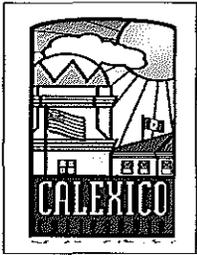


**AGENDA
ITEM**

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AGENDA STAFF REPORT

DATE: October 2, 2019
TO: Mayor and City Council
APPROVED BY: David B. Dale, City Manager *DB*
PREPARED BY: Gabriela T. Garcia, City Clerk *GTG*
SUBJECT: Approval of City Council/Calexico Community Redevelopment Agency Successor Agency/Calexico Financing Authority Minutes for Meeting of September 18, 2019

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Recommendation:

Approval of City Council/Calexico Community Redevelopment Agency Successor Agency/Calexico Financing Authority Minutes for Meeting of September 18, 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 September 18, 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 September 18, 2019.



THE CITY COUNCIL/CALEXICO COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY SUCCESSOR AGENCY/CALEXICO FINANCING AUTHORITY MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON THE 18TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 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 Pacheco called the closed session portion of the agenda at 5:31 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 at 5:33 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

Council adjourned to closed session at 5:33 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 (1) Potential Case

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

REGULAR SESSION AGENDA - 6:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hodge called the regular portion of the agenda at 6:33 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.

Invocation was given by Council Member Romero.

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Attorney Campos stated council met in closed session to address one item and there was no action to report.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

City Attorney Campos advised there is a clarification on Item No. 3 on the minutes regarding a motion made by Council Member Pacheco, the motion maker's name was omitted and now being included. Secondly, Item No. 12 - Agreement with Republic Services, this item will be continued to the next council meeting.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Romero to approve the agenda with clarification to Item No. 3 - minutes and the continuance of Item No. 12 to the next meeting. Motion was seconded by Council Member Pacheco and passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS**PRESENTATION ON THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMISSION ACTIVITIES BY ENRIQUE ROMAN RAMIREZ, CHAIRPERSON.**

Mayor Hodge advised council will hold off on the presentation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PUBLIC APPEARANCES

Raul Ureña addressed the council on issues of transportation with regards to economic development and applauded the council for the downtown revitalization plan. He stated the effort is incomplete due to the need to expand the transportation and the walkability in the downtown. He requested the council to think about the people who will be living in the downtown housing with regards to parking in the downtown and accessibility to groceries by walking.

Raul Ureña - Item No. 5: Mr. Urena stated he was glad for the approval on Calexico becoming healthy and expressed his concerns over the people who cannot get to the grocery stores.

Luis Casillas addressed the Council to make them aware of pending litigation on his case and expressed in detail his concerns with the letter sent to him with regards to his return to work. He stated he hoped the council would give direction to city manager to contact his attorney to discuss his return.

Gabriel Baez introduced himself and his new business Biomed, a new plasma center opening in Calexico. He stated his company is looking to do good for the community through some of the current initiatives happening in the city and stated they would like to become involved. He informed the council he has hired approximately 40 employees for this new business.

Pedro Ortiz addressed the council about the water account shut-offs, customer service towards the citizens, comments made by City Manager Dale at the prior council meeting. He stated he will continue to submit his concerns and requested that the council question matters and do more for the citizens.

Joong Kim expressed his concerns over treatment of the citizens and police officers. He also spoke on the downtown public safety.

Joong - Item No. 5 – Addressed transportation issues in the city and stated the city is pushing away the transportation and going with Imperial County Transportation Commission. He expressed his concern for residents without vehicles and stated that if the city wants to promote eating healthy, it needs to address transportation.

Joong Kim - Item No. 7 – addressed Santo Tomas and stated the city is misleading the community, not making decisions for the community and needs to work with the merchants, reach agreements for public safety. He stated the city has not held the town hall meetings and asked the council not to criticize the public.

Alex Perrone spoke about the oleanders on High 111 from Highway 98 to Cole Road and asked the city to save the money and not cut them down this year and use the funds for the community center. He proposed his family could adopt the area recommended. He further stated the intersection of Highway 111 and Cole Road is not taken care of and proposed his family could adopt a corner and maintain it and possibly another person could adopt the other corner. He stated his family is wants to help the community. He addressed Luis Casillas on his issue.

Jason Jung spoke on the termination of Luis Casillas and reported meeting with staff regarding his concerns about the Chief of Police. He also spoke on termination of other police officers and expressed his concerns on hiring issues by the City Manager.

Christian Estrada addressed the council regarding the meeting starting late and recommended closed session begin at 3 or 4 so the people do not waste time. He spoke about the projector not working and no there were no handouts to inform the community on the item discussed. He further commented deleted comment by Calexico Police Officers Association Facebook.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS AND REPORTS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED

Mayor Hodge commented on allegations made by members of the public and asked for the public to please make the distinction between fact and allegation.

Council Member Pacheco commented the current council was not in power during the issues with the police department officers and stated he hoped there could be resolution.

Mayor Pro Tem Romero reported attending “El Grito” event and thanked Mexican Consulate. He reported on a Press Release by Green Bloom next Wednesday, September 25, 2019. He thanked Calexico Unified School District Board Members Castillo and Calderon for meeting with the City’s Administrative team and Mayor Hodge regarding a resolution on El Portal Project. He commended Jesse Gomez on his work of painting the dug outs and mowing the lawn at Nosotros Park. He advised he would address concerns on the meetings starting late and the issue with the Oleanders on 111.

Council Member Reisin spoke on the negative comments made, he addressed the positives for the city and stated the council is trying to do good for the town.

Council Member Pacheco commented on Encinas Avenue at Calexico high school and the transportation issues in the area. He reported meeting with the Calexico Unified School District, Chief of Police, Public Works Manager and informed the delineators will be installed instead of the cones currently on the street.

Chief Gerardo stated permanent delineators will be installed for safety issues and people will be allowed to turn left into Belcher Street and in and out of Ethel Street and Linda Street.

Mayor Hodge reminded the public about the 2020 Census and informed the census sub-committee has met and informed they are waiting on evaluations by the County on the RFP’s on the lead non-profit organization. He also advised Campesinos Unidos, Housing Authority and the Camarena Library will be helping with the census. He spoke on the homeless committee which is meeting to discuss and collaborate on the complex issues of the homeless community. On September 6th the committee met with County Supervisors Escobar and Castillo and Norma Galindo from IID to tour the Men’s Shelter.

Mayor Pro Tem Romero requested the sales tax report for the year. Assistant City Manager Figueroa stated that as part of the communications strategy on the economy, the city is working

on a white paper that will be issued every other month to highlight the economic issues and industries in the city.

City Manager Dale reported the city is up 2% over from 2018 to 2019.

Mayor Hodge reported attending “El Grito” event and thanked the Mexican consulate, Councilman Reisin, Mr. Dominguez and staff for their work.

Assistant City Manager Figueroa informed the Council he received confirmation that the California/Mexico Border Relations Council will be coming down to a session in Council Chambers on November 19, 2019 and provided a brief recap on the California/Mexico Border Relations Council. He also provided an update on the New River Project and on an invitation for tomorrow to be part of a presentation to be given at the Imperial/Mexicali National Alliance on the plans the city is beginning to implement and on how the city has been successful to bring down state monies to make these plans a reality.

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT - No report.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Romero, seconded by Council Member Fernandez and passed unanimously to approve the consent agenda consisting of the following items: Approval of City Council/Calexico Community Redevelopment Agency Successor Agency/Calexico Financing Authority Minutes for Meeting of September 4, 2019; Warrants from August 17, 2019 to August 30, 2019 and City Salaries from August 17, 2019 to August 30, 2019; Approve Resolution of the City Council of the City of Calexico to Become a Healthy Eating Active Living City; Second Reading and Adoption by Title Only of Ordinance No. 1203 - An Ordinance Amending in its Entirety Chapter 5.80 of the Calexico Municipal Code Pertaining to Taxicabs; Second Reading and Adoption by Title Only of Ordinance No.1204 - An Ordinance Amending Chapter 5.76 of Title 5 (Business Licenses and Regulations) of the Calexico Municipal Code Regarding Swap Meets.

DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS

APPROVE AND ADOPT JOB DESCRIPTION FOR WATER TREATMENT PLANT LEAD OPERATOR.

Liliana Falomir, Public Works Manager provided a brief report and requested approval of the job description to fill the position.

Joong Kim commented on changes made to the positions in 2018 impacting the department with over a million in expenditures due to increases in salaries.

APPROVE & ADOPT JOB DESCRIPTION FOR WATER DISTRIBUTION OPERATOR/SEWER LEAD.

Liliana Falomir, Public Works Manager provided a brief report and requested approval of the job description to fill the position. She advised there is no one filling this position and due to State the city is required to have a lead position.

Council Member Pacheco asked about the savings with the position. City Manager Dale stated it would be approximately 50% and the work would be done faster.

Joong Kim expressed his concerns over the salaries and expenditures approved in 2018 and the impact on the departments. He addressed hiring persons for a specific jobs in the city and stated the community will pay more.

City Manager Dale addressed Joong Kim on his comments about hiring consultants vs. hiring in-house. He questioned Mr. Kim and pointed out that in this case, the City is hiring in-house and Mr. Kim is still opposing the hiring staff.

Joong Kim responded the city is hiring without a timeline and is just creating jobs without reason.

NEW POSITION ALLOCATION REQUEST UNDER WATER OPERATING FUND FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020.

Joong Kim commented on the position and stated the position should have a timeline for employment. He stated the city needs to save money for the community and expressed his concern over expenditures from the water fund.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Romero made a motion for approval of Items 8, 9 and 11 as follows: 8. Approve and Adopt Job Description for Water Treatment Plant Lead Operator; 9. Approve & Adopt Job Description for Water Distribution Operator/Sewer Lead; 11. New Position Allocation Request under Water Operating Fund for Fiscal Year 2019-2020. Motion was seconded by Council Member Reisin and passed unanimously.

APPROVE & ADOPT JOB DESCRIPTION FOR BUILDING OFFICIAL.

Denise Garcia presented the position for approval. City Attorney Campos advised the city has to approve positions for persons to be hired.

Joong Kim stated the city created this position time ago and his point of view is that the city has too much management already. He pointed out the position was eliminated, it has been included in the budget and now the job description is up for approval. He further questioned why the city could not work with the current staff and save money.

Motion was made by Council Member Pacheco, second by Council Member Arreola-Fernandez and passed unanimously to approve and adopt Job Description for Building Official.

AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN AGREEMENT WITH REPUBLIC SERVICES FOR THE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTE, AND STREET SWEEPING SERVICES.

Item removed from the agenda.

AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH DE ANZA HOTEL LIMITED PARTNERSHIP (CHELSEA ASSET CORPORATION) FOR THE CARMEN DURAZO CULTURAL ARTS CENTER.

City Manager Dale provided a brief report advising repairs had been made to the center and the lease for the cultural arts center had expired in 2014 hence the need for renewal. The new lease agreement is for a term of ten years at a cost of one dollar per year.

Carmen Durazo thanked the council on behalf of the Library Arts and Historical Board and the Arts Council for their support, for listening and taking action. She provided a summary on the activities during the summer months and requested consideration for staff to assist with the center.

Mayor Pro Tem Romero asked who could rent the center. City Manager Dale advised a policy was taken to the Library Arts and Historical Board for consideration and the policy, which will address this matter, will be brought to Council for review and approval.

Joong Kim spoke on Chelsea contract and stated Chelsea has a state grant and they are obligated to provide a public facility and the city should not spend money on the center.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Romero, seconded by Council Member Arreola-Fernandez and passed unanimously to authorize the City Manager to sign a lease agreement with De Anza Hotel Limited Partnership (Chelsea Asset Corporation) for the Carmen Durazo Cultural Arts Center.

AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER TO FILE NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT ASPHALT RUBBER COMPOSITE LAYER OVERLAY ON DESIGNATED STREETS PROJECT NO. 2018-100.

City Manager Dale advised this was last year's project and requested authorization to file notice of completion.

Joong Kim commented on the time it took to complete the project and stated the community is not being served right.

Motion was made by Council Member Pacheco, seconded by Council Member Arreola-Fernandez and passed unanimously to authorize City Manager to file notice of completion for Street Improvement Project Asphalt Rubber Composite Layer Overlay on Designated Streets Project No. 2018-100.

AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO PURCHASE ONE (1) CATERPILLAR 926M FC WHEEL LOADER FROM EMPIRE MACHINERY FOR WATER AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT UNDER SOURCEWELL (FORMERLY NJPA) COOPERATIVE PURCHASE AGREEMENT.

City Manager Dale explained the current loader is over fifteen years and a new one is needed as part of the Capital Improvement Program.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Romero and seconded by Council Member Arreola-Fernandez and passed unanimously to authorize the City Manager to purchase one (1) Caterpillar 926M FC Wheel Loader from Empire Machinery for Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant under Sourcewell (Formerly NJPA) Cooperative Purchase Agreement.

AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN DEDUCTIVE CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 WITH PYRAMID CONSTRUCTION AND AGGREGATE, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$22,230.93 FOR DE LAS FLORES STREET IMPROVEMENT FEDERAL-AID PROJECT NO. CML-5168(030).

City Manager Dale informed this is the final change order. The project is complete and was completed under budget.

Motion was made by Council Member Pacheco, seconded by Council Member Reisin and passed unanimously to authorize City Manager to sign deductive Change Order No. 2 with Pyramid Construction and Aggregate, Inc. in the amount of \$22,230.93 for De Las Flores Street Improvement Federal-Aid Project No. CML-5168(030).

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Pro Tem Romero requested the following items: 1) Item on Adopt a Park Ordinance; 2) Extension of CUP's for cannabis retail; 3) Item on taxicab ordinance.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Romero and seconded by Council Member Pacheco to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

Bill Hodge, Mayor

ATTEST:

Gabriela T. Garcia, City Clerk