



RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENTS

JOINT SPECIAL MEETING | MARCH 7, 2022

The City of Barstow welcomes Public Comment from its residents and general public in respect to various items pertaining to the business of the City.

In order to effectively address constituent concerns prior to City Council Meetings, we encourage residents and the general public to attend our committee meetings which allow for public participation and direct discussion with city staff on citywide related issues.

Attending the committee meetings allows an open forum for discussion of resident concerns without the 3 minute time duration as implemented during Public Comment at City Council Meetings, allowing staff to address issues prior to City Council Meetings.

Please refer to our city website at www.barstowca.org to review the city calendar for scheduled committee meetings of interest.

We look forward to your participation.

GENERAL, NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT:

CARMEN HERNANDEZ, BARSTOW, CALIFORNIA

Q: When will the third-party investigation conclude and will citizens be interviewed?

A: The investigation has begun and is in progress. It is expected to be completed within the next few months, although the timing is uncertain as new information comes to light. The investigators will be primarily interviewing City employees and may interview others with direct knowledge of relevant events.

Q: Is a copy of the demand letter from the City Attorney to Mayor Courtney regarding repayment of mileage reimbursements available?

A: A copy of the letter can be requested from the City Clerk's Office.

Q: Will there be a presentation from staff or Burrtec on the SB 1383 Organic Recycling Requirement and Rates?

A: A community meeting is tentatively scheduled to occur on May 12, 2022, 5:30 - 6:30 pm (location TBD) where City staff and Burrtec will provide the proposed program information, rates, as well as Q & A session. Logistics are being worked out to get the information out via website, Channel 6, and social media. The formal Council presentation will be via a Business Action Item at the May 16, 2022 Council Meeting for the franchise amendment and rate adjustment to include SB 1383 costs as well as annual CPI - if approved will take effect July 1, 2022. Can delivery and collection to begin within the following weeks.

Q: Is there an explanation on the censure of Mayor Courtney and how is the Council handling?

A: The City Council's decision on December 21, 2021 to censure the Mayor for abuse of his official capacity and misuse of official information is a completed act. As also directed at the December 21, 2021 City Council meeting, the City is undertaking an investigation of the issues raised in the censure vote, and related matters. The investigation has begun and is in progress. It is expected to be completed within the next few months, although the timing is uncertain as new information comes to light.

ITEM 10: FY 21-22 MID-YEAR BUDGET

LEONARD WILLIAMS, BARSTOW, CALIFORNIA

Q: Were Police Department overtime costs of \$225,000 from the Measure Q fund approved by the City Council?

A: The \$225,000 in overtime costs was a proposed budget amendment adding the additional funding to the Police department's overtime expenditure line item. This adjustment was necessary due to the attrition within the Police department's ranks which created the need for the overtime. Council approved the proposed amendment at the March 7, 2022 Council meeting. All of the budget adjustments presented at that meeting were proposed. Council adopted those proposed adjustments at that meeting.

MIKE HERNANDEZ, BARSTOW, CALIFORNIA

Q: Where is the interest earned in the Measure Q fund allocated?

A: Investment earnings generated from pooled cash are allocated to the various funds based upon each fund's cash position as a percentage of the total pool. Measure Q is part of the City's General Fund and the associated investment earnings are allocated to Measure Q – General Fund.

ITEM 13: APPROVE RESOLUTION 5082-2022 AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY REPAIRS TO THE FIRST STREET BRIDGE

MIKE HERNANDEZ, BARSTOW, CALIFORNIA

Q: Why is the funding source for bridge repairs not included in the agenda item?

A: The funding source for the bridge repairs is the General Fund.

Q: Will the City be reimbursed for repairs?

A: No

COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

- FINANCE COMMITTEE
 - Meets as needed.
- HOMEWARD BOUND AD HOC COMMITTEE
 - Meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers
- RESIDENT OVERSIGHT COMMISSION
 - Meets quarterly (March, June, September and December)
- RULES AND POLICIES COMMITTEE
 - Meets the last Tuesday of each month
- STREET COMMITTEE
 - Meets on the first Wednesday of each month
- WASTEWATER ENTERPRISE FUND AD HOC COMMITTEE
 - Meets semi-annually on the second Monday of January and July at 3:30 p.m., or as needed.