

**AGENDA  
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# CITY COUNCIL AGENDA STAFF REPORT

**DATE:** May 15, 2024  
**TO:** Mayor and City Council  
**APPROVED BY:** Esperanza Colio Warren, City Manager *[Signature]*  
**PREPARED BY:** Veronica L. Alvarado, City Clerk *[Signature]*  
**SUBJECT:** Approval of City Council/Calexico Community Redevelopment Agency Successor Agency/Calexico Financing Authority Minutes for Meeting of March 6, 2024.

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**Recommendation:**

Approval of City Council/Calexico Community Redevelopment Agency Successor Agency/Calexico Financing Authority Minutes for Meeting of March 6, 2024.

**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 and Analysis:**

City Council/Calexico Community Redevelopment Agency Successor Agency/Calexico Financing Authority Minutes for Meetings of March 6, 2024.

**Fiscal Impact:**

None.

**Coordinated With:**

None.

**Attachment(s):**

- 1. Minutes for the City Council/Calexico Community Redevelopment Agency Successor Agency/Calexico Financing Authority Minutes for Meetings of March 6, 2024.

**THE CITY COUNCIL/CALEXICO COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY SUCCESSOR AGENCY/CALEXICO FINANCING AUTHORITY MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON THE 6<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2024 AT 5:30 P.M. AT THE FERNANDO “NENE” TORRES COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 608 HEBER AVENUE, CALEXICO, CALIFORNIA. THE DATE, HOUR AND PLACE DULY ESTABLISHED FOR THE HOLDING OF SAID MEETING.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:**

Mayor: Gloria Romo  
Council Member: Javier Moreno  
Council Member: Raul Ureña

**ABSENT:**

Mayor Pro Tem: Gilberto Manzanarez

**VIA TELECONFERENCE:**

Council Member: Camilo Garcia

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

No public comments.

**ADJOURN TO CLOSE SESSION**

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

**1. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS**

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6

Agency Representatives: Esperanza Colio Warren, City Manager, Carlos Campos, City Attorney

Employee Organizations: Calexico Firefighters Association, Certified Operators Association/ SEIU Local 221, Calexico Police Officers Association

**2. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS**

Pursuant to Government Code 54956.8

Property: 352 East First Street (APN 058-535-001)

Agency Negotiators: City Manager

Negotiating Parties: SBA Towers X, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company

Under Negotiation: Prices and Terms

- 3. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSL-WORKERS COMPESATION CLAIM  
 Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)  
 Oscar Trejo vs City of Calexico  
 Claim # COCW-0011  
 Claim # COCW-0049  
 Claim # COCB- 0062
  
- 4. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNCIL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION  
 Exposure to litigation, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)  
 One (2) Potential Cases

The City Council reconvened from close session at 6:45 p.m.

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

**OPEN SESSION – 6:30 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Romo called the open session portion of the meeting to order at 6:46 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:**

Mayor:	Gloria Romo
Mayor Pro Tem:	Gilberto Manzanarez
Council Member:	Javier Moreno
Council Member:	Raul Ureña

**VIA TELECONFERENCE:**

Council Member: Camilo Garcia

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Romo led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MISSION STATEMENT PLEDGE**

Mayor Pro Tem Manzanarez led those present in reciting the Mission Statement Pledge.

**INVOCATION**

Council Member Ureña led those present in prayer.

**CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

City Attorney Carlos Campos reported the council met in closed session, direction was received, and no reportable actions were taken.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Motion was made by Council Member Moreno to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was amended to include a presentation by Comité Cívico del Valle. The motion was seconded by Council Member Ureña and passed unanimously.

**PRESENTATIONS**

6. Presentation by Library Manager – Library Department Programs.

Library Manager Lizeth Legaspi informed everyone about the different programs provided at the Camarena Memorial Library. There are programs for children and teenagers, family summer reading programs, family night, lunch at the library, daily snack programs, and adult literacy services. Ms. Legaspi also mentioned there are classes offered at the Carnegie Technology Center.

7. Presentation by Public Works Manager – Parks, Field and Retention Basin Update.

Public Works Manager Ms. Falomir provided a Project Status Report on improvements and allocations to the following parks:

1. Adrian C. Cordova Memorial Park
2. Daniel Gutierrez Field (Retention Basin)
3. Carmen Estrada Field (Retention Basin)
4. Nosotros Park/Baseball Field
5. Border Friendship Park
6. Rodriguez Baseball Field

8. Presentation by Public Works Manager – Streets and Alley Project Status Update.

Public Works Manager Liliana Falomir gave a status update on the Streets and Alleys Projects that the department is working on such as Alley Improvements Phase II, Alley Improvements Phase III, Scaroni Road improvements between Cole Blvd. and Jasper Rd., sidewalk improvements on Grant St., Calexico St., and Van De Graaf.

9. Presentation by Public Works Manager – New River Improvement Project.

Public Works Manager Liliana Falomir gave a status update on the New River Improvement project and apologized for not having a power point presentation. Ms. Falomir stated the council awarded the contract to Mountain Cascade, and they have been working but due to the last storm in January they have had some had delays.

#### 9.1 Presentation from Comite Civico del Valle.

Luis Olmedo from Comite Civico del Valle gave a presentation about the EV Charging Equity Project and was translated to Spanish by Council member Ureña. He described project benefits, community benefits, improvements in urban space, the benefits from using solar energy, and electrical chargers. Comite Civico is replacing grass around the charging station and beautifying the area. He confirmed that Comite Civico is working with certified contractors, they are meeting all regulations and laws. The project is 80% complete, in his presentation he provided plans and concept views for the station.

Public comments for this item were made by Chris Mayne and Alex Hernandez.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The following persons provided public comments to the City Council: Armando Real, Victor Legaspi, Jesus Solano, Chris Mayne, Alex Hernandez, Armando Martinez, Mary Perez and 1<sup>st</sup> Umpire Armenta.

Motion for a 10-minute recess was requested by Mayor Pro Tem Manzanarez due to the debilitating health state of Mr. Jessie Garcia. Motion was seconded by Mayor Romo and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Council Member Ureña to continue past 9:30 p.m., seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Manzanarez and passed unanimously.

Public comments were made by Gloria Victoria Gomez, Victor Legaspi, Jesus Solano, Chris Mayne and Alex Hernandez, Carmen Estrada, and Rossie Fernandez Riesen.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion was made by Council Member Ureña and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Manzanarez to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the following items: Warrants from January 13, 2024 to January 26, 2024 and City Salaries from January 13, 2024 to January 26, 2024; Warrants from January 27, 2024 to February 9, 2024 and City Salaries from January 27, 2024 to February 9, 2024; Authorize City Manager to Sign Agreement of Professional Services between the City of Calexico and Kimley-Horn in the Amount of \$38,500.00 for Engineering Services for Scaroni Road Improvements between Cole Boulevard and Jasper Road; Adoption of City Engineering Job Description and Affirm the Salary Range of R-62. The motion passed unanimously.

**DISCUSSION AND POTENCIAL ACTION ITEMS**

**ITEM NO. 14 AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER OR DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE THE LEASE BETWEEN U.S. CUSTOMS BORDER PROTECTION AND THE CITY OF CALEXICO (“LEASE”) FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF A COMMUNICATIONS AND REMOTE VIDEO SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM (“RVSS”) TOWER ON THE CITY OWNED PROPERTY AT APN 058-180-021 (NOSOTROS PARK) AND TO DELIVER SUCH FURTHER DOCUMENTS AND INSTRUMENTS AND TAKE SUCH OTHER ACTIONS AS MAY BE REASONABLY REQUIRED OR APPROPRIATE TO EVIDENCE OR CARRY OUT THE INTENT AND PURPOSE OF THE LEASE.**

Motion was made by Council Member Ureña to give direction to the City Manager to negotiate the amount of the lease and was seconded by Council Member Manzanarez.

The motion passed with the following vote to wit:

AYES: Romo, Manzanarez, Ureña  
NOES: Garcia, Moreno  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAINED: None

**ITEM NO. 15 APPROVAL OF BID DOCUMENTS FOR ALLEY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT – PHASE II AND AUTHORIZE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TO SEND THE PROJECT OUT TO BID.**

Motion was made by Council Member Ureña to approve bid documents and was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Manzanarez. The motion passed unanimously.

**ITEM NO. 16 ADOPT A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALEXICO AUTHORIZING THE ADJUSTMENT OF METER HOURS, RATES, FINES AND THE METERING OF PUBLIC PARKING LOTS.**

Motion was made by Council Member Ureña to adopt the resolution and was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Manzanarez. The motion passed unanimously.

**ITEM NO. 17 APPOINTMENT TO THE POLICE ADVISORY COMMISSION BY COUNCIL MEMBER GARCIA.**

Council Member Garcia appointed Abram Jimenez Sanchez to the Police Advisory Commission.

**ITEM NO. 18 RENOVATION OF CALEXICO FIRE STATION NO. 2**

1. AWARD BID PROPOSAL FROM A&N QUALITY BUILDERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$966,599.000.

2. REJECT BID PROPOSAL FROM RA3 ENGINEERING & CONSTRUCTION, ANDRADE CONSTRUCTION AND CALIFORNIA CONSTRUCTOR DUE TO NON-RESPONSIVE BID.
3. AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF CALEXICO AND A&N QUALITY BUILDERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$966,559.00 FOR RENOVATION OF CALEXICO FIRE STATION NO.2.
4. AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER TO APPROVE ANY FUTURE CHANGE ORDERS NOT-TO EXCEED \$48,328.00 (5% OF A&N QUALITY BUILDERS BASE BID) AS PER CITY ORDINANCE NO. 1218.

Motion was made by Council Member Ureña to approve item no. 18 and was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Manzanarez. The motion passed unanimously.

**ITEM NO. 19 RECEIVE AND FILE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING.**

**ITEM NO. 20 RECEIVE AND FILE LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES FOR MEETING ON NOVEMBER 6, 2023.**

The items were received by the City Council and filed.

**FUTURE AGENDA TEMS**

Mayor Romo requested a report of the total cost, including staff time, on how much is spent in responding to the Public Records Request submitted by citizens. Mayor Romo requested a Mayoral Recognition for Jessie Garcia for his hard work and commitment to the City.

Mayor Pro Tem Manzanarez requested a town hall meeting for the Renovation of Fire Station # 2.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, on a motion by Mayor Romo, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Manzanarez, and passed unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 10:23 p.m.

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Gloria G. Romo, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Veronica L. Alvarado, City Clerk