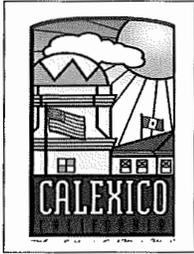


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# AGENDA STAFF REPORT

**DATE:** March 20, 2019  
**TO:** Mayor and City Council  
**APPROVED BY:** David B. Dale, City Manager *DD*  
**PREPARED BY:** Gabriela T. Garcia, Deputy City Clerk *GT*  
**SUBJECT:** Approval of City Council/Calexico Community Redevelopment Agency Successor Agency/Calexico Financing Authority Minutes for Meetings of January 23, 2019 and March 6, 2019

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**Recommendation:**

Approval of City Council/Calexico Community Redevelopment Agency Successor Agency/Calexico Financing Authority Minutes for Meetings of January 23, 2019 and March 6, 2019.

**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 January 23, 2019 and March 6, 2019 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 January 23, 2019 and March 6, 2019.

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**THE CITY COUNCIL/CALEXICO COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY SUCCESSOR AGENCY/CALEXICO FINANCING AUTHORITY MET IN A REGULAR SESSION ON THE 23<sup>RD</sup> DAY OF JANUARY, 2019 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**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Pacheco called the closed session portion of the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT**

Mayor: Lewis Pacheco  
Council Member: Bill Hodge  
Council Member: David Romero  
Council Member: Rosie Arreola-Fernandez

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Omar Bomar, 2465 A. Zuniga, vendor at Santo Tomas Swap Meet spoke on the difficulties and challenges with his business after the fire. He sought the Council’s help and stated he is willing to abide with all city regulations.

Pedro Ortiz, 1316 Sunlight, Santo Tomas vendor representative spoke on the requirement of daily loading and unloading of merchandise by the merchants and stated he did not see this as a viable option. He requested the code that requires them to do this. He proposed to the city that they be allowed to set up and taken their merchandise down until the following Tuesday and the vendor who does not abide could have their license revoked. He further requested that all requirements be applied to all and not just the Santo Tomas vendors.

Cesar Figueroa stated the vendors provide products and services to the community which is not a burden to the local government, it is good for the economy. He requested a positive response to their petition to reopen the Santo Tomas Swap Meet.

Juan Carlos Martinez, 1110 Rosas Street, Representative of Santo Tomas Swap Meet spoke on the letter from the city on the requirements to reopen Santo Tomas. He addressed the requirements of daily loading and unloading and requested a viable solution in order for them to be able to complete in the industry. He further stated they wish to reopen under reasonable conditions.

Council adjourned to closed session at 5:56 p.m.

Council reconvened from closed session at 6:35 p.m.

Assistant City Manager Figueroa stated the City will hold a forum on February 4, 2019 to give the merchants the opportunities to speak on the issues with Santo Tomas. He advised the deadline to submit questions to the council to be would be January 31, 2019. He also reported the Small Business Development Center declared Santo Tomas incident a disaster and will be providing assistance to the merchants.

Pedro Ortiz spoke on the low interest loans and requested a response on the daily loading and unloading requirement.

Gabriela Uribe Espinoza stated the current situation cannot continue and asked the council to please support the Santo Tomas vendors with regards to the daily loading and unloading requirements and reopening the business.

Humberto Garcia addressed the council regarding the daily loading and unloading of their merchandise at Santo Tomas and stated there are many merchants that are unable to continue with doing this and stated the effects it is causing on their businesses.

Laura Herrera requested the council to consider them and give Santo Tomas the just conditions to reopen the business. She asked that at the February 4, 2019 meeting they be given an answer on when they will be opening for business.

Alberto Arvizu, representing Santo Tomas merchants requested the council get to know the merchants and the conditions under which they are working due to the requirement for daily loading and unloading of merchandise. He stated he had letters from the merchants stating their current situations and the negative effects on their families. He asked the Council to give them the opportunity to continue their work as it has been done by generations of workers at Santo Tomas. He stated the merchants understand the need for safety and asked the council allow them to continue working with a better system and following the city codes.

*City Council took a break at 7:02 p.m.*

*Council returned from break at 7:50 p.m.*

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Pacheco called the regular portion of the agenda to order at 7:50 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT**

Mayor:	Lewis Pacheco
Council Member:	Bill Hodge
Council Member:	David Romero
Council Member:	Rosie Arreola-Fernandez

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Council Member 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 Pledge.

**INVOCATION**

Pastor Brett Miller, Christ Community Church led those present in prayer.

**CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

Robert Hargreaves, City Attorney stated no reportable actions were taken.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Council Member Hodge motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Motion was seconded by Council Member Arreola-Fernandez and motion passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Joong Kim stated he admired the Council for meeting with the Santo Tomas vendors even though it was an illegal meeting. He addressed concerns with the Santo Tomas and Federal Government worker issues.

**CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS AND REPORTS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED**

Council Member Hodge thanked City Administration for the City Action plan. He requested a proclamation to honor McDonald's for their contributions to the community, a template with information on City Commissions for the next meeting, a document explaining to the council members procedures and by-laws in addition to considering the daily loading and unloading requirement at Santo Tomas.

Council Member Romero congratulated the City Administration on the Action Plan. He reported attending the re-grand opening at McDonald's and requested proclamation or resolution for Ezras Ochoa known as the Taco King in Los Angeles and who has now opened restaurants in Hong King, India and Los Angeles.

Mayor Pacheco announced he and the City Manager Dale and staff would be counting the

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Council Member Hodge motioned to approve the consent agenda items consisting of the following: Approval of City Council/Calexico Community Redevelopment Agency Successor Agency/Calexico Financing Authority Minutes for Meetings of December 19, 2018 and January 9, 2019; Warrants from November 24, 2018 to December 7, 2018 and City Salaries from November 24, 2018 to December 7, 2018; Warrants from December 8, 2018 to December 21, 2018

and City Salaries from December 8, 2018 to December 21, 2018; Application for Alcoholic Beverage License for 2Gether Group LLC, Rockwood Café, 2451 Rockwood Avenue, #115, Calexico, CA 92231-4405; Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance No. 1195 - An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Calexico, California, Repealing and Readopting Chapter 5.60 of the Calexico Municipal Code Regarding Junk Dealers and Recyclers. Motion was seconded by Council Member Romero and passed unanimously.

#### **DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS**

**AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN AGREEMENT OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH DYNAMIC CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INC., FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT, GEOTECHNICAL AND INSPECTION SERVICES FOR DE LAS FLORES STREET IMPROVEMENT FEDERAL PROJECT NO. CML-5168(030).**

Joong Kim stated the job being done on the street jobs was a lousy and the City should do a better job with inspections.

Liliana Falomir, Public Works Manager provided a report on the grant received by the City for paving De Las Flores Avenue.

Council Member Hodge made a motion to authorize the City Manager to Sign Agreement of Professional Services with Dynamic Consulting Engineers, Inc., for Construction Management, Geotechnical and Inspection Services for De Las Flores Street Improvement Federal Project No. CML-5168(030). Motion was seconded by Council Member Arreola-Fernandez and passed unanimously.

**APPROVE THE CITY OF CALEXICO FIVE (5) YEAR PROGRAM PROJECTS 2018-2023 FOR ROAD PROJECTS TO BE FUNDED BY IMPERIAL COUNTY LOCAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (LTA) SALES TAX REVENUE BOND.**

Joong Kim stated the water and sewer pipe system is not good and suggested changing all the pipes together to save money and time.

City Manager Dale addressed the projects to be undertaken and stated the City will address the pipes prior to the paving of the streets.

Liliana Falomir, Public Works Manager Spoke on the bond received by the City in the amount of approximately \$11 million for road improvements therefore the list of streets is being presented.

Motion was made by Council Member Romero to Approve the City of Calexico Five (5) Year Program Projects 2018-2023 for Road Projects to be funded by Imperial County Local Transportation Authority (LTA) Sales Tax Revenue Bond. Motion was seconded by Council Member Hodge and passed unanimously.

**AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN CHANGE ORDER NO. 3 WITH PYRAMID CONSTRUCTION AND AGGREGATE, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$418,700.00 FOR CESAR CHAVEZ BLVD. IMPROVEMENTS FEDERAL-AID PROJECT NO. HPLUL-5168(017).**

Joong Kim spoke on expenditure of Measure D money for water and sewer. He spoke on the paving of Cesar Chavez Blvd. and the broken water line. He stated the city is not preventing the accidents and costing city time and money

Liliana Falomir, Public Works Manager requested the approval of Change Order No. 3 which includes various items such as a chain link fence along Cesar Chavez Blvd, the purchase k-rails and changing the street lighting from sodium to LED. These items came about due to safety concerns expressed by neighbors and due to the removal of the medium separating the north and southbound lanes along Cesar Chavez Blvd.

Bill Hodge asked if there would be curb side parking along Cesar Chavez Blvd. He was informed by City Manager Dale that there would be parking on the west side along the residential area only.

Mayor Pacheco asked if there would be bike lanes. He was informed there would be bike lanes going north and south.

Council Member Arreola-Fernandez expressed concern regarding the residents egress and ingress onto Cesar Chavez Blvd.

Motion was made by Council Member Romero to Authorize City Manager to Sign Change Order No. 3 with Pyramid Construction and Aggregate, Inc. in the amount of \$418,700.00 for Cesar Chavez Blvd. Improvements Federal-Aid Project No. HPLUL-5168(017). Motion was seconded by Council Member Hodge and passed unanimously.

**AWARD THE BID PROPOSAL FROM PYRAMID CONSTRUCTION AND AGGREGATE, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$760,944.58 AND AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CALEXICO AND PYRAMID CONSTRUCTION AND AGGREGATE, INC. FOR DE LAS FLORES STREET IMPROVEMENT FEDERAL PROJECT NO. CML-5168(030).**

Joong Kim expressed his concern with the hiring of the company due to the quality of their work on current projects and the lack of monitoring by the city. He asked the council reconsider hiring the Pyramid Construction.

Liliana Falomir provided a brief report on the procurement process for the project.

Motion was made by Council Member Hodge to Award the Bid Proposal from Pyramid Construction and Aggregate, Inc. in the amount of \$760,944.58 and Authorize City Manager to Sign an Agreement between the City of Calexico and Pyramid Construction and Aggregate, Inc. for De Las Flores Street Improvement Federal Project No. CML-5168(030). Motion was seconded by Council Member Romero and passed unanimously.

**DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL ACTION REGARDING REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF SEWER LATERAL REPLACEMENT INSIDE CITY RIGHT OF WAY AT 1025 PAULIN AVENUE.**

Joong Kim addressed the waiver of the right-of way and asked the council to make sure the drain system works better asked the City to look at Paulin and Rockwood drain system.

City Manager Dale provided a brief report on the needs for the replacement of the sewer laterals requested the council consideration on approval of the waiver on the fees on an emergency basis

Motion was made by Council Member Romero to approve request for waiver of sewer lateral replacement inside city right-of-way at 1025 Paulin Avenue. Motion was seconded by Council Member Hodge and passed unanimously.

**DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL ACTION REGARDING REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF WATER AND SEWER LATE FEES AND EXTENDING DUE DATES FOR WATER AND SEWER BILLS FOR FEDERAL WORKERS AFFECTED BY THE PARTIAL FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN.**

Joong Kim stated he believed the city is trying to be nice to the federal workers and suggested they also defer the water payments until they get their paychecks.

City Manager Dale stated the request is for sixty day waiver of late fees.

Motion was made by Council Member Hodge to approve request for waiver of water and sewer late fees and extending due dates for water and sewer bills for Federal Workers affected by the Partial Federal Government Shutdown. Motion was seconded by Council Member Romero and passed unanimously.

**APPOINTMENT OF DELEGATE MEMBER AND ALTERNATE MEMBER TO THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS (SCAG) REGIONAL CONFERENCE AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY, MAY 2-3, 2019 IN PALM DESERT, CALIFORNIA.**

Motion was made by Council Member Romero, seconded by Council Member Arreola-Fernandez and passed unanimously to appoint Mayor Pacheco as Delegate Member and Council Member Hodge as Alternate Member to Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Regional Conference and General Assembly, May 2-3, 2019 in Palm Desert, California.

**APPOINTMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBER ARREOLA-FERNANDEZ TO THE FOLLOWING COMMISSIONS/BOARDS/ COMMITTEES: a) Arts Commission, Library Board, Historical Commission; b) Planning Commission c) Police Commission; d) Parks, Recreation, Beautification & Senior Services Commission; e) Personnel Commission; f) Business Improvement District (BID); g) Sales Tax Citizen Advisory Committee (Measure H); h) Economic Development & Financial Advisory Commission.**

Council Member Arreola Fernandez made the following appointments:

- a) Arts Commission, Library Board, Historical Commission: Ms. Hildy Carrillo
- b) Planning Commission: Mr. Francisco Zarate
- c) Police Commission: Mr. Daniel Buelna
- d) Parks, Recreation, Beautification & Senior Services Commission: Mr. Gabriel Duron
- e) Personnel Commission – Ms. Olivia Valenzuela
- f) Business Improvement District (BID): Mr. Jesus Lopez
- g) Sales Tax Citizen Advisory Committee (Measure H): Mr. Jaime Duron
- h) Economic Development & Financial Advisory Commission: Ms. Esther Gomez

### **CALEXICO REDEVELOPMENT SUCCESSOR AGENCY**

**ADOPT RESOLUTION OF THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF CALEXICO APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY AND FARIS LEE INVESTMENTS, INC. TO LIST AND SELL CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY ASSETS OF THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY AND APPROVING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS.**

City Manager Dale provided a brief report on the Long Range Management Plan for the Successor Agency properties. He stated this approval is not for selling the properties, it is to hire a firm to place the properties on the market.

Council Member Romero asked about an option to lease the property to continue to receive revenues. City Manager Dale informed him one of the properties is being leased and the second property is empty land.

Motion was made by Council Member Romero to Adopt Resolution of the Successor Agency to the Community Redevelopment Agency of the City of Calexico Approving an Agreement between the Successor Agency and Faris Lee Investments, Inc. to List and Sell Certain Real Property Assets of the Successor Agency and Approving Certain Related Actions. Motion was seconded by Council Member Hodge and passed unanimously.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

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Lewis Pacheco, Mayor

### **ATTEST:**

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Gabriela T. Garcia, Deputy City Clerk

**THE CITY COUNCIL/CALEXICO COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY SUCCESSOR AGENCY/CALEXICO FINANCING AUTHORITY MET IN A REGULAR SESSION ON THE 6<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2019 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**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Pro Tem Hodge called the closed session portion of the meeting to order at 5:41 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – No Public comments.

**ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION.**

Council adjourned to closed session at 5:41 p.m. to discuss the following:

**1. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION**

Govt. Code Section 54957 (b)

Title: City Manager

**2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION**

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)

People of the State of California on behalf of the City of Calexico v. Santo Tomas, Inc., et al.  
Superior Court of California, County of Imperial, Case No. ECU000792

Council reconvened from Closed Session at 6:35 pm

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

**REGULAR SESSION AGENDA - 6:30 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Pacheco called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

**ROLL CALL.****PRESENT**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Assistant City Manager Figueroa led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MISSION STATEMENT PLEDGE**

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

**INVOCATION**

Invocation was given by Pastor Misael Martinez, Cedes del Valle Imperial.

**CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

City Attorney Campos reported direction was given and no reportable action was taken.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

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

**PRESENTATIONS****SWEARING IN CEREMONY OF CALEXICO POLICE OFFICERS PROMOTING TO SERGEANT.**

Chief Gerardo gave a brief presentation and introduced Officers Armando Orozco, Sean Acuña and Manuel Ceja being promoted to Sergeants. City Clerk Garcia swore in the Sergeants and the Sergeants were pinned with Sergeant Badges.

Javier Gonzalez, Kennedy Garden Neighborhood Watch thanked the officers for their help in the community.

**PRESENTATION - IMPERIAL VALLEY SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER SERVICES REPORT FOR THE CITY OF CALEXICO.**

Meredith Garcia provided a detailed report on the progress of the Small Business Development Center and the services it provides the community. She recognize City leadership staff for their support of the center.

Mayor Pacheco asked about interns and Ms. Garcia advised most of the interns are from Imperial Valley College and Cety's Mexicali.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PUBLIC APPEARANCES**

Brandy Galvan addressed the Council on behalf of Sure Helpline Crisis Center to invite to the annual sexual assault presentation on April 24, 2019 and provided a brief report on the services provided by the center.

Monique Rogers invited everyone to participate in the Sure Helpline Crisis Center events in April beginning with the April 12, 2019 Gala, to raise funds for victims of crime and sexual assault, Denim Day on April 24, 2019, she requested the City's support by wearing jeans and Walk a mile in her shoes day on April 26, 2019.

Karina Kuljacha, President of AntiFundacion, Imperial Valley, addressed the Council regarding Autism and requested the proclamation for Autism and asked the City illuminate City Hall, Police and Fire Departments in blue in support of the Autism Families in the community on April 2, 2019.

Javier Gonzalez spoke on the celebration of World Down Syndrome Day on March 21, 2019 and asked the city for a Proclamation in support of World Down Syndrome Day. He also asked for a proclamation for Earth Day in April and for awards to be presented to those who help in the event.

Joong Kim spoke on presentation made for small business and stated the City is suing Santo Tomas and further stated the city's support of big businesses who take away business from the small business owner.

Linda Lara, spoke on the implementation of AB626 and requested it be agendized for the next meeting. Council Member Romero asked if the County had implemented AB626. Assistant City Manager Figueroa stated County Public Health has met with City Administration to prepare for potential AB626 implementation in Calexico.

**CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS AND REPORTS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED**

Council Member Romero advised that on March 13, 2019 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., AB617 Air Pollution and Water Quality Control will be hosting its meeting at the ECRMC Community Education Center inside the Imperial Valley Mall. He invited everyone interested to attend the presentation which is open to the public.

## **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

City Manager Dale reported the grading of the fields Cordova Park has begun.

Assistant City Manager Figueroa advised the City submitted a CDBG application for \$2.3 million to improve the existing Fire Station Project on February 24, 2019. He stated funding in the amount \$709,000 will be used for the project from the City's Program Income fund accumulated by the city over the years.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Hodge, seconded by Council Member Reisin to approve the consent agenda consisting of the following: Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance No. 1197 – An Amendment to the City's Municipal Code Regarding Responsibility for Repair and Replacement of Sewer Laterals outside the City's Right-of-Way; Adopt a Resolution of the City of Council of the City of Calexico Supporting Project Delivery Schedule and Timely Use of Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program; Ratification of Employment Agreement with Police Chief and Fire Chief; Resolution of Support for the City of Imperial Beach and other Partnering Agencies in their Effort to Improve the Water Quality and Reduce the Transboundary Flows of Trash and Debris in the Tijuana River. Motion passed unanimously.

## **DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS**

### **AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN AGREEMENT OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH R3 CONSULTING GROUP, INC. FOR DEVELOPMENT OF AN RFP/RFQ FOR SOLID WASTE COLLECTION, HAULING AND RECYCLING.**

Joong Kim spoke on hiring consultants to hire consultants to prepare an RFP and stated City staff should be handling this work in-house and save the City money.

City Manager Dale stated the City determined that the RFP was of such depth and complexity that it required an expert and also to present a neutral third party to handle the process and make recommendations on the proposal. He advised the City of El Centro followed the same process on this RFP in order to handle the item with neutrality. He stated this work is beyond the scope of a normal engineer or anyone on staff due to the complexity of the laws. He further stated the proposal will include a number of additional services and therefore the need for proposals.

Mayor Pro Tem Hodge stated his support for the continuance of the city's relationship to continue with Republic Services and have the City extend their contract with Calexico. He further stated Republic Services supports Calexico in many signature events and donates to worthy causes. He provided services proposed by Republic and spoke to their outstanding safety record which is 30% higher than other companies.

Motion was made by Mayor Pacheco, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hodge to Authorize the City Manager to Sign Agreement of Professional Services with R3 Consulting Group, Inc. for

development of an RFP/RFQ for Solid Waste Collection, Hauling and Recycling. Council took the following vote:

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

Motion did not pass.

Council Member Reisin motioned to table the item and bring it back to next meeting for more discussion. Motion was seconded by Council Member Romero and passed unanimously.

Ricardo Servin spoke in favor of Republic Services and stated changing companies would be a bad idea.

Armando Real commented on motion which should have been to continue the item. City Attorney Campos stated it was stated it would be brought back to the next meeting which was the intention of the motion.

**AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN AGREEMENT OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH LEE & RO, INC. FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADING AND EXPANSION PROJECT.**

Joong Kim spoke on contracting out consultants and stated the city should spend their money conservatively.

City Manager Dale advised the planning of this project began in 2017 and the city is looking at a \$30 million project. He stated the work takes a very specialized engineer, an engineer with a PhD specializing in wastewater treatment is needed for these type of designs. He informed the City received proposals and the committee selected of industry professionals selected Lee & Ro, Inc.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Hodge, seconded by Council Member Romero to Authorize the City Manager to Sign Agreement of Professional Services with Lee & Ro, Inc. for Engineering Services for Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrading and Expansion Project. Motion passed unanimously.

**AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE AGREEMENT OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH THE HOLT GROUP, INC. FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AND INSPECTION SERVICES FOR CHAVEZ BLVD. IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FEDERAL PROJECT NO. HPLUL-5168(017).**

Joong Kim spoke on the City contracting out services that city staff can handle and discussed the high salaries paid to staff.

City Manager Dale advised the project is grant funded and stated the difficulty to administer such a project due to the many requirements and specialized knowledge needed.

Motion by Council Member Romero, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hodge to Authorize the City Manager to Sign Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement of Professional Services with The Holt Group, Inc. for Construction Management and Inspection Services for Chavez Blvd. Improvement Project Federal Project No. HPLUL-5168(017). Motion passed unanimously.

**APPOINTMENT BY COUNCIL MEMBER HODGE TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMISSION.**

Javier Gonzalez addressed the Council regarding his involvement in commissions since 1992. He addressed the various issues regarding the Financial Advisory Commission and stated his opposition to the appointment of Mr. Ben Horton to the Economic Development/Financial Advisory Commission.

Joong Kim spoke on commissioners having the right tools to make the decisions for the City and stated the city needs to appoint a person who knows finances.

Benjamin Horton stated he cared for the commission and asked the Council to let his performance speak for him in consideration for appointment.

Armando Real addressed the Council about the public bashing of the commissioners. He suggested removing the commissions and applauded anyone who wants to help on a commission.

Council Member Hodge appointed Benjamin Horton.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Council Member Romero requested a Cat Policy agenda item.

Council Member Hodge requested a Proclamation for Sun Community Federal Credit Union to commemorate their 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary and their contributions to the community along with a small reception.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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Lewis Pacheco, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Gabriela T. Garcia, Deputy City Clerk