

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRADBURY
HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 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, Hale and Lewis

ABSENT: None

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

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 it is his personal opinion that Councilmember Lewis, being an employee of Dunn-Edwards Paints, does not have a conflict of interest in regards to Item #4 (Award of bid for Interior and Exterior Painting of the Bradbury Civic Center). The cost of the paint is a di minimis amount and the contract is not with Dunn-Edwards.

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: Adjourned Meeting of February 7, 2022
- B. Minutes: Regular Meeting of February 15, 2022
- C. Resolution No. 22-07: Demands & Warrants for March 2022
- D. Monthly Investment Report for the month of February 2022

CORRECTION TO MINUTES:

City Manager Kearney stated that staff made a correction on page 3 of the February 7, 2022 minutes at the behest of Mayor Pro-Tem Lathrop.

**MOTION TO APPROVE
CONSENT CALENDAR:**

Mayor Pro-Tem Lathrop made a motion to approve Consent Calendar as presented. Councilmember Hale 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

**PRESENTATION BY DR. AMERSON,
SUPERINTENDENT OF THE DUARTE
UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT:**

Superintendent Dr. Gordon Amerson provided an update on what is happening at the Duarte Unified School District. Dr. Amerson stated that during Covid-19 the school district provided 150,000 meals for students and retrofitted all school facilities. DUSD students were also able to participate in the vaccination clinic at the City of Hope.

Dr. Amerson talked about different programs DUSD offers, such as the summer school program, the model pre-school program, arts academy and dual immersion college program with Citrus College. The dual immersion college program is taught at DUSD and allows parents and students to save money. DUSD also offers a culinary arts program.

DUSD is building a new high-school gymnasium. The old one was built in 1960. Construction of new gymnasium is estimated to be completed in the fall of 2024.

Dr. Amerson stated that currently 38 students from Bradbury are enrolled at Royal Oaks Elementary School and Duarte High School. Mayor Pro-Tem Lathrop inquired if there is information about which colleges Bradbury graduates haven been accepted to. Dr. Amerson replied that there are no Bradbury seniors this year.

Dr. Amerson closed his presentation with information about the Royal Oaks Preview Day and announced that the school offers private tours.

**APPROVAL OF THE COMMUNITY
WILDFIRE PROTECTION PLAN:**

Management Analyst Musa stated that the City of Bradbury was granted funds in 2019 from the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) to cover a significant portion of the cost to develop a Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP), and the City awarded a bid to DUDEK for the development of the plan. After hosting various virtual stakeholder workshops and reviewing and revising drafts, the CWPP final draft is ready.

PRESENTATION BY DUDEK:

Noah Stamm of DUDEK stated that Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) is a community-based plan focused on identifying and addressing local hazards and risks from wildfire.

CWPPs are authorized and defined in Title I of the Healthy Forests Restoration Act (HFRA), passed by Congress in 2003. A CWPP determines area-specific risks and provides an action plan for a community to address the wildfire threat. Three central components of a CWPP include collaboration, prioritized fuel reduction, and treatment of structural ignitability.

During this past year, DUDEK has finalized a CWPP that caters specifically to the City of Bradbury and identifies areas for hazardous fuel-reduction treatments and recommends measures that homeowners can take to reduce ignitability of structures throughout the community. The CWPP includes the following section:

- Introduction: Community Involvement, Funding/Grant Management
- Plan Area Description: Fire Hazard Areas, Climate, Evacuation
- Planning and Regulatory Environment: Assessment Methods, Hazard Assessment Results
- Values at Risk: At-Risk Community, Life Safety, Natural Resources
- Action Plan: Goals, Funding, Vegetation/Fuels Management

DUDEK also created and included various maps in the CWPP that illustrate Very High Fire Severity Zones (VHFHSZ), evacuation plans, fire hydrant locations, fire behavior modeling results and more.

RECOMMENDATION:

In order to finalize the document and formally close out the CalOES grant, it is recommended that the City Council approve and adopt the Community Wildfire Protection Plan.

DISCUSSION:

Councilmember Lewis advised DUDEK not to rely on Google maps as they are often inaccurate. Mr. Stamm replied that DUDEK got the fire hydrant maps from the water company (Cal-Am). Mr. Stamm stated that DUDEK will update the maps.

Resident Hector Escobar, 2317 Elda Street, inquired if DUDEK studied the vegetation around homes. The answer was yes. City Manager Kearney stated that the City has other resources as well.

MOTION.:

Councilmember Barakat made a motion to approve and adopt the Community Wildfire Protection Plan. Councilmember Hale 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

AWARD OF BID TO FRESH COAT OF MONROVIA FOR INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR PAINTING OF THE BRADBURY CIVIC CENTER:

Management Analyst Musa stated that Staff has solicited proposals from painting vendors and received three quotes that range from \$17,633.31 to \$23,000.

The Bradbury Civic Center was constructed in 2010, and it has not been painted since. Online research suggests that a business should be painted approximately every three to five years. It has been 12 years since the Civic Center was painted.

QUOTES RECEIVED:

Staff received the following three quotes:

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| 1. Fresh Coat Painting | \$17,663.31 |
| 2. Ramos Painting | \$19,600.00 |
| 3. Western Painting | \$23,000.00 |

SCOPE OF SERVICES:

Based on the quotes received, Staff recommends awarding the bid to Fresh Coat Painting of Monrovia for \$17,663.31. The company is State licensed, EPA certified and insured. Services include painting of the Council Chambers, City Hall interior, kitchen and bathrooms. Sanding and staining of the Council Chambers wood panels is also included. Services cover external power washing, and painting of stucco, trim, columns and beam, door and railings.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS:

The FY 2021-22 budget does not include painting services, but can be covered through either general anticipated year-end surplus or through the City's fund balance. Monies should be appropriated to cover such services. Staff is recommending an appropriation of \$20,000 to cover all anticipated and unanticipated costs associated with contracting with Fresh Coat Painting.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council award the bid to Fresh Coat of Monrovia for \$17,336.31 for interior and exterior painting of the Bradbury Civic Center. It is also recommended that the City Council approve an appropriation to account #101-16-6447 in the amount of \$20,000 for FY 2021-22, which would cover painting services and any contingency that may arise.

DISCUSSION:

Councilmember Barakat stated that stucco doesn't get painted. Councilmember Lewis disagreed. Councilmember Lewis pointed out that the primer for stucco was not included in the bid. Do we need a new bid? The answer was no.

City Manager Kearney stated that we still have the old paint cans, so we can use the same color as before.

Councilmember Hale suggested to paint the crown moldings in a different color to make them stand out and that it won't cost more.

MOTION:

Councilmember Hale made a motion to award the bid to Fresh Coast of Monrovia in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 for interior and exterior painting of Bradbury Civic Center and to approve an appropriation to account #101-16-6447 in the amount of \$20,000 for FY 2021-22, which would cover painting services and any contingency that may arise.

APPROVED:

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

Motion passed 5:0

DISCUSSION ON ELECTRIC CHARGING STATIONS AT THE BRADBURY CIVIC CENTER:

City Manager Kearney stated that at the request of Mayor Pro-Tem Lathrop Staff has been exploring the installation of electric charging stations at the Bradbury Civic Center. The idea is that one or more stations could be placed on the property with grant funding from Southern California Edison's (SCE) Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Program. Prior to bringing this item to the City Council, Staff's goal was to meet with at least one contractor who could provide a quote on the costs for such a venture. Unfortunately, Staff has been struggling to determine costs and feels that the program can only be explored by hiring a contractor/consultant, such as RKA, to assist Staff in determining actual costs. Once a plan is in place and costs are understood, only then would staff be able to pursue grant funding through SCE.

Through initial research, Staff has determined that if the charging station is public, all access in and around the charging station must be ADA compliant. The area in front of City Hall might be best suited since the slopes in the rear parking area might be too severe to be ADA compliant. With SCE grant funding, SCE requires a minimum of two stations with four charging ports.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council discuss the installation of electric charging stations at the Bradbury Civic Center. If the City Council desires to move forward with the charging stations, Staff will work with RKA, or another vendor, to develop plans and determine costs.

DISCUSSION:

The City Council talked about who would get to charge their car at the Civic Center (residents, staff, etc.). Councilmember Hale stated that the City would lose money if the charging stations were free of charge and that the City should require credit card payment. City Manager Kearney stated that there are credit card vendors, such as Charge Point.

Mayor Bruny stated that we need more information. City Manager Kearney replied that Staff can bring this item back to the City Council and invite Charge Point to make a presentation.

Councilmember Hale stated that Commissioner Frank Hernandez is an electrician and that he should have a look at it.

City Attorney Reisman suggested that Staff contact Rivian (a car company) about funding charging stations in Bradbury.

NO ACTION TAKEN:

The City Council took no further action at this meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-08: VOTE OF NO CONFIDENCE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY GEORGE GASCON:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRADBURY OF VOTE OF NO CONFIDENCE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY GEORGE GASCON

SUMMARY:

City Manager Kearney stated that at the request of Councilmember Barakat, the City Council is going to discuss the performance of Los Angeles County District Attorney Gascón.

The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office has a legal responsibility to execute laws enacted by voters or the state legislature. These laws protect the public and uphold prosecutorial policies. Since his swearing-in on December 7, 2020, Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascón has issued numerous special directives which undermine these legislative and ballot processes. Additionally, they may be viewed as placing the safety of the general public at risk.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 22-08, which casts a vote of no confidence in the Los Angeles County District Attorney.

DISCUSSION:

Mayor Pro-Tem Lathrop stated that he would like to strike Sections 1 and 2 of the Resolution. Councilmember Barakat stated Bradbury is not the only City adopting this Resolution. Mayor Pro-Tem Lathrop replied that he doesn't want to pick a fight with the District Attorney.

MOTION:

Councilmember Hale made motion to approve Resolution No. 22-08: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRADBURY OF VOTE OF NO CONFIDENCE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY GEORGE GASCON. Councilmember Barakat seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote:

APPROVED:

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

Motion passed 4:1

MATTERS FROM THE CITY MANAGER:

City Manager Kearney reported that the Lemon Avenue Trail grant is moving forward. We know that the trail is going on the south side of Lemon Avenue. Does the City Council want to revisit the overlay zone, which covers both sides, and eliminate the north side? Councilmember Hale stated that he likes a 10-foot green belt of grass and to leave the overlay zone as is. The City Council concurred.

City Manager Kearney stated that the City Council needs to schedule a Special Meeting to cancel the June 7, 2022 election and appoint to the office the persons who have been nominated. The City Council scheduled a ZOOM meeting for Tuesday, March 22, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

MATTERS FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY:

City Attorney Reisman stated that he has a report for the Closed Session. Councilmember Hale inquired if there was anything new to report about 243 Barranca. City Attorney Reisman replied that there was nothing new to report.

MATTERS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL:

MAYOR BRUNY:

Nothing to report

MAYOR PRO-TEM LATHROP:

Nothing to report

COUNCILMEMBER BARAKAT:

Councilmember Barakat reported that the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments and San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District have paid off their unfunded PERS liabilities.

COUNCILMEMBER HALE:

Nothing to report

COUNCILMEMBER LEWIS:

Nothing to report

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:

Councilmember Hale stated that he would like to see a status report from RKA on the Bradbury Road/Wildrose Avenue Street Widening Project. City Manager Kearney replied that he could sent out a status report with the Weekly Memo. Councilmember Hale stated that a memo would be fine.

Mayor Pro-Tem Lathrop would like to discuss whether or not to publish Bradbury Crime Stats for residents.

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. Public Employee Performance Evaluation

Government Code Section 54957(b)(4)

Title: Building & Safety

B. Conference with Labor Negotiator

Government Code Section 54957.6

Agency Negotiator: Cary S. Reisman, City Attorney

Unrepresented Employee: City Manager

REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION:

City Attorney Reisman reported that City Council met in Closed Session and instructed the City Manager with regards to A) Public Employee Performance Evaluation. The City Council instructed the City Attorney in regards to B) Conference with Labor Negotiator. No formal votes were taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:40 p.m. Mayor Bruny adjourned the meeting to an Adjourned Meeting on Monday, March 22, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.



MAYOR – CITY OF BRADBURY

ATTEST:



CITY CLERK – CITY OF BRADBURY