



RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENTS

JOINT SPECIAL MEETING | APRIL 18, 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: Has Mayor Courtney paid back the travel reimbursement that was due on March 31, 2022?

A: Mayor Courtney has not paid the travel reimbursement as of the April 18, 2022 City Council meeting.

Q: What is status on the request to solicit Federal and State Lobbyist services?

A: We are still soliciting for services.

MIKE HERNANDEZ, BARSTOW, CALIFORNIA

Q: When will Channel 6 programming be updated?

A: Chanel 6 is on a rotating schedule that plays Council and Planning meetings and any video interviews. Content is added or updated as it becomes available.

Q: What is the budget was for street renovations?

A: The proposed FY2022-2023 budget is currently being prepared. When City Council adopts the budget for FY2022-2023 which is anticipated to occur during the month of June, the budget for street projects will be identified.

Q: What is the justification for expenditures exceeding revenues by approximately \$600,000 on the 2nd Quarter Measure Q Financial Report?

A: Budgeted expenditures during the quarter exceeded revenue collections.

Q: What did the 2nd Quarter Measure Q Financial Report show a surplus of \$5.6 million, but a surplus of \$6.1 million was announced during the presentation of the report?

A: The difference related to financial activity occurring subsequent to the end of the quarter.

ITEM 10: FIRST READING AND INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BARSTOW APPROVING THE BARSTOW POLICE DEPARTMENT'S PROPOSED "MILITARY EQUIPMENT" USE PROCEDURE AS REQUIRED BY CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 7070

CARMEN HERNANDEZ, BARSTOW, CALIFORNIA

Q: What equipment is intended to be purchased and what is the proposed budget?

A: The department intends to purchase two (2) DJI Mini 2 drones (proposed costs \$548 x 2 = \$1,100) and a remotely piloted Robot (proposed cost \$25,000. The department has received a Homeland Security Grant for \$22,000 for the purchase of the Robot. The additional budget is \$3,000).

LEONARD WILLIAMS, BARSTOW, CALIFORNIA

Q: Why does the maintenance on a Mine-Resistant Ambush-Protected (MRAP) vehicles or armored personnel carriers only cost \$2,500?

A: The department utilizes the MRAP approximately 6-8 times a year for call-outs and community events. It has low mileage and only needs an oil change once a year due to it being a diesel engine. Batteries and tires are replaced as needed. The \$2,500 yearly maintenance cost is only an estimate. Over the past seven (7) years the maintenance costs have been approximately \$9,550, significantly lower than the estimate.

Q: What type of maintenance plan there be for the MRAP?

A: The City of Barstow Corporation yard has a comprehensive evaluation process for the MRAP that takes place every thirteen (13) weeks. This includes a full inspection from top to bottom. Corporation yard personnel evaluate the service and/or parts needed and conducts the services needed or orders the parts for future replacement. This service and maintenance plan has been in effect since the police department acquired the MRAP in April of 2015.

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.