



# RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENTS

## JOINT SPECIAL MEETING | JULY 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](http://www.barstowca.org) to review the city calendar for scheduled committee meetings of interest.

We look forward to your participation.

### 1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION

MIKE HERNANDEZ, BARSTOW, CALIFORNIA

**Q:** What corrective action is the Council going to take since Mayor Courtney has not repaid the mileage reimbursement?

**A:** **The City Council will be addressing the expense reimbursement issue at the August 1, 2022 Council meeting.**

### 8. MEASURE Q FUND FINANCIAL REPORT FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 - 3RD QUARTER

JOHN "TEX" WILLIAMS, BARSTOW, CALIFORNIA

**Q:** How were the funds allocated towards senior programs spent?

**A:** **The expenditure line item discussed in the General Fund/ Measure Q sub-fund report related to "Senior/Youth program funds." As of March 31, 2022, a total of \$10,108.56 was expended within this expenditure category. The individual expenditures were for youth programs.**

**14. APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL AND CITY CLERK TRAVEL TO THE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN LONG BEACH, CA**

MIKE HERNANDEZ, BARSTOW, CALIFORNIA

**Q:** Is City Manager Willie Hopkins, Jr. attending the conference with the City Council?

**A:** **City Manager Willie Hopkins, Jr. will be attending the League of California Cities Annual Conference in Long Beach. Travel for City staff, and, contracted, salaried and hourly employees is approved with the adoption of the fiscal year budget and need not come back to the City Council for a second approval.<sup>1</sup>**

**20. LIEN PROTEST HEARING FOR DELINQUENT TRASH & SEWER ACCOUNTS**

MIKE HERNANDEZ, BARSTOW, CALIFORNIA

**Q:** Will liens be removed upon payment of property taxes?

**A:** **Yes.**

**GENERAL, NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT**

MIKE HERNANDEZ, BARSTOW, CALIFORNIA

**Q:** What is the status of the Federal and State Lobbyist contracts?

**A:** **We are still soliciting for services however some services are currently being provided on a pro-bono basis..**

CARMEN HERNANDEZ, BARSTOW, CALIFORNIA

**Q:** What corrective action is the Council going to take since Mayor Courtney has not repaid the mileage reimbursement?

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**Q:** Are smoke shops operating in the City being monitored?

**A:** **Smoke Shops are monitored by the Police Department as well as the City Building Department. Complaints regarding smoke shops can be made to the City Building Department at 760-255-5161.**

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<sup>1</sup> City Council Policy Memorandum #2022-19, Expense Reimbursement Policy for City Employees

## 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.