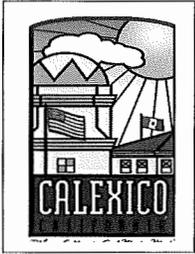


**AGENDA
ITEM**

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AGENDA STAFF REPORT

DATE: April 3, 2019
TO: Mayor and City Council
APPROVED BY: David B. Dale, City Manager *DD*
PREPARED BY: Gabriela T. Garcia, Deputy City Clerk *GTG*
SUBJECT: Approval of City Council/Calexico Community Redevelopment Agency Successor Agency/Calexico Financing Authority Minutes for Meeting of February 20, 2019

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Recommendation:

Approval of City Council/Calexico Community Redevelopment Agency Successor Agency/Calexico Financing Authority Minutes for Meeting of February 20, 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 Meeting of February 20, 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 Meeting of February 20, 2019.



THE CITY COUNCIL/CALEXICO COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY SUCCESSOR AGENCY/CALEXICO FINANCING AUTHORITY MET IN A REGULAR SESSION ON THE 20TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 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 AGENDA – 5:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pacheco called the closed session portion of the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

Council Member: Bill Hodge

PUBLIC COMMENTS – No Public Comments.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

City Council adjourned to closed session at 5:36 p.m. to discuss the following:

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Initiation of Litigation, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4)
One (1) potential case
2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Significant Exposure to Litigation, Pursuant to Government Code Section
54956.9(d)(2)/(e)(1)
One (1) potential case

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

REGULAR SESSION AGENDA - 6:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL**PRESENT:**

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

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 Arturo Herrera, Rey de Reyes Christian Church.

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

City Attorney Campos requested the Council add an urgency item relating to the A. Rivera Senior Citizens Apartments brought forth after the agenda was posted. The is due to brief financing scheduled to close on a note due and payable at the end of the month and by approving the Operating Agreement Amendment, it would allow for the financing to close on the property and requested it be added as agenda item number 15.

Motion was made by Council Member Hodge, seconded by Council Member Romero add an emergency item to the Successor Agency Agenda as Item No. 15 - A. Rivera Senior citizens Apartments; OPA Amendment. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Council Member Romero, seconded by Council Member Hodge to approve the agenda with addition of urgency item. Motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS**PRESENTATION BY MARK BAZA, IMPERIAL COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION REGARDING SENIOR TRANSPORTATION IN THE CITY OF CALEXICO.**

David Aguirre, Transit Program Manager provided a detailed Powerpoint presentation on the IVT Access and IVT Ride (dial-a-ride) services and detailed statistics on services provided through the Imperial County Transportation. He also presented future transit services such as provide intercity IVT RIDE two zone system in the Southern Zone including Imperial, El Centro, Heber & Calexico and Micro transit (Intracity) service which would provide curb-to-curb service on a demand

response basis for the community of Calexico. He addressed the conceptual site plan on the proposed Calexico Intermodal Transit Center.

Mark Baza spoke about the on demand services presented to seniors of Calexico. He also spoke about a potential of an Uber type service which is being looked at as a service to the community.

Joong Kim stated the city of Calexico pays 20% of sales tax to ICTC. He addressed the city's share of sales tax paid to ICTC and commented on the agenda stating it was for senior transportation and not the entire service to Calexico. He stated the council sold out and contracted out to ICTC. He expressed his concerns over the loss of customers when they take the bus ride to other cities and stated customers are not receiving the service.

Mark Baza stated ICTC does not receive sales tax monies from the city of Calexico. Sales tax goes directly to the county.

Luis Castro asked City Manager how many passengers receive service per day and for the quarterly numbers for service. He expressed concern on providing good service and stated the city of Calexico needs to coordinate the system due to the many complaints on the service.

Mark Baza, ICTC Director addressed concerns expressed by the public and answered questions from the public and the Council.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PUBLIC APPEARANCES

Jesse Garcia spoke on a street light on 6th Street and 700 block of Pierce and Grant. From the IID. He advised he met with the Superintendent for Power Division to discuss this matter who advised him the project would have to be approved by the City.

City Manager Dale stated the City can look into the possibility of installing street lights and further stated the city is working on installing street lights where needed.

Joong Kim spoke on state funding for dial a ride program which was previously received by the City and is now received by ICTC. He stated ICTC is providing less service to the community and there are complaints on the services. He spoke about the persons at Santo Tomas not being able to open for business.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS AND REPORTS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED

Council Member Hodge reported attending the Carnegie Library 100th Anniversary celebration and commended staff for the event. He stated he felt the School District should have been represented in order to build better relations with the School District. He commented on coordinating with the School District on the summer pool program. He asked for the City to pay honor and respect for Black History Month on an annual basis. He reported attending RHINA meeting and provided information on meeting attended.

Council Member Romero congratulated Sandra Tauler for the Carnegie Library and her twenty nine years of service. He reported on attending the AB617 meeting Air pollution and Water Quality Control and invited everyone to attend the next AB617 meeting on March 14, 2019.

Council Member Arreola-Fernandez commented on attending the Carnegie Library event and thanked Sandra Tauler for her good work.

Mayor Pacheco announced Dia de la Bandera will be held by the Mexican Consulate on February 25, 2019.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Dale reported that the first dirt has been moved at Town Center. He stated it is a project with sixty jobs on six to seven lots meaning additional jobs and revenue for the City. He reported Cordova Park's first grading will begin within the next couple of weeks and thanked IID Director Ortega for his assistance on the project. He reported the Cesar Chavez Project completion is estimated in May 2019.

Assistant City Manager Figueroa addressed the Housing Programs and the progress by the City on the administration of the HOME Program. He commended the work by Staff, Administration and Council during the process. He announced the City has received a \$500,000 award for the HOME Program as a result of application submitted on August 30, 2018. He credited staff and Mr. Chris Westlake for their work. He also acknowledged the Economic Development/Financial Advisory Commissioners who played a critical role in the process. He acknowledged visit Lowery Crook and John Freshman, lobbyists from the nation's capital interested on the progress made on the New River Improvement Project. He acknowledged Bob Hargreaves for his help on this effort and spoke on introduction of Bill 358 to the House of Representatives by Congressman Juan Vargas. Lastly, he addressed the Santo Tomas vendors and business license renewals and informed a grace period was given to the vendors ends on February 28, 2019. He explained the renewal process which will be honored by the City of Calexico and further stated the City will continue to provide assistance to the vendors.

CONSENT AGENDA

Joong Kim addressed Item No. 8 and spoke against the approval on increasing the limit to \$25,000 and cautioned the council not to forget the State Controller's Report. He further commented on the Council's responsibility to monitor the expense.

Council Member Hodge commented on the increase and the coordination for checks and balances set in place. He stated the increase is reasonable and will increase efficiency.

Mayor Pacheco stated that all expenditures are reported on the monthly warrants.

Motion was made by Council Member Hodge, seconded by Council Member 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 28, 2018, January 28, 2019 and February 6, 2019; Warrants from December 22, 2018 to January 4, 2019 and Salaries from December 22, 2018 to January 4, 2019; Warrants from January 5, 2019 to January 18, 2019 and Salaries January 5, 2019 to January 18, 2019; Warrants from January 19, 2019 to February 1, 2019 and Salaries January 19, 2019 to February 1, 2019; Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance No. 1196 - An Ordinance

of the City Council of the City of Calexico Amending the City's Purchasing Policy and Procedures to Increase the Purchasing Authority of the City Manager;

DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS

APPOINTMENT OF MR. MORRIS REISIN TO THE CALEXICO CITY COUNCIL.

Joong Kim spoke on council making a decision against the people's vote and expressed his concerns and opinions on the matter.

City Manager Dale requested the motion include to rescind the lifescan requirement.

City Attorney requested the motion include staff recommendation.

Motion was made Council Member Hodge to appoint Morris Reisin to the City Council and rescind the prior requirement for a Lifescan. Motion was seconded by Council Member Romero and passed unanimously.

Council Member Reisin thanked the Council for the opportunity and stated he would work with the City and will work on fixing the downtown.

APPOINTMENT OF THE NEXT MAYOR PRO TEM.

Mayor Pacheco motioned to nominated Council Member Hodge as Mayor Pro Tem. Motion seconded by Council Member Arreola-Fernandez and passed unanimously.

APPROVE REVISED JOB DESCRIPTION FOR LABORER POSITION.

City Manager Dale stated the request is to add the requirement for High School or GED to the job description and advised this item was discussed with CMEA.

Motion was made by Council Member Romero, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hodge and passed unanimously to approve the Revised Job Description for Laborer Position.

AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN CHANGE ORDER NO. 5 WITH PYRAMID CONSTRUCTION AND AGGREGATE, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$59,250.00 FOR CESAR CHAVEZ BLVD. IMPROVEMENTS FEDERAL-AID PROJECT NO. HPLUL-5168(017).

City Manager Dale stated this change order is an addition to the project aesthetics and functionality and advised the project is well within budget. He stated the Imperial Irrigation District has advised the City that it needs to make changes to comply with their standards and therefore the change order for \$59,250. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Hodge to authorize City Manager to Sign Change Order No. 5 with Pyramid Construction and Aggregate, Inc. in the amount of \$59,250.00 for Cesar Chavez Blvd. Improvements Federal-Aid Project No. HPLUL-5168(017). Motion was seconded by Council Member Romero and passed unanimously.

INTRODUCE AND WAIVE FIRST READING 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.

City Manager Dale stated the current municipal code is unclear and historically the City has been charging the resident to replace the laterals within the City’s right-of-way at a cost of approximately \$4,000 to \$5,000. He stated he believe this cost should be the City’s responsibility. He asked the Council to make it clear that if a lateral is damaged, the City cover the cost to repair or replace.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Hodge to approve introduction and waive first reading 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. Motion was seconded by Council Member Arreola-Fernandez and passed unanimously.

Ordinance Title was read into the record by City Attorney Campos.

APPROVE THE SERVICE AREA PLAN (SAP)/MUNICIPAL SERVICE REVIEW (MSR).

Joong Kim asked for information on city limit changes extended to Jasper Road and asked City to look into annexations to the east side of Calexico.

City Manager Dale provided a staff report on the project and advised LAFCO did approve the service area plan and will be reviewing it on an annual basis.

Motion by Council Member Hodge, second by Council Member Arreola-Fernandez to approve the Service Area Plan (SAP)/Municipal Service Review (MSR). Motion passed unanimously.

ALEX RIVERA SENIOR CITIZNES APARTMENTS; OPA AMENDMENT.

City Attorney Campos provided staff report on the Alejandro Rivera Senior Citizens project. He explained that if the owner wishes to sell to a third party, they would have to come to the City for approval. He informed the expiration of the loan is later in the month and requires approval from the council. He informed the restrictive affordability covenants are in place for fifty-five years.

Enrique Alvarado stated they wish to continue to provide service to the seniors of the City of Calexico.

Motion by Council Member Romero, seconded by Mayor Pacheco to approve Amendment to the Owner Participation Agreement of the Alejandro Rivera Senior Citizen Apartments. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING AND RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING AND THE EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT AND ANY AMENDMENTS THERETO FROM THE 2018 FUNDING YEAR OF THE STATE CDBG PROGRAM.

Mayor Pacheco opened the public hearing at 8:05 pm

Assistant City Manager Figueroa explained the City of Calexico has been allowed to apply for the funding through CDBG. He stated the purpose of the hearing is to receive input from the public and advised the City is looking to utilize the funding to enhance the Fire Station project by adding the cooling center component. The recommendation is to consider the application and announced there is another funding round in June and all the suggestions made today will also be used to start a list which can be considered in the June application. He provided background on the project and addressed the future use of program income in the coming funding cycles.

Joong Kim congratulated staff for the ability to apply for the grant and spoke on the need for affordable housing for the younger people as well as senior citizens.

Mayor Pacheco closed the public hearing 8:14 p.m.

Motion was made by Council Member Reisin, seconded by Council Member Romero to adopt Resolution Approving an Application for Funding and the Execution of a Grant Agreement and Any Amendments Thereto from the 2018 Funding Year of the State CDBG Program. Motion passed unanimously.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Council Member Hodge requested a commission spreadsheet and urged commissions to implement by-laws, an item on cleaning the downtown and placing gates and locks in the alleys for the next meeting, an item to clean the entire downtown and requested an action plan and timeline to overcome the obstacles to clean the downtown.

Council Member Reisin spoke on a volunteer who is willing to clean the downtown streets and alleys and proposed using BID funds for the gates in the alleys.

Council Member Romero requested an item for food trucks or mobile food service ordinance.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Lewis Pacheco, Mayor

ATTEST:

Gabriela T. Garcia, Deputy City Clerk