

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRADBURY
HELD ON TUESDAY, JULY 20, 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, Hale and Lewis (remote)

ABSENT: None

STAFF: City Manager Kearney, City Attorney Reisman (remote), City Engineer Gilbertson (remote), City Clerk Saldana and Management Analyst Musa

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Councilmember Hale made a motion to approve the agenda to proceed with City business. Mayor Pro-Tem Lathrop 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:

Julissa Zepeda, District Representative for Assemblywoman Blanca Rubio, 48th District, introduced herself to the Council.

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 June 15, 2021
- B. Resolution No. 21-14: Demands & Warrants for July 2021
- C. Financial Statement for the month of June 2021
- D. Resolution No. 21-15: Resolution to Incorporate a List of Projects Funded by SB 1: The Road Repair and Accountability Act (Bradbury Road/Wild Rose Avenue Widening Project)

**MOTION TO APPROVE
CONSENT CALENDAR:**

Councilmember Hale made a motion to approve the 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, Hale and Lewis

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Motion passed 5:0

**BRADBURY ROAD/WILD ROSE AVENUE
STREET WIDENING PROJECT:**

City Engineer Gilbertson (RKA Consulting Group) stated the centerline of Bradbury Road/Wild Rose Avenue is the jurisdictional boundary between Monrovia and Bradbury after an annexation was processed through LAFO in January 2018. The City of Bradbury desires to improve the segment of Bradbury Road/Wild Rose Avenue between Winding Oak Lane and the main entrance to the Bradbury Estates. This segment of Bradbury Road is a narrow curvilinear two-lane roadway with limited shoulder areas due to the presence of large hedges, severe slopes, mature trees, and a steep hillside. The current roadway width presents hazards and challenges to large moving trucks, horse trailers, and construction vehicles entering and exiting the Estates main gate. This situation has been exacerbated due to the prohibition of large vehicles using the narrow Wild Rose bridge in Monrovia westerly of the main entrance. The widening of the roadway will provide a safer means of access for all vehicles using the main Bradbury Estates entrance.

The existing curb-to-curb street width of approximately 23 feet will be increased to a proposed uniform curb-to-curb street width of 36 feet. Due to the steep slope along the Bradbury side of the street, this widening will require the construction of a large retaining wall (up to a maximum height of 13 feet) along the 150 Deodar Lane property frontage.

TREE REMOVALS:

There are seven (7) mature Oaks trees in conflict with a proposed roadway widening that will require removal as part of the project. In addition, a row of ten (10) Avocado trees and a large hedge in front of 302 Bradbury Road is in conflict with the proposed widening and will also require removal.

EASEMENTS:

In order to accommodate the additional roadway width, 1,919 square feet of property needed to be acquired from 150 Deodar Lane to be utilized as street right-of-way. The Easement Deed has been executed by the property owner and requires the City Council to formally accept the dedication prior to recordation with Los Angeles County.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS:

City Engineer Gilbertson stated that the total project cost is anticipated to be \$525,000. The City's available restricted funds in FY 21/22 are \$191,274. In FY 22/23 the City's available restricted funds will be \$403,386. If the City Council elects to proceed with this project, Staff would finalize the plans and specifications this fiscal year.

The questions remains about when construction should start with the restricted funding shortfall. The City Council may elect to use general funds to cover the remaining amount (\$233,726) this fiscal year or to proceed with the project in FY 2022/23 by utilizing general funds to cover a smaller shortfall (\$121,614). The City Council may also elect to try and wait another year or two until additional restricted funding becomes available; however, staff will need to check on the audit requirements for holding such funds for extended years.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council 1) accept the Easement Deed for public road purposes for 150 Deodar Lane (APN 8527-026-025) and 2) authorize staff to proceed with the preparation of final plans and documents for the widening of Bradbury Road/Wild Rose Avenue between Winding Oak Lane to the main entrance to the Bradbury Estates.

DISCUSSION:

City Manager Kearney recommended that the City Council move forward with the project.

Councilmember Barakat agreed that it would be best to move forward and asked if the City could pay itself back.

Councilmember Lewis suggested to get the plans done now and revisit the project next fiscal year, when more restricted funds will be available.

MOTION:

Councilmember Hale made a motion to accept the Easement Deed for public road purposes for 150 Deodar Lane and authorize staff to proceed with the preparation of final plans and documents for the widening of Bradbury Road/Wild Rose Avenue between Winding Oak Lane to the main entrance to the Bradbury Estates. Councilmember Barakat seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote:

APPROVED:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Motion passed 5:0

DISCUSSION ON REDISTRICTING:

City Manager Kearney stated that 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.

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.

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.

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.

CENSUS DATA:

City Manager Kearney stated that normally the U.S. Census Data would be available in March/April; however, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it is estimated that the data will be released by September 30th. Despite the fact that the release of the U.S. Census data has been delayed, it is still expected that municipalities get started on the redistricting process to meet the December 15, 2021 deadline.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council direct Staff to release an RFP to solicit services for a demographer to perform Bradbury's redistricting. It is expected that Staff will return with a recommended Award of Bid at the next City Council meeting on August 17th.

DISCUSSION:

Councilmember Lewis asked what has changed since the last U.S. Census 10 years ago. City Manager Kearney replied that he did not know since this is his first redistricting.

Councilmember Hale stated that no one is going to show up for the community meetings/workshops. Councilmember Hale also stated that the City has to send out an RFP to find out how much it actually costs to hire a consultant. The City Council budgeted \$15,000 for Redistricting but it will probably cost a lot more.

City Manager Kearney stated that hiring a consultant will provide a layer of protection for the City.

MOTION:

Mayor Pro-Tem Lathrop made a motion to direct Staff to release an RFP to solicit services for a demographer to perform Bradbury's redistricting. 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: Councilmember Lewis
ABSENT: None

Motion passed 4:1

MATTERS FROM THE CITY MANAGER:

City Manager Kearney stated that the new City's website is up and it looks nice.

City Manager Kearney reported that Steve and Lisa Bailey are leaving soon (Aug/Sep) to relocate to Washington State. VCA is aware and will find us a new Building Official. An RFP for a part-time Finance Director will go out this week. Mayor Pro-Tem Lathrop inquired if Lisa could work remotely. The City Manager replies yes, which would make the transition easier.

City Planner Kasama is having hip surgery on July 26th and will be out for two weeks.

The City Manager will be on vacation starting July 23 and will be back in the office on August 4th.

MATTERS FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY:

City Attorney Reisman gave an update on the receivership for 243 Barranca Road. City Attorney Reisman stated that he filed a declaration for additional attorney's fees. The City is currently owed about \$12,000 in additional attorney fees.

MATTERS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL:

MAYOR:

Nothing to report

MAYOR PRO-TEM LATHROP:

Mayor Pro-Tem Lathrop reported that Mike Misik's home on Mount Olive Drive was burglarized on July 9, 2021 and the Sheriff's Report was not clear. City Manager Kearney stated that the report only stated "Suspicious Circumstances – Open Door or Window." There was no mention of a burglary.

COUNCILMEMBER BARAKAT:

Nothing to report

COUNCILMEMBER HALE:

Nothing to report

COUNCILMEMBER LEWIS:

Nothing to report

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:32 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