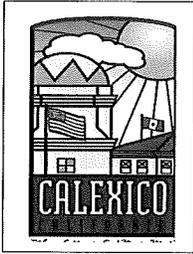


**AGENDA
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AGENDA STAFF REPORT

DATE: April 17, 2019
TO: Mayor and City Council
APPROVED BY: David B. Dale, City Manager *DBD*
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 March 20, 2019

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Recommendation:

Approval of City Council/Calexico Community Redevelopment Agency Successor Agency/Calexico Financing Authority Minutes for Meeting of March 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 March 20, 2019 have been prepared for City Council review and approval.

Fiscal Impact:

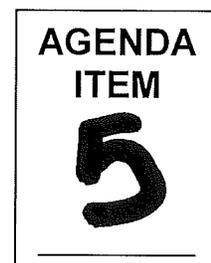
None.

Coordinated With:

None.

Attachments:

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



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

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pacheco called the meeting to order at 5:30 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

Alberto Arvizu asked if there was a plan on behalf of the City to negotiate with Santo Tomas on the matter discussed in court. City Attorney Campos advised him the City takes their comments and the situation into consideration.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION.

City Council adjourned to closed session at 5:33 p.m. to discuss the following:

1. 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

2. Public Employee Appointment

Title: City Clerk

**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 meeting to order at 6:30 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.

Council Member Romero gave the invocation.

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS.

City Attorney Campos announced Council met in closed session, direction was given, nor reportable action was taken.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mayor Pacheco made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hodge and passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS**MAYORAL RECOGNITION TO SEBASTIAN MARTINEZ FOR HIS "COURT OF HONOR" ON EARNING THE RANK OF "EAGLE SCOUT"**

Mayor Pacheco recognized Sebastian Martinez for being the only Scout in the City of Calexico to earn the rank of Eagle Scout and presented him with the Mayoral Recognition Plaque.

PROCLAMATION ON DECLARATION OF DOWN SYNDROME DAY – MARCH 21, 2019

Mayor Pacheco and Council Members read the Proclamation declaring Down Syndrome Day, March 21, 2019. Mayor Pacheco and Council Members presented the proclamation to Mr. Gerardo "Eddie" Paez.

PROCLAMATION HONORING AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH APRIL 2018 & WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY APRIL 2, 2018

Mayor Pacheco and Council Members read the Proclamation honoring Autism Awareness during the month of April 2018 and World Autism Awareness Day on April 2, 2018. Mayor Pacheco and Council Members presented the Proclamation to Ms. Karina Kuljacha from Auti Fundacion.

PROCLAMATION ON THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LION'S CLUB

Mayor Pacheco and Council Members read the Proclamation commemorating the 70th Anniversary of the Lion's Club. Mayor Pacheco and Council Members presented the Proclamation to Lion's Club President Teri Gonzalez and Club Members present.

PROCLAMATION ON THE 65TH ANNIVERSARY OF SUN COMMUNITY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

Mayor Pacheco and Council Members read the Proclamation commemorating the 65th Anniversary of Sun Community Federal Credit Union. Mayor Pacheco and Council Members presented the proclamation to Ms. Maria Lucas, Branch Manager.

PRESENTATION BY CHIEF GERARDO – UPDATE ON THE CALEXICO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Gonzalo Gerardo provided a detailed update and PowerPoint presentation on the improvements made throughout the Calexico Police Department over the past years.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PUBLIC APPEARANCES

Beatriz Zayas spoke regarding her concerns with the management of animal control in the city and addressed the issues with stray cats, the trap, neuter and release program and requested a follow-up meeting to discuss the issues.

Gloria Guzman spoke on the ordinance passed by the city prohibiting persons from feeding feral cats and addressed concerns on the ordinance not being the solution to the problem.

Loli Torres, 46 Las Flores Drive spoke representing Los Amigos and in support of keeping Allied Waste as the City's provider and opposed the hiring of consultant. She spoke on the services provided by Allied Waste to the senior population.

Armando Martinez spoke on the Business Improvement District and expressed concerns regarding various issues with the downtown and the lack of support from the city. He requested a meeting of the business improvement district and support for local businesses from the city.

Lisa Garrett spoke on the ordinance prohibiting feral cats and the trap, neuter and release program.

Joong Kim on the lack of assistance by the city towards the small merchant at Santo Tomas Swap and public safety issues at the swap meet. He stated the Council should gladly assist the merchants.

Marcelina Ochoa spoke on behalf of the renewal of the Allied Waste contract and the personal service they provide for the citizens.

Carmen Estrada, Calexico Parents Athletic League thanked the Council and Sandra Tauler for assistance with the league and requested the City's support for the league.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS AND REPORTS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED

Council Member Reisin commented on the ground breaking of Cordova Park and thanked Mr. Eric Ortega, IID Director, City Manager Dale and Assistant City Manager Figueroa for their work on the project. He spoke on the downtown cleanup and the upcoming Car Show.

Council Member Romero welcomed Christopher Velasco, new Planning Consultant for the City of Calxico.

Mayor Pro Tem Hodge spoke on the commissions and the need for a five-year master plan and by-laws for each commissions. He requested business cards for the commissioners and requested commission attendance records from the commission staff.

Mayor Pacheco announced he and Assistant City Manager Figueroa attended the Anniversary Celebration for the City of Mexicali. He spoke on a schedule for the summer swimming pool project.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Dale advised the IID is assisting in the replacement of lights at parks and thanked Board President Ortega and Norma Galindo for their assistance. He informed the grading of Cordova Park is complete and thanked IID for their assistance in reactivating street lights in the downtown area. He stated the city will begin on the irrigation for Cordova Park in the next two weeks.

Assistant City Manager Figueroa informed that he and Council Member Reisin hosted members of the downtown business improvement district and property owners and listened to their concerns. Merchants were informed on the various projects and opportunities the City has been working on for the past year including the \$200,000 funding obtained through SCAG Sustainable Communities Program for the Rockwood Plaza Promenade.

CONSENT AGENDA

Assistant City Manager Figueroa requested to pull Items 12, 15 and 16 from the consent agenda for discussion.

Joong Kim spoke on Item No. 12 and repairs by ICTC and their service to the senior citizens. Item No. 13 = He spoke on funding for the Fire Department and stated he hoped the city would move on the project before the funds are spent. Item No. 15 – He stated the City needs more safety officers and asked the Council to think about spending on positions other than safety. Item No. 17 – He stated the city wants to close Santo Tomas to make a road to Town Center Plaza and spoke about the issues with the grant for Town Center Plaza and opposed funding the development.

Council Member Hodge made a motion to approve the consent agenda consisting of the following: Approval of City Council/Calxico Community Redevelopment Agency Successor Agency/Calxico Financing Authority Minutes for Meetings of January 23, 2019 and March 6, 2019; Warrants from February 2, 2019 to February 15, 2019 and Salaries from February 2, 2019 to February 15, 2019; Warrants from February 16, 2019 to March 1, 2019 and Salaries from February 16, 2019 to March 1, 2019; Authorize the City Manager to Sign Amendment No. 1 to

the Agreement for Professional Services with 10 Over Studio, Inc. for Architectural Design Services Related to the Fire Station; Authorize the City Manager to Sign an Addendum to Wellness Park Grant Agreement dated November 19, 2015; Adopt Budget Amendment Resolution for Fund #453 Towncenter/Portico Industrial Development. Motion was seconded by Council Member Romero and passed unanimously.

ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR FOR DISCUSSION

ITEM NO. 12. ADOPT A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALEXICO APPROVING AN APPLICATION SUBMISSION TO OBTAIN FUNDING THROUGH FY 2019-2020 UNDER ICTC'S SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BLOCK GRANT (STBG) PROGRAM.

Liliana Falomir, Public Works Manager provided a staff report on the submittal of application for funding through the Imperial County Transportation Commission for a \$1.3 million project for street improvements between Jasper Road and the Central Main Canal.

ITEM NO. 15. APPROVAL TO REMOVE HIRING SUSPENSION ON CITY OF CALEXICO FY 2018-19 BUDGETED FULL-TIME ACCOUNTANT AND ITEM NO. 16. APPROVAL FOR RECLASSIFICATION OF TWO (2) PERMANENT PART-TIME ACCOUNTING ASSISTANT TO PERMANENT FULL-TIME.

Karla Lobatos, Finance Director addressed Items 15 and 16 by stating her request to remove the freeze on a budgeted position due to the need for adequate staff to complete the upcoming audit and to completion of financial statements. Ms. Lobatos requested two part-time workers become full-time and an additional full time accountant.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Hodge, seconded by Council Member Romero to approve Items 12, 15 and 16 from the consent agenda consisting of the following: Resolution of the City Council of the City of Calexico Approving an Application Submission to Obtain Funding through FY 2019-2020 under ICTC's Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program; Approval to Remove Hiring Suspension on City of Calexico FY 2018-19 Budgeted Full-Time Accountant; Approval for Reclassification of Two (2) Permanent Part-Time Accounting Assistant to Permanent Full-Time. Motion passed unanimously.

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.

Jose Luis Arambula spoke on behalf of Republic Service and their service to the City of Calexico. He advised the employees are provided good wages, benefits and they participate in various local events in support of the City and the community. He requested the council vote to extend the contract with Republic Services and they commit to continue providing great service to the community.

Mike Morales, Teamsters Representative, spoke on behalf of Allied Waste/Republic Services work over the past twenty-two years and requested the City not move on hiring the consultant.

Joong Kim stated the City needs to have good services at a good price. He spoke against hiring a consultant and stated the city should handle it themselves. He stated the council needs to work with staff and not go out to RFP.

Ricardo Servin spoke in favor of Republic Services and asked the city to think things well because Republic provides the service to the community and most of their employees live in Calexico.

City Manager Dale stated Republic has been doing a superb job in the past year and congratulated them. He stated he has a fiduciary responsibility to the City and going through the bid process will provide the information to move forward. He further stated there will be specific legislation the City will have to comply with which will be a cost to the consumer and this will be part of the bid, plus additional services such as street sweeping. He stated he felt this matter should go out to bid.

Motion was made by Mayor Pacheco 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. Motion failed due to lack of second.

Council Member Hodge suggested to give the existing vendor the opportunity and if an agreement cannot be reach with them, it could be brought back to complete the RFP process.

Council Member Hodge made a motion directing the City Manager to negotiate a contract extension with the existing service provider and bring back to the council for a vote. Motion was seconded by Council Member Romero and passed by the following vote to wit:

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

DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL ACTION TO OPPOSE ASSEMBLY BILL 854 WHICH AMENDS THE IMPERIAL IRRIGATION DISTRICT GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE.

Eric Ortega, IID Director spoke on behalf of the Imperial Irrigation District regarding State legislation and long-standing water rights of the Imperial Valley and its affordable energy rates. He addressed AB 854 proposed by Assemblyman Chad Mayes which proposes to increase the IID Board of Directors from five to eleven with the additional six seats coming from Riverside County giving them the majority and diluting the Imperial Valley's voting rights. He addressed the prior hostile ordinance by Riverside County which aimed at bypassing the jurisdictional ratemaking authority of IID and provided a brief history regarding the agreements between IID and residents of the Coachella Valley relating to water and energy. He spoke on behalf of the services provided by IID and advised AB843 threatens water and energy rights and ignores the contractual relationships that benefit the community served by IID. He requested the City join the IID in opposing AB 854.

Motion was made by Council Member Hodge to approve the opposition to Assembly Bill 854 which amends the Imperial Irrigation District Governance Structure. Motion was seconded by Council Member Romero and passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL ACTION REGARDING AUTIFUNDACION REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF TEMPORARY USE PERMIT FILING FEE.

Karina Kuljacha invited Council to the premiere of the film "Please Standby" at San Diego State University and thanked the Council for their support of the Autism Day Activities.

Motion was made by Council Member Reisin, second by Council Member Arreola-Fernandez and passed unanimously to approve request by AntiFundacion for Waiver of Temporary Use Permit Filing Fee.

CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST BY ALPHABET FARMS LLC TO EXTEND EXPIRATION OF TENTATIVE MAP FOR TWO ADDITIONAL YEARS PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 66452.6(E).

Joong Kim pointed out this is key in Calexico's problem since developers do not do anything, they hold the land and request impact fee waivers and do not build the homes. He spoke in opposition of the item presented.

City Manager Dale stated the City is giving the developer a last chance opportunity to complete the project. Assistant City Manager stated he concurs with Mr. Kim and stated the City has infill projects and he is working on projects who received extensions and the city is diligent in speaking with other project developers who received extensions.

Mayor Pacheco motioned to approve Resolution Request by Alphabet Farms LLC to Extend Expiration of Tentative Map for Two Additional Years Pursuant to Government Code Section 66452.6(e). Motion was seconded by Council Member Reisin and passed unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST BY AUGUSTINE PAZ CONSTRUCTION COMPANY TO EXTEND EXPIRATION OF TENTATIVE MAP FOR TWO ADDITIONAL YEARS PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 66452.6(E).

Augustine Paz, Project owner requested the Council provide him the opportunity to finish the project and provide housing for the City of Calexico.

Council Member Romero motioned to approve Resolution Request by Augustine Paz Construction Company to Extend Expiration of Tentative Map for Two Additional Years Pursuant to Government Code Section 66452.6(e). Motion was seconded by Council Member Arreola-Fernandez and passed unanimously.

APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL MEMBER TO OPEN SEAT ON CANNABIS SUB-COMMITTEE.

Motion was made by Council Member Hodge, seconded by Council Member Arreola-Fernandez and passed unanimously to appoint Council Member Reisin Council to the Cannabis Sub-Committee.

APPOINTMENT BY COUNCIL MEMBER REISIN TO FOLLOWING THE COMMISSIONS/BOARDS/COMMITTEES

Council Member Reisin made the following appointments:

- a. Arts Commission, Library Board, Historical Commission – Maria Luisa Acevedo
- b. Planning Commission – Leticia Cota
- c. Police Commission – Sal Muñoz
- d. Parks, Recreation, Beautification & Senior Services Commission – Jesse Garcia
- e. Personnel Commission – Guillermo Hermosillo
- f. Business Improvement District (BID) – Council Member Reisin appointed himself for a period of 45 days.
- g. Sales Tax Citizen Advisory Committee (Measure H) – Alex Perrone
- h. Economic Development & Financial Advisory Commission - Camilo Garcia

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Council Member Hodge requested to be part of the process for the summer swimming pool.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Lewis Pacheco, Mayor

ATTEST:

Gabriela T. Garcia, City Clerk