

THE CITY COUNCIL/CALEXICO COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY SUCCESSOR AGENCY/CALEXICO FINANCING AUTHORITY MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON THE 20TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 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.

CLOSED SESSION – 5:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Garcia called the closed session portion of the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

The following person provided public comments to the City Council: Norma Aguilar.

ADJOURN TO CLOSE SESSION

City Council adjourned to closed session at 5:34 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
2. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6
Agency Representatives: Juan Contreras, Acting City Manager, Carlos Campos, City Attorney
Unrepresented Employee: Planning and Building Director.
3. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION
Title: Acting City Manager.
4. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)
CDF No. 2005-1 of the City of Calexico v. PCG – La Jolla Palms, L.P., et al
Imperial County Superior Court, Case No. ECU07546

- 5. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNCIL – EXISTING LITIGATION
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)
CDF No. 2005-1 of the City of Calexico v. PCG – La Jolla Palms, L.P., et al
Imperial County Superior Court, Case No. ECU07547

- 6. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)
City of Calexico vs. Armando Real; Armando C. real and Sandra A. Real, Trustees of the Rosas Family Trust; Juan M. Lopez and Florence Lopez; Mario Vela and Maritza Vela, Trustees Under Declaration Of Trust , Dated June 30, 2000; Grace W. Lai Family Trust dated October 23, 2022, et al
Imperial County Superior Court, Case No. ECU002591

- 6A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)
Cal. Public Employment Relations Board (PERB) Case No. LA-CE-1714-M
Service Employees International Union Local 221 v. City of Calexico

The City Council reconvened from close session at 6:56 p.m.

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

OPEN SESSION – 6:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Garcia called the open session portion of the meeting to order at 6:57 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Tylanda led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MISSION STATEMENT

Council member Legaspi led those present in the Mission Statement.

INVOCATION

Pastor Frank Zazueta led those present in prayer.

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

City Attorney Campos stated that staff requested to add Emergency Item as Item No. 13A, in which the City needs to take immediate action.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Moreno, seconded by Council Member Romo to approve the agenda and add Emergency Item No. 13A. Motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

7. Mayoral Recognition – Calexico High School Girls Volleyball Team – Desert League Champions.

Recognition was presented to the Calexico High School Girls Volleyball team.

8. Small Businesses Mayoral Recognition.

Recognitions were presented to the following businesses: MaryJane Candy Shop, TacoMex Tacos & Beer, Chiliberto's Tacos & Breakfast, and Pollos Mi Pollo.

- 8A. Overview of the Calexico East Port of Entry Bridge Widening Project.

David Aguirre, ICTC Executive Director provided presentation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PUBLIC APPEARANCES

The following people provided public comments to the City Council: Victor Rocha, Jesus Solano, Donald Medart Jr., Oscar Pesqueira, Alejandra Guerrero, Olga Garcia, and Arturo Medina.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Acting City Manager Contreras reported on the following items: Fire Station No. 2 is open and the possibility of a Soft Opening on December 6, 2024; thanked David Aguirre for his presentation; Cordova Park area complaints are being addressed; assessing the viability of speed bumps or speed humps and stop signs in several spots around the City; the business license task force collection process and making the business license process friendlier; moving forward with the contract for the Finance Director; reached out to Southern California Gas Company to schedule a meeting regarding impact fees; provided direction to Code Enforcement and Police Department to start the cleanup process at the La Jolla Palms area homeless encampment; a temp-employee has returned and will continue to work the grant funding that has been held up; complaints from the General Dollar store's manager regarding Aurora High School students; Finance and Public Works Departments are working with GovDeal Surplus Auctions to add surplus equipment from City departments to be sold at auction; thanked City staff for the Tree Lighting event; met with Risk

Management regarding MOU with the Chamber of Commerce; thanked the City Clerk's office for moving forward with the CivicPlus training to transition into a new system; clarified the City Clerk's contract is not expired, the contract is for three years.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Patricia Urena, Community Services Commission, reported on the following: update on the commission's meeting last week, in which items discussed were Rodriguez park, Heber Expansion Project, Strategic Plan for Parks and Recreation; thanked city staff for the Tree Lighting event; update on the Mural Project Cycle 8; cars driving fast on Sapphire Street and a need for a study; update on the fence removal at Crummett Park; Community Services Commission bylaws.

Ben Horton, Economic Development and Financial Advisory Commission, reported on the following: future meeting with T-Mobile Foundation regarding possible grants for the City of Calexico.

Blanca Morales, Business Improvement District (BID), reported on the following: met last month with District Attorney Marcus regarding safety and homeless issues in the downtown area and the Psychiatric Emergency Response Team (PERT) program; and meeting this week with the San Diego PERT team that Council Member Legaspi and Acting Lieutenant Acuna also attended.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS AND REPORTS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED

Council member Tylanda reported on the following items: stated that she is constantly working with staff to address items for the public and some items that will be coming before the council hopefully on the next agenda for ideas and discussion and in regard to changing some policies for certain ordinances and maybe finding ways to incentivize economic development for the city.

Mayor Pro Tem Moreno reported on the following items: thanked city staff for the Tree Lighting event and also stated the attendance probably doubled from last year's event.

Council Member Legaspi reported on the following: thanked city staff for the Tree Lighting event; meeting attended with San Diego PERT and Imperial Valley Behavioral Health and Commissioner Morales.

Council Member Romo reported on the following: requests by citizens regarding painting the pedestrian crosswalk lanes and sidewalk repairs; requested to have a meeting regarding possible stop signs.

Mayor Garcia reported on the following: thanked city staff and sponsors for the Tree Lighting event; participated in the Veteran's Day Memorial Celebration at the cemetery and at the Veteran's Memorial Monument.

CONSENT AGENDA

The following people provided public comments to the City Council: Jonathan Rangel, Victor Rocha, and Karla Ibarra.

Motion was made by Council Member Romo, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Moreno to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the following items: Approval of City Council/Calexico Community Redevelopment Agency Successor Agency/Calexico Finance Authority Minutes for Meetings of December 20, 2023, April

10, 2024, April 22, 2024, July 22, 2024, and November 6, 2024; Adopt a Resolution No. 24-__ of the City Council of the City of Calexico Declaring Out of Service Electronic Equipment as Surplus and Authorize the Sale or Disposal of the Items; Adoption of Resolution 24-__ Approving the Bilingual Differential Pay Policy. Motion passed with the following vote:

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

DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS

ITEM NO. 12 2023-2024 YEAR-END AND 2024-2025 1ST QUARTER BUDGET STATUS REPORT AND RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2023-2024 AND 2024-2025 BUDGETS.

The following person provided public comments to the council: Jesus Solano, Karla Ibarra, Victor Rocha, Diana Nuricumbo, Bertha Carreno, and Blanca Morales.

Motion was made by Council Member Romo, seconded by Mayor Garcia to approve Item No. 12. Motion passed with the following votes:

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

ITEM NO. 13 45TH ANNUAL FARMWORKER APPRECIATION BREAKFAST.

A. APPROVAL OF \$2,223.26 FROM THE FUND NO. 111 – GENERAL FUND AND FUND NO. 231 – STREETS FOR CITY STAFF IN-KIND SERVICES.

Motion was made by Council Member Romo, seconded by Mayor Garcia to approve Item No. 13. Motion passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 13A – EMERGENCY ITEM – ADOPT A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALEXICO APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE STANDARD AGREEMENT FOR THE 2020 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE ROUND 2 AND 3 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$170,982.00 FOR THE FIRE STATION NO. 2 REHABILITATION PROJECT.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Moreno, seconded by Council Member Romo to approve Emergency Item No. 13. Motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

ITEM NO. 14 RECEIVE AND FILE LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES FOR MEETING ON JULY 29, 2024.

Council received and filed the Library Board of Trustees Minutes for meeting of July 29, 2024.

ITEM NO. 15 INFORMATIONAL ITEM: HEBER PARK EXPANSION PROJECT EXPENDITURE REPORT DATED OCTOBER 31, 2024.

Public Works Manager Falomir provided status report.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Council Member Legaspi requested the following: speed bumps; more patrol officers in the Cordova Park area; have a town hall meeting in two months on the West side of town regarding the Heber Park expansion; requested to keep the same commissioners; would like to see what improvements can be done at the airport; and a report on handicapped sidewalks for next council meeting.

Council Member Romo requested the following: a status report on the Calexico International Airport; speed bumps around Cordova Park; item regarding Chinese New Year on the next agenda; requested meeting with School District Superintendent to see if the sidewalks for the children can be fixed.


Mayor Pro Tem Moreno requested the following: update on Rodriguez Park; MOU agreement with the neighbors across the street; update on Cordova Park, terms of project and timelines; Prop 36 update; a plan regarding traffic congestion over the Holiday Season.

Council Member Tylenda requested the following: an update on the demolition of old Tortas and Beer Building; informational item from Police Chief regarding downtown task force; and informational item on the red curbs.

Mayor Garcia requested an update on former Orthopedic Clinic clean up; and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

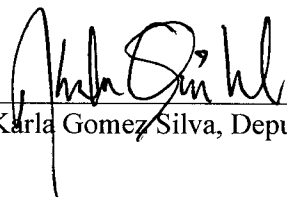
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 10:14 p.m.



Camilio Garcia, Mayor

ATTEST:



Karla Gomez Silva, Deputy City Clerk