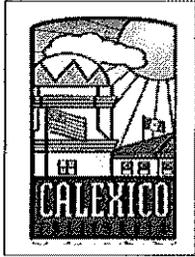


**AGENDA  
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# AGENDA STAFF REPORT

**DATE:** January 22, 2020  
**TO:** Mayor and City Council  
**APPROVED BY:** David B. Dale, City Manager  
**PREPARED BY:** Gabriela T. Garcia, City Clerk  
**SUBJECT:** Approval of City Council/Calexico Community Redevelopment Agency Successor Agency/Calexico Financing Authority Minutes for Meetings of November 20, 2019, December 4, 2019 and December 9, 2019

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## Recommendation:

Approval of City Council/Calexico Community Redevelopment Agency Successor Agency/Calexico Financing Authority Minutes for Meetings of November 20, 2019, December 4, 2019 and December 9, 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 November 20, 2019, December 4, 2019 and December 9, 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 November 20, 2019, December 4, 2019 and December 9, 2019.



THE CITY COUNCIL/CALEXICO COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY SUCCESSOR AGENCY/CALEXICO FINANCING AUTHORITY MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON THE 20<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER 2019 AT 5:30 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.

**CLOSED SESSION AGENDA - 5:30 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT**

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

**ABSENT**

Council Member: Lewis Pacheco  
*Council Member Pacheco arrived 5:38 p.m.*

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

City Attorney Campos announced an urgency item came to the attention of staff after the posting of the agenda and requested council add the following item to the agenda:

Case for Closed Session:  
City of Calexico v. Jose Rodriguez et. al.  
Superior Court of California, County of Imperial  
Case No. ECU08939

Motion made by Council Member Reisin to add the emergency item to closed session agenda. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Romero. Motion passed by the following vote to wit:

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

**ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION**

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

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1. 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
2. City of Calexico v. Jose Rodriguez et. al.  
Superior Court of California, County of Imperial  
Case No. ECU08939

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

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

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Hodge called the regular session portion of the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor 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.

**INVOCATION**

Council Member Romero led those present in prayer.

**CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

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

**PRESENTATIONS****PRESENTATION ON THE PLANNING COMMISSION ACTIVITIES BY MARY SALAZAR, CHAIRPERSON**

Chairperson Salazar introduced the commission members by name and spoke on the projects approved by the commission. She advised her satisfaction that City Manager Dale has attended most of their meetings. She stated it has been a pleasure working with the commission. Mayor Pro Tem Romero thanked Ms. Salazar for her work with the commission.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PUBLIC APPEARANCES**

Phillip Kim addressed the Council regarding cleanliness in downtown, expressed concern with safety of his business and a letter received from the city. He spoke about the illegal night dumping in the downtown.

Jesse Garcia, 600 Block of Lincoln Street, addressed the council regarding area near canal which was torn out with the construction. Mayor directed City Manager to respond to Mr. Garcia. Mr. Garcia stated he had requested a street light at 500 Block of Pierce between Grant and Lincoln Street which is needed for the safety of the people.

Pete Rodriguez spoke on bringing business people to tour the County and Calexico and praised the decorum and praised city staff for their work. He presented the City Council with documents regarding Joong Kim.

Anthony Velasco, Cookie King, addressed council on his attempts to meet with City Manager Dale, his investments in Calexico addressed fraudulent efforts by city staff and community members. He stated he felt his life was in danger and requested the council contact him on this matter.

Christian Estrada stated his frustration at unsuccessfully requesting a meeting with City Manager Dale and requested a return phone call. He requested the moving the ADA statement on the agenda to the beginning of the agenda.

Arturo Medina, 230I Nixon Avenue, expressed his concern regarding the hunters at the corner of Bowker and Cole Road and the dumping of trash in the area. He asked about the repairs at Jasper Road and the need for a stop sign at the corner of Nixon and Meadows.

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

Council Member Arreola-Fernandez reported on attending the Economic Development meeting attended.

Mayor Pro Tem Romero addressed the stop sign at Meadows and Carrillo Street. He stated the city is looking into the downtown areas with taxis and trash.

Council Member Pacheco reported on monthly ICTC meeting and stated they are expecting funding from the port of entry which has not been allocated. He spoke about the opening of Treasure Hunt and wished them success.

Mayor Hodge spoke about complaints he received regarding BID merchants not being included in Black Friday and the flyer. He spoke on morale for City Hall and the community and encouraged kindness and professionalism.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

City Manager Dale stated Treasure Hunt is doing very well and if they continue with the sales, they will cover the sales tax lost from Toys R Us and JCPenney. City Manager Dale informed on meeting with IID President Ortega and staff with regards to floods at Gutierrez Park and advised they have found a temporary solution to the problem. He spoke on the Calexico Christmas Parade and commended Council Member Pacheco for his work with the parade.

Mayor Hodge announced the next town would be held the following Monday at 5:30 p.m. at Alejandro Rivera Recreation Center.

Assistant City Manager Figueroa reported on meeting with the Mexican Consul General Narciso Navarrete to address the needs of the community. He reported on the Calexico/Mexico Border Relations Council which met in Calexico representing nine state agencies. He stated the City was able to present the status of New River efforts in Calexico and County. Guests from Sonora, Arizona and Jared Bloomenthal, CalEPA, thanked the city for hosting the meeting. He announced the Calexico Housing, Imperial County Transportation Commission and the City are looking to work on creative opportunities to address and bring in resources that will help with downtown housing and west of Calexico. He reported the EDFFA had a very successful meeting with progressive items and will be addressing the issues of the Business Improvement District.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Romero, seconded by Council Member Pacheco 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 Meeting of November 6, 2019; Ratification of Business Improvement District Commission Minutes for Meeting of April 5, 2019, May 17, 2019, May 21, 2019, August 6, 2019, September 10, 2019 and October 1, 2019; Warrants from October 12, 2019 to October 25, 2019 and City Salaries from October 12, 2019 to October 25, 2019; Warrants from October 26, 2019 to November 8, 2019 and City Salaries from October 26, 2019 to November 8, 2019; Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the Destruction of Certain Departmental Records as per the City's Records Retention and Destruction Policy; Conduct a Second Reading and Adopt of Ordinance No. 1205 -

Amending Sections 5.96.020 and 17.11.1020 of the Calexico Municipal Code to Remove Industrial Hemp from the Definition of Cannabis; Conduct a Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance No. 1206 - Amending Section 17.11.1040 of the Calexico Municipal Code Increasing the Number of Potential Cannabis Retailer, Non-Storefront Retailer, and Microbusiness Permits from Seven (7) to Twelve (12).

## **DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS**

### **APPOINTMENT TO THE BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BOARD BY MAYOR HODGE.**

No appointment made.

### **APPOINTMENT OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBER AND ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER MIGUEL FIGUEROA TO THE IMPERIAL VALLEY SOUTHERN BORDER COMMITTEE (IVSBDC).**

Supervisor Eduardo Escobar spoke on his meeting with CalEPA regarding options and funding matters with the New River at the border. He stated the goal for the coalition is to provide teamwork, open lines of communication, to promote Calexico and make it a better place. He thanked the council for supporting the cause effective January 2020.

Mayor Pro Tem Romero nominated himself for the IVSBDC Committee. Motion was made by Council Member Pacheco, second by Council Member Arreola-Fernandez to appoint Mayor Pro Tem Romero and Assistant City Manager Miguel Figueroa to the Imperial Valley Southern Border Commission. Motion passed unanimously.

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Council Member Pacheco requested update on parks and Mayor Hodge requested information on business licenses.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mayor Pro Tem Romero made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 p.m. Motion was seconded by Council Member Arreola-Fernandez and passed unanimously.

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Bill Hodge, Mayor

**ATTEST**

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Gabriela T. Garcia, City Clerk

**THE CITY COUNCIL/CALEXICO COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY SUCCESSOR AGENCY/CALEXICO FINANCING AUTHORITY MET IN SPECIAL SESSION ON THE 4<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER 2019 AT 12:00 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.**

**CLOSED SESSION**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Hodge called the closed session portion of the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**ABSENT:**

Council Member: Lewis Pacheco  
*Council Member Pacheco arrived at 12:03 p.m.*

**PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PUBLIC APPEARANCES**

No public comments.

**ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION.**

Council adjourned to closed session at 12:01 p.m. to discuss the following:

1. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS  
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8  
Property: APN No. 059-180-025-000  
Agency Negotiators: Assistant City Manager; City Attorney  
Negotiation Parties: Calexico Business Park LP/County of Imperial  
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms
  
2. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATIONS  
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8  
Property: APN No. 059-180-029-000  
Agency Negotiators: Assistant City Manager; City Attorney  
Negotiation Parties: Calexico Business Park LP/County of Imperial  
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms

Council reconvened from closed session at 12:32 p.m.

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

**REGULAR SESSION AGENDA - 12:30 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Hodge called the regular portion of the meeting to order at 12:34 p.m.

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

Led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

No action taken.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PUBLIC APPEARANCES**

No public comments.

**DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS**

**ADOPT A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CALEXICO APPROVING THE  
PURCHASE OF TAX DEFAULTED PROPERTY FROM THE IMPERIAL COUNTY  
TREASURER-TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE.**

Assistant City Manager Figueroa explained the process due to an opportunity presented by the County Tax Collector on two properties available at the discounted price within the city boundaries. He clarified the city would not be obligated to make the purchase. The county receives the city's intent and sends an agreement for execution which would have to be approved by the County Board and sent to the State Controller's Office. He stated the process takes approximately four to five months and this action makes the city eligible.

City Manager Dale stated the reason for meeting is that the item is due on December 5<sup>th</sup>.

Motion was made Council Member Pacheco, second by Council Member Arreola-Fernandez and passed unanimously to adopt a resolution of the City of Calexico approving the purchase of tax defaulted property from the Imperial County Treasurer-Tax Collector's Office.

Assistant City Manager Figueroa further stated for the record that there is no intent to use general fund monies for this purchase and the city is working for other funding opportunities.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, on a motion by Council Member Reisin, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Romero, the meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

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Bill Hodge, Mayor

**ATTEST**

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Gabriela T. Garcia, City Clerk

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**THE CITY COUNCIL/CALEXICO COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY SUCCESSOR AGENCY/CALEXICO FINANCING AUTHORITY MET IN SPECIAL SESSION ON THE 9<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER 2019 AT 5:30 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.**

**CLOSED SESSION – 5:30 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Hodge called the closed session portion of the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT**

Mayor: Bill Hodge  
Council Member: Rosie Arreola-Fernandez  
Council Member: Morris Reisin

**ABSENT**

Mayor Pro Tem: David Romero  
Council Member: Lewis Pacheco

**PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PUBLIC APPEARANCES**

No public comments.

**ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION.**

Council adjourned to closed session at 5:31 p.m. to discuss the following:

**1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION**

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

Gabriel Rodriguez v. City of Calexico

Office of Administrative Hearings, State of California, OAH No. 2017011183

**2. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE EVALUATION**

Government Code 54957(b)

Title: City Manager 6:30 P.M.

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

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

**REGULAR SESSION AGENDA - 6:30 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

Mayor Hodge called the regular session portion of meeting to order at 6:42 pm

**PRESENT**

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

**ABSENT**

Council Member: Lewis Pacheco

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Hodge led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**INVOCATION**

Mayor Pro Tem Romero led those present in prayer.

**CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

City Attorney reported council provided direction, no reportable actions taken.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.**

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

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

**PRESENTATIONS**

**PRESENTATION ON THE PARKS, RECREATION, BEAUTIFICATION & SENIOR SERVICES COMMISSION ACTIVITIES BY SUSANA FAVELA, CHAIRPERSON**

Ms. Favela provided a report on the commission activities including the various projects they have worked with such as Cordova Park and Heber Park. She informed on grants being worked on by the Parks Department and thanked the Council for the honor of serving on committee.

Mayor Hodge asked about the Senior Services portion of the Commission. Chairperson Favela explained the community center has crafts for them, she informed on Thanksgiving Dinner and stated the seniors in the community are very active.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PUBLIC APPEARANCES**

Joong Kim commented on Cordova Park asked to speed up the work at this park. He commented on the city's financial problems, water quality, the cancellation of regular meeting and holding a special meeting to purchase land and addressed the lack of electric capacity in the city for the cannabis industry.

Sergeant Victor Legaspi announced the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Kids & Badges event for underprivileged kids will be held at 8:00 a.m. on December 18, 2019. He thanked Chief Gerardo for his support of the event and for mentoring the kids.

Pedro Ortiz addressed the Council regarding the Santo Tomas Fire of December 8, 2018. He questioned the council on placing the item of the swap meet on the agenda to address the situation. He addressed the lack of business in Calexico.

Arturo Medina addressed the need for a stop sign and speed bumps at Nixon and Meadows due to its proximity to the park. He also requested the council bring back the water rate issue and requested clarification on the water bill. He stated corner of Jasper Road and Bowker Road is in serious need of repair and the Bowker Road and Cole Rd. needs to be cleaned.

Luis Casillas, 420 E. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, requested the assistance of the Council regarding his back-pay for the time he was out until his reinstate.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Romero reported attending the SCAG event in Los Angeles regarding issues of transportation. He responded on sub-station comments and advised it was an IID event hosted by the city due to the lack of distribution need for a sub-station for all industrial and commercial activities as well as residential. He commented on the question of his residency and advised the public that he does not live in Mexicali. He spoke about the Santo Tomas fire and stated the city would like to negotiate with the merchants however, the merchants are not the owners therefore the city cannot negotiate with anyone but the owners. He advised he will not be running for IID.

Mayor Hodge spoke about an ad-hoc committee for the Santo Tomas to foster mutual positive relationships between the city, Santo Tomas owners and vendors, to address and correct current grievances or issues and examine and understand the new swap meet ordinance. He invited everyone to the Calexico Christmas Parade on December 14, 2019 at 10 a.m. followed by the event in collaboration with the Calexico Neighborhood House.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

City Manager Dale addressed the sub-station which he reported is outside the City's control. He stated it is not for any particular development, it is for the northeast area of Calexico. He spoke on Cordova Park, he advised there is not enough funding for the project however, there is a grant

application pending on the project. He stated the irrigation is being worked on so there can be grass by March-April.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Romero, seconded by Council Member Arreola-Fernandez and to approve the consent agenda consisting of the following: Ratification of Library, Arts & Historical Board Minutes for Meetings of September 16, 2019 and October 7, 2019; Warrants from November 9, 2019 to November 22, 2019 and City Salaries from November 9, 2019 November 22, 2019. Motion passed by the following vote to wit:

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

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

**ADOPT A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALEXICO, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING RESTRICTION OF VEHICULAR AND PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC THROUGH THE PUBLIC ALLEYS LOCATED BETWEEN ROCKWOOD AVENUE AND HEFFERNAN AVENUE AND ROCKWOOD AVENUE AND PAULIN AVENUE BETWEEN FIRST STREET AND SECOND STREET NECESSARY FOR THE PROTECTION AND PRESERVATION OF PUBLIC PEACE, SAFETY, HEALTH, AND WELFARE AND RESTRICTING THE SAME BY MEANS OF GATES INSTALLED AT THE ROCKWOOD AVENUE ENTRANCE TO THE ALLEY BETWEEN ROCKWOOD AVENUE AND PAULIN AVENUE AND AT THE ROCKWOOD AVENUE AND HEFFERNAN AVENUE ENTRANCES TO THE ALLEY BETWEEN ROCKWOOD AVENUE AND HEFFERNAN AVENUE.**

City Manager stated the resolution is needed so the city can close the gates in the downtown allies. He thanked Council Member Reisin for his work this project.

Joong Kim stated the fence was already erected by City Manager without Council approval.

Motion was made by Council Member Reisin, second by Mayor Pro Tem Romero to approve the resolution presented. Motion passed by the following vote to wit:

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

**ADOPT A RESOLUTION AMENDING AND UPDATING RESOLUTION 2009-74 TO INCLUDE INCREASING THE ANNUAL TOW SERVICE PROVIDER FRANCHISE FEE AND TOW COMPANY FEES BY THE CALEXICO POLICE DEPARTMENT.**

Chief Gerardo stated the resolution presented is an amendment to Resolution 2009-74 which set fee of \$1,000. The current resolution proposes an increase from \$1,000 to \$3,000.

Joong Kim stated this shows the city does not care about the public and spoke about the city increasing fees to support the city and not the people.

Chief Gerardo stated this is a franchise fee that is paid by the tow companies to be on the rotation with the city. He stated one of the services is for the tow company to pick up and clean up the area of the accidents. He further stated this fee is not put out on the public, it is a fee to the tow companies and said tow companies have no objection to the fee increase.

Pedro Ortiz asked if this will affect the citizens on the cost of towing. Chief informed the city's fee is being regulated at \$300 for towing.

City Manager Dale addressed comments on a dying Calexico and stated the city is changing but not dying and this is known due to sales tax increase.

Motion was made by Council Member Reisin, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Romero to adopt a Resolution amending and updating Resolution 2009-74 to include increasing the annual tow service provider franchise fee and tow company fees by the Calexico Police Department.

Motion passed by the following vote to wit:

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

### **FIRST STREET TRAFFIC CIRCULATION CHANGE FROM TWO-WAY EAST/WEST TRAFFIC, TO ONE-WAY WEST TRAFFIC CIRCULATION**

Chief Gerardo explained the traffic circulation changes and stated handicap and other proper signage will be installed. Council Member Reisin expressed his support for the change.

Assistant City Manager Figueroa stated this addresses the lingering issues with transportation towards a solution in the area.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Romero, seconded by Council Member Reisin to approve the First Street traffic circulation change from two-way east/west traffic, to one-way west traffic circulation.

Motion passed by the following vote to wit:

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

**DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL ACTION REGARDING CALEXICO NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT FEE WAIVER**

City Manager Dale explained to the Council this waiver is in conjunction with the Christmas events after the parade.

Motion was made by Council Member Reisin, seconded by County Member Arreola-Fernandez to approve request for temporary use permit fee waiver from the Calexico Neighborhood House.

Motion passed by the following vote to wit:

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

**APPROVE AMENDMENT TO THE POLICE CHIEF'S CONTRACT.**

City Manager Dale presented letters from the Calexico Police Officers Association in support of the amendment to the Police Chief's contract and explained the amendments to the contract.

Mayor Hodge stated the morale in the department is higher, the department is more efficient and protocol is followed and the Chief's efforts have greatly reduced the overall crime problem. Mayor Hodge stated his support for this action.

Council Member Arreola-Fernandez stated she would like other department heads are also addressed.

Joong Kim stated he is not against the Chief, however, he is against only paying attention to the management level and not to the employees. He stated the city is sacrificing the city employees for the management levels.

Luis Casillas questioned how the Mayor could state it is better when there are less officers. He addressed comments by Sean Acuña, Calexico Police Association President and stated he was appalled by the comments made.

David Dale stated the city is working with CPOA and the city is trying to fill positions however, the applicants have not qualified. He further stated the city is addressing various issues with the union.

Council Member Reisin stated his support for the Chief of Police and commented on the endorsements by the CPOA and the Police Advisory Board.

Motion was made by Council Member Reisin, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Romero to approve the amendment to the Police Chief's Contract. Motion passed by the following vote to wit:

AYES: Hodge, Romero, Arreola-Fernandez, Reisin  
NOES: None

ABSENT: Pacheco  
ABSTAIN: None

**APPOINTMENT TO THE BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BOARD BY  
MAYOR HODGE.**

Appointed Gabriel Baez to the Business Improvement District Board.

Joong Kim spoke about commissioners only being able to be appointed to only one commission.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Council Member Arreola-Fernandez requested an item to address fire hydrants are not marked on the streets and people are being given tickets. Chief Gerardo stated the vehicle code states people need to be 18 ft. from fire hydrants even though the curb is not painted red. He stated he will have someone to paint the curb.

Mayor Pro Tem Romero requested an item to address the sprinkler system on the Canal Street strip. City Manager Dale advised the city needs Caltrans permits.

Council Member Reisin commented on the extensions given to the cannabis companies over the six month deadline. Assistant City Manager Figueroa advised a future presentation is coming to address this matter.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Romero, seconded by Council Member Arreola-Fernandez to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m. Motion passed by the following vote to wit:

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

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Bill Hodge, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Gabriela T. Garcia, City Clerk