

THE CITY COUNCIL/CALEXICO COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY SUCCESSOR AGENCY/CALEXICO FINANCING AUTHORITY MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON THE 3RD DAY OF JULY 2024 AT 5:30 P.M. AT THE FERNANDO “NENE” TORRES COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 608 HEBER AVENUE, CALEXICO, CALIFORNIA. THE DATE, HOUR AND PLACE DULY ESTABLISHED FOR THE HOLDING OF SAID MEETING.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Garcia called the closed session portion of the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Mayor: Camilo Garcia
Mayor Pro Tem: Javier Moreno
Council Member: Victor Legaspi
Council Member: Lisa Tylanda

ABSENT:

Council Member: Gloria Romo

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No public comments.

ADJOURN TO CLOSE SESSION

City Council adjourned to closed session at 5:31 p.m. to discuss the following:

1. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6
Agency Representatives: Juan Contreras, Acting City Manager, Carlos Campos, City Attorney
Employee Organizations: Calexico Firefighters Association, Certified Operators Association/ SEIU Local 221, City Management Association, Calexico Municipal Employees Association, Calexico Police Officers’ Association, Calexico Supervisors’ Association
2. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8
Property: 352 East First Street (APN 058-535-001)
Agency Negotiator: Acting City Manager
Negotiating Parties: SBA Towers XI, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company
Under Negotiating: Price and Terms
3. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)

City of Calexico vs. The Housing Authority of Calexico, et al.
Imperial County Superior Court, Case No. ECU003183

- 4. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION
Title: City Manager
- 5. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT
Title: City Manager and Acting City Manager
- 6. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)/(e)(1)

The City Council reconvened from close session at 6:47 p.m.

**CALEXICO CITY COUNCIL/CALEXICO REDEVELOPMENT
SUCCESSION AGENCY /CALEXICO FINANCE AUTHORITY**

OPEN SESSION – 6:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Romo called the open session portion of the meeting to order at 6:44 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Mayor: Camilo Garcia
 Mayor Pro Tem: Javier Moreno
 Council Member: Victor Legaspi
 Council Member: Lisa Tylenda

ABSENT:

Council Member: Gloria Romo

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council member Tylenda led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MISSION STATEMENT PLEDGE

Mayor Pro Tem Moreno led those present in reciting the Mission Statement Pledge.

INVOCATION

Father Carlos led those present in prayer.

The National Anthem was performed by Natalie Lozano.

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Attorney Carlos Campos reported the council met in closed session, direction was received, and no reportable actions.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Moreno to approve the agenda and was seconded by Council Member Legaspi. Motion passed with the following vote to wit:

AYES: Garcia, Moreno, Legaspi, Tylanda
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Romo

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following persons provided public comments to the City Council: Jessie Garcia, Arturo Jaime, Joong Kim, Norma Aguilar, Jesus Solano, Carmen Estrada.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Acting City Manager Contreras reported on the following items: The bathrooms and the A.C. in the Library are being fixed; the A.C. at the Recreation Center broke down but is going to get fixed; Cordova Park update he met with project engineer and manager and was informed the tentative date for completion is mid-August to September; the community and staff got together to address the trash problems on First St. and Heffernan and they relocated trash containers and cleaned up the area; his office and H.R. are working on the waivers for citizens for the Volunteer Program for Parks; he notified that the encampment located at 220 Third Street had been removed and no issues were reported; he talked with the owners of the old Fiesta restaurant building to finally have it demolished; and the City is working with third party contractors to clean up La Jolla Palms area.

COMMISSIONER REPORT

Roxana Pacheco from Community Services Commission invited everybody for their next regular meeting on July 10, 2024.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS AND REPORTS OF MEETING ATTENDED

Council Member Tylanda reported she met with the public and community members that have expressed concerns regarding the downtown area. She thanked city staff for working really hard to clean up downtown.

Council Member Moreno is glad that the "Adopt a Park Program" is on its way and wants the community to enjoy the 4th of July.

Council Member Legaspi thanked Acting City Manager Contreras for having the open-door policy and announced that the Chamber of Commerce is coming back and they have four locations to choose from.

Mayor Garcia reported the following items: he had his first 2-on-2 meeting with IID and discussed things such as lighting, the upkeep of the All-American Canal, and issues related to overflow of water at the retention basins. Mayor Garcia informed that he traveled to Washington D.C. and had an opportunity to promote Calexico; the trip was self-funded and no tax payer money was spent. He reported that the Highway 98 is complete but a section of asphalt is in bad shape and CalTrans said they will fix it; he participated in a meeting with other Mayors regarding the regional and national homelessness issues, and expressed that Cities need to work on a plan; the Mayor wished everybody a Happy 4th of July and thanked Ms. Natalie Lozano for her performance of the National Anthem.

CONSENT AGENDA

The following persons provided public comments to the City Council: Joong Kim.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Moreno and was seconded by Council Member Legaspi to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the following items: Warrants from April 20, 2024 to May 3, 2024 and City Salaries from April 20, 2024 to May 3, 2024 ; Warrants from May 4, 2024 to May 17, 2024 and City Salaries from May 4 ,2024 to May 17, 2024; Warrants from May 18, 2024 to May 31, 2024 and City Salaries from May 18, 2024 to May 31, 202; Warrants from June 1, 2024 to June 14, 2024 and City Salaries from June 1 , 2024 to June 14, 2024; Appointment of Mariano O. Valenzuela as General Commissioner to the Calexico Housing Authority Board; Second and Final Reading by Title Only of an Ordinance Amending Calexico Municipal Code Section 2.04.060 Regarding City Council Agenda Order of Business; Approve Fifth Amendment to the Ground Lease and Tower License Agreement between City of Calexico and Verizon Wireless and authorize Acting City Manager or designee to execute the Amendment and take all steps and sign all documents necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of the Amendment.

Motion passed with the following vote to wit:

AYES: Garcia, Moreno, Legaspi, Tylenda

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Romo

DISCUSSION AND POTENCIAL ACTION ITEMS

ITEM NO. 14 ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION FINDING THAT THE SBA FIRST STREET WATER TOWER EASEMENT TRANSACTION (PROJECT) IS CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIROMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) AND DIRECT FILING OF CEQA NOTICE OF EXEMPTION, APPROVAL OF THE PROJECT, AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE ACTING CITY MANAGER OR DESIGNEE TO SIGN THE UPDATED SBA AGREEMENT BETWEEN

THE CITY OF CALEXICO AND SBA TOWERS X, LLC FOR THE CALEXICO WATER TOWER LOCATED AT 352 EAST FISRT STREET, CALEXICO, CA.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Moreno to approve Item No. 14 and was seconded by Council Member Legaspi. Motion passed with the following vote to wit:

AYES: Garcia, Moreno, Legaspi

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Tylenda

ABSENT: Romo

ITEM NO. 15 AUTHORIZE ACTING CITY MANAGER TO SIGN AGREEMENT OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF CALEXICO AND LEE & RO, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$282,814.00 FOR ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE CHLORINE CONVERSION PROJECT – GASEUS CHLORINE FEED SYSTEM TO LIQUID HYPOCHLORITE FEED SYSTEM AT WATER TREATMENT PLANT AND EASTSIDE WATER RESERVOIR.

The following persons provided public comments to the council: Joong Kim, Jesus Solano, Oscar Palero, Norma Aguilar, Angela Moreno and Joseph Guilin.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Moreno not to approve the item, no second on the motion. Motion fails.

Motion was made by Council Member Tylenda to table the item and get more information and was seconded by Mayor Garcia. The motion did not pass with the following vote to wit:

AYES: Garcia, Tylenda

NOES: Moreno, Legaspi

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Romo

Motion was made by Council Member Legaspi to approve the item, no second on the motion. Motion fails.

No action taken on Item No. 15.

ITEM NO. 16 AUTHORIZE ACTING CITY MANAGER TO SIGN WORK-STUDY CONTRACT AGREEMENT WITH THE IMPERIAL VALLEY COLLEGE (IVC) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-25.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Moreno to approve Item No. 16 and was seconded by Council Member Legaspi. Motion passed with the following vote to wit:

AYES: Garcia, Moreno, Legaspi, Tylenda

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Romo

ITEM NO. 17 AUTHORIZE ACTING CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO SIGN EMPLOYER WORKSITE AGREEMENT WITH EQUUS WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS FOR THE PLACEMENT OF PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS AT THE CALEXICO RECREATION DEPARTMENT FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2024 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2025.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Moreno to approve Item No. 17 and was seconded by Council Member Legaspi. Motion passed with the following vote to wit:

- AYES: Garcia, Moreno, Legaspi, Tylenda
- NOES: None
- ABSTAIN: None
- ABSENT: Romo

ITEM NO. 18 AUTHORIZE ACTING CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO SIGN WORK SITE AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF REHABILITATION TO PLACE CAREER CATALYST PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS AT THE CALEXICO RECREATION DEPARTMENT FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2024 TO JUNE 30, 2025.

Motion was made by Mayor Garcia to approve Item No. 18 and was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Moreno. Motion passed with the following vote to wit:

- AYES: Garcia, Moreno, Legaspi, Tylenda
- NOES: None
- ABSTAIN: None
- ABSENT: Romo

ITEM NO. 19 APPOINTMENT OR CONFIRMATION BY MAYOR PRO TEM MORENO TO THE FOLLOWING COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:

- A. PERSONNEL COMMISSION
- B. PLANNING COMMISSION

Mayor Pro Tem Moreno has no appointment for Personnel Commission, and he appoints Belinda Alvarado to the Planning Commission.

ITEM NO. APPOINTMENT OR CONFIRMATION BY COUNCIL MEMBER LEGASPI AND COUNCIL MEMBER TYLEND A TO THE FOLLOWING COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:

- A. LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
- B. PERSONNEL COMMISSION
- C. BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (BID)
- D. SALES TAX CITIZEN ADVOSORY COMMITTEE (MEASURE H)
- E. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMISSION
- F. POLICE ADVISORY COMMISSION
- G. COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
- H. PLANNING COMMISSION

Council Member Legaspi appointed Consuelo Camacho for the Library Board of Trustees; Personnel Commission no appointment; Business Improvement District Robert Gronich; Sales Tax Citizen Advisory Committee Norma Aguilar; Economic Development & Financial Advisory Commission Benjamin Horton; Police Advisory Commission no appointment; Community Services Commission Jesus Solano; and Planning Commission Mary Salazar.

Council Member Tylenda appointed the following: Library Board of Trustees no appointment; Personnel Commission no appointment; Business Improvement District Joseph E. Guilin; Sales Tax Citizen Advisory Committee Lorena Minor-Montes; Economic Development & Financial Advisory Commission no appointment; Police Advisory Commission no appointment; Community Services Commission no appointment; and for Planning Commission Karen Osuna.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Pro Tem Moreno requested that Acting City Manager Contreras reach out to the commissioners so they can attend the council meetings and give their reports to the council; also travel approval regarding the Sister City Agreement with the City of Ensenada.

Council Member Tylenda requested the following: town hall meeting for the La Jolla Palm subdivision; and as a discussion item the update and status on the demolition of 341 Cesar Chavez Blvd., the old Tortas and Beer building.

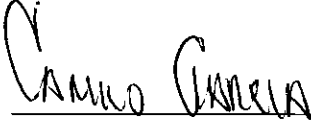
Council Member Legaspi requested the following: Assembly Bill Supplemental AB 41 for the next meeting; also the town hall meeting for Fire Station No. 2.

Mayor Garcia requested to have RFP for legal services for next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Moreno and seconded by Council Member Legaspi, with the following vote to wit, the meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

- AYES: Garcia, Moreno, Legaspi, Tylenda
- NOES: None
- ABSTAIN: None
- ABSENT: Romo



 Camilio Garcia, Mayor

ATTEST:



 Veronica L. Alvarado, City Clerk