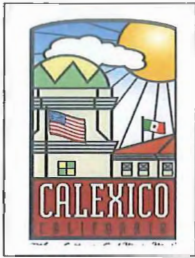


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AGENDA STAFF REPORT

DATE: September 1, 2021
TO: Mayor and City Council
APPROVED BY: Miguel Figueroa, City Manager *MK*
PREPARED BY: Gabriela T. Garcia, City Clerk *GTG*
SUBJECT: Approval of City Council/Calexico Community Redevelopment Agency Successor Agency/Calexico Financing Authority Minutes for Meetings of July 7, 2021, July 28, 2021, July 21, 2021 and August 4, 2021

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Recommendation:

Approval of City Council/Calexico Community Redevelopment Agency Successor Agency/Calexico Financing Authority Minutes for Meetings of July 7, 2021, July 28, 2021, July 21, 2021 and August 4, 2021.

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 July 7, 2021, July 28, 2021, July 21, 2021 and August 4, 2021 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 July 7, 2021, July 28, 2021, July 21, 2021 and August 4, 2021.



THE CITY COUNCIL/CALEXICO COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY SUCCESSOR AGENCY/CALEXICO FINANCING AUTHORITY MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON THE 7TH DAY OF JULY, 2021 AT 6:30 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 PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-30.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Moreno called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Mayor: Rosie Arreola-Fernandez
Mayor Pro Tem: Javier Moreno
Council Member: Gloria Romo
Council Member: Camilo Garcia
Council Member: Raul Ureña (Via teleconference)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Council Member Garcia led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MISSION STATEMENT PLEDGE – City Manager Figueroa led those present in reciting the Mission Statement Pledge.

INVOCATION – Mayor Pro Tem Moreno led those present in prayer.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Moreno, seconded by Council Member Garcia to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed by the following vote to wit:

AYES: Arreola-Fernandez, Moreno, Romo, Garcia, Ureña
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PUBLIC APPEARANCES

Jason Jung addressed the council regarding the appointment of the Mayor Pro Tem and expressed his concerns on the possible appointment of Council Member Romo. He addressed concerns regarding balancing the budget, closed stores in the downtown area, the use of hemp as a building material and cannabis projects.

Pedro Ortiz addressed the council on their voting actions and the perceptions of the citizens with regards to the City. He asked for change by the council towards the residents and businesses in Calexico. He requested a response form the City regarding to his water consumption.

CITY COUNCIL REORGANIZATION**APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR/CHAIRMAN OF THE CITY OF CALEXICO/CALEXICO COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY SUCCESSOR AGENCY/CALEXICO FINANCING AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022**

Mayor Arreola-Fernandez delivered the State of the City Address via a comprehensive video presenting highlights of the accomplishments of the past year.

Motion was made by Mayor Arreola-Fernandez to appoint Mayor Pro Tem Moreno as Mayor/Chairman of the City of Calexico/Calexico Community Redevelopment Agency Successor Agency/Calexico Financing Authority for Fiscal Year 2021-2022. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Moreno and passed by the following roll-call vote:

AYES: Arreola-Fernandez, Moreno, Garcia
NOES: Ureña (Via teleconference), Romo
ABSENT: None

APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR PRO TEM/VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE CITY OF CALEXICO/CALEXICO COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY SUCCESSOR AGENCY/CALEXICO FINANCING AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022

Motion was made by Mayor Arreola-Fernandez to appoint Council Member Garcia as Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairman of the City of Calexico/Calexico Community Redevelopment Agency Successor Agency/Calexico Financing Authority for Fiscal Year 2021-2022. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Moreno and passed by the following roll-call vote:

AYES: Arreola-Fernandez, Moreno, Garcia, Romo
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: Ureña (Via teleconference)

Mayor Moreno presented a plaque to Council Member Arreola-Fernandez for her service as Mayor from July 2020 to July 2021.

Council Member Arreola-Fernandez presented a plaque to Mayor Moreno for his service as Mayor Pro Tem from December 2020 to July 2021.

- Comments by Outgoing Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem.

Council Member Arreola-Fernandez delivered her closing comments by thanking Council Member Garcia and former Council Members Pacheco and Reisin. She thanked the Chamber of Commerce, she especially thanked Hildy Carrillo for her service as Executive Director of the Chamber. She thanked Miguel Figueroa, Gabby Garcia, Roni Luna, Lorena Minor and Martha Gomez for their assistance on the various events throughout the past year. She thanked Council Members Moreno and Garcia for their support.

- Comments by Incoming Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem.

Mayor Moreno stated his pride in serving as Mayor Pro Tem and thanked the citizens of Calexico for the opportunity to serve. He also thanked his fellow councilmembers for the great opportunity to serve. He expressed his honor in working with Mayor Arreola-Fernandez and his appreciation for the work accomplished by Mayor Arreola-Fernandez in the past year.

Mayor Pro Tem Garcia thanked the City employees, Management and Citizens he serves. He expressed his desire to move forward in spite of the challenges brought by the pandemic. He spoke of the needed growth by the City with regards to finances, the need to work as a team and learn from each other whatever the differences to bring out the positives and he hoped for a brighter future in Calexico. He challenged his fellow council members, those present and the residents to work towards fulfilling the City's mission statement.

Mayor Arreola-Fernandez thanked the all City Staff and the Finance Department for their hard work.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Javier Moreno, 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 21ST DAY OF JULY, 2021 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 PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-30.

CLOSED SESSION - 5:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Mayor: Javier Moreno
Mayor Pro Tem: Camilo Garcia
Council Member: Gloria Romo
Council Member: Rosie Arreola-Fernandez

ABSENT:

Council Member: Ureña

PUBLIC COMMENTS – No Public Comments.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION.

City Council adjourned to closed session at 5:35 p.m. to discuss the following:

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

Council reconvened from closed session at 6:25 p.m.

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

REGULAR SESSION 6:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Moreno called the regular session of the meeting at 6:33 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Mayor: Javier Moreno
Mayor Pro Tem: Camilo Garcia

Council Member: Gloria Romo
Council Member: Rosie Arreola-Fernandez

ABSENT:

Council Member: Ureña

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Council Member Romo led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MISSION STATEMENT PLEDGE - Mayor Pro Tem Garcia led those present in reciting the Mission Statement Pledge.

INVOCATION - Mayor Moreno led those present in prayer.

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Seth Merewitz, City Attorney reported Council met in closed session, direction was given and no reportable action was taken.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion was made by Mayor Moreno, seconded by Council Member Arreola-Fernandez to approve the agenda and have Item No. 16 pulled from the agenda for future discussion as requested by Mayor Pro Tem Garcia. Motion passed by the following vote to wit:

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

PRESENTATIONS**BI-WEEKLY COVID-19 UPDATE PRESENTATION**

Chief Favila provided the statistics for Covid-19. He reported the total statistics for Calexico as follows: 7,389 affected, 46 active, 4,237 recovered and 235 deaths. He pointed out the deaths are decreasing. He informed that a mandate was issued by the Imperial County Health Department to return to wearing masks indoors, he provided statistics for the State of California and reported the new variants are Alpha, Beta, Delta and Gama. He also informed that an electronic record of a person's vaccines can be obtained at myvaccinerecord.cdph.ca.gov. He reminded citizens to stay home or take short visits due to the high heat. Chief Favila answered comments from Council Members regarding masks and vaccinations.

City Manager Figueroa requested motion to approve of agenda with inclusion of an Emergency Item to Approve Out of State Travel for Training - Active Shooter Threat Instructor Training for Two (2) Officers and pulling Item No. 16 from the agenda. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Garcia to approve the emergency item. Motion was seconded by Council Member Romo and passed by the following vote to wit:

AYES: Moreno, Garcia, Ureña, Romo
NOES: None

ABSENT: Ureña
ABSTAIN: None

City Clerk advised Mayor Moreno that Council Member Ureña would be participating in the meeting via telephone only during Council Comments and Item No. 6.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PUBLIC APPEARANCES

Griselda Gonzalez addressed the Council regarding the hiring of dispatchers for the Calexico Police Department. She explained the department is short-staffed and the stress and harassment experienced by the staff. She appealed to the council for a resolution on this matter.

Luis Casillas also spoke on hiring of personnel and expressed his dissatisfaction on these matters. He spoke on the amount of officers patrolling the streets and stated the city is top heavy and does not have enough officers. He requested resolution to the matters at hand.

Javier Gonzalez, IID Director reported most of the street lights have been fixed and IID is starting a new program for reporting bad lights. He reported the Kloke Avenue Bridge is being fenced off and the bridge at the Central Main Canal is being cleaned from the cemetery to Cole Blvd. He further stated that Beach Canal is one step from obtaining congressional approval for \$6.4 million to close out Beach Canal and if funded the City will not have to pay their half of the project. He informed that on July 22nd at 10 am the new child friendly signs will be placed at the canal. He further expressed his worry on the lighting at Vernardo Trailer Park, the mess at the trailer park and at the car dealership adjacent to the trailer park.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Figueroa reported on a follow-up staff meeting regarding Heber Park with the Architecture firm to provide feedback on two renderings being presented. He informed a formal presentation and options or consideration will be presented to the Council. City Manager called on Lizeth Legaspi for an update on the library. Mrs. Legaspi announced the library will be reopening on August 2nd for limited hours. She further informed on the programs being brought to the library through the Imperial County Free library and stated they expect to continue with the online programs and will continue working on bringing back all the in person programs. Ms. Legaspi answered questions from council members regarding the details on control of persons entering the library.

City Manager Figueroa reported receiving confirmation from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) notifying that the New River Project was accepted to be considered for the list of projects under the Federal Water Resource Development Act which means the three infrastructure projects for the New River in Calexico will receive a streamline process from the US Army Corps of Engineers which will fast-track securing the permit for the project and keep us within the timeline to break ground by the end of the year. He further stated Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) will be made available to the community members and business through a collaborate effort with the Imperial Valley Small Business Development Center. He further stated the city received relief funds from the County of Imperial for water bill payments and advised that for the past couple of weeks, the city has received several applications for this funding. The city will begin to

re-advertise this program this week. He also provided the information on CDBG CP1 funds, which is another option to offer relief for utilities.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS AND REPORTS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED

Council Member Romo highlighted the importance of the meeting with California State Controller Betty Yee and thanked Angelica Tellechea for making the meeting possible and the Small Business Administration for the services provided to small businesses in Calexico. She addressed the four trailer complexes in Calexico which seem very abandoned and requested City Manager to provide more information at the next meeting. She reported receiving calls from people living at the Hollie's Hotel complaining about insecurity and domestic violence and advised she has contracted Supervisor Escobar for a resolution and requested more information for the next meeting.

Council Member Arreola-Fernandez thanked IID Director Gonzalez for IID's \$2,000 donation for the Recreation Department.

Mayor Moreno reported meeting with residents from the VV Williams area who submitted complaints regarding the trucks in the area. He requested rezoning the area to reroute the trucks from the area and requested extra patrol. He reported on his visit to Canal 66 to provide public service announcements on Covid-19 and advised they invited the council members to participate in providing a positive message to the public. Mayor also met with Customs and Border Patrol on opening the border which will not take place until next month.

Council Member Ureña joined the meeting via telephone at approximately 6:23 p.m.

Council Member Ureña expressed his dissatisfaction with the elimination of the zoom option from the council agenda as an alternate method for the public to participate. He stated he felt this action was not a good step forward for the many people who cannot access the meeting in person. Council Member Ureña reported it was his last day of recovery from Covid-19 Delta variant and thanks to being vaccinated, he is recovering from the illness. He further stated he is able to empathize with those who have suffered from the virus. He also addressed his concerns on the renter's moratorium.

Council Member Ureña left the meeting at 6:27 p.m.

City Manager Figueroa requested the City Clerk to provide an update on the commissions. City Clerk Garcia provided an update on the upcoming trainings for the commissions which will begin on July 29th with discussions on Brown Act, ethics and agenda basics. This will be followed by a second training to address municipal code changes being brought forth at the next meeting. Following the second training, individual trainings will be held with individual commissions to address the changes, discuss their roles, duties and the jurisdiction for each commission.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Moreno stated he had two persons requesting to speak on consent agenda item number six. City Attorney Merewitz advised that to discuss the items, the items would have to be pulled from the consent agenda for discussion.

Mayor Moreno stated he did not wish to pull items from the consent agenda and he wanted to vote on the consent agenda. City Attorney Merewitz pointed out the matter before the Council is whether to approve the consent agenda or to take items off the agenda for further discussion.

Mayor Moreno made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the following items: Warrants from June 5, 2021 to June 18, 2021 and City Salaries from June 5, 2021 to June 18, 2021; Warrants from June 19, 2021 to July 2, 2021 and City Salaries from June 19, 2021 to July 2, 2021; Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance No. 1216 – An Ordinance of the City of Calexico Repealing and Readopting City Code Chapter 8.39 in its Entirety Regarding Mandatory Recycling; Second Reading and Adoption of ordinance No. 1217 – An Ordinance Temporarily Suspending Calexico Municipal Code Chapter 2.06 Regarding City Council Salaries and Temporarily Suspending City Council Benefits to Mitigate the Fiscal Impact of COVID-19 on the City. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Garcia. Mayor called for the vote. Council Members voted as follows:

AYES: Moreno, Garcia, Arreola-Fernandez
NOES: Romo
ABSENT: Ureña

Council Member Ureña rejoined the meeting by telephone at approximately 6:31 p.m. and stated he had discussion on Item No. 6.

City Attorney Merewitz advised a roll-call vote was needed on the matter. Roll-call vote was taken and the motion passed on the following roll-call vote:

AYES: Moreno, Garcia, Arreola-Fernandez
NOES: Romo, Ureña via telephone

Council Member Ureña left the meeting at 6:34 p.m. following his vote.

DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS

AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN AGREEMENT OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BETWEEN DYNAMIC CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INC., AND THE CITY OF CALEXICO FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT, GEOTECHNICAL AND INSPECTION SERVICES FOR THE CALEXICO NEW RIVER PARKWAY PROJECT PHASE 1B FEDERAL PROJECT NO. HPLUL-5168(015).

City Manager Figueroa provided a report on the construction project and the public works department recommends the award of the agreement to Dynamic Consulting Engineers, Inc.

Mayor Moreno motioned to authorize City Manager to Sign Agreement of Professional Services between Dynamic Consulting Engineers, Inc., and the City of Calexico for construction management, geotechnical and inspection services for the Calexico New River Parkway Project Phase 1B Federal Project No. HPLUL-5168(015). Motion was seconded by Council Member Arreola-Fernandez and passed by the following vote to-wit:

AYES: Moreno, Garcia, Romo, Arreola-Fernandez
NOES: None
ABSENT: Ureña

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALEXICO ACTING IN ITS CAPACITY AS THE LEGISLATIVE BODY FOR THE CALEXICO COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2013-1 (GRAN PLAZA) ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2021-___ AUTHORIZING THE LEVY OF SPECIAL TAXES WITHIN IMPROVEMENT AREA NO. 1 OF SUCH DISTRICT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-22.

City Manager Figueroa provided a report on the resolution for the levy of the properties within the Community Facilities District (CFD) and advised this action will be congruent with the obligation to adopt this on an annual basis so the CFD could be recovered and paid.

Motion was made by Mayor Moreno, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Garcia to adopt the resolution authorizing the levy of special taxes within Improvement Area No. 1 of such District for Fiscal year 2021-22. Motion passed by the following vote to-wit:

AYES: Moreno, Garcia, Arreola-Fernandez
NOES: Romo
ABSENT: Ureña

AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER TO FILE NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR 2ND STREET, DOOL AVENUE AND BEACH AVENUE WATER PIPELINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT.

City Manager Figueroa reported the projects are inspected for completion before to the final notice coming before the council. He advised the pipelines are connected to existing city services and explained they were replacement pipelines due to the age and not due to line breaks. He spoke on the methods of communication with the public and Public Works Manager Falomir responded to question from council regarding the preventive maintenance for replacement of pipelines and fire hydrants.

Motion was made by Mayor Moreno to authorize City Manager to file Notice of Completion for 2nd Street, Dool Avenue and Beach Avenue Water Pipeline Replacement Project. Motion was seconded by Council Member Arreola-Fernandez and passed by the following vote to wit:

AYES: Moreno, Garcia, Romo, Arreola-Fernandez
NOES: None
ABSENT: Ureña

AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER TO FILE NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR INSTALLATION OF FIRE ALARM SYSTEM AT CITY HALL AND CAMARENA MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Motion was made by Mayor Moreno, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Garcia to authorize the City Manager to File Notice of Completion for Installation of Fire Alarm System at City Hall and Camarena Memorial Library. Motion passed by the following vote to wit:

AYES: Moreno, Garcia, Romo, Arreola-Fernandez
 NOES: None
 ABSENT: Ureña

AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER TO FILE NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR SPORT LIGHTING AT ADRIAN C. CORDOVA MEMORIAL PARK PROJECT NO. 2020-400.

City Manager Figueroa provided a brief report on the completion of the Adrian C. Cordova Memorial Park Project.

Motion was made by Council Member Romo, seconded by Mayor Moreno to authorize the City Manager to File Notice of Completion for Sport Lighting at Adrian C. Cordova Memorial Park Project No. 2020-400. Motion passed by the following vote to wit:

AYES: Moreno, Garcia, Romo, Arreola-Fernandez
 NOES: None
 ABSENT: Ureña

AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 WITH HAZARD CONSTRUCTION COMPANY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$460,888.78 FOR STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT ASPHALT RUBBER COMPOSITE LAYER OVERLAY ON DESIGNATED STREETS PROJECT NO. 2020-500.

City Manager Figueroa reported parts of the change order were of elements removed from the original scope and elements added through the construction and addressed discussion identifying the streets in the city which received additional work in terms of improvements to curbs, sidewalks and ADA compliant infrastructure. He advised this is the final change order for this project. Public Works Manager Falomir responded to questions Council regarding the assessment process followed for streets in need and provided procedures for determining the streets needing repairs.

Motion was made by Mayor Moreno to authorize the City Manager to sign Change Order No. 2 with Hazard Construction in the amount of \$460,888.78 for Street Improvement Project Asphalt Rubber Composite Layer Overlay on Designated Streets Project No. 2020-500. Motion was seconded by Council Member Arreola-Fernandez and passed by the following vote to wit:

APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN THE ENCLOSED NON-EXCLUSIVE LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH CATHOLIC CHARITIES.

Recreation Manager Gerardo gave a brief background on the meals program provided by Catholic Charities. Mayor Pro Tem Garcia requested that the revenues received be put into senior services which were not funded this fiscal year. City Manager will follow-up with a report on the matter.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Garcia, seconded by Council Member Romo to approve and authorize the City Manager to sign the Enclosed Non-Exclusive License Agreement with Catholic Charities. Motion passed by the following vote to wit:

AYES: Moreno, Garcia, Romo, Arreola-Fernandez
 NOES: None
 ABSENT: Ureña

REMOVAL OF CALEXICO POLICE ADVISORY COMMISSION APPOINTEE BY COUNCIL MEMBER UREÑA.

Item was tabled at request of Council Member Ureña due to his absence from the meeting.

APPOINTMENT BY MAYOR MORENO AND COUNCIL MEMBER ROMO TO THE SALES TAX CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MEASURE H).

No appointments were made.

EMERGENCY ITEM - APPROVE OUT OF STATE TRAVEL FOR TRAINING - ACTIVE SHOOTER THREAT INSTRUCTOR TRAINING FOR TWO (2) OFFICERS

Motion was made by Council Member Romo, seconded by Council Member Arreola-Fernandez and to approve out of state travel for training-active shooter threat instructor training for two officers. Motion passed by the following vote to wit:

- AYES: Moreno, Garcia, Romo, Arreola-Fernandez
- NOES: None
- ABSENT: Ureña

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Council Member Romo requested a presentation on Police Complex and Trailer complexes.

Mayor Pro Tem Garcia requested an update on agreement with Caltrans for Highway 111 maintenance from Cole Blvd. to Highway 98. A report on downtown properties in disrepair and looking into a grant writer for funding of city projects for various departments.

Council Member Arreola-Fernandez requested a report on shades for ATM's Bank of America and Wells Fargo Bank.

Mayor Moreno requested for Code Enforcement to provide an update on a continuous basis, Update for Farmworker Service Center, Update on trailers from the County, A report on reopening on Fridays with a skeleton crew, Requested services by El Centro Regional Medical Center for senior citizens and a for program from Oktoberfest.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Javier Moreno, 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 28TH DAY OF JULY, 2021 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 PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-30.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Moreno called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Mayor: Javier Moreno
Mayor Pro Tem: Camilo Garcia
Council Member: Gloria Romo
Council Member: Rosie Arreola-Fernandez

ABSENT:

Council Member: Ureña
Council Member Ureña arrived at 5:40 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Moreno led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance

MISSION STATEMENT PLEDGE

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

INVOCATION

Mayor Moreno led those present in prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion was made by Mayor Moreno, seconded by Council Member Romo to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed by the following vote to wit:

AYES: Moreno, Garcia, Ureña, Romo
NOES: None
ABSENT: Ureña
ABSTAIN: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS – No public comments.

DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS

CITY OF CALEXICO STRATEGIC PLAN WORKSHOP AS PRESENTED BY RELIANCE PUBLIC RELATIONS

Mr. Bill Gay and Mrs. Susan M. Giller from Reliance Public Relations presented the Calexico Strategic Plan. The Plan is for the next three to five years and includes the goals, objectives and next steps for the plan, the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats (SWOT) analysis, top line residents survey results and a complete list of Calexico resident's survey comments.

Goals Presented were as follows: Goal 1 - Develop mutually supportive environment of professionalism that encourages stakeholder partnerships, teamwork and supports city efforts to continually improve services & quality of life for Calexico residents. Goal 2 - Prioritize Calexico's fiscal responsibility and steps needed to ensure its sustainability. Goal 3 - Prioritize Economic Development. Goal 4 - Define Calexico as a pre-eminent destination city because of its unique attributes, including its border location. Enhance/celebrate Calexico's identity. Goal 5 - Develop Infrastructure maintenance/ city infrastructure improvement plan and large long-term community-changing projects.

It was stated the council will set the goals and staff will implement them.

Also presented were the Next Steps in the process as follows:

- Make any City Council modifications and return final document to the City.
- Formally adopt the Strategic Plan as a roadmap for the City's future 3 to 5 years, although many of the next steps in the more far-reaching goals may face delays in full development.
- Direct City Manager and City Executive Management Team to begin implementation.
- Use the Strategic Plan as a tool for prioritizing decisions during the city budgeting process.
- Re-evaluate the plan regularly, especially as city revenues increase and staffing levels can improve.
- Consider using future surveys as a way to gather broad community input and get input from special groups, including the business community

Mr. Gay and Mrs. Giller responded to questions from Council Members. Council Members thanked Reliance Public Relations for the report presented, the work conducted and provided direction to continue with the document and continue to include additional items to formalize the document and bring a final product to the Council for adoption.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Javier Moreno, Mayor

ATTEST:

Gabriela T. Garcia, City Clerk

THE CITY COUNCIL/CALEXICO COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY SUCCESSOR AGENCY/CALEXICO FINANCING AUTHORITY MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON THE 4TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2021 AT 6:30 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 PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-30.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Moreno called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Mayor: Javier Moreno
Mayor Pro Tem: Camilo Garcia
Council Member: Gloria Romo

ABSENT:

Council Member: Rosie Arreola-Fernandez
Council Member: Raul Urefia
Council Member Urefia arrived at 6:43 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Mayor Pro Tem Garcia led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MISSION STATEMENT PLEDGE - Mayor Moreno led those present in reciting the Mission Statement Pledge.

INVOCATION - Council Member Romo led those present in prayer.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion was made by Mayor Moreno, seconded by Council Member Romo to approve the agenda as presented.- Motion passed by the following vote to wit:

AYES: Moreno, Garcia, Romo
NOES: None
ABSENT: Urefia, Arreola-Fernandez

PRESENTATIONS

RECOGNITION PRESENTED TO THE IMPERIAL IRRIGATION DISTRICT FOR THEIR 110TH ANNIVERSARY

Mayor Moreno presented Mr. Henry Martinez, General Manager to the Imperial Irrigation Mayor with a recognition on their 110th Anniversary.

PRESENTATION BY TERI NAVA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REGARDING THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF CALEXICO

Teri Nava, Executive Director provided a detailed PowerPoint presentation addressing agency's funding and portfolio described the tasks of the Housing Authority to provide affordable rental housing for low income families, elderly and disabled persons. Mrs. Nava responded to questions by Council Members regarding partnering with the City on housing projects, Section 8 laws and Accessory Dwelling Units.

PRESENTATION BY MAYOR MORENO REGARDING THE FARMWORKER SERVICE CENTER

Mayor Moreno provided a brief follow-up update on the opportunities for a property for the Farmworker Service Center. He discussed funding through AB 941 authored by Assembly Member Eduardo Garcia for AB 941 support.

BI-WEEKLY COVID-19 UPDATE PRESENTATION

Fire Captain Eduardo Ainza provided the Covid-19 update. He informed the County has 236 new cases with 254 active cases. Calexico has 89 cases for a total of 7,506 cases and 235 deaths. He advised the Delta variant numbers are small, no significant increases and the Imperial Valley still in single digits.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PUBLIC APPEARANCES

Javier Gonzalez, IID Director thanked Mayor Moreno and Council Member Romo for attending the installation of the child friendly canal safety signs and the opening and closing of Klokke Bridge which concludes all work at the All American Canal. He stated IID is currently working on the Central Main Canal. He also reported on the lights repaired within the City and on the upcoming infrastructure bill for possible funding for IID. He further reported the IID will meet in Coachella to try to avoid the passage of AB 1020.

Matthew Zinn – Imperial County Stairclimb Committee informed on the upcoming Stairclimb on the 20th anniversary of the 911 attacks. The 911 Stairclimb pays tribute to those fallen during the 911 attacks. He invited everyone to register and participate in the Stairclimb event which will take place at the Imperial County Fairgrounds. City Manager Figueroa advised he would reach out to Mr. Zinn for participation by the City.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Figueroa reported on the following:

- The creation of a blueprint for the American Rescue Plan (ARPA) with activities for the city of Calexico for the \$9.5 million received from ARPA. The blueprint of expenses created will benefit the community these monies will address needs City-wide and the revenue loss component.
- He met with Jim Minnick from the County regarding mobile home parks in Calexico which per statute fall under the County of Imperial however, there is also a responsibility which falls to

the City. He advised that Code Enforcement has been instructed to focusing on specific issues discussed with Mr. Minnick.

- He reported on Council Member Romo's concerns regarding safety issues at the Hollie's Hotel and advised the Police Department have engaged and are working with the property owner.
- He addressed concerns by Mayor Pro Tem Garcia regarding the maintenance agreements between the City of Calexico and the State of California regarding obligations for maintenance for Highway 111 and the Ordinance pertaining to heavy trucks within residential developments. Staff is conducting an analysis for recommendations on an update.
- He informed on grant writer services requested by Council Member Ureña and advised he is in contact with a grant writing firm to determine the feasibility of the services.
- He addressed water bill delinquent accounts and informed an assessment of the pending accounts is being conducted to bring them up to par. He informed on the availability of relief funds for residents.
- He reported on the strategic planning workshop presentation of July 28th.. He stated responses were satisfying and 30 days will be given to the community for final comments to proceed with implementation.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS AND REPORTS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED

Council Member Romo thanked Mayor Moreno and City Manager Figueroa for their interest and support of the Recreation senior program. She reported meeting with Dr. Edwards from El Centro Regional Medical Center in El Centro and advised he is interested in working on the program. She commented that President Biden will to give \$100 as an incentive for vaccination.

Council Member Ureña addressed evictions during Covid-19 and reminded the community that tenants in California are still protected through September 30th. He also informed that Governor Newsome approved funding for the payment of unpaid rent and anyone can find the information at www.housingiskey.com or by calling (833) 430-2122. He addressed and stated the importance of being vaccinated. He informed information can be found at vaccines.gov and vacunas.gov. He advised that he, Mayor Pro Tem Garcia and Council Member Romo will be working with students from UCLA and Santa Cruz regarding climate action plans for Calexico.

Mayor Pro Tem Garcia advised on meeting with Mexicali Mayor Lupita Mora and incoming Mayor Norma Bustamante. He commented on ARPA funding and the feedback from the community regarding the strategic planning. He addressed graffiti abatement and a future clean up event. Acting Chief Serrano advised him a meeting can be set to discuss the item further.

Mayor Moreno reported meeting with six citizens. He reported on meetings and discussions with the current Mayor of Mexicali, the Honorable Lupita Mora and the Mayor Elect of the City of Mexicali, Norma Bustamante and Mexican Consul Tarcizo Navarrete.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Garcia, seconded by Council Member Ureña to approve the consent agenda consisting of the following: Warrants from July 3, 2021 to July 16, 2021 and City Salaries from July 3, 2021 to July 16, 2021. Motion passed by the following vote to wit:

AYES: Moreno, Garcia, Ureña, Romo
NOES: None
ABSENT: Arreola-Fernandez

DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS**AUTHORIZATION OF OUT OF TOWN TRAVEL FOR MAYOR MORENO TO ATTEND THE 89TH ANNUAL MEETING OF UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF MAYORS – AUGUST 31 TO SEPTEMBER 4, 2021 IN AUSTIN, TEXAS**

Motion was made by Council Member Romo, seconded by Council Member Ureña to authorize out of town travel for Mayor Moreno to attend the 89th Annual Meeting of United States Conference of Mayors – August 31 to September 4, 2021 in Austin, Texas. Motion passed by the following vote to wit:

AYES: Moreno, Garcia, Ureña, Romo
NOES: None
ABSENT: Arreola-Fernandez

DESIGNATION OF VOTING DELEGATE AND ALTERNATES FOR THE 2021 LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND EXPO – SEPTEMBER 22-24, 2020 IN SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA

Motion was made by Mayor Moreno, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Garcia to approve designation of the Mayor as the voting delegate and Mayor Pro Tem Garcia as the alternate delegate and Council Member Arreola-Fernandez as the second alternate delegate. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Garcia and passed by the following vote to wit:

AYES: Moreno, Garcia, Ureña, Romo
NOES: None
ABSENT: Arreola-Fernandez

APPOINTMENT BY MAYOR MORENO AND COUNCIL MEMBER ROMO TO THE SALES TAX CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MEASURE H)

Motion was made by Council Member Romo to appoint Alma Castro on behalf of Council Member Romo and Griselda Herrera on behalf of Mayor Moreno. Motion was seconded by Mayor Moreno and passed by the following vote to wit:

AYES: Moreno, Garcia, Ureña, Romo
NOES: None
ABSENT: Arreola-Fernandez

APPOINTMENT BY CITY COUNCIL OF TWO (2) GENERAL COMMISSIONERS TO THE CALEXICO HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD

Motion was made by Council Member Romo to appoint Arturo Rioseco for the four year term and Ismael Lopez to the short term to complete Mr. Santillan’s term. Motion was seconded by Council Member Ureña and passed by the following vote to wit:

AYES: Moreno, Garcia, Ureña, Romo
NOES: None
ABSENT: Arreola-Fernandez

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. City Manager Figueroa advised the Council he plans to bring back items mentioned in his report at the meeting of August 18, 2021.
2. Council Member Romo requested the City invite Janet Angulo, Imperial County Public Health Director to the next meeting to report on Delta variant.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Javier Moreno, Mayor

ATTEST:

Gabriela T. Garcia, City Clerk