

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRADBURY  
HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2020**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER  
N-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 Lewis at 7:01 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

ABSENT: None

STAFF: City Manager Kearney, City Attorney Reisman, and City Clerk Saldana

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Mayor Lewis proposed to take agenda item #3 (Discussion of the Bobcat Fire) first, right after the approval of the agenda. Councilmember Hale made a motion to approve the agenda to proceed with City business, as amended. Mayor Pro-Tem Bruny seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

**DISCUSSION ON THE BOBCAT FIRE:**

City Manager Kearney started off by thanking Mayor Lewis, the members of the Bradbury Public Safety Committee (Jan Brink, Serena Burnett and Nancy McGrain), Adriana Watson, Community Liaison to the LA County Fire Department, and Diana Manzano-Garcia, Area D Office of Disaster Management, for providing much needed support during the Bobcat Fire.

City Manager Kearney stated that he provided his cell number and email in the fire update messages so he could be reached during the evenings and over the weekends.

City Manager Kearney recounted that on Sunday morning (9/13) the power at City Hall went out. He called Serena Burnett at 8 am and she provided a hot spot for his computer.

The Bobcat Fire started the Sunday before Labor Day and has been burning for nine (9) days now and the hardest part is waiting. Residents can see the flames and smoke from the fire and the controlled burn (of gnarly vegetation – a fire term).

Councilmember Hale stated that people in his District called him and told him they were very impressed with the City Manager's Bobcat Fire update messages.

Cherise, a neighbor of Councilmember Barakat, was very grateful for the updates and inquired if the cause of the Bobcat Fire was known. City Manager Kearney replied that the starting point of the fire is right in the middle. There will be an investigation as to the cause later when the fire has been contained.

Mayor Pro-Tem Bruny stated that her mother loves Kevin's emails.

Mayor Lewis stated that we are trying to get everyone to sign up for Connect CTY. Serena Burnett stated that 60% of residents are not signed up. Ms. Burnett also stated that we are looking for volunteers on the Public Safety Committee.

Mayor Lewis gave a mountain update as to where the active fire operations are and stated that he knows the mountains very well because he spends a lot of time there running.

**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 there were 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 August 18, 2020
- B. Resolution No. 20-17: Demands & Warrants for September 2020
- C. Monthly Investment Report for the month of July 2020
- D. Appointment of Planning Commissioners for Districts 2 and 4

**MOTION TO APPROVE  
CONSENT CALENDAR:**

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

**APPROVED:**

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Motion passed 5:0

**ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO 20-18 – AMENDING THE 2020-21 BUDGET TO INCORPORATE A LIST OF PROJECTS FUNDED BY SB1 - THE ROAD REPAIR AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT:**

City Manager Kearney stated that the City needs to identify a project for the utilization of SB1 funds by September 30, 2020. Although funds do not have to be spent by this timeline, a resolution must be adopted designating a project, or the City will risk losing the allocation.

As a result, staff recommends the adoption of Resolution No. 20-18, which recognizes SB1's funding allocation and identifies these funds to be used toward the Lemon Avenue Curb and Gutter Project.

Other potential ideas to allocate SB1 funding include:

- Redoing City Street Signage (costs unknown)
- Royal Oaks Drive North curb & gutter (costs unknown)

**FINANCIAL ANALYSIS:**

The City currently has \$205,000 from various restricted funding sources to spend on road improvements.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Aside from adopting a resolution with a placeholder project to meet State requirements, it is recommended that the City Council provide guidance to staff on how to best spent these funds.

**DISCUSSION:**

Councilmember Hale stated that he would like to add the Widening of Wild Rose & Bradbury Road to the list of potential projects. The Council looked at this project six years ago and the City has since annexed the property including the guard house.

Councilmember Barakat advocated for the Royal Oaks Drive North curb and gutter project.

**MOTION:**

Councilmember Barakat made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 20-18: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRADBURY ADOPTING A LIST OF PROJECTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 FUNDED BY SB 1: THE ROAD REPAIR AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT Councilmember Hale seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote:

**APPROVED:**

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion passed 5:0

**MATTERS FROM THE CITY MANAGER:**

City Manager Kearney reminded those who haven't done so to complete the online AB 1234 Ethics Training by the end of September.

City Manager Kearney stated that the DUDEK draft document analyzing fire hazards associated with AB 68 should be ready this week.

**MATTERS FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY:**

None

**MATTERS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL:**

**MAYOR LEWIS:** Mayor Lewis thanked City Manager Kearney for doing a great job keeping everyone updated during the Bobcat Fire.

**MAYOR PRO-TEM BRUNY:** Nothing to report

**COUNCILMEMBER LATHROP:** Nothing to report

**COUNCILMEMBER BARAKAT:** Councilmember Barakat stated that he attended a meeting of the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (COG) and applied to serve on one of their boards.

**COUNCILMEMBER HALE:** Nothing to report

**ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:** Councilmember Lathrop had two items for future agendas:  
1. Vendor Gift Policy  
2. Discuss email from the City of Torrance re: joining the *California Cities For Local Control Coalition*

**CLOSED SESSION**

**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL** Mayor Lewis, Mayor Pro-Tem Bruny, Councilmembers Lathrop, Barakat, Hale and City Manager Kearney

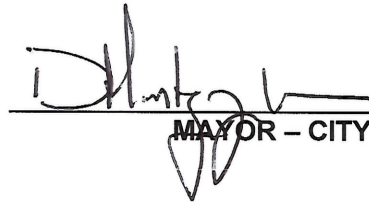
**PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING CLOSED SESSION ONLY:** None

**RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION:** At 7:41 p.m. the City Council recessed to a Closed Session regarding:

- A. Conference with Labor Negotiator  
Government Code Section 54957(b)(4)  
Title: Jones & Mayer – City Attorney

**RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION AND ANNOUNCE ANY ACTION TAKEN:** City Manager Kearney reported that the City Council met in Closed Session to evaluate the performance of the City Attorney. The Council instructed the City Manager as to how to proceed.

**ADJOURNMENT:** At 7:50 p.m. p.m. Mayor Lewis adjourned the meeting to a Special Meeting on Thursday, October 7, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

  
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MAYOR – CITY OF BRADBURY

ATTEST:

  
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CITY CLERK – CITY OF BRADBURY