESS:

While the process of redistricting may seem simple for a small city like Bradbury, the overall process is guided by a myriad of State and Federal laws and regulations. This includes Elections Code § 21000 & 21600, the Federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, AB 849 and AB 1276 (Fair Maps Act), and SB 443, among others. Reliance on City Staff to conduct and certify a redistricting process that meets all laws and regulations could lead to pitfalls and future potential challenges, as opposed to certification from a specialized demographer who understands the legalities of such a process.

TIMELINE:

The timeline for redistricting is based on a municipality's election cycle. Since Bradbury's next General Municipal Election is on June 7, 2022, the deadline to complete the redistricting is December 15, 2021.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS:

City Manager Kearney stated the last redistricting in Bradbury was completed in 2010/11. The budget amount was \$50,000.

The City has tentatively budgeted \$15,000 this Fiscal Year for redistricting. Bear's original proposal was for \$70,000. After discussions with Staff, the company agreed to reduce the total estimated cost to \$50,000. This amount is still \$35,000 over the budgeted amount. Staff would work with Bear to try to further reduce costs throughout the process.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council approve the expenditure of up to \$50,000 for redistricting services, and direct the City Manager and City Attorney to draft and enter into an agreement with Bear Demographics & Research.

DISCUSSION:

Councilmember Barakat inquired about the percentage of allowable deviation. Maybe the City is still in compliance. City Manager Kearney stated that it is less than 10%. Staff will check with Bear about the exact percentage.

Councilmember Barakat asked where the City gets the population numbers. City Manager Kearney replied that the numbers usually come from the Census Data, but the data is not broken down by addresses, so the City may have to send out questionnaires to each property again to determine the exact numbers per household.

City Manager Kearney asked the Council to allow Staff to move forward. Staff contacted 13 companies and received only one proposal.

City Attorney Reisman stated that the City has to make a good faith effort.

MOTION:

Mayor Pro-Tem Lathrop made a motion to approve the expenditure of up to \$50,000 for redistricting services, and directed the City Manager and City Attorney to draft and enter into an agreement with Bear Demographics & Research. Council-member Hale 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: Councilmember Lewis
ABSENT: None

Motion passed 4:0

MATTERS FROM THE CITY MANAGER:

City Manager Kearney reported that former City Planner David Meyer had agreed to fill in for Jim Kasama during his recovery from surgery. Mr. Meyer came in today and changed his mind, stating that it was too much for him to take on, so we are back to square one. Councilmember Hale asked if he could talk to Dave Meyer before Staff will look for a replacement. The City Council and Staff agreed.

MATTERS FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY:

City Attorney Reisman reported that the property owner of 243 Barranca Road has filed an appeal. The judge has not yet acted on the declaration of reimbursement of \$12,000 in additional Attorney's fees.

MATTERS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL:

MAYOR:

Nothing to report

MAYOR PRO-TEM LATHROP:

Nothing to report

COUNCILMEMBER BARAKAT:

Councilmember Barakat inquired if the School District ever recognized the Council for donating money for the marquee at Royal Oaks Elementary School.

Councilmember Barakat reported that the Sanitation Districts are going to pay off their PERS unfunded liability and pay themselves back to save money. The Sanitation Districts are also looking to scale back on health care costs.

COUNCILMEMBER HALE:

Nothing to report

COUNCILMEMBER LEWIS:

Not present

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:41 p.m. Mayor Bruny adjourned the meeting to a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, August 17, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.



MAYOR – CITY OF BRADBURY

ATTEST:



CITY CLERK – CITY OF BRADBURY