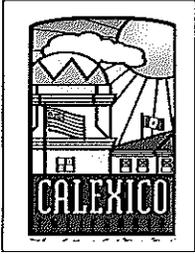


**AGENDA
ITEM**

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AGENDA STAFF REPORT

DATE: February 5, 2020

TO: Mayor and City Council

APPROVED BY: David B. Dale, City Manager *UH for DD*

PREPARED BY: Gabriela T. Garcia, City Clerk *G.T.G.*

SUBJECT: Approval of City Council/Calexico Community Redevelopment Agency Successor Agency/Calexico Financing Authority Minutes for Meetings of December 18, 2019 and January 22, 2020

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Recommendation:

Approval of City Council/Calexico Community Redevelopment Agency Successor Agency/Calexico Financing Authority Minutes for Meetings of Meetings of December 18, 2019 and January 22, 2020.

Background:

In accordance with Municipal Code Section 2.04.070, the City Clerk shall prepare minutes of the proceedings of each City Council Meeting.

Discussion & Analysis:

City Council/Calexico Community Redevelopment Agency Successor Agency/Calexico Financing Authority Minutes for Meetings of December 18, 2019 and January 22, 2020 have been prepared for City Council review and approval.

Fiscal Impact:

None.

Coordinated With:

None.

Attachments:

Minutes for City Council/Calexico Community Redevelopment Agency Successor Agency/Calexico Financing Authority Minutes for Meetings of December 18, 2019 and January 22, 2020.

AGENDA ITEM
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THE CITY COUNCIL/CALEXICO COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY SUCCESSOR AGENCY/CALEXICO FINANCING AUTHORITY MET IN SPECIAL SESSION ON THE 18TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2019 AT 5:30 PM AT THE FERNANDO "NENE" TORRES COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 608 HEBER AVENUE, CALEIXCO, CALIFORNIA. THE DATE, HOUR AND PLACE DULY ESTABLISHED FOR THE HOLD OF SAID MEETING.

CLOSED SESSION AGENDA - 5:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hodge called the closed session portion of the agenda to order at 5:32 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Mayor: Bill Hodge
Council Member: Rosie Arreola-Fernandez
Council Member: Morris Reisin

ABSENT:

Mayor Pro Tem: David Romero
Council Member: Lewis Pacheco

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

Council adjourned to closed session at 5:32 p.m. to discuss the following:

1. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE EVALUATION

Government Code 54957(b)
Title: City Manager

2. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

Agency designated representatives: City Attorney
Employee organization: Unrepresented Employee, City Manager

City Council reconvened from closed session at 6:27 p.m.

**CALEXICO CITY COUNCIL/CALEXICO REDEVELOPMENT
SUCCESSOR AGENCY/CALEXICO FINANCING AUTHORITY**

REGULAR SESSION AGENDA - 6:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hodge called the regular portion of the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Mayor: Bill Hodge
Council Member: Rosie Arreola-Fernandez
Council Member: Morris Reisin

ABSENT:

Mayor Pro Tem: David Romero
Council Member: Lewis Pacheco

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Hodge led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MISSION STATEMENT PLEDGE

City Manager Dale led those present in reciting the City's Mission Statement.

INVOCATION

Sergeant Legaspi led those present in prayer.

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Attorney Campos announced there was no reportable action taken.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion was made by Council Member Reisin, seconded by Council Member Arreola-Fernandez to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed by the following vote to wit:

AYES: Hodge, Arreola-Fernandez, Reisin
NOES: None
ABSENT: Romero, Pacheco

PRESENTATIONS**PRESENTATION ON THE LIBRARY, ARTS & HISTORICAL COMMISSION BY ANA LISA PACHECO, CHAIRPERSON.**

Ana Lisa Pacheco, Chairperson of the Library, Arts & Historical Commission provided a detailed and thorough presentation on the variety of library services offered at Camarena Memorial Library and the Carmen Durazo Cultural Arts Center.

PRESENTATION BY FINANCE DIRECTOR AND FIRE CHIEF ON BUSINESS LICENSES.

Karla Lobatos, Finance Director provided a detailed presentation on the finance portion of business licenses fees and procedures as per by the Calexico Municipal Code. She advised the business license is billed annually and paid during the month of January and every business in the city is required to have a business license.

Fire Chief Favila presented on the Fire Department fees and services. He addressed frequently asked questions for Calexico services provided and safety inspections required per the California Health and Safety Code and Calexico Municipal Code. Chief Favila

Armando Martinez asked about the fee on the license and he was advised the fees are charged together with the license fee.

PRESENTATION BY THE CALEXICO POLICE ADVISORY COMMISSION TO THE OFFICER OF THE 4TH QUARTER FOR 2019 OFFICER JORGE HERNANDEZ.

Item tabled.

PRESENTATION BY THE CALEXICO POLICE ADVISORY COMMISSION TO THE CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE OF THE 4TH QUARTER FOR 2019 RECORDS CLERK ELIA LORENA FELIX.

Item tabled.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PUBLIC APPEARANCES

Armando Martinez spoke about the letter soliciting consideration for repairs to alley on Emerson Avenue between 4th and 5th Streets and stated he hoped the city would respond to this request due to the conditions of the street. Assistant City Manager Figueroa advised him the city is currently working on this matter.

Juan Carlos Gonzalez spoke about the installation of an electrical sub-station in Calexico. He asked why the city does not question regulation #15 in which the cannabis stockholders have to pay. He also commented on prior requests by a citizen to address the increase of the water fee.

Cesar Figueroa spoke on the security of the businesses and citizens of Calexico. He questioned what the council is doing to address crime in Calexico.

Pedro Ortiz questioned the three minute time for public comments. He spoke about the electrical sub-station and stated he was informed it was not needed. He questioned the city's support to outside investors needing the electrical sub-station.

Supervisor Jesus Escobar spoke USMCA and the new \$300 designation for water issues related from south to north (new river). He addressed the Union Tribune article which misrepresented the facts and stated the Tijuana River can apply however, the funds are designated to the northern transfer of any water issues from Mexico to the USA. He advised there is also \$250 million through NADBank for a total of \$550 million that can be applied for and \$100-\$120 million is needed for water sewage treatment plant in Calexico. He stressed for the City and the County to work together on this project. He also informed on the award to fund the west port of entry to increase lanes from 10 to 16, however the award was not for the pedestrian port of entry.

Alberto Alvizu requested a plan to work with Santo Tomas and addressed having to have two licenses for the swap meet. He requested an adjustment on having two licenses with the upcoming license cycle. Mr. Alvizu requested a status on AB626.

Supervisor Escobar spoke on AB626 home kitchens and stated this issue was approved at the county level which approves it for the entire Imperial Valley and information will be passed on to all the cities.

Assistant City Manager Figueroa stated the next step is for the Health Department to give a presentation on the implementation of the program and the cities' role in the matter.

Sergeant Victor Legaspi reported on the 16th annual kids & badges and advised 16 kids participated in the event. He thanked Mayor Hodge and Council Members Arreola-Fernandez and Reisin for attending. The Reach helicopter showed up with Santa Claus and participants were given \$100 worth of gifts. He thanked the Fire Department, Paul's Photography, Camarena Library, Chief Gonzalo Gerardo and Juarez-Lincoln Club for their assistance.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS AND REPORTS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED

Council Member Arreola-Fernandez thanked everyone for the participation in the parade. She thanked the staff for their work on a well-organized awards recognition luncheon for the city employees.

Council Member Reisin also thanked everyone for their participation in the city events.

Mayor Hodge thanked the City Staff for working on the City events. He spoke about raising of city staff salaries especially for those who would be working below the minimum wage come January 2020.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Dale thanked the City Staff for their work on the Employee Recognition Luncheon and the Police Officers and Firefighters for their work with Kids and Badges event.

Assistant City Manager Figueroa provided an update on the \$200,000 SCAG grant awarded for the Rockwood Avenue Promenade. He also informed on the BID meeting and discussions for additional funding for the downtown.

DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS

REQUEST FOR HOME OCCUPANCY PERMIT APPLICATION FEE WAIVER BY THE AUTI BAJA CALIFORNIA FUNDACION INTERNATIONAL A.C.

Christopher Velasco, Planning Consultant, presented the item and recommended denying the fee waiver for the one-time home occupancy.

Karina Kuljacha representative of the Auti Foundation working in Calexico for the Calexico Families towards the inclusion of their Autistic children. She informed there are 1,500 families in the Imperial Valley with Autistic families. She thanked the city for the donation from the Oktoberfest of over \$400. She stated their foundation does not have the resources to make this type of payment and requested consideration on the waiver of the home occupancy permit.

Council Member Reisin asked if the organization was 501C. He was informed by Ms. Kuljacha that they are a 501C3 organization and their fictitious name is Auti Fundacion.

Mayor Hodge commended Ms. Kuljacha for their work and stated his support for a waiver of the fee.

Council Member Arreola-Fernandez stated that if the fee is waived, others would also want a waiver and she asked if donations have been solicited. Mr. Velasco agreed and further stated it would negatively affect the budget of the development services department due to the various actions that take place with the permit. Ms. Kuljacha stated she personally funds the foundation on their events in order to maintain the foundation bank account open.

Council Member Reisin stated his support for the waiver to non-profit organizations.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Hodge, seconded by Council Member Reisin to approve the request for a home occupancy permit application fee waiver by the Auti Baja California Fundacion International A.C. Council took the following vote:

AYES: Hodge, Reisin
NOES: Arreola-Fernandez
ABSENT: Romero, Pacheco

APPROVAL OF THE ELIMINATION OF THE STREET SWEEPER POSITION AND THE RECLASSIFICATION OF ONE EMPLOYEE TO STREET PAINTER AND REVISION OF THE SALARY SCHEDULE TO REFLECT THE NEW RANGE.

Motion was made by Council Member Reisin, seconded by Council Member Arreola-Fernandez to approve the elimination of the street sweeper position and the reclassification of one employee to street painter and revision of the salary schedule to reflect the new range. Motion passed by the following vote to wit:

AYES: Hodge, Arreola-Fernandez, Reisin
NOES: None
ABSENT: Romero, Pacheco

ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING RECORDATION OF FINAL MAP SUBDIVISION 058-030-097 (2 LOTS - KLOKE TRACT)

Christopher Velasco, Planning Consultant advised the Planning Commission approved the tentative parcel map FOR 058-030-097 at the corner of Cole Road and Van de Graff for the subdivision of a 2.37 acre parcel and proposed is the subdivision of parcel 1 and parcel 2. He stated the property is in a commercial highway zone of the city and Planning Commission recommends approval of the resolution.

Motion was made by Council Member Reisin, seconded by Council Member Arreola-Fernandez to adopt a resolution approving recordation of Final Map Subdivision 058-030-097 (2 Lots - Kloke Tract). Motion passed by the following vote to wit:

AYES: Hodge, Arreola-Fernandez, Reisin
NOES: None
ABSENT: Romero, Pacheco

PURCHASE OF A NEW SERVER FOR UPGRADE ON TWELVE ADDITIONAL CAMERAS FOR CESAR CHAVEZ BOULEVARD AND PARKS BY THE CALEXICO POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Chief Gerardo stated there are cameras and automatic license plate readers that have not been installed due to Caltrans not approving the installation on their poles. He advised the cameras will be placed on Cesar Chavez Blvd., and parks that need cameras. He further stated the funding source is Measure D, he has spoken to Ms. Falomir and Mark Baza at ICTC who have advised they could use the funding since it will be towards monitoring traffic on Cesar Chavez Blvd.

Motion was made by Council Member Reisin, seconded by Council Member Arreola-Fernandez to approve the purchase of a new server for upgrade on twelve additional camera for Cesar Chavez Boulevard and Parks by the Calexico Police Department. Motion passed by the following vote to wit:

AYES: Hodge, Arreola-Fernandez, Reisin
NOES: None
ABSENT: Romero, Pacheco

ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING RECORDATION OF FINAL MAP SUBDIVISION NO. 058-756-036 AND 058-756-037 (4 LOTS – MEADOWS EAST UNIT 1).

Christopher Velasco, Planning Consultant advised the Council that the item presented differs from the Planning Commission approval. He informed that Planning Commission amended the proposed subdivision map from four parcels to three parcels, each lot is approximately 1.97 acres with the stipulation that they be a minimum of 60 feet width and 65 feet in width for the corner lot. Mr. Velasco explained the difference in recommendation between the staff report presented

and the approval made by the Planning Commission for the property at Emil Hashem and Margarita Street.

City Manager Dale stated the item could be approved as presented or sent back for revisions.

City Attorney Campos stated the Council could vote on going from two to four parcels. However, if council wants to support the Planning Commission recommendation, City Attorney recommended it could be continued to a future date, send it back to Planning Commission and speak to the applicant.

Mr. Chao, the applicant, provided a presentation on the change from two to four parcels, provided the plans and detailed information on the homes to be built including property values and benefits to property taxes, the city and school impact fees. Mr. Chao requested City Council to approve the item as submitted and follow the staff recommendation. If approval is uncertain, he respectfully requested that the matter be continued to the next meeting so he can request his attorney's input and instructing him to work collaboratively with City Staff and the City in order to come to an agreeable resolution.

Council Member Arreola-Fernandez requested explanation on whether it was four or three homes. Mr. Velasco stated it is four homes and explained there are two parcels and the request is to split them into four parcels and record the final map.

Council Member Reisin stated the Planning Commission is recommending three lots to be proportionate to line up with other lots on the block.

Guillermo Hermosillo spoke in opposition to the project.

David Beltran, Professional Land Surveyor for the project stated they have followed the law with the set-backs and the Subdivision Map act was followed.

Mayor Hodge stated his support for tabling the item and waiting until January when there is a full council.

Christopher Velasco advised the municipal code allows for variances and minimum lot sizes for planned communities and projects with affordable housing provided that the lot size should only be reduced if appropriate amenities or affordability criteria are met. He further stated this was the basis for the Planning Commission's recommendation.

Motion was made by Council Member Reisin, seconded by Council Member Arreola-Fernandez to continue the item to the January meeting. Motion passed by the following vote to wit:

AYES: Hodge, Arreola-Fernandez, Reisin
NOES: None
ABSENT: Romero, Pacheco

AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO THE AGREEMENT OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH 10 OVER STUDIO FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES, PERMITTING, BID ASSISTANCE AND

CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION OF THE CALEXICO FIRE HEADQUARTER STATION LOCATED AT 430 EAST 5TH STREET.

Fire Chief Favila advised Amendment No. 2 in the sum of \$10,000 is for 10 Over Studio to handle the bidding process and begin the demolition of the fire station. Chief Favila explained the Department currently houses the engines at the Station One and the Staff and daily operations for the Fire Department are at 430 4th Street.

Motion was made by Council Member Arreola-Fernandez to Authorize the City Manager to Sign Amendment No. 2 to the Agreement of Professional Services with 10 Over Studio for Architectural Services, Permitting, Bid Assistance and Construction Administration of the Calexico Fire Headquarter Station Located at 430 East 5th Street. Motion was seconded by Council Member Reisin and passed by the following vote to wit:

AYES: Hodge, Arreola-Fernandez, Reisin
NOES: None
ABSENT: Romero, Pacheco

PUBLIC HEARING**HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING, INTRODUCE AND CONDUCT A FIRST READING BY TITLE ONLY OF AN ORDINANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 8.44 OF TITLE 8 (HEALTH AND SAFETY) OF THE CALEXICO MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING NUISANCES AND ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 8.44**

Christopher Velasco presented the ordinance amending Chapter 8.44 of Title 8 Health and Safety of the Calexico Municipal Code. He explained that portion of the code contains limited list of public nuisances and brief and general descriptions of the City's authority to abate public nuisances. He explained the details of the Chapter 8.44 and explained the risks faced by the City which may include the court rejecting the city's application for an abatement warrant thereby denying the city the ability to abate dangerous nuisance conditions, secondly, a property owner can engage and initiate litigation against the City for violation of the owners due process and the city may not succeed in recovering its costs and fees with abating nuisance conditions. For these reasons, staff recommends the changes to the ordinance.

City Attorney Campos stated the ordinance can be used to address public nuisances, abate them and to will streamline the code enforcement and make it more efficient for both staff and provide better notice to property owners and when going to court it would streamline the cases.

Mayor Hodge closed the public hearing at 8:29 p.m.

There were no persons speaking in favor or against the matter.

Mayor Hodge closed the public hearing at 8:31 p.m.

Council Member Reisin suggested tabling in order for the other two council members are be present.

City attorney recommended re-opening the public hearing to continue the item to the next meeting.

Mayor Hodge re-opened the public hearing at 8:32 p.m.

Motion by Council Member Reisin to continue the item to the January 22, 2019 meeting. Motion seconded by Council Member Arreola-Fernandez and passed by the following vote to wit:

AYES: Hodge, Arreola-Fernandez, Reisin
NOES: None
ABSENT: Romero, Pacheco

Mayor Hodge closed the public hearing at 8:33 p.m.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

LOCAL APPOINTMENTS LIST 2020 IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE MADDY ACT, CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE 54970.

Council acknowledged receipt of the Local Appointments list for 2020.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Hodge requested a written executive summary or oral presentation on the city's emergency preparedness.

Council Member Reisin left the dais at 8:34 p.m.

Mayor Hodge requested an action item by council on a goals and objectives workshop.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Bill Hodge, Mayor

ATTEST:

Gabriela T. Garcia, City Clerk

THE CITY COUNCIL/CALEXICO COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY SUCCESSOR AGENCY/CALEXICO FINANCING AUTHORITY MET IN SPECIAL SESSION ON THE 22ND DAY OF JANUARY 2020 AT 5:30 PM AT THE FERNANDO "NENE" TORRES COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 608 HEBER AVENUE, CALEXICO, CALIFORNIA. THE DATE, HOUR AND PLACE DULY ESTABLISHED FOR THE HOLD OF SAID MEETING.

CLOSED SESSION AGENDA - 5:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Mayor: Bill Hodge
Mayor Pro Tem: David Romero
Council Member: Rosie Arreola-Fernandez
Council Member: Morris Reisin
Council Member: Lewis Pacheco

PUBLIC COMMENTS - No public comments.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Hodge stated he was instructed Items 1, 2 and 3 would be skipped and Council will go immediately to Item 4. City Attorney Campos stated the Council will convene in closed session and take first Item No. 4 on the floor and then proceed with the other items.

Council adjourned to closed session at 5:32 p.m. to discuss the following:

1. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE EVALUATION

Government Code 54957(b)

Title: City Manager

2. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

Agency designated representatives: City Attorney

Employee organization: Unrepresented Employee, City Manager

3. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6

Agency Representatives: David Dale, City Manager, Carlos Campos, City Attorney

Employee Organizations: Calexico Municipal Employees Association, Fire Fighters Association, Certified Operators Association/SEIU Local 221, Calexico Police Officers Association, Calexico Management Association, Calexico Supervisors Association

4. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/ DISMISSAL/ RELEASE

Pursuant to Government Code § 54957

Council reconvened from closed session at 5:40 p.m.

**CALEXICO CITY COUNCIL/CALEXICO REDEVELOPMENT
SUCCESSOR AGENCY/CALEXICO FINANCING AUTHORITY**

REGULAR SESSION AGENDA - 6:30 PM**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Hodge called the regular portion of the meeting to order at 6:46 p.m.

ROLL CALL.**PRESENT:**

Mayor: Bill Hodge
Mayor Pro Tem: David Romero
Council Member: Rosie Arreola-Fernandez
Council Member: Morris Reisin
Council Member: Lewis Pacheco

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Mayor Hodge led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MISSION STATEMENT PLEDGE - City Manager Dale led those present in reciting the City's Mission Statement.

INVOCATION - Mayor Pro-Tem Romero led those present in prayer.

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Attorney Campos reported Council met in closed session on Items 1-4, received direction on Item No. 3. Council did not get to Items 1 and 2 so Council will reconvene after the end of the meeting to address those items. On Item No. 4 - Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release there is reportable action and on a four to one vote with Mayor Hodge voting no, the Council adopted the Administrative Law Judge's proposed decision for the termination of employment of Gabriel Rodriguez by the Calexico Police Department which was submitted on November 22, 2019.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Romero, seconded by Council Member Arreola-Fernandez and passed unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.

PRESENTATIONS**PROCLAMATION FOR CENSUS 2020**

Ricardo Ortega thanked Mayor Hodge for bringing the coalition to Calexico to work on the Census 2020. He thanked the local agencies participating as the Calexico Collaborative for the work on the Census. He presented the objectives for the 2020 public which is to educate, motivate the public to participate and answered questions from the council. City Council read the proclamation and presented it to Mr. Richard Ortega.

PRESENTATION BY THE CALEXICO POLICE ADVISORY COMMISSION TO THE OFFICER OF THE 4TH QUARTER FOR 2019 OFFICER JORGE HERNANDEZ

Chairman Espino presented Officer Jorge Hernandez with an award for Officer of the 4th Quarter 2019. Officer Hernandez thanked the Commission for the recognition.

PRESENTATION BY THE CALEXICO POLICE ADVISORY COMMISSION TO THE CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE OF THE 4TH QUARTER FOR 2019 RECORDS CLERK ELIA LORENA FELIX

Chairman Espino presented Lorena Felix with an award for 2019 Civilian Employee of the 4th Quarter 2019.

Chief Gerardo thanked Mrs. Felix for her service and dedication to the Calexico Police Department.

PRESENTATION BY DAN MASSIELLO, KOSMONT TRANSACTIONS SERVICES, INC., REGARDING THE TAX ALLOCATION REFUNDING BOND ISSUE

Mr. Dan Massiello, Kosmont Transactions Services, Inc., provided a detailed presentation regarding the Tax Allocation Refunding Bond Issue. He informed that on January 22, 2020 bonds sold for the \$11.085 Million for the Tax Allocation Refunding Bonds. He stated through the work by the City, the bonds sold with a AA rating for the refunding of the bonds and will bring significant savings to the City and other taxing agencies. Mr. Massiello provided detailed schedule on the annual savings to the City. He thanked the efforts of the City Staff for their efforts which translated to significant savings to the City.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PUBLIC APPEARANCES

Anthony Velasco spoke about permit for cannabis edibles and documentation he submitted to the City and he stated his concerns with the City and Staff and personnel not responding to his calls. Mr. Velasco spoke about a USB he would provide to the City with information on his project.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS AND REPORTS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED

Council Member Arreola-Fernandez reported attending the League of Cities dinner and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Mayor Pro Tem Romero welcomed everyone back from the New Year. He reported attending a City of Mexicali's one hundred days and congratulated Mayor Del Pilar for all their work. He also

attended two meetings in Mexicali with Luis Alfonso Vildosola, Director of Economic Development, Miguel Figueroa and Supervisor Escobar to work on promoting both industrial regions and received a presentation “Cuatro Fronteras” event regarding economic development at the university level.

Council Member Reisin announced street sweepers are running three times a month downtown and twice a month residential in order to keep the city clean.

Council Member Pacheco gave a shout out to Mr. Ortega who is helping by setting up a trailer for the homeless men and is seeking volunteers for this endeavor at the neighborhood house.

Mayor Hodge spoke on hiring more staff for park maintenance and to improve the parks and diligently pursue grants. He stated the city is focusing on Cordova Park irrigation and fencing and commended the City for the focus and asked to speed up the process for the benefit of the community. He stated the homeless committee was able to set up and operate a shelter at neighborhood house and will be in operation until 1-31-2020. He met with Chief Favila, Chief Gerardo, City Manager Dale and Council Member Reisin regarding emergency preparedness and advised the city is in total compliance with the state’s emergency plans, mutual aid and agency community response team. He spoke about improvements and training in the departments and commended both Chief’s for their strong collaboration. He stated he received serious concerns about the property of Sherman and Heffernan, vacant and full of weeds and drug paraphernalia and the homeless are now present in the area. He requested that it be cleaned up and stated there are persons willing to volunteer to clean up the property.

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

Assistant City Manager Figueroa, addressed the State’s General Fund allocation of \$18 million to the New River in addition to the \$10 million more in funding that will take the city to completion of the Parkway Project. Mr. Figueroa thanked all State officials who have assisted in obtaining the funding, the County of Imperial, the City Council, City Manager and the residents for their support. He provided an update on the community sustainability grant for the Rockwood Avenue Promenade and advised a consultant will be selected by the State to champion and assist the City to develop the project. This project is expected to begin in fall 2020.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Council Member Pacheco, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Romero and passed unanimously to approve the consent agenda consisting of the following: Approval of City Council/Calexico Community Redevelopment Agency Successor Agency/Calexico Financing Authority Minutes for Meetings of November 20, 2019, December 4, 2019 and December 9, 2019; Ratification of Library, Arts & Historical Board Minutes for Meetings of October 7 & November 4, 2019; Warrants from November 23, 2019 to December 6, 2019 and City Salaries from November 23, 2019 to December 6, 2019; Warrants from December 7, 2019 to December 20, 2019 and City Salaries from December 7, 2019 to December 20, 2019; Warrants from December 21, 2019 to January 3, 2020 and City Salaries from December 21, 2019 to January 3, 2020; Adopt a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Calexico, California, Declaring a Used Fire

Ambulance as Surplus and Donation of Said Vehicle; Approval of Amendment to the Administrative Law Judge Services Contract with the State of California Office of Administrative Hearings / Department of General Services to Not Exceed \$150,000.

DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS

2019-20 2ND QUARTER BUDGET STATUS REPORT AND PROPOSED BUDGET AMENDMENT.

Finance Director Lobatos presented the 2019-20 2nd Quarter Budget Status Report and Proposed Budget Amendment. She explained the 2nd quarter report is to update the General Fund's Fund Balance projection for preliminary 2018-19 (unaudited) results and to monitor 2019-20 budget compliance through the 2nd quarter of the fiscal year. The 2019-20 budget amendment is proposed to update various revenue and expenditure accounts to reflect year-to-date trends and with the proposed amendments, the current General Fund projection shows that even with the City paying off the Wastewater Treatment Loan off early, the City is on track to achieve a 5% operating reserve by the June 30, 2020. Ms. Lobatos provided the 2019-20 City-wide Year-to-Date Expenditures, the 2018-19 General Fund Preliminary (Unaudited) Results and Updated Fund Balance Projection, 2019-20 General Fund Activity and a summary of General Fund revenue history and projections. She also provided a summary of General Fund expenditures by department stating the total 2019-20 General Fund expenditures are projected to drop by \$83,000 to offset the proposed revenue updates, with no proposed net change to 2019-20 operations. Said expenditure updates include salary and benefit updates to correct the Fire Department medical benefit cost; updated Police Chief contract; and two new partial year FTES including technicians in the Community Development and Human Resources Departments. She further stated the proposed revenue and expenditure adjustments are fully offset by year-to-date achieved vacancy savings. Ms. Lobatos projected positive ending balance of \$903,000 for the general fund in June 2020 for the first time since 2014 or 5% of annual expenditures. She presented the resolution to complete the amendments to the budget and informed the Council the City will close the books and the audit will begin next week and by March 1, 2020, the City will have financial statements. She further stated the next budget season will begin on February 3, 2020.

Motion was made by Council Member Romero, seconded by Council Member Reisin and passed unanimously to receive the 2019-20 2nd Quarter Budget Status Report and approve the Proposed Budget Amendment resolution.

17. Authorize City Manager to Purchase Two (2) Plunger Pumps for the Wastewater Treatment Plant from Carter Pumps, LLC in the Amount of \$73,985.00.

Mayor Pro-Tem Romero motioned to authorize City Manager to Purchase Two (2) Plunger Pumps for the Wastewater Treatment Plant from Carter Pumps, LLC in the Amount of \$73,985.00. Motion was seconded by Council Member Arreola-Fernandez and passed unanimously.

**CITY COUNCIL TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING:
A. REJECT THE BID SUBMITTED BY EPIC AVIATION LLC AND ASCENT AVIATION GROUP, INC. AS NONRESPONSIVE FOR FAILURE TO MEET BID**

REQUIREMENTS.

B. AWARD BID PROPOSAL FROM AVFUEL CORPORATION, AS THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE BIDDER SUBMITTING A RESPONSIVE BID FOR JET-A AND 100 LOW LEAD (LL) AVGAS AVIATION FUEL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2023 FOR THE CALEXICO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

Motion by was made by Council Member Reisin, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Romero and passed unanimously to reject the bid Submitted by EPIC Aviation LLC and Ascent Aviation Group, Inc. as Nonresponsive for Failure to Meet Bid Requirements and Award Bid Proposal from Avfuel Corporation, as the Lowest Responsible Bidder Submitting a Responsive Bid for Jet-A and 100 Low Lead (LL) Avgas Aviation Fuel for Fiscal Year 2020-2023 for the Calexico International Airport.

City Attorney Campos clarified there were two items on the agenda and the motion would cover both items.

Mayor Pro Tem Romero left the dais at 8:00 p.m.

INTRODUCE AND WAIVE FIRST READING BY TITLE ONLY OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CALEXICO MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 8.36 REGARDING GARBAGE DISPOSAL.

City Manager Dale discussed the issues with the trash in the downtown alley areas and presented the ordinance and the details included in the ordinance. Mayor Hodge asked if there would be fees in the ordinance.

Mayor Pro Tem Romero returned to the dais at 8:02 p.m.

City Attorney Campos advised the ordinance includes fees and details regarding shared containers to require every business to have their own container.

Motion was made by Council Member Reisin, seconded by Council Member Pacheco and passed unanimously to introduce and waive first reading by title only of an ordinance amending Calexico Municipal Code Chapter 8.36 regarding garbage disposal.

City Attorney Campos read the Ordinance in title only for the record.

ADOPTION OF A FEE WAIVER POLICY BY CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION AND INTRODUCE AND WAIVE FULL READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE CALEXICO MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING CITY FEES TO ENSURE CONSISTENCY BETWEEN THE MUNICIPAL CODE AND THE PROPOSED FEE WAIVER POLICY.

City Manager Dale provided background on the request for the fee waiver policy which will be for non-profit 501C3 organizations with a limit of \$500. He explained all other requests will follow the standard process and be presented to council for approval.

City Manager Dale clarified the approval is for only 501C3 organizations.

Motion was made by Council Member Reisin, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Romero and passed unanimously to adopt a Fee Waiver Policy by City Council Resolution and Introduce and Waive Full Reading of an Ordinance Amending Various Sections of the Calexico Municipal Code Regarding City Fees to Ensure Consistency between the Municipal Code and the Proposed Fee Waiver Policy.

City Attorney Campos read the Ordinance in title only for the record with the annotation that the approval is for only 501C3 organizations.

ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING RECORDATION OF FINAL MAP SUBDIVISION NO. 058-400-007 AND 058-400-060.

Christopher Velasco, Planning Consultant reported the resolution would allow for the recordation of Final Map Subdivision No. 058-400-007 and 058-400-060. He further stated the Planning Division recommends that City Council approve resolution. Mr. Velasco provided a history on the project which includes the approval of a negative declaration, tentative subdivision map and the division of forty-five acres of land in order to create seven parcels located west of Cesar Chavez Boulevard and north of Second Street, the amendment of the General Plan – Amendment No. 2018-01 changing the current designation from Open Space to Industrial Rail. He explained this recordation will legally separate the Water Plant and the City Shop from the remaining acreage which will then be open to the market as future industrial commercial development along Cesar Chavez Boulevard. The proposed project has gone through an extensive discretionary review as evidenced by the approvals previously stated. He advised the approved tentative parcel map will expire on November 7, 2020 therefore this item is brought forth prior to its expiration.

City Manager Dale advised that one of the requirements from the Planning Commission when approving the tentative map was that the baseball fields do not moved until Cordova Park is built and the City is still following this direction. Mayor Pro Tem Romero requested to add this direction.

Mr. Velasco pointed that page three of four of the resolution does state that because that restriction was added to the Tentative Map, it will continue with the Final Map.

Motion was made by Council Member Pacheco to adopt a resolution approving recordation of Final Map Subdivision No. 058-400-007 and 058-400-060. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Romero and passed unanimously.

ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING RECORDATION OF FINAL MAP SUBDIVISION NO. 058-756-036 AND 058-756-037 – MEADOWS EAST UNIT 1.

City Manager Dale advised the Council that the applicant requested to continue the item to the next meeting. Council agreed to continue the item to the next council meeting.

APPOINTMENT BY MAYOR PRO TEM ROMERO TO THE 2010 GENERAL TAX CITIZEN OVERSIGHT ADVISORY COMMITTEE "MEASURE H COMMITTEE"

Mayor Pro Tem Romero appointed Mr. Alejandro Fernandez the 2010 General Tax Citizen Oversight Advisory Committee "Measure H Committee".

CONSIDERATION BY COUNCIL MEMBER REISIN TO REMOVE HIS APPOINTEE ON THE PERSONNEL COMMISSION

Council Member Reisin removed his appointee Mr. Guillermo Hermosillo from the Calexico Personnel Commission.

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CONSIDERATION BY MAYOR PRO TEM ROMERO TO REMOVE HIS APPOINTEE ON THE PERSONNEL COMMISSION

Mayor Pro Tem Romero removed his appointee Zack Sanchez from the Calexico Personnel Commission.

PUBLIC HEARING**INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING BY TITLE ONLY OF ORDINANCE NO. _____ - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALEXICO, CALIFORNIA, REPEALING CHAPTER 8.44 OF TITLE 8 (HEALTH AND SAFETY) OF THE CALEXICO MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING NUISANCES AND ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 8.44.**

Mayor Hodge opened public hearing at 8:18 p.m.

Christopher Velasco presented the item and advised the Planning Division recommends that Council adopt the ordinance by title only. Mr. Velasco provided background on the current version of the Health and Safety Code Chapter 8.44 contains limited list of public nuisances and brief on the City's authority and procedures to abate public nuisances. He explained the details of the Chapter 8.44 and explained the risks faced by the City which may include the court rejecting the city's application for an abatement warrant thereby denying the city the ability to abate dangerous nuisance conditions, secondly, a property owner can engage and initiate litigation against the City for violation of the owners due process rights and the city may not succeed in recovering its costs and fees associated with abating nuisance conditions. For these reasons, Planning Division recommends the adoption of the new ordinance and explained the new list of nuisances and procedures and authority of the City under the new ordinance.

No persons spoke in favor or against the Ordinance.

Mayor Hodge closed the public hearing closed at 8:25 p.m.

Motion made by Council Member Pacheco to accept introduction and first reading by title only of an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Calexico, California, repealing Chapter 8.44 of Title 8 (Health and Safety) of the Calexico Municipal Code regarding nuisances and adding a New Chapter 8.44. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Romero and passed unanimously.

CALEXICO REDEVELOPMENT SUCCESSOR AGENCY

APPROVAL OF THE RECOGNIZED OBLIGATION PAYMENT SCHEDULE 20-21 A AND B OF THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF CALEXICO FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 2020 THROUGH JUNE 2021.

Karla Lobatos, Finance Director presented the item to the council and she advised this was approved by the County Oversight Committee at an earlier meeting in January and will be presented to the Department of Finance.

Motion made by Council Member Pacheco, seconded by Council Member Reisin and passed unanimously to approve the Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule 20-21 A and B of the Successor Agency to the Community Redevelopment Agency of the City of Calexico for the period of July 2020 through June 2021.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Council Member Pacheco requested an item on border crossing in order to communicate with Customs to expedite the crossing into Calexico.

Mayor Hodge requested an item to revise the downtown action plan to include beautification to replace old dirty trash cans and do something about the telephones; and an item regarding street lighting and painting of the lanes.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Romero, seconded by Council Member Reisin to adjourn regular session and return to closed session at 8:40 p.m.

Council reconvened in open session at 9:23 p.m.

City Attorney Campos reported that council had met in closed session on items 1 and 2 on the closed session agenda and there were no reportable actions taken in closed session.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

Bill Hodge, Mayor

ATTEST:

Gabriela T. Garcia, City Clerk

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