



BARSTOW CITY COUNCIL /  
 BARSTOW FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
 CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
 220 EAST MOUNTAIN VIEW STREET  
 BARSTOW, CA 92311

JUNE 5, 2017  
 7:00 PM  
 (HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE)

# MINUTES

## JOINT SPECIAL MEETING

### INVOCATION:

MAJOR DAVID EBEL, from the Salvation Army, led the City Council in the invocation.

**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 7:08 P.M.  
 CHAIR HACKBARTH-MCINTYRE called the BFPD meeting to order at 7:08 P.M.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Miss Barstow, Jessie McKinnon, and Teen Miss Barstow, Keirstyn Brogan, led the City Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### ROLL CALL:

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Merrill Gracey	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:

- PRESENTATION BY THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO LAWRENCE DALE**  
Recommended Action:  
 Presentation only.

COLONEL TAYLOR of the US Army thanked the City Council and community for their partnership with the soldiers. He recognized Lawrence Dale for all of his support to the soldiers at the National Training Center and for the Christmas Train Ride Experience for the soldiers and their families.

**RESULT: PRESENTATION ONLY**

**2. RECOGNITION OF STATER BROS. MARKETS EMPLOYEES – NELSON MENDOZA, LINDA HEDBERG AND GARY FLORES**

**Recommended Action:**

Present a proclamation and Civilian Medal of Honor to Nelson Mendoza, Linda Hedberg and Gary Flores.

FIRE CHIEF WILLIAMS presented a proclamation and Civilian Medal of Honor to Stater Bros. employees Nelson Mendoza, Linda Hedberg, and Gary Flores for their heroic efforts in a life saving incident.

Additionally, Stater Bros. Corporation presented a plaque to their employees for their heroic efforts.

**RESULT: PRESENTATION ONLY**

**3. PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION TO THE SALVATION ARMY, BARSTOW**

**Recommended Action:**

Present proclamation to The Salvation Army, Barstow.

MAYOR HACKBARTH-MCINTYRE AND THE CITY COUNCIL presented a proclamation to the Salvation Army recognizing the essential role they play in the community and communities throughout the Country.

**RESULT: PRESENTATION ONLY**

**4. AFTER-EVENT REPORT AND PRESENTATION BY THE BARSTOW HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC DEPARTMENT**

**Recommended Action:**

After-event report and presentation only.

BAND DIRECTOR MR. BARILONE thanked the City Council for their support of the Barstow High School Band and Atomic Jazz Band. He commented on the event and noted that if the popularity continues for the various events, they would extend it to a two-day event.

**RESULT: PRESENTATION ONLY**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**5. ASSESSMENT DISTRICT PUBLIC HEARING**

**Recommended Action:**

Staff recommends that the City Council continue the Engineer's Report and public hearing until July 17, 2017.

MAYOR HACKBARTH-MCINTYRE explained that the item was continued to July 17, 2017 to allow for publication of the resolution. She opened the hearing for anyone in attendance wishing to speak on the assessment district.

HEARING OPENED AT 7:33 P.M.  
NO SPEAKERS  
HEARING CLOSED AT 7:33 P.M.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>PRESENTATION ONLY - CONTINUED</b>	<b>Next: 7/17/2017 7:00 PM</b>
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**REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION:**

*No closed session to report.*

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

SPEAKER:

PEGGI FRIES and CECIL SMITH

- Shared information on the Community Coalition Resource Fair, June 15th, 2017 at the Cora Harper Center.
- Described the Positive Alternative program.
- Thanked the City for their assistance with using the Cora Harper Center and commented on the helpfulness of the Parks and Recreation team.
- Gave a presentation on Kiwanis and the Mardi Gras Parade.
- Shared that the Kiwanis Golf Tournament was the main fundraising opportunity for the Mardi Gras Parade. Invited the public to attend on June 17, 2017.
- Spoke on the loss of Ava Reyes-Halsey, noting the family culture of the City employees and recognizing the suffering experience by City employees.
- Noted Officer D'Andrea hosted the mandated forty (40) hour training on Domestic Violence. She thanked Police Chief Ramirez and the City for providing the officer.
- Announced the Window between Worlds event, which was described as an art healing event strictly for teens on Thursdays from 11 A.M. to 12 P.M. June 8 through August 3, 2017.

GARY ADDISS - BARSTOW, CA

- Requested the Council to consider raising the amount of collectibles that can be recycled per day.
- Commented that the cost to drive to the recycling center was not covered by what he was allowed to recycle per day.

COUNCIL MEMBER HARPOLE inquired as to where Mr. Addiss was recycling his cans. He was told that Mr. Addis recycles at the corner of Barstow Road and Main Street.

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Richard Harpole, Council Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Merrill Gracey, Council Member
<b>AYES:</b>	Gracey, Harpole, Hernandez, Silva, Hackbarth-McIntyre

**STAFF REPORTS:**

**6. STAFF REPORT - UPDATE ON THE SUPER WALMART CONSTRUCTION PROJECT**

**Recommended Action:**

Staff report only.

CONSULTING CITY ENGINEER BRAD MERRELL gave an update report on the Walmart Construction. Reported they were still on schedule for the opening on June 28, 2017. He explained that due to a 30-day decommissioning on the old Walmart building, the tearing down of the old building would not begin for an additional 30 days.

**POLICE CHIEF COMMENTS:**

*No comments.*

**FIRE CHIEF COMMENTS:**

FIRE CHIEF WILLIAMS spoke about fire safety for the home. She shared that due to the extreme heat, the grass would be drying out. She noted that homeowners and tenants should be sure to clear the space around the home to protect from fire.

**BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL / BFPD:**

COUNCIL MEMBER SILVA requested information on the recycling payouts.

COUNCIL MEMBER HARPOLE requested City Manager Mitchell have Environmental Services Administrator Belinda Barbour to look into the recycling situation. He also provided the following comment:

*"Friday before Memorial Day my City password expired. Usually when out of town and my password expires, I call Ava or send her an email and she resets my password. So Friday I thought 'I'll send Ava a text to fix it' but then I thought 'No, I will wait until Tuesday as it is a holiday weekend.' Little did I know Tuesday wouldn't come. My interaction with Ava wasn't just as a Council Member but Ava and I worked together when I was at the Police Department and we interacted quite a lot. She was very professional, very diligent, and always taking care of what needed to be taken care of. Recently, we had a presentation to the City Council in Closed Session and afterward I had commented that it had been the most professional presentation we had seen during my time as a Council Member. More than that, Ava had that smile and anybody who knew Ava understands that the smile was just so welcoming; you couldn't help but just be brought in. We Christians often speak of the dead in the past but if we really believe in everlasting life we should also think of the them in the present. I will do my absolute best to think of Ava in the present. She is somewhere else looking down on us with that smile. I want her husband, Dan, to know that while we cannot know the depth of his grief, we are grieving with him."*

MAYOR PRO TEM HERNANDEZ said the following:

*"I don't think there is much more to say. She was a unique individual. She always had a smile for everyone and I never heard anyone say a negative word about her. Ava always looked at life in such a positive manner. She is watching over us. Our family here is available for her family for whatever they need."*

COUNCIL MEMBER GRACEY shared the following:

*"I remember the smile. I remember going to her office and sometimes I would just stand in the door. Ava would look up and say 'Can I help you?' and I'd say 'Nope, I'm just here to say hi.' Or I would be standing there holding my iPad and she would smile and say 'You are technologically challenged. Come in here and sit down.' She could always fix it. There are three things I want to say about her and it might sound kind of simple to say these but Ava was a nice lady, she was always good to me, and we will all miss her."*

MAYOR HACKBARTH-MCINTYRE gave the following comment:

*"Tonight, of course, we will adjourn in Ava's memory. I don't think I will get through saying anything right now. On Wednesday, I will be speaking at Cora Harper; Mr. Mitchell will provide more information on her services. Ava was an individual who I never saw not smile. She was always there to help. She was very, very involved with BEAT, which was our Employee Activities Team that boosts employee morale. She was just a class act. I saw Dan on Wednesday and her family is still in shock. All three of her younger siblings worked for me at 1st Street Del Taco. The City of Barstow is there for the family."*

**CITY MANAGER / DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS:**

CITY MANAGER CHARLES C. MITCHELL made the following comments:

*"As you have already heard, we are all deeply saddened by the sudden and tragic passing of Ava Reyes-Halsey. She was a valued member of the City of Barstow family and will be truly missed; not only because she was an outstanding employee but also because she cared about everyone and tried to provide any assistance needed to help others. Please keep Ava's family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. A funeral mass will be held on Wednesday, June 7th, at 10 A.M. at St. Joseph Catholic Church. A burial service will occur immediately following the funeral at Mountain View Memorial Park. Afterward, a memorial service will be held at the Cora Harper Community Center. Please be advised that City Hall will be closed from 9:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. on Wednesday to allow City Employees to attend the services."*

**CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:**

**BFPD:**

**7. BARSTOW FIRE DISTRICT - RATIFICATION OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE EXPENDITURES**

**Recommended Action:**

Approve and ratify expenses as audited for checks 69024 - 69404, totaling \$ 167,810.93.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Timothy Silva, Council Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Carmen Hernandez, Mayor Pro Tem
<b>AYES:</b>	Gracey, Harpole, Hernandez, Silva, Hackbarth-McIntyre

**CITY COUNCIL:**

**8. RATIFICATION OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE EXPENDITURES**

**Recommended Action:**

Approve and ratify expenses, as audited, for checks 69143 - 69142 and wires 512 - 515, totaling \$2,509,139.86.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Timothy Silva, Council Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Merrill Gracey, Council Member
<b>AYES:</b>	Gracey, Harpole, Hernandez, Silva, Hackbarth-McIntyre

**9. ACCEPTANCE OF FINAL PARCEL MAP AND DEDICATION OF EASEMENT FOR DRAINAGE DEVELOPMENT ON FISHER BOULEVARD**

**Recommended Action:**

Approve the acceptance of the final map and authorize the appropriate officials to execute the final map.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Merrill Gracey, Council Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Richard Harpole, Council Member
<b>AYES:</b>	Gracey, Harpole, Hernandez, Silva, Hackbarth-McIntyre

**BUSINESS / ACTION ITEMS:**

**CITY COUNCIL:**

**10. DESIGNATION OF VOTING DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE(S) FOR THE LEAGUE OF CITIES ANNUAL CONFERENCE TO BE HELD SEPTEMBER 13-15, 2017 IN SACRAMENTO, CA.**

**Recommended Action:**

By simple motion, designate a voting delegate and alternate(s) as representative(s) of the City of Barstow for the 2017 Annual League of Cities Conference to be held September 13-15, 2017 in Sacramento, CA.

CITY CLERK JOANNE V. COUSINO presented the item explaining that a designated voting delegate and alternate needed to be chosen to represent the City of Barstow at the 2017 Annual League of California Cities Conference.

**COMMENTS / COUNCIL DIRECTION:**

COUNCIL MEMBER HARPOLE commented that he was the designated delegate and he would be attending the conference.

COUNCIL MEMBER SILVA noted that as the alternate he was not positive of his attendance.

MAYOR HACKBARTH-MCINTYRE noted her usual attendance and offered to be an alternate.

COUNCIL MEMBER SILVA MOTIONED for Council Member Harpole as the chosen delegate, with himself (Council Member Silva) as the alternate, and Mayor Hackbarth-McIntyre as the second alternate if he was not able to attend.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Timothy Silva, Council Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Merrill Gracey, Council Member
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**11. CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER #1 FOR ROUTE 66 SIGN PROJECT**

**Recommended Action:**

Staff recommends that the City Council approve Contract Change Order #1 (Attachment A)

ENGINEERING SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR DOMINGO GONZALES presented the item noting that the City Council had approved a contract for Route 66 Monument signs on Main Street on July 18, 2016. He commented that the original plans from the Landscape Architect did not include graphics on the reverse side of the monument. He shared that four (4) prototypes had been partially constructed and installed a now change order was necessary to add graphics, lettering, and lighting to the opposite side.

**QUESTIONS:**

COUNCIL MEMBER HARPOLE inquired as to which account the change order was being funded.

CITY MANAGER MITCHELL responded that \$26,000 would be allocated from Measure I funding.

COUNCIL MEMBER HARPOLE requested that the fiscal impact be written in plain language describing the funding source.

COUNCIL MEMBER GRACEY commented on the attractiveness of the monuments.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Richard Harpole, Council Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Merrill Gracey, Council Member
<b>AYES:</b>	Gracey, Harpole, Hernandez, Silva, Hackbarth-McIntyre

**DEFERRED ITEMS:**

*None.*

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

COUNCIL MEMBER SILVA

*"I would like my last comments to be on Ava Reyes-Halsey. Everything was said here about the great person that she was and I don't say that lightheartedly. She helped me in so many ways. You could just see the love and happiness that she possessed just speaking with her. To the family, Dan, let us know if we can do anything for you."*

MAYOR PRO TEM HERNANDEZ

Announced the following meetings:

- Street Committee on June 7, 2017 at 5:00 P.M.
- Waste Water Committee on June 7, 2017 at 4:00 P.M.
- Mojave Air Quality District on June 12 and 27, 2017 for budgeting.

COUNCIL MEMBER GRACEY

- Noted the next Military Affairs and AUSA meeting to be on June 13, 2017 at 7:00 A.M.

MAYOR HACKBARTH-MCINTYRE

- Noted that the SBCTA Committee meeting would be Wednesday, June 7, 2017 in the morning but due to the services for Ava Reyes-Halsey there would not be a Barstow representative attending.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

BY CONSENSUS OF THE COUNCIL, MAYOR HACKBARTH-MCINTYRE ADJOURNED THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT 8:04 P.M. IN MEMORY OF A FRIEND, COLLEAGUE, AND LADY WITH A TERRIFIC SMILE, AVA REYES-HALSEY.

*Respectfully Submitted:*

*Approved:*

  
JOANNE COUSINO, CITY CLERK/SECRETARY

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Julie Hackbarth-McIntyre, Mayor

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Carmen Hernandez, BFPD Chair

**Notice: Signed Minutes are filed with the City Clerk's office**