



BARSTOW CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY/BFPD
 CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
 220 EAST MOUNTAIN VIEW STREET
 BARSTOW, CA 92311

OCTOBER 21, 2019
 7:00 PM
 (HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE)

MINUTES

JOINT SPECIAL MEETING

INVOCATION:

The invocation was not conducted as no Pastor was present.

PARTICIPATION IS INVITED: *IF YOU WISH TO BE HEARD ON ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA INCLUDING ANY ITEM ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR, PLEASE SO INDICATE BY FILLING OUT A "REQUEST TO SPEAK" FORM AND HAND TO THE CITY CLERK. IF SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS ARE REQUIRED, 48 HOURS NOTICE MUST BE GIVEN TO THE CITY CLERK.*

CALL TO ORDER:

MAYOR HACKBARTH McINTYRE called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

MAYOR/CHAIR HACKBARTH-MCINTYRE led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

ALL PRESENT.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
James M. Noble	Council Member	Present	
Richard Harpole	Council Member	Present	
Carmen Hernandez	Mayor Pro Tem	Present	
Timothy Silva	Council Member	Present	
Julie Hackbarth-McIntyre	Mayor	Present	

CODE OF ETHICS: *AS YOUR ELECTED GOVERNING BOARD WE WILL REMEMBER THE "CODE OF ETHICS" THAT WE VOLUNTARILY AND UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. DURING THIS MEETING WE WILL TREAT EACH OTHER AND THE PUBLIC WITH PATIENCE, CIVILITY AND COURTESY. THE DECISIONS MADE TONIGHT WILL BE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE BARSTOW COMMUNITY AND NOT FOR PERSONAL GAIN.*

PRESENTATIONS:

1. CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION FOR PLEDGE LEADER

Recommended Action:

Presentation item.

No Certificate was presented, assigned Pledge Leader absent.

RESULT:	PULLED
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2. UPDATE - HEAP GRANT ACTIVITY AND DIGNITY STATION

Recommended Action:

Update only.

BELINDA BARBOUR, ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR

- Gave an update on the HEAP grant.
- Stated that the award was issued to the City for the homeless on April 30, 2019.
- Noted that the deadline for the grant was June 20, 2021.
- Mentioned that New Hope Village had assisted in implementing the grant and provided services to (37) thirty seven people to date.
- Gave a brief update on the (37) thirty seven people and their status.
- Stated a homeless person could be introduced into the system by dialing 211 extension 42.
- Noted that Dignity Station Heating and Cooling Station opened on March 8, 2019 and was operational for 118 days and nights with a total of 2,476 visitors.
- Mentioned that Dignity Station was operated by volunteers with a current total of 89 volunteers.
- Stated that the volunteers have provided 4,320 volunteer hours.
- Gave a brief list of services offered at Dignity Station.

RESULT:	PRESENTATION ONLY
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PUBLIC HEARING:

NONE.

REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION:

1. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Recommended Action:

(Government Code Section 54957)

Title: City Manager

ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY MATTHEW SUMMERS reported the following during the Regular City Council Meeting held at 7:00 p.m.

ITEM NO. 1: The City Council met in Closed Session regarding the City Manager Performance Evaluation. Direction was provided to the City Manager. No reportable action was taken.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

SPEAKERS

EUGENE BUTTICCI - BARSTOW, CA

- Mentioned he was the Executive Director of the Barstow Area Chamber of Commerce.
- Gave an update on the programs they were involved in for 2019.
- Mentioned the upcoming 6th annual Troops and Trains event on November 6, 2019 at the Harvey House, noting the theme was "Recognizing the Navajo Code Talkers."
- Noted that there were (5) five families from the Code Talkers who had settled into the Barstow area and some would be speaking at the event.
- Stated that this was a kickoff event for a Native American Scholarship Program through Barstow College Foundation.
- Mentioned the upcoming annual Christmas on Route 66 and Street Fair on December 6, 2019 and the upcoming Barstow Community Recognition Awards in January.
- Stated that they would be taking submissions for the recognition awards after the parade event.
- Said they offered a community based E-Blast program featuring their Chamber Savers and Employment program, which offers employment opportunities, as well as other programs.
- Stated that anyone interested in signing up for the E-Blast should send a text "Barstow Chamber" to 22828.
- Mentioned that they offered a monthly mobile office program for elected officials.
- Spoke of a variety of programs they offered.

ELONA JONES - BARSTOW, CA

- Discussed medical cannabis and how it had helped her personally.
- Explained the cannabis dosage and usage in order for it to be helpful.
- Felt that doctors may be against medical cannabis because it takes away from their business.
- Asked the community to do their research before voting.

EDY SEEHAFFER - BARSTOW, CA

- Complimented Mr. Butticci on the E-Blast program.
- Felt the bus stop location by the library caused safety issues to pedestrians and vehicles.
- Asked the City to eliminate a two-hour parking zone adjacent to the library due to parking issues.

JIMMY BROWN - BARSTOW, CA

- Asked the City Council if they could also put term limits on the ballot in regards to Barstow's special election being held on March 3, 2020.

BENNIE FEDRICK - BARSTOW, CA

- Expressed his excitement about the Barstow Police Department.
- Noted the Barstow Police Department had been doing an excellent job and were very respectful.
- Felt that the City needed to bring the community and events such as Friday Night Lights back to downtown Barstow.
- Expressed that he felt that Downtown Barstow was important and was the heart of the community.

- Mentioned his business was in the process of relocating, but his business would still remain in the downtown area.

NATHANIEL PICKETT - BARSTOW, CA

- Mentioned that he was originally for the recall of council members because he was dissatisfied with how the City operated and ran community issues.
- Stated he had paid \$37,000.00 in taxes in 2019, mostly due to liens, and felt there had been no change and he had voted for change.
- Stated that his opinion was that there had been no action and no plan about how the City operated.
- Stated he was dissatisfied with the City and how he had been treated.
- Stated he would no longer contribute to the recall of council members.
- Hoped that the City would work together and do what was good for the community.

FRANK DILLARD - BARSTOW, CA

- Mentioned a bullying incident in Moreno Valley.
- Felt bowling would be a more useful outlet for children than bullying.
- Suggested that Kiwanis invite bands from other High Schools to participate in our Halloween parade.
- Suggested that the Fire Engines play Halloween music instead of sirens during the parade.
- Thanked Mayor Pro Tem Hernandez for coming to the anniversary program at the Senior Center.
- Mentioned that the Senior Center held a dance every third Saturday beginning at 7:00 p.m. for an entry fee of \$7.00.

MIKE HERNANDEZ - BARSTOW, CA

- Inquired about the date and time of a special meeting with Mojave Water Agency Board Members that were previously mentioned at a prior meeting by their representative.
- Asked what the status was regarding the water allocation cuts mentioned by Jeanette Hayhurst at a prior meeting.
- Inquired about the bus stop that was proposed to be moved to Williams Street.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Richard Harpole, Council Member
SECONDER:	Carmen Hernandez, Mayor Pro Tem
AYES:	Noble, Harpole, Hernandez, Silva, Hackbarth-McIntyre

STAFF REPORTS:

NONE.

POLICE CHIEF COMMENTS:

POLICE CHIEF RAMIREZ

- Provided the public Halloween safety tips.
- Explained the importance of being safe while trick or treating.
- Noted that there were twice as many pedestrians hit by cars on Halloween night than any other night of the year.

FIRE CHIEF COMMENTS:

NOT PRESENT.

BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL / SUCCESSOR AGENCY / BFPD:

COUNCILMEMBER SILVA

- No comments.

COUNCILMEMBER HARPOLE

- Asked City Engineer Brad Merrell what the status was on a transfer station on East Williams Street.

- Explained the safety risks of the current transfer station on Buena Vista.

CITY ENGINEER BRAD MERRELL

- Noted that bids were in, but funding was unavailable.

MAYOR PRO TEM CARMEN HERNANDEZ

- Noted that the Chamber of Commerce was holding classes that would help new small business owners learn the ins and outs of starting a business.

- Encouraged small businesses to take a chance in Barstow.

- Provided the public with tips on how to start a business within the community.

- Noted that it was important to come to City Hall for advice and requirements before starting a business in Barstow.

- Asked for community input on what businesses they would like to see in the downtown area.

- Explained the idea of bringing a dog park to Barstow.

- Thanked the public for going to the Water Wise event at Barstow Community College.

- Noted that Southwest Gas had their contractors surveying gas lines located on private property without consent from home and land owners.

- Invited the public to attend the Street Committee meeting on November 6, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

COUNCILMEMBER NOBLE

- No Comments.

MAYOR HACKBARTH MCINTYRE

- Announced that the Unsheltered Homeless Committee would meet November 13, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

- Explained that she had attended the California League of Cities Annual Conference.

- Provided details on a housing program she believed would benefit Barstow.

- Reminded the public of the Mardi Gras parade on October 26, 2019 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

CITY MANAGER / EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR / DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS:

CITY MANAGER NIKKI SALAS

- Explained that she had also attended the California League of Cities.

- Explained that that she was able to attend many sessions about obtaining housing money for the Barstow community.

- Noted that weekly and bi-weekly technical assistance was provided to the City for a \$30,000,000.00 AHSC grant, which would provide the community with monies for not only housing, but transportation as well.
- Explained that a third of the monies collected from the AHSC grant would be dedicated to the transfer station.
- Explained that Mojave Water Agency did not have a scheduled meeting in Barstow just yet.
- Assured the community that once the date was set for Barstow's meeting, it would be announced.
- Spoke highly about the California League of Cities event and all the information they offered.
- Noted that a Marriott Hotel was still continuing in development behind Arby's in Lenwood.
- Stated that the City was working with American Courts and the manufacturing of the hotel.
- Said American Courts was excited about bringing businesses to Barstow.
- Noted American Courts planned on pushing forward aggressively to open by the end of 2019 or early 2020.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:

CITY CLERK COUSINO READ THE FOLLOWING:

BFPD:

3. BARSTOW FIRE DISTRICT - RATIFICATION OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE EXPENDITURES

Recommended Action:

Approve and ratify expenses as audited for checks # 78218 - 78323 and wire 640 totaling \$81,281.25.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	James M. Noble, Director
SECONDER:	Timothy Silva, Director
AYES:	Noble, Harpole, Hernandez, Silva, Hackbarth-McIntyre

SUCCESSOR AGENCY:

4. MINUTES JOINT SPECIAL COUNCIL/BFPD/SUCC - MARCH 18, 2019 7:00 PM

Recommended Action:

Approve the minutes as presented.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Richard Harpole, Council Member
SECONDER:	Carmen Hernandez, Mayor Pro Tem
AYES:	Noble, Harpole, Hernandez, Silva, Hackbarth-McIntyre

5. MINUTES JOINT SPECIAL COUNCIL/SUCC/BFPD - JULY 15, 2019 7:00 PM

Recommended Action:

Approve the minutes as presented.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Richard Harpole, Council Member
SECONDER: Carmen Hernandez, Mayor Pro Tem
AYES: Noble, Harpole, Hernandez, Silva, Hackbarth-McIntyre

6. MINUTES JOINT SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL/SUCC - AUGUST 19, 2019 7:00 PM

Recommended Action:
Approve the minutes as presented.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Richard Harpole, Council Member
SECONDER: Carmen Hernandez, Mayor Pro Tem
AYES: Noble, Harpole, Hernandez, Silva, Hackbarth-McIntyre

7. MINUTES CLOSED SESSION - OCTOBER 7, 2019 6:00 P.M.

Recommended Action:
Approve minutes as presented.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Richard Harpole, Council Member
SECONDER: Carmen Hernandez, Mayor Pro Tem
AYES: Noble, Harpole, Hernandez, Silva, Hackbarth-McIntyre

8. RATIFICATION OF SUCCESSOR AGENCY FOR THE BARSTOW REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY ACCOUNTS PAYABLE EXPENDITURES

Recommended Action:
Approve and ratify expenses as audited for checks #77939 totaling \$ 3,217.50.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Richard Harpole, Council Member
SECONDER: Carmen Hernandez, Mayor Pro Tem
AYES: Noble, Harpole, Hernandez, Silva, Hackbarth-McIntyre

CITY COUNCIL:

9. MINUTES CLOSED SESSION - OCTOBER 7, 2019 6:00 P.M.

Recommended Action:
Approve minutes as presented.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Timothy Silva, Council Member
SECONDER: Richard Harpole, Council Member
AYES: Noble, Harpole, Hernandez, Silva, Hackbarth-McIntyre

10. MINUTES JOINT SPECIAL COUNCIL/BFPD - OCTOBER 7, 2019 7:00 PM

Recommended Action:
Approve the minutes as presented.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Timothy Silva, Council Member
SECONDER:	Richard Harpole, Council Member
AYES:	Noble, Harpole, Hernandez, Silva, Hackbarth-McIntyre

11. RATIFICATION OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE EXPENDITURES

Recommended Action:

Approve and ratify expenses, as audited, for checks # 78216 - 78333 and wires 640 - 641 totaling \$800,559.55.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Timothy Silva, Council Member
SECONDER:	Richard Harpole, Council Member
AYES:	Noble, Harpole, Hernandez, Silva, Hackbarth-McIntyre

BUSINESS ACTION ITEMS:

BFPD:

12. APPROPRIATE FUNDING FOR UNPAID INSURANCE CLAIMS

Recommended Action:

Staff recommends that the Fire District Board appropriate \$113,000 to fund all outstanding claim vouchers related to the outstanding claims received from S&S HealthCare Strategies as a result of the Riverstone Capital termination.

CITY MANAGER NIKKI SALAS provided information and requested that the Fire District Board appropriate \$113,000 to fund all outstanding claim vouchers related to the outstanding claims received from S&S HealthCare Strategies as a result of the Riverstone Capital termination.

- Stated that the Barstow Fire Protection District's medical coverage with Riverstone Capital Inc. terminated on January 31, 2019.
- Stated that the Barstow Fire Protection District partnered with S&S HealthCare Strategies, in April 2019, for claims negotiation services for the outstanding unpaid medical claims.

COUNCILMEMBER HARPOLE

- Asked if the requested amount covered the City portion of the billing and not the employee's portion?

CITY MANAGER NIKKI SALAS

- Confirmed that the \$113,000 covered the City portion of the claims.

MAYOR PRO TEM HERNANDEZ

- Asked what the coverages were for Fire currently? Would they be covered?

CITY MANAGER NIKKI SALAS

- Responded that Healthcare was being provided through CalPERS Health.

SPEAKERS

MIKE HERNANDEZ - BARSTOW, CA.

- Asked if the monies would be coming from the Fire District or from Measure Q.

CITY MANAGER NIKKI SALAS

- Responded that it would be coming out of the Fire District Fund.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Richard Harpole, Council Member
SECONDER:	Timothy Silva, Council Member
AYES:	Noble, Harpole, Hernandez, Silva, Hackbarth-McIntyre

SUCCESSOR AGENCY:

CITY COUNCIL:

13. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BARSTOW AMENDING AND UPDATING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF TITLE 13 (“PUBLIC UTILITIES”), INCLUDING SECTIONS 13.08.050 (PRIVATE DISPOSAL SYSTEM CONNECTION) AND 13.08.070 (PRIVATE DISPOSAL SYSTEM CRITERIA) OF CHAPTER 13.08 (CONNECTION—PRIVATE DISPOSAL SYSTEM); SECTIONS 13.16.010 (PERMIT REQUIRED), 13.16.020 (PERMIT APPLICATION), 13.16.030 (INSTALLATION COSTS AND CONNECTION TO SEWER), 13.16.070 (STREET EXCAVATION: PERMIT REQUIRED) OF CHAPTER 13.16 (BUILDING LITERALS); SECTIONS 13.20.010 (RIGHT OF ENTRY), 13.20.02 (COMPANY INDEMNIFIED BY CITY) OF CHAPTER 13.20 (INSPECTIONS); SECTIONS 13.22.020 (USER FEES) AND 13.22.080 (CONNECTION FEES) OF CHAPTER 13.22 (SEWER USE CHARGES), AND REPEALING SECTIONS 13.24.050 (CONNECTION CHARGES, MAPS) AND 13.24.060 (DISPOSITION OF FUNDS) OF CHAPTER 13.24 (REIMBURSEMENT DISTRICTS) OF THE BARSTOW MUNICIPAL CODE

Recommended Action:

Staff recommends that the City Council introduce Ordinance No. 962-2019, amending Chapter 13, in its entirety, to update those identified sections of the Barstow Municipal Code, by title only and waive the full reading.

INDUSTRIAL PRETREATMENT SUPERVISOR TROY MINNICK

- Discussed Chapter 13 of the Barstow Municipal Code, and shared that since calendar year 2012, there had been new added Ordinances, without conforming the pre-existing ordinances to the updated ordinances.
- Stated that this Ordinance addressed the sections within Chapter 13 that required amending and/or updating.
- Stated that the proposed Ordinance had been reviewed and approved by the City Policy Committee.

COUNCILMEMBER HARPOLE

- Asked if there were any new content or if the proposed Ordinance was just a revision to ensure that all related ordinances were consistent with the most recently cast ordinances.

MAYOR PRO TEM HERNANDEZ

- Asked if the City would need to put any information out to our users or would they come to the City if they should have questions?

INDUSTRIAL PRETREATMENT SUPERVISOR TROY MINNICK

- Stated that he wanted to keep things simple.
- Stated that notifications were not necessary.
- Stated that he would make certain that his staff could explain clear and concise directives.

COUNCILMEMBER NOBLE

- Thanked Troy Minnick for doing a good job.
- Stated that he had read the ordinance and the content was clear.

ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY MATTHEW SUMMERS

- Provided clarification on publication requirements and added clarification that staff would make the public aware as they come into any changes they need to be aware of.

SPEAKERS

MIKE HERNANDEZ - BARSTOW, CA

- Asked how an appointment could be made with Troy Minnick.
- Asked if hook-up fees had stayed the same.

INDUSTRIAL PRETREATMENT SUPERVISOR TROY MINNICK

- Responded that fees would remain the same and he could be contacted at (760) 252-3543 or by email at tminnick@barstowca.org.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Richard Harpole, Council Member
SECONDER:	James M. Noble, Council Member
AYES:	Noble, Harpole, Hernandez, Silva, Hackbarth-McIntyre

14. AWARDING CONTACT FOR PIPE BURSTING SEWER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Recommended Action:

Staff recommends that the City Council award a contract to American Pipeline Services for the bid in the amount of \$136,763.19 for the Pipe Bursting Sewer Improvement Project.

INDUSTRIAL PRETREATMENT SUPERVISOR TROY MINNICK gave the staff report explaining the project.

- Talked about the expansion project.
- Requested an award of the contract to American Pipeline Services for the Bid in the amount of \$136,763.19 for a sewer improvement project on Lenwood Road and Serrano Avenue.

COUNCILMEMBER SILVA

- Asked if there would be minimal traffic impact during the project.

INDUSTRIAL PRETREATMENT SUPERVISOR TROY MINNICK

- Stated that the work would be done at night on a Tuesday or Wednesday. The pipe bursting would be conducted in the middle of the night.

MAYOR PRO TEM HERNANDEZ

- Thanked Troy for the diligent research.
- Asked if he was comfortable with the company and its reputation?

COUNCILMEMBER NOBLE

- Expressed his concern of the wide variance in bid amounts.
- Asked the reasons for the variance?
- Asked what the project timelines were?

INDUSTRIAL PRETREATMENT SUPERVISOR TROY MINNICK

- Stated that he was comfortable with American Pipeline Services.
- Discussed the quality of pipe, the staff and the equipment.
- Stated that he had confidence that the project would be completed in a timely manner and with minimal traffic intrusion.
- Stated that the project timeline was (14) fourteen days from award of contract.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Richard Harpole, Council Member
SECONDER:	James M. Noble, Council Member
AYES:	Noble, Harpole, Hernandez, Silva, Hackbarth-McIntyre

DEFERRED ITEMS:

NONE

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COUNCILMEMBER SILVA

- Noted that he had attended the Water Wise Event and it was a great turnout.
- Stated that it was a great learning event for children.

COUNCILMEMBER HARPOLE

- Stated that the (VVTA) Victor Valley Transit Authority had met this morning but there were no issues on the agenda that had a direct bearing on Barstow to be discussed.
- Discussed the progress of the new Barstow Maintenance Facility.
- Reported that ridership was up approximately (10%) ten percent and the total fair box for the month was up 20% (twenty percent), which probably had to do with the increase in gas prices.
- Said the next (VVTA) Victor Valley Transit Authority Meeting would be held on November 18, 2019 in Barstow at 9:30 a.m. in our City Council Chambers.
- Said the Rules and Policies Committee Meeting will be cancelled.
- Announced that he would not be in attendance at the next Council Meeting.

MAYOR PRO TEM HERNANDEZ

- Stated that she would be attending the Mojave Air Quality Control Meeting on October 28, 2019.

ADJOURNMENT:

By consensus of the City Council, without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted:

Approved:

JoAnne V. Cousino
City Clerk/Secretary

Julie Hackbarth-McIntyre
Mayor/Chair