



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

APRIL 1, 2019
 7:00 PM
 (HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE)

MINUTES

JOINT SPECIAL MEETING

INVOCATION:

PASTOR IV BLAND from Barstow Church of God in Christ gave 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 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

MAYOR 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 Pledge Leader.

RESULT: PULLED

2. PRESENTATION ON VECTOR CONTROL SERVICES

Recommended Action:

Presentation only.

PROGRAM MANAGER JASON PHILLIPPE OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY VECTOR CONTROL SERVICES

- Introduced Program Supervisor, Dale Parker.
- Provided a service overview regarding mosquito and vector control provided by San Bernardino County.
- Provided overview of Housing Inspection Programs that include multi units, hotel and motels in addition to massage facilities.

MAYOR PRO TEM HERNANDEZ

- Asked if many complaints were made from the Barstow area.

PROGRAM MANAGER JASON PHILLIPPE

- Responded that there are calls that do come from the outer areas but that he will provide that information later if desired.

RESULT: PRESENTATION ONLY

3. PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION IN RECOGNITION OF CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

Recommended Action:

Present proclamation to the San Bernardino County Children's Network recognizing April as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

MAYOR HACKBARTH-MCINTYRE

- Presented a Proclamation to the San Bernardino County Children's Network recognizing April as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

LULU BIKERS AGAINST CHILD ABUSE

- Discussed the lifelong affects on a victim of child abuse.
- Provided statistics on calls for service from the Barstow area.
- Encouraged persons in need to call 211 for help.

RESULT: PRESENTATION ONLY

4. PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION TO DONATE LIFE CALIFORNIA IN RECOGNITION OF DMV/DONATE LIFE CALIFORNIA MONTH

Recommended Action:

Present proclamation to Donate Life California in recognition of DMV/Donate Life California Month.

MAYOR HACKBARTH-MCINTYRE

- Presented a Proclamation to Donate Life California in recognition of "DMV-Donate Life California Month".

TERRY LEGACY AMBASSADOR

- Shared her story of a double lung transplant.
- Invited all to attend a fundraiser walk at USC in Fullerton.

RESULT: PRESENTATION ONLY

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

NONE

REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION:

1. LABOR NEGOTIATIONS - (GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957.6) PUBLIC EMPLOYEE(S)

Recommended Action:

City Negotiator: City Manager Charles C. Mitchell

Employee Organization: Unit 1 San Bernardino Public Employees' Association

Unit 2 San Bernardino Public Employees' Association

Unit 3 Barstow Police Officers' Association

Unit 6 Barstow Management Employees' Association

Unit 8 Barstow Police Department Management Association

CITY ATTORNEY TERESA HIGHSMITH 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 with its labor negotiator to receive a status report on negotiations with Units 1, 2, 3, 6 & 8. Direction was provided with no action taken.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

SPEAKERS

MANNY LOPEZ - BARSTOW, CALIFORNIA

- Introduced himself as the representative of Dos Costas Communications and their radio stations.
- Invited everyone to the 15th annual Chili Cook-Off at Fogelsong Park on April 6, 2019 at 9 a.m.
- Mentioned there was a dance at Rosita's from 8 p.m. to midnight afterwards.

PAT ALEMAN - BARSTOW, CALIFORNIA

- Talked about the increase of the local sales tax that started on April 1st.
- Shared his objection to the tax.
- Stated they were still working on the recall.

JON PRINCE - BARSTOW, CALIFORNIA

- Mentioned EC Barstow hosted the Mexican Consulate on April 2-April 6 from 9am-2pm & 3pm-4:30pm.
- Invited everyone to Friday Night Lights.

DR. PAUL COURTNEY - BARSTOW, CALIFORNIA

- Thanked Terri Peralta, Park and Recreation Supervisor, for repairing the parking lot asphalt at Fogelsong Park in time for the Chili Cook-Off.
- Thanked Dos Costas Communications for selecting EC BARSTOW as a presenting sponsor for the Chili Cook-Off.
- Said he was roasted recently and thanked everyone who came out.
- Said they raised over \$5000 from the event and received an additional \$2500 in donations.
 - Mentioned the Mexican Consulate was at the EC Barstow center from April 2-6 from 8am - 4pm.
 - Mentioned the wellness fair was at Barstow Community College on Friday April 5th.
 - Announced EC Barstow held resume development services for USAA job postings on Mondays and Wednesday from 5:00pm-7:00pm.
 - Mentioned he planned to run for Mayor and handed out his press release to the public and dais.

JIMMY BROWN - BARSTOW, CALIFORNIA

- Thanked the City Council and Mayor for extending the Planning Commission deadline.

BENNIE FEDRICK - BARSTOW, CALIFORNIA

- Said his first paying job was with Del Taco in Arlington and thanked the Hackbarth family for starting the business.
- Said he respected the dais and apologized for his short response at the last meeting.
- Asked why the City Council allowed another citizen to speak up from the audience, but did not allow him to.
- Addressed Council Member Silva and Council Member Harpole and said he believed they possessed the intellect that the Council needed.
- Addressed Mayor Pro Tem Hernandez and felt she should allow the audience to get their words across.

JOE CRUZ - BARSTOW, CALIFORNIA

- Said he concurred with Mr. Fedrick.
- Talked about Friday Night Lights and appreciated that they had a platform for public announcements and various other things.
- Felt we need discuss how to approach and bridge the gap between the leaders of the community and the community.
- Thanked Anthony Riley, Public Information Officer, for attending HD Straight Talk Live.
- Shared that Coldwell Banker holds a home makeover contest and encouraged homeowners to apply.

ZIAD ABOUAZOA - BARSTOW, CALIFORNIA

- Discussed the CBD ban.
- Mentioned that Walgreens and CVS pharmacies now sell CBD products.
- Urged the City to reconsider the ban on cannabis.
- Said that legally licensed mobile dispensaries from other cities were allowed to vend in cities who ban cannabis and the City would not have control of that.
- Felt Barstow was losing a profit from this to the other cities.

ELONA JONES - BARSTOW, CALIFORNIA

- Read the Code of Ethics for Barstow.
- Felt that the Council did not support the growth of Barstow.
- Said she did not understand why the City Council would not allow dispensaries.
- Asked the Council to see our growth and help people get off opiates.
- Said she faced criticism from everyone, including her adult children.
- Asked the Council for dispensaries.

RON BEARDSHEAR - BARSTOW, CALIFORNIA

- Mentioned he worked for Victor Community Services who helped foster families and children.
- Thanked the City Council for the Warming and Cooling Station.
- Said he volunteered there and saw people get help where they did not have help before.
- Thanked them for empowering Barstow and felt Barstow was still the city with a big heart.

JUSTIN HAMPTON - BARSTOW, CALIFORNIA

- Said he moved to Barstow from Pittsburg three months ago.
- Acknowledged the Cora Harper Center, but felt the kids needed more things to do such as roller staking rink or arcade so that they stay out of trouble.
- Felt our children were our future and the City needed to give them things to do to stay off drugs and out of trouble.

JOHN GREGG -BARSTOW, CALIFORNIA

- Mentioned he was the new executive director for Mojave Valley United Way.
- Thanked the City for their support.
- Mentioned the City had 15 employees who donated to them every paycheck.
- They supported 9 agencies, 8 which were local agencies as well as one in Newberry Springs.
- They helped and supported 3 school programs: Kids Pack Program, School Tools Program and Stem scholarships.

- Said they had been open since 1956 and have helped 6,154 students; because of the donations of the City employees and other donations.
- Mentioned all of the organizations that they supported and gave the statistics.
- Said the donations did make a difference and employees could talk to Anthony Riley if they wanted to donate.
- Stated the population in Barstow was approximately 23,000 and said if everyone donated one dollar per paycheck, they would have \$598,000 per year.

MIKE HERNANDEZ - BARSTOW, CALIFORNIA

- Mentioned the citizens who spoke about the cannabis issue and stated that Council Member Harpole and his committee had been working on the issue for about 6 months, but nobody ever mentions it.
- Said if you want to know what was going on with the cannabis ordinance, you should attend the meetings.
- Said he went to City Hall and picked up the application for the Planning Committee.
- Said he heard only two people applied for the Oversight Advisory Committee.
- Stated if the community was not involved, participating, and attending meetings, then they should not criticize anyone.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

THE AGENDA WAS APPROVED AS PRESENTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

STAFF REPORTS:

5. PRESENTATION ON METHODS USED TO ADVERTISE AND ACCESS APPLICATIONS FOR CITY COMMITTEES

Recommended Action:

Presentation only.

ANTHONY RILEY gave a presentation on social media trends, content creation, marketing and results.

- Thanked the community for their involvement and suggestions on improving PR.
- Stated that ads published for the Planning Commission vacancy were released on Thursday, March 21, 2019 and Friday, March 28, 2019 in the Daily Press legal announcement section.
- Noted that ad campaigns also aired between all regular programming and other City announcements on Barstow’s Channel 6.
- Stated that as of 5:00 p.m. April 1, 2019, there were 5 Planning Commission applications and 12 Oversight Commission applications turned into City Hall.
- Noted that the City was still looking to increase the number of applications for Planning Commission before the application period closed.
- Stated that radio advertising was utilized in the marketing of the Planning Commission Vacancy and Resident Oversight Commission positions on Highway Radio Stations 94.9 and 96.9.
- Stated that local broadcasting was also included in the marketing through High Desert Straight Talk Live and the Bill and Billie Show.
- Stated that social media posts were created at least once a day and many times were re-generated several times in one day.
- Stated that he boosted Facebook buys for the Resident Oversight Commission on March 22, 2019 and again on March 25, 2019 reaching 600 people and 22 link clicks.

- Noted that he did a staggered boost on a secondary post in order to capitalize on peak viewing hours.
- Stated that the City was currently using YouTube, Facebook, and Twitter for social media marketing.
- Noted that in the past, the Barstow City website had links to the City's Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and Pinterest pages.
- Stated that while Twitter, Facebook, and YouTube worked well for the City in the past, Pinterest showed some communication setbacks and that communication with the audience was not as fluid the City hoped it would be.
- Noted that a faster more fluid way to release images, and send out quick informal (as well as designed formal posts) were needed.
- Stated that this led to the creation of an official City of Barstow Instagram account which had the potential to increase the City's audience, noting the visuals on Instagram could be informative, visually interesting and engaging.
- Noted that in many cases websites had only seconds to grab the viewers' attention, and Instagram did this by allowing a platform for incredibly strong visuals.
- Noted that without promotion, special announcements or advertised links, the City's Instagram page gained 13 likes in a matter of 15 minutes.
- Stated that this held important significance, due to the fact that when compared to a City Facebook post that was created in same time frame, the interaction ratio was 4:13 (FB/Inst.) showing Instagram could double the likes in a matter of minutes.
- Noted that the number and audience pool had the potential to grow exponentially once the City built its own audience base.
- Informed the community that they could now go to Instagram as another source for not only breaking news and event updates, but to see beautiful scenery and interesting images of the Barstow community.
- Stated that visual content was key to social media marketing; individuals wanted to view engaging aesthetics as well as be informed in a very short amount of time.
- Noted straight forward print no longer worked as the central means of information gathering, and audiences were now captured and held longer if they had visually appealing images to look at followed by informative posting.
- Stated that the vacant Resident Oversight Commission and Planning Commission positions were posted to Instagram on March 31, 2019. Without a boost, announcement, and using a simple post layout, accompanied by an interesting photo, the post generated over 50 likes.
- Noted that it was important to show a comparison to the Facebook ad buys. This trend showed that with visually interesting content the City was able to gain a higher number of interactions than a traditional Facebook post, further proving that visual content was key.
- Stated that if the City developed interesting content for all social media platforms, they would have an efficient and much more cost effective way to generate community outreach.
- Noted the lifespan of the City website was typically 5 years, stating the City has approached the time to develop a new Website that would have an extremely high emphasis on visual images, streamlining content, and increased social media engagement.
- Stated that because of the credit he had developed over previous years, the new City website was only projected to cost around \$8,000.

COUNCILMEMBER SILVA

-Asked Mr. Riley what was added from the first post to the second, and what was found successful in posting the second time.

ANTHONY RILEY

- Stated that initially he had to look at the analytics of Facebook and peak times, where he found traditionally that people were looking at Facebook most frequently around lunch time and between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

- Noted that the City decided to capitalize on the time frames for the original posting but did a re-boost (meaning they could have captured anyone from the hours of 12:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. and early morning.)
- Stated that he did everything possible to get information out to the high demographics as well as those who may not have seen the post during peak times.

COUNCILMEMBER SILVA

- Asked for confirmation that no new service was used for the second post, it was just directional.

ANTHONY RILEY

- Stated that the analytics determined which times would give the City the best bang for their buck.
- Stated that they did continue advertising through newspapers and radio, noting that by adding the Instagram post the City would reach out to a whole new group of people that were not being reached before.

COUNCILMEMBER SILVA

- Asked if the quarterly newsletter would totally go away in print.

ANTHONY RILEY

- Responded that no, it would not go away entirely.
- Stated there were still aspects of the quarterly newsletter that were in print, but they incorporated photos and taglines as well as background information to narrate and illustrate the topic at hand.

COUNCILMEMBER SILVA

- Informed Mr. Riley that the main complaint of the City's current website was that the search bar needed to be improved.

ANTHONY RILEY

- Recalled the old City website that was in place before 2013 and how many updates and changes it needed stating that they made leaps and bounds by introducing the new City website in 2013.
- Stated he was looking to not only add visual enhancements to the new website, but also make applications easily accessible, increase social networking applications, and to place the search engine right in the middle of the page, to make for easier searching.
- Stated they planned to essentially re-tool the website to make it as user friendly as possible.

MAYOR PRO TEM CARMEN HERNANDEZ

- Stated there was more than one way, in social media, to connect with the public, asking what other options were used.
- Asked if advertisements on the radio were considered public service announcements or if the City had to pay for them.

ANTHONY RILEY

- Stated that the advertisements that were put out on Highway Radio were through a monthly contract.

MAYOR PRO TEM HERNANDEZ

- Stated that there was more than one radio station in Barstow
- Wanted clarification on why we couldn't use all of the radio stations in Barstow.
- Asked City Attorney Teresa Highsmith if the vacancy on the Planning Commission and the Resident Oversight Commission would be considered a public service announcement.

CITY ATTORNEY TERESA HIGHSMITH

- Replied that most people would think that it was a public service announcement, but she could not comment on what their rules or contract says.

ANTHONY RILEY

- Stated that he was thankful to say he had a conversation with Mr. Lopez from K-Duc Radio Station and received a rate sheet from him for any potential media buys, and that he would be more than happy to speak with the City Manager in terms of resources to do any potential media buys leading up to next Monday's deadline for the Planning Commission position.

MAYOR PRO TEM HERNANDEZ

- Believed that social media was a generational thing, stating that there was no age bias for positions such as a Planning Commissioner.

ANTHONY RILEY

- Stated that the public addressed him about being more diverse in the way information gets put out in order to reach all demographics of people,
- Stated that he hoped some of the applications coming in were from young people in the community that were interested in participating.

MAYOR PRO TEM HERNANDEZ

- Stated that she had an issue with Channel 6 not being up to date.
- Wanted to know what the plan was to get it back up to date.

ANTHONY RILEY

- Stated that old content should have in fact been removed, noting that if it was still playing, it was possible that it was overlooked.
- Noted that much of his budget for producing new content had been cut back so getting new information out as much as in the past was becoming difficult.
- Noted that the new Quarterly Newsletter was up on Channel 6 as of close of business on April 1, 2019.

COUCILMEMBER HARPOLE

- Stated he was surprised to hear ads for Barstow Community Hospital on Pandora Radio, noting that Pandora was obviously able to target a specific area.
- Suggested Mr. Riley talk to John Rader at the hospital and find out what analytics were provided to the hospital and consider Pandora as a social media outreach program.

COUNCILMEMBER NOBLE

- Stated that based on what he heard from conversations in the community, many people were asking for some things social media, and he thought Mr. Riley was on the right track.
- Asked Mr. Riley to continue doing what he was, because he was addressing a concern that the public had been suggesting for a long time.
- Stated there were a lot of young people in the community and asking that he appealed to the younger audience so they could hear what was going on in the community.
- Noted there were two other installations in the community, MCLB and Fort Irwin, as well as KNTC.
- Asked that Mr. Riley reach out to them in social media so that those who work out there and live in town could stay updated on information as well.

ANTHONY RILEY

- Stated he had an extended information base for PIO's universally in the region.
- Shared that we could continue to increase information being sent out.

MAYOR HACKBARTH MCINTYRE

- Asked once the cost and updates were approved for the new website, how long would it take to do the updates.

ANTHONY RILEY

- Stated that the potential site could be up and running by as early as December of 2019, if the City wanted to be aggressive, or by January of 2020 to allow for the involvement all social media outlets so they could be included on the website as well.

MANNY LOPEZ

- Stated that K-duc radio did not get any type of buy since December of 2018.

- Stated that social media was a great avenue, but residence of the City of Barstow could not afford Pandora.

- Stated that K Duc radio hits thousands of people within 15 minutes

- Wanted to know why the City wasn't investing their money into the radio station that was at the top of the ratings.

MAYOR HACKBARTH MCINTYRE

- Clarified that the Pandora she used was free of cost to listeners.

MIKE HERNANDEZ

- Stated that it was nice to finally see something happening on Channel 6.

- Stated he would like to see current events or a community calendar on Channel 6.

RESULT: PRESENTATION ONLY

6. **PRESENTATION ON SENATE BILL 1383**

Recommended Action:

Presentation only.

BELINDA BARBOUR gave a presentation on Senate Bill 1383, "Reducing Short-Lived Climate Pollutants in California."

- Stated that Senate Bill 1383 was an aggressive climate strategy for California regarding organic waste reductions.

- Noted that organic waste was the largest waste stream in California.

- Noted that the City was mandated to have a food recovery system in place.

- Stated having a mandated food recovery system was good news for Barstow because in previous Healthy Cities, meetings Gary Madden gave a speech regarding the 2-1-1 system for San Bernardino County where he provided data to show that food was the number one reason for calling 2-1-1 out of all the cities.

- Stated that out of all of the cities in California, Barstow ranked number one in food insecurities, and a permanent solution was being worked on.

- Noted that the City was in partnership with the High Desert Food Collaborative and High Desert Second Chance from Victorville, who were also working very closely with Community Action Partnership.

- Stated that there were many resources available, all that was needed was a warehouse.

- Stated the City's JPA had an Organics Program Manager on board and was working with High Desert Food Collaborative and Second Chance, noting that together they secured the Food Recovery Program for all Stater Brothers stores in the district and were trying to get other grocery stores in the district involved as well.

- Noted that the City was working with New Life Fellowship, who was in charge of Food Recovery Programs in Barstow.

- Stated that New Life Fellowship got food that was still edible from restaurants, recovered it, kept it at temperature, feeding the public with it.

- Stated that High Desert Second Chance submitted a grant application that would provide commercial grade refrigerators and freezers to support the food recovery program at New Life Fellowship.

- Stated that New Life Fellowship was also investing in building a commercial grade kitchen which would exceed the requirements of the Health Department laws which were downgraded earlier in the year to allow more churches to feed people.
- Stated the City needed to invest in a warehouse for the Food Recovery Program and establish areas within each district where food was accessible for the public.
- Stated the City had been in contact with faith based organizations who have wanted to provide feeding services and who shared in the vision for feeding people.
- Stated Burrtec was awarded a grant through Cal Recycle to build a composting facility.
- Stated that Burrtec was managing the waste and anaerobic digestion was being sent to the Victor Valley Waste Water Treatment Plant.
- Stated that seven public meetings and numerous events were held to talk about the impacts of SB1383.
- Noted that Mayor Pro Tem Hernandez served on the JPA Board as a representative and they had been very vocal in responding to the proposed regulations as well as making sure Sacramento heard from the High Desert area.
- Noted that by January 2022, jurisdictions were required to have an Inspection and Enforcement Program, and the City must be able to provide proof of these programs, and if not penalty charges would be placed, charged by day.
- Noted if the jurisdiction failed to enforce the regulations, Cal Recycle would enforce on local jurisdiction and the generator.
- Stated if the City did not take action against violations, Cal Recycle could fine the City.
- Stated that SB1383 had not been finalized yet, but it was the most regulated that California had been since 1989 when the Waste Water Management Act was released.
- Noted that SB1383 was expected to finalize by the end of the year.

COUNCILMEMBER HARPOLE

- Asked City Attorney Teresa Highsmith if he could get a copy of the new changes, to review with the Rules and Policy Committee.

CITY ATTORNEY TERESA HIGHSMITH

- Replied that Mr. Harpole would indeed get a memo and advice on how to make any changes if any were necessary.

MAYOR PRO TEM HERNANDEZ

- Stated that Cal Recycle would be monitoring supermarkets, so if they didn't comply, the fine would go to Cal Recycle and not with the City.
- Stated that her concern was there wasn't a proper disposal bin for each category of waste, unlike some major cities.
- Noted that the plus side of SB1383 was that less food was wasted and more food was fed to people in need.

MAYOR HACKBARTH MCINTYRE

- Stated that she worked with Mrs. Barbour through the Healthy Cities Committee and a small task force called Unsheltered Neighbors to find a warehouse, making sure food was being distributed where it needed to be.
- Thanked Rose and Ron Bearshear from New Life Fellowship for their support and making sure everyone was working together.

MIKE HERNANDEZ BARSTOW CA 92311

- Stated that SB1383 was talked about for quite some time and the average consumer didn't really understand what it meant.
- Stated he was concerned that he would be charged a fee for food that was thrown in the trash because it needed to be recycled instead.
- Stated that most citizens in Barstow did not fill up their trash cans.

- Noted that at one point Burrtec said they would provide smaller trash cans and that those who used them would be charged less, but he had never seen them in use.
- Asked if people had trouble filling up their personal trash cans, how long would they have to hold on to food in order to get rid of it.
- Stated that SB1383 seemed like someone found a new way to gouge the public.

COUNCILMEMBER HARPOLE

- Stated that smaller trash cans were available through Burrtec upon request.

RESULT:	PRESENTATION ONLY
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POLICE CHIEF COMMENTS:

NONE

FIRE CHIEF COMMENTS:

NONE

BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL / BFPD:

COUNCILMEMBER SILVA

- No Comments.

COUNCILMEMBER HARPOLE

- No comments.

MAYOR PRO TEM HERNANDEZ

- Noted that Edison was open for the public to make payments from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays.
- Asked the public to write letters to the Public Utilities Commission letting them know that they still wanted Edison open.
- Asked the Council to adjourn tonight's meeting in honor of Valerie Gilmore who recently passed away.
- Stated that Valerie worked at the Veterans home and was in charge of housekeeping.
- Stated that because of Valerie's commitment, and as a result of her fight; housekeepers employed by the Veterans home were considered state employees instead of contracted employees.
- Stated that Valerie came from Brooklyn, New York, and was an outspoken individual, stating that "when she saw something that needed to be done, she got at it."
- Noted that she asked questions for Southwest Gas regarding her statements at the last Council meeting about disconnecting gas lines.
- Thanked Mr. Mitchell for getting the answers to her questions from Southwest Gas representative.
- Noted that the following questions were asked to Southwest Gas's representative along with the answers that were given:
 1. Asked if the lateral to a residence was determined abandoned by Southwest Gas were customers charged a new connection fee when service was turned on again.
 - A. Southwest Gas response was that they continuously access portions of the City's system that were not being routinely utilized and occurrences wherein facilities had no usage for 36 months, Southwest Gas prioritizes these facilities for abandonment or attempts to reach out to the current resident in attempt to re-establish service free of charge. When a customer would like to re-establish service, facilities were typically re-established at no charge to the customer, but noted that connection fees were applied as with any new customer.
 2. Asked what the time frame was for abandoning a line.

- A. Southwest Gas responded that if the service line had been identified for abandonment service orders were created and the landowner was notified by Southwest gas two to six weeks prior to when the work was set to begin. Southwest Gas said that residents were initially notified by mail and door hangers were provided on site prior to the date the project was set to begin.
- 3. Asked when did the policy take effect.
- A. Southwest Gas stated that the abandonment initiative had been active for approximately five years.
 - Stated that the City had an ordinance that stated a meter was required, otherwise they would be able to cut the resident's line.
- 4. Asked if the abandonment initiative was a formal written contract because it was in conflict with the City's ordinance.
- A. Southwest Gas stated that it was not a formal written contract, The Service Line Abandonment Program was part of Southwest Gas' Distribution Integrity Management Program and was part of the organization's ongoing effort to maintain a safe and reliable gas system.
 - Stated that if anyone had issues with Southwest Gas or had their service cut to please leave their information at City Hall for her and she would take it up with the Southwest Gas representative.
 - Noted that the representative for Southwest Gas would be at the Street Committee meeting in May, since the Street Committee went dark for the month of April.
 - Stated that she went to the Mojave Air Quality Meeting and said that businesses were getting advisory letters about new ordinances that were coming down from the State and Federal Governments so that they were aware of what the new ordinances were.
 - Noted that Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District sent out letters to those who were affected by it.

COUNCILMEMBER NOBLE

- No comments.

MAYOR HACKBARTH MCINTYRE

- Stated the City was gearing up for the budget and noted that she talked with the City Manager on April 1, 2019.
- Stated that two Police Officers were put into training in the academy.
- Stated that two officers every three months would be put into training through the academy.
- Noted that Measure Q started today (April 1, 2019).
- Noted that Item 13 was on the Agenda and asked Chief Williams if they made a request to man it.
- Noted that the lights at the Skate Park had been discussed for several years.
- Asked that Curt put it in his notes for the new City Manager.
- Thanked Mrs. Hernandez for her request to dedicate the meeting to Valerie Gilmore.
- Thanked Mr. Mitchell, stating it was hard to put into words, but she wanted to thank Curt for serving this community, including the entire community in his decisions, and making sure those decisions were going to benefit the whole community, not just the individuals that were asking for specific things.
- Stated she was truly going to miss their conversations, but she knew he would pick up the phone if she ever needed advice.
- Stated that she wanted to thank him for his service, publicly.

CITY MANAGER / DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS:

CITY MANAGER CURT MITCHELL

- Noted that Chief Ramirez had to leave the meeting early but wanted him to announce that the Annual Law Enforcement Shooting Tournament would be held Friday, April 5, 2019 at the Police Department shooting range starting at 8:00 a.m.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:

CITY CLERK COUSINO READ THE FOLLOWING:

BFPD:

7. MINUTES JOINT SPECIAL COUNCIL/BFPD/SUCC - MARCH 18, 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

8. BARSTOW FIRE DISTRICT - RATIFICATION OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE EXPENDITURES

Recommended Action:

Approve and ratify expenses as audited for checks # 76032 - 76124 totaling \$82,042.24.

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

CITY COUNCIL:

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

Recommended Action:

Approve the minutes as presented.

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

10. RATIFICATION OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE EXPENDITURES

Recommended Action:

Approve and ratify expenses, as audited, for checks # 76030 - 76128 totaling \$427,479.93.

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

11. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE STREET CLOSURE FOR THE PUBLIC SAFETY DAY EVENT ON MAY 4, 2019

Recommended Action:

Adopt Resolution No. ____ -2019, approving the Street Closure and Statement of Findings for the Barstow Police Department Public Safety Day Event on May 4, 2019, and to waive the reading.

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

12. COMMUNITY PROMOTIONAL FUND APPLICATION FROM THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS LOGISTICS BASE BARSTOW / HIGH DESERT MARINES

Recommended Action:

Approve community promotional fund donation (waiver of fees for use of the Cora Harper Center in the amount of \$2,000).

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

BUSINESS / ACTION ITEMS:

BFPD:

13. REQUEST TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) PARAMEDIC SQUAD VEHICLE FOR THE BARSTOW FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$126,486

Recommended Action:

Award Maintainer Custom Bodies, the piggyback purchase of one (1) 2019 Ford F-350 Paramedic Squad Vehicle in the amount of \$114,872, under the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) Interlocal Contract for Cooperative Purchasing as proposed in the Fire District 2019-2023 Strategic Operations Plan.

FIRE CHIEF JAMIE WILLIAMS

- Presented information on the paramedic squad vehicle that had been requested for approval of purchase.
- Provided details and description of paramedic squad vehicle which consisted of a one-ton truck chassis with a custom-built utility bed used to carry specialized emergency equipment. These vehicles were also outfitted with emergency lighting, sirens, and an assortment of radios and communication equipment.
- Stated that the configuration allowed for a two-person crew to respond to calls for service either individually for less severe calls or as part of a multi-unit response to more complex incidents.
- Stated that some of the benefits of utilizing a cooperative purchasing program were that it assists local governments in reducing costs by capitalizing on bulk purchasing power and pre-established competitive bids.
- Stated that staff had researched companies who build these specialized units and finds that Maintainer Custom Bodies of Rock Rapids IA could offer the specific design that met the District's needs at a competitive price through HGAC.
- Stated that over 80% of the calls for service in the community being medically related, the squad configuration with two paramedics could effectively handle lower acute medical calls in a vehicle that costs approximately 75% less to purchase, and over 50% less to maintain and operate, than a fire engine.
- Provided that Maintainer were currently manufacturing squad vehicles for several fire departments in Southern California, including the cities of Victorville and San Bernardino.
- Provided that using HGAC, the cost of each unit was \$109,872 plus an HGAC Fee of \$2,000. Sales tax, title and license equate to \$11,614 plus a one-time destination charge of \$3,000 for a grand total procurement of \$126,486.00.

COUNCILMEMBER SILVA

- Directed statements and questions to staff.
- Requested clarification of Measure Q anticipated expenditure flow and process.
- Inquired if the purchase would be in the upcoming budget.
- Stated concerns for the purchase and the opportunity for the oversight committee to review.

CITY MANAGER CURT MITCHELL

- Stated that representation had been consistent in the intended equipment purchases to be made by the Barstow Fire Department.
- The Oversight Committee will oversee the expenditures to ensure that purchases comply with the intent of Measure Q funds.
- Said the fire vehicle required no monies up front and will be paid by purchase order.

COUNCILMEMBER HARPOLE

- Confirmed one of the benefits of this vehicle was that it will save many miles on the larger engine currently being used for calls.

FIRE CHIEF JAMIE WILLIAMS

- Discussed associated costs and benefits of the purchase of this new vehicle.

MAYOR PRO TEM HERNANDEZ

- Stated that we were putting the cart before the horse.
- Stated that she had been informed that there were monies available in the current budget to cover the cost of the vehicle.
- Wished to inform the public that all aspects of the purchase had been considered.
- Stated the purchase of the vehicle is committed and confirmed with either Measure Q funds or as a budgeted item.

FINANCE DIRECTOR PAT ROSENBERG

- Noted that the City was acquiring a large discount in price as a result of piggybacking off of another organization for a bulk purchase.

MAYOR HACKBARTH-MCINTYRE

- Asked the Chief to explain the Strategic Plan.

FIRE CHIEF JAMIE WILLIAMS

- Explained the Strategic Plan and continued by informing the Council and audience that this was a necessary purchase at a discount price because it was piggy backed with another fire department.
- Said the purchase would save wear and tear on the engines whose maintenance costly.
- Stated the vehicle would assist in the needs of the community.
- Provided that we should have the vehicle on hand before the hiring of six (6) firefighters/paramedics.

COUNCILMEMBER HARPOLE

- Inquired about the hiring timeframes for the six (6) positions of firefighter/paramedic.

FIRE CHIEF JAMIE WILLIAMS

- Responded that our immediate needs were first priority.
- Upon approval of the vehicle purchase, the hiring process could begin as early as next week.
- Stated the additional positions indicated in the strategic plan could take up to a six to 8 month period.

SPEAKERS

KEANDRE JOHNSON

- Expressed his objections on purchasing the vehicle at this time.
- Questioned if additional equipment would be needed for the vehicle.

FIRE CHIEF JAMIE WILLIAMS

- Explained that the intent of Measure Q was for supporting the funding of emergency services.
- Stated that it was the same type of vehicle that was outlined in the approved Strategic Plan.
- Encouraged the public to view the Strategic Plan that is accessible on the City website.

JIMMY BROWN

- Questioned if the two (2) Police Officer positions recently chosen for the Academy would be funded from Measure Q funds or the General Budget.
- Inquired as to the positioning of current paramedic trained employees.

FIRE CHIEF JAMIE WILLIAMS

- Provided details on the vehicle and its added service.

PAT ALEMAN

- Thanked the gentleman who spoke previously (Mr. Johnson).
- Stipulated that they will put this tax back on the ballot.
- Discussed the intent to recall Councilmembers.

MIKE HERNANDEZ

- Shared that he did not understand why we were in a hurry.
- Suggested that purchases be made after inclusion in the budget process.
- Expressed concerns of the Fire Department owing the City \$4 Million Dollars.
- Stated that we need to have them pay that money back.
- Stated that he does not want to see the Measure Q money used until we know what to expect after the 2nd quarter.
- Emphasized that the Council should make certain that everything is in order and that the committee will be well utilized.

COUNCILMEMER HARPOLE

- Stated that the Police Officers that were going to the Police Academy were based on current vacancies.
- Provided that today we were only approving the order of the vehicle which will be paid for after Measure Q monies became available.

RESULT:	APPROVED [4 TO 1]
MOVER:	Richard Harpole, Council Member
SECONDER:	Carmen Hernandez, Mayor Pro Tem
AYES:	Noble, Harpole, Hernandez, Hackbarth-McIntyre
NAYS:	Silva

CITY COUNCIL:

DEFERRED ITEMS:

NONE

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COUNCILMEMBER SILVA

- Reported that there will be a Finance Committee meeting on April 17, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. at City Hall.

COUNCILMEMBER HARPOLE

- Reported that the Rules and Policies Committee will be meeting on April 29, 2019 at 9 a.m. in the Council Chambers.
- Stated the Committee will be making their final review of the Marijuana Policy.
- Continued that the Committees expectation was to bring the proposed policy to the City Councils first meeting in May, 2019.

MAYOR PRO TEM HERNANDEZ

- Reported that the Street Committee would be dark for the month of April, 2019.
- Provided that the next scheduled Street Committee meeting was May 1, 2019.
- Reported that the Mojave Air Quality Management District had recently sent out advisories to businesses that will be affected by new legislation.
- Added that the Mojave Air Quality Management District is holding a poster contest for student with cash prizes and would like the Barstow Unified School District notified of the contest.

COUNCILMEMBER NOBLE

- Reported that there would be a Military Affairs Meeting on April 9, 2019.

ADJOURNMENT:

By the consensus of the Council Members without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 9:24 p.m. in honor and in memory of Valerie Gilmore for her dedicated service to the Barstow community at 9:24 p.m.