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The City of Brawley Adopts Budget for Fiscal Year 2024/25 Operating Budget Funds Key Community Priorities but Enters Deficit

Brawley, CA— On Tuesday, June 18, 2024, the City of Brawley City Council voted unanimously to adopt its Fiscal Year 24/25 budget. The citywide budget establishes a budget of \$64.4 million in expenditures, funded by \$57.9 million in expected revenue. The General Fund Operating Budget reflects a \$237,433 deficit that will be funded by City reserve funds to focus on funding critical City priorities like police, fire and street improvements.

Prior to adoption, the proposed budget was presented at three public meetings to gather community insights, ensure transparency, and enhance engagement with the community. Funding priorities were guided by, community priorities, necessary capital improvements and meeting State mandates. The City also delivered a [Financial Primer](#) to the community to help explain the complex budget and funding of the City.

“This budget makes significant investments in our public safety services and infrastructure like streets but requires us to enter budget deficit territory to close the funding gaps. The City knows we have major investments to make in people and infrastructure to continue to improve our quality of life, and as we look to the future, we recognize that additional revenues through a tax measure will be critical to our long-term fiscal planning,” said Brawley Mayor Ramon Castro. “While we are always fiscally prudent, if we choose between cutting services or investing in the people of Brawley - I choose to invest. I will always bet on the future of this community.”

The City’s primary budgets are the General Fund Operating Budget and the Capital Improvement Program (CIP). The General Fund anticipates \$22,916,670 in revenues against \$23,154,103 of expenditures, resulting in a deficit of \$(237,433). This budget supports public safety, recreational programs and parks, community facilities and city services.

The CIP budget includes 37 projects for water, wastewater, road and pedestrian improvements as well as heavy equipment purchases, totaling \$27,753,694. These projects aim to ensure the delivery of essential utility services and enhance transportation and public right of way throughout the City.

While using City reserve funds to close the budget gap, the City will still maintain a General Fund reserve of \$4,479,157. This level exceeds the City Council's adopted priority to maintain a 15% budget reserve to ensure “rainy day” funds remain available.

The \$6.5M spending that exceeds revenues in the citywide budget are capital expenditures from the City’s capital reserves, a choice made to make progress on critical infrastructure projects for the community.

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“Thank you to the City Council for its leadership, direction, support and robust knowledge of City operations during this budgeting process,” shared Brawley City Manager Tyler Salcido. “I also want to thank my staff for their efforts to lead an engaging and transparent process to respect the taxpayer funds we are allocating in the budget. The community will now look to our whole team at city hall to deliver on these funded priorities. Let’s make it happen.”

To learn more about our Fiscal Year 2024/24 budget, visit www.Brawley-Ca.Gov/Budget.