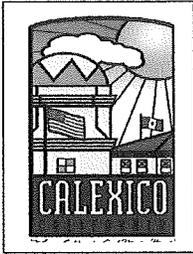


**AGENDA
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AGENDA STAFF REPORT

DATE: October 3, 2018
TO: Mayor and City Council
APPROVED BY: David B. Dale, City Manager
PREPARED BY: Gabriela T. Garcia, Deputy City Clerk
SUBJECT: Approval of City Council/Calexico Community Redevelopment Agency Successor Agency/Calexico Financing Authority Minutes for Meetings of July 18, 2018, August 8, 2018, September 5, 2018 and September 7, 2018

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Recommendation:

Approval of City Council/Calexico Community Redevelopment Agency Successor Agency/Calexico Financing Authority Minutes for Meetings of July 18, 2018, August 8, 2018, September 5, 2018 and September 7, 2018.

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:

Approval of City Council/Calexico Community Redevelopment Agency Successor Agency/Calexico Financing Authority Minutes for Meetings of July 18, 2018, August 8, 2018, September 5, 2018 and September 7, 2018 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 18, 2018, August 8, 2018, September 5, 2018 and September 7, 2018.

AGENDA
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THE CITY COUNCIL/CALEXICO COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY SUCCESSOR AGENCY/CALEXICO FINANCING AUTHORITY MET IN A REGULAR SESSION ON THE 18TH DAY OF JULY, 2018 AT 5:30 P.M. AT THE FERNANDO "NENE" TORRES COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 608 HEBER AVENUE, CALEXICO, CALIFORNIA. THE DATE, HOUR AND PLACE DULY ESTABLISHED FOR THE HOLDING OF SAID MEETING.

CLOSED SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pacheco called the closed session portion of the agenda to order at 5:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Mayor: Lewis Pacheco
Council Member: Bill Hodge
Council Member: Maritza Hurtado

ABSENT:

Mayor Pro Tem: Jesus Eduardo Escobar
Council Member: Armando G. Real

Mayor Pro Tem Escobar and Council Member Real arrived at 5:38 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – No public comments.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION.

Council adjourned to closed session at 5:36 p.m. to discuss the following:

1. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6

Agency Representatives: David Dale, City Manager, Carlos Campos, City Attorney
Employee Organizations: Calexico Municipal Employees Association, Fire Fighters Association, Certified Operators Association/SEIU Local 221, Calexico Police Officers Association, Calexico Management Association, Calexico Supervisors Association

2. 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

Council reconvened from closed session at 6:40 p.m.

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

REGULAR SESSION AGENDA - 6:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pacheco called the regular session portion of the agenda to order at 6:48 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Mayor: Lewis Pacheco
Mayor Pro Tem: Jesus Eduardo Escobar
Council Member: Bill Hodge
Council Member: Armando G. Real
Council Member: Maritza Hurtado

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

City Manager David Dale led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MISSION STATEMENT PLEDGE

City Manager David Dale led those present in reciting the Mission Statement Pledge.

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mayor Pacheco announced that Item No.'s 6 and 9 would be continued to the next council meeting.

Council Member Real made a motion to approve the agenda with continuation of Item No's. 6 and 9 to the next meeting. Motion was seconded by Council Member Hodge motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

**RECOGNITION PRESENTATION TO MAYOR HURTADO AND MAYOR PRO TEM
PACHECO FOR THEIR SERVICE DURING FISCAL YEAR 2017-18.**

Mayor Pacheco presented Council Member Hurtado with a plaque in recognition of her service as Mayor from July 2017 to July 2018.

Council Member Hurtado presented Mayor Pacheco with a plaque in recognition of his service as Mayor Pro Tem from July 2017 to July 2018.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PUBLIC APPEARANCES

Ben Horton congratulated the Mayor on meeting with residents of Calexico. He reported the fact finding group met to gather facts regarding water and sewer. He commented on a staff member video and suggested the Police Department investigate.

Ricardo Servin expressed concerns regarding the company being selected for trash pick-up. He stated if C&R is selected, it will cost the City more money due to C&R not having a landfill and will have to use Allied Waste landfill resulting in another charge to the people.

Council Member Hurtado left the dais at 7:08 p.m.

Ismael Lopez stated the Economic Development and Financial Advisory Commission exists but does nothing and he stated his questions and concerns with the commission not being consulted on items such as Item No. 12 to approve auditors for the next five years and other items that have been outsourced. He stated the commission can provide some expertise through their years of experience.

David Romero provided an update on meeting held with the Economic Development and Financial Advisory Commission meeting to discuss the water and wastewater rates.

Joong Kim commented on his request from Mr. Escobar regarding the increase of water and wastewater rates and requested items from council. He felt that Mr. Escobar was lying to the people. He spoke about the \$18 million dollars that are in the bank and questioned the city budget and stated revenues are not quoted and are missing.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS AND REPORTS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED

Bill Hodge asked management and SEIU to meet and confer and put aside all grievances and come together and show good faith on both sides since employee livelihoods are at stake. He informed on ICTC outreach events in August 2018. He thanked William Roller for the article on the swimming pool. He spoke on the trash issue and stated it might not have to bid since Republic is issuing very good incentives and asked for council to keep an open mind.

Mayor Pro Tem Escobar addressed comments by Commissioner Lopez and stated support for the commission. He stated Council should take responsibility for the commissions. He requested an update on the proposal for a restroom at 5th Street and Andrade Avenue. City Manager Dale stated the City Attorney has finished the review and the project will be moving forward. He informed about the there is an INBA Imperial – Mexicali alliance meeting in Mexicali from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. on July 19, 2018.

Council Member Hodge agreed with Council Members on the commissions and stated his position is not to get rid of them because they serve a vital purpose. He stated he would like to have them restored with the respect deserved.

Mayor Pacheco reported he attended a breakfast with State Senator Ben Hueso on the needs of Calexico. He stated the vision is to visit city counter parts in Mexicali regarding the opening of the West Port of Entry.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Dale commented on the reason for the mission statement and stated one person cannot fix everything but everyone working together can. He stated the mission statement will be read at every meeting, so everyone can learn that together is how things should be done.

Assistant City Manager Figueroa invited those present to the Regional Quality Control Board (RQCB) meeting on July 19, 2018 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. RQCB will provide an update for the New River Improvement Project. Assembly Member Garcia will be present to address opportunities for funding and policies that will drive the project.

Council Member Hurtado returned to the dais at 7:23 p.m.

Mariano Valenzuela addressed the Council to make the record clear on the wages earned by the water treatment plant operators.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Council Member Hodge 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 December 20, 2017; Approval of the following Resolutions Relating to the November 6, 2018 General Municipal Election for the City of Calexico: a) Adopt Resolution of the City Council of the City of Calexico, California, Calling for a General Municipal Election to be held on November 6, 2018 for the Election of Certain City Officers; b) Adopt Resolution of the City Council of the City of Calexico, California, Requesting the Board of Supervisors of the County of Imperial to Render Specified Services to the City Relating to the Conduct of a General Municipal Election and to Consolidate Such Election with any State or Local Election to be held on Tuesday November 6, 2018; c) Adopt Resolution of the City Council of the City of Calexico, California, Adopting Regulations for Candidates for Elective Office Pertaining to Candidates Statements Submitted to the Voters at a General Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2018. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Escobar and passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS

APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CALEXICO AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION TO THE CALIFORNIA STATE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOR FUNDING UNDER THE HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM; AND IF SELECTED, THE EXECUTION OF A STANDARD AGREEMENT, ANY AMENDMENTS THERETO, AND OF ANY RELATED DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM.

Miguel Figueroa stated that for the past three years the City had not received any funds from the Housing and Urban Development HOME Program. He stated this program provides first time home buyer and rehabilitation loans to the community. He stated this resolution for consideration will allow the City of Calexico to submit an application for funding. The objective is gaining the

trust of HCD to be eligible to apply for this type of funding. He further stated staff has worked diligently to make it possible to apply for these funds by working on progress reports and making sure they are acceptable and in lieu of that they can get approval to go after the funds.

Mayor Pro Tem Escobar asked what protocols will be in place for fair and ethical treatment of the public for said loans. Assistant City Manager Figueroa stated the city had not been eligible to apply due to internal controls which were not in place and now it is eligible because the Department has shown the State that the city ready to implement guidelines set in place between the Housing and Finance Departments.

Joong Kim expressed his concern about previous years and the expenditures. He questioned the way funds were spent by the City.

Motion was made by Council Member Hodge to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Submittal of an Application to the California State Department of Housing and Community Development for Funding under the HOME Investment Partnerships Program; and if Selected, the Execution of a Standard Agreement, Any Amendments Thereto, and of any Related Documents Necessary to Participate in the HOME Investment Partnerships Program. Motion seconded by Council Member Real for discussion.

Council Member Real spoke about the City not having financial statements and stated that thanks to the staff.

Ben Horton concurred with Mr. Figueroa and stated there are protocols and advised that a State and Federal class has to be taken in order to implement loans.

APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CALEXICO AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE GRANT APPLICATION, MASTER AGREEMENT AND/OR ANY OTHER DOCUMENTATION PERTAINING TO THE 2019 ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM CYCLE 4.

Council Member Real asked if this affects the general fund. Mr. Miguel Figueroa advised there are no matching funds required and no impact to the general fund.

Motion by Council Member Real to approve the Resolution Authorizing the City Manager or His Designee to Execute Grant Application, Master Agreement and/or Any Other Documentation Pertaining to the 2019 Active Transportation Program Cycle 4.

Mr. Figueroa stated there are two projects being considered which are the \$2 million going through SCAG through the Active Transportation program. Projects are the New River Parkway and the Walkway on Rockwood Street from 1st street to 2nd street. He stated it is a lengthy process however, if funded the city is looking at fiscal year 2019-20 before implementation.

Motion was seconded by Council Member Real.

Joong Kim spoke on issue of the trash cans and stated Calexico has sold out to ICTC and they do not provide much help and they transport customers out of town. He commented on buses not having air conditioning for the public and asked that buses be requested to have air conditioning.

Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALEXICO, CALIFORNIA, DETERMINING AND LEVYING THE SPECIAL TAX IN COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2005-1 (HEARTHSTONE).

Item continued to next council meeting.

APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALEXICO, IN ITS CAPACITY AS LEGISLATIVE BODY TO THE CITY OF CALEXICO COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2003-1 (BRAVO-RODILES) AUTHORIZING THE LEVY OF SPECIAL TAXES WITHIN SUCH DISTRICT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018-19.

Motion was made by Council Member Hurtado, seconded by Council Member Real and passed unanimously.

Joong Kim addressed the billing of the fees with Bravo Rodiles and stated it was double dipping.

APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALEXICO, CALIFORNIA, DETERMINING AND LEVYING THE SPECIAL TAX IN COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2013-1 (GRAN PLAZA).

Joong Kim stated Gran Plaza were in breach of contract and questioned why the City was continuing with the Community Facilities District. He further stated Gran Plaza had made false statements to get the contract.

Motion was made by Hurtado, seconded by Council Member Real for discussion.

Council Member Real spoke on the tax sharing agreement and stated the City is not giving Gran Plaza sales tax funds. He clarified the City is not giving taxes but in leu of them paying taxes we are sharing that part of the taxes to pay bonds for infrastructure.

Council Member Real requested clarification from City Manager Dale on the property tax. City Manager Dale provided an example on funds received and explained the city receives the the first three-hundred thousand for the general fund and the rest of the sales tax funds go to pay the CFD bond.

APPROVE AN EXTENSION OF THE PUN & MCGEADY, LLP CONTRACT TO PROVIDE ANNUAL FINANCIAL AUDIT SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF CALEXICO FOR FISCAL YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2018, 2019, 2020 WITH OPTIONS FOR 2021 AND 2022.

Joong Kim commented on the company being with the City for many years and suggested changing the auditors. He asked the Council to be diligent and fair to the community since the City has already been with this company for five years.

Council Member Real quoted Ms. Susan Mayer in saying “She had never seen a City in such financial turmoil”. He stated he was shocked the City was considering Pun & McGeady for

another five years since they were around during all the years the City was not providing financial statements. He stated he personally felt that the Council should look into this and put the contract out for bid because the company did not raise any flags.

Council Member Hurtado commented on the instability of the department and stated that with the city's history, it would be best to leave Pun & McGeady and their historical knowledge and leave them until the work is concluded.

Mayor Pro Tem Escobar stated there is a need for continuity and a need for change. He stated a request for proposals is the most appropriate for a third party consultant based on experience with other cities that have been in the same predicament. He asked if the city had enough time this fiscal year for RFP. City Manager Dale stated he was advised by Ms. Susan Mayer the City was in extremely poor condition and is extremely lucky because no other firm would have taken the job.

Karla Lobatos, Finance Director reiterated the recommendation by Ms. Susan Mayer who advised her the City was very lucky to have an auditor given the poor condition of the city.

Council Member Real commented on Pun & McGeady not informing the City of the state of the city's financial condition and stated the city needs to get out of the contract. He further stated the City needs to change their consultants after years.

Mayor Pacheco stated that with this company there is stability. If the council feels the years are too extended, they should just continue to complete the goal.

Council Mayor Hurtado questioned the motion if there was already a contract. City Attorney Campos clarified it was an extension of the contract.

Motion was made by Council Member Real to approve the extension of the contract for one year and opening up to request proposals.

Mayor Pro Tem Escobar clarified that the motion is to continue with Pun & McGeady for fiscal year ending 2017-18 and open up for proposals for fiscal year 2019-20.

After a lengthy discussion by Council and Staff regarding the options of the contract, concerns regarding financials, stability for the city, closing books and issuing a financial audit, the motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Escobar and passed by the following vote to wit:

AYES: Escobar, Hodge, Real
NOES: Pacheco, Hurtado

APPROVAL OF MASTER CALENDAR OF CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018-19.

Motion was made by Council Member Real to approve the master calendar for fiscal year 2018-19, motion was seconded by Council Member Hodge and passed unanimously.

DESIGNATION OF VOTING DELEGATE AND ALTERNATES FOR THE 2018 LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES ANNUAL CONFERENCE – SEPTEMBER 12-14, 2018 IN LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA.

Motion by Council Member Real to have the Mayor be the voting delegate and Mayor Pro Tem and Council Member Hodge be the alternates. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Escobar and passed unanimously.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Council Member Real requested an item to consider the Council to hear items for the Business Improvement District.
2. Council Member Hurtado requested information from Code Enforcement regarding Semi-trucks parked in Toys-R-Us.
3. Mayor Pro Tem Escobar requested an item to have council members to be assigned to the commissions and to attend their meetings.
4. Mayor Pacheco asked about a way that funds can be transferred to the Chamber due to the work they do in promoting the City.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, motion was made by Council Member Real, seconded by Mayor Pacheco and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 p.m.

Lewis Pacheco, Mayor

ATTEST:

Gabriela T. Garcia, Deputy City Clerk

THE CITY COUNCIL/CALEXICO COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY SUCCESSOR AGENCY/CALEXICO FINANCING AUTHORITY MET IN SPECIAL SESSION ON THE 8TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2018 AT 6:00 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 Pacheco called the meeting to order at 6:12 p.m.

ROLL CALL.

PRESENT:

Mayor: Lewis Pacheco
Mayor Pro Tem: Jesus Eduardo Escobar
Council Member: Bill Hodge
Council Member: Armando Real

ABSENT:

Council Member: Maritza Hurtado

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

City Attorney Campos led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MISSION STATEMENT PLEDGE.

David Dale, City Manager led those present in reciting the City Mission Statement Pledge.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.

Motion was made by Council Member Hodge and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Escobar to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed by the following vote to wit:

AYES: Pacheco, Escobar, Hodge, Real
NOES: None
ABSENT: Hurtado
ABSTAIN: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PUBLIC APPEARANCES

David Romero, spoke in favor for the cannabis industry. He stated there will be an open public forum to inform the public to introduce and this is to benefit.

Benjamin Horton spoke in reference to the establishment of a tax and stated he hoped this would go out to the voters. He further stated this would not be a tax for the general fun and that the tax

is specifically dedicated. He stated that if it is a general tax it requires 50+1 but if you have a tax specifically dedicated to the police department or other industry then it would require a 2/3 vote. He stated he hoped the tax would help to move the people forward.

Joong Kim spoke on issues such as council irresponsibility for impact of the committee at a rush hour. He stated council makes important decision without letting the people know. He addressed last meeting on Wednesday and spoke about a child commenting on the marijuana tax. He addressed the big impact on the community and stated his concern over bringing in dispensaries into the community, the issues with safety and questioned why the community is being jeopardized.

LOCAL INITIATIVE MEASURE – ESTABLISHING A TAX ON CANNABIS BUSINESSES OPERATING WITHIN THE CITY OF CALEXICO

Council Member Real stated the item was brought back because it has to be placed on the ballot for the tax. He spoke about the distribution of funds between the departments, he stated cities in California will have approximately 25% of the funds from cannabis come back to the community. He stated the general fund is hurting and some of the funds will go to police and fire and however the council decides how to disburse the funds. He stated he felt the general fund is the fund that needs the help. He advised there was an informational forum held on the benefits of cannabis and urged people to read on it.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Escobar to approve the item. Motion was seconded by Council Member Real. Mayor Pacheco read the Measure Language to the Public. Motion passed by the following vote to wit:

AYES:	Pacheco, Escobar, Hodge, Real
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	Hurtado
ABSTAIN:	None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Lewis Pacheco, Mayor

ATTEST:

Gabriela T. Garcia, Deputy City Clerk

THE CITY COUNCIL/CALEXICO COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY SUCCESSOR AGENCY/CALEXICO FINANCING AUTHORITY MET IN A REGULAR SESSION ON THE 5TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2018 AT 5:30 P.M. AT THE FERNANDO “NENE” TORRES COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 608 HEBER AVENUE, CALEXICO, CALIFORNIA. THE DATE, HOUR AND PLACE DULY ESTABLISHED FOR THE HOLDING OF SAID MEETING.

CLOSED SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pacheco called the closed session portion of the agenda at 5:37 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Mayor: Lewis Pacheco
Mayor Pro Tem: Jesus Eduardo Escobar
Council Member: Bill Hodge
Council Member: Maritza Hurtado

Absent:

Council Member: Armando Real

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION.

Council adjourned to closed session at 5:38 p.m. to discuss the following:

1. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6

Agency Representatives: David Dale, City Manager, Carlos Campos, City Attorney
Employee Organizations: Calexico Municipal Employees Association, Fire Fighters Association, Certified Operators Association/SEIU Local 221, Calexico Police Officers Association, Calexico Management Association, Calexico Supervisors Association.

Council reconvened from closed session at 6:25 pm

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

REGULAR SESSION AGENDA - 6:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pacheco called the regular portion of the agenda to order at 6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER.**ROLL CALL****Present:**

Mayor: Lewis Pacheco
Mayor Pro Tem: Jesus Eduardo Escobar
Council Member: Bill Hodge
Council Member: Armando Real
Council Member: Maritza Hurtado

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Miguel Figueroa led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MISSION STATEMENT PLEDGE

City Manager Dale led those present in reciting the Mission Statement Pledge.

INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Pastor Hugo Guillen from the Seventh Day Adventist Church.

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS.

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion was made by Council Member Real, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Escobar and passed unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.

PRESENTATIONS**UPDATE ON CALEXICO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND BUSINESS ACTIVITIES BY HILDY CARRILLO, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.**

Hildy Carrillo, Executive Director of the Callexico Chamber of Commerce provided a detailed report on the Callexico Chamber of Commerce and the events and activities taking place throughout the year. She reported Ms. Sandra Tauler secured a grant to digitize the Callexico Chronicle from 1904-1998. She provided a listing of the members of the executive team and board of directors and their responsibilities. She reported on the various projects for the chamber and invited everyone to the upcoming events for the year. She advised there are two new businesses opening for immigration services and the queen bee bridal. She also reported Wells Fargo will be opening their new office, First Imperial Credit Union will have their grand opening on Cole Blvd.

Mayor Pro Tem Escobar asked Ms. Carrillo about the Lava Lamps and Mariachi Festival events and commented on the diminishing return on the investment and how attendance is down for the events. He asked what the City and community could do to assist in the attendance. Ms. Carrillo stated the money maker is the Mardi Gras which assists with the Mariachi Festival which has never

been a money maker and is an event to mostly to bring people into the community. She asked for support from everyone to bring people from out of town to visit Calexico.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PUBLIC APPEARANCES

Carmen Durazo and Ana Lisa Pacheco spoke on behalf of the Library, Arts and Cultural Arts Commission projects and invited all to attend the unveiling of the Binational Mural Project on at Rockwood Plaza on October 16, 2018 at 5:30 pm and following the ceremony there will be an exhibit at the Cultural Arts Center on the historical documents and pictures for the project. She requested donations from Council and Employees for the event.

Ana Lisa Pacheco offered the following quote by Winston Churchill “We make a living by what we get but we make a life by what we give”

Supervisor John Renison, announced port of entry northbound will open Tuesday morning at 8 am. He reported on his meeting in Mexico City with the Commissioner of Customs Kevin McClelland, Chairman for Homeland Security Yoder and Congressman Cuellar from Texas regarding Calexico issues. He informed the County Van will be in Calexico in front of City Hall to assist with voter registration, to open medical, child support and other services.

Javier Moreno, Co-Founder of the Schools Safety Coalition invited everyone to a community forum on September 13, 2018 at Council Chambers at 6:00 p.m. The event is to address the conflict of active shooter and national health. He stated this event is to bring forth dialog with the public.

Jack Tapia thanked the council for keeping the Calexico Police Department.

Joong Kim spoke about his request regarding Mayor Pro Tem Escobar’s comments that he had signed a document to raise the fees for the trash. He spoke about people having the wrong water bill and being overcharged. He spoke about finding \$40 million in the budget and requested council audit the water department fund and the billing process.

Gabriel Trujillo spoke on an issue of credibility from Mr. Joong Kim and stated Mayor Pro Tem Escobar is a fine and honorable man and is serving the community.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS AND REPORTS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED

Council Member Hodge recommended that city manager expedite in choosing or delegating council sitting on special council meetings and to have commissions to hold regular monthly reports. He urged the City provide commissioners with business cards.

Mayor Pro Tem Escobar announced the first annual Rotary talent show on Saturday, October 20, 2018 for ages 11 and over. He commended Mayor Pacheco on the community forums the 4th Wednesday of the month to speak with the community. He commented on having the City announce the events for the chamber. He congratulated his daughters on their August birthdays.

Council Member Real commented on the public comments section of the agenda and asked candidates to not come before council to politicize.

Council Member Hurtado spoke about shopping local and supporting the chamber of commerce. She addressed the importance of economic development and promoting Calexico especially with the new port of entry. She thanked the City Manager for working with her. She stated she has been in contact with the Mexican Consul regarding the sister city relationship with Mexicali and relationships with NAFTA for investing. She announced the Visa training workshop on 10-3-2018 by the Mexican consulate and reported on a positive meeting with LAFCO regarding medical services in Calexico due to the lack of a hospital.

Mayor Pacheco reported on the County Election Mobil van that will be at the De Anza Hotel "El Quintero" on October 22, 2018 for persons who want to drop off ballots. He also informed there will be elections staff at Calexico City Hall on October 22, 2018, October 25, 2018 and October 29-November 1, 2018 for ballot drop off. Mayor reported he would be attending the League of Cities Annual Conference in Long Beach from September 12-14, 2018.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Dale announced a candidate orientation on September 6, 2018 at 6 p.m. and invited all to attend. He commended the Liliana Falomir, Public Works Manager on her work and for instituting the downtown clean-up of the allies which will be done once a month. He stated he will work on downtown and issues with transportation. He reported the Oversight Board authorize the financing of the tax allocation bonds which will save the city about \$180,000 per year for the general fund. He advised the Council he would be coming before Council in October with a request to increase staffing.

Assistant City Manager Figueroa reported the city submitted a \$500,000 grant application to the State for First Time Homebuyer assistance in addition to home rehabilitation. He acknowledged Ms. Falomir for her assistance on the SCAG active transportation program and credited Ms. Falomir for the diligent work on assisting submittal of the application.

Ms. Falomir thanked Council for the acknowledgment and also thanked the Chief of Police for the traffic controller assistance. She pointed out the work is a group effort. Mayor Pacheco thanked Ms. Falomir for the setting up of the ground breaking ceremony on Cesar Chavez.

CONSENT AGENDA

Item No. 12 was pulled for discussion.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Escobar to approve the consent agenda consisting of Items 3-11 and Item 13 as follows: Approval of City Council/Calexico Community Redevelopment Agency Successor Agency/Calexico Financing Authority Minutes for Meeting of May 5, 2015, July 5, 2017, June 19, 2018, June 20, 2018; Ratification of 2010 General Tax Citizen Oversight Advisory Committee (Measure H) Minutes for Meetings of April 24, 2018, May 21, 2018 and June 29, 2018; Ratification of Economic Development/Financial Advisory Commission Minutes for the Meeting of July 10, 2018; Warrants from July 7, 2018 to July 20, 2018 and City Salaries from July 7, 2018 to July 20, 2018; Warrants from July 21, 2018 to August 3, 2018 and City Salaries from July 21, 2018 to August 3, 2018; Warrants from August 4, 2018 to August 17, 2018 and City Salaries from August 4, 2018 to August 17, 2018; Adopt Budget Amendment Resolution (BAR)

to Appropriate Funds from Parking Traffic Control Capital Outlay Expense Account to Police Equipment Repairs and Maintenance; Approval of Resolutions Ordering the Collection of Nuisance Abatement Costs as a Special Assessment on the Properties located at 1233 CN Perry and 1235 CN Perry; Authorize City Manager to File Notice of Completion for Collapsed Sewer Pipeline at 600 Block of Lincoln Street; Authorize City Manager to File Notice of Completion for 5th Street and Grant Street Water Mains Improvements. Motion was seconded by Council Member Hurtado and passed unanimously.

ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR FOR DISCUSSION

ITEM NO. 12. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 1186 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CALEXICO, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CALEXICO AND TRINITY PROPERTY COMPANY, LLC. FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CANNABIS CULTIVATION AND MANUFACTURING FACILITY PROJECT FOR REAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF CALEXICO.

Joong Kim spoke against the passing of the item. He asked for council to make sure there is safety for the community. He stated his concern on the company having a testing room for smoking, about accountability and cautioned on making a profit from the kids. He asked for enforcement.

Gabriel Trujillo stated there is nothing sneaky about being transparent on the item.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Escobar to approve second reading and adoption of Ordinance No. 1186 Approving a Development Agreement between the City of Calexico and Trinity Property Company, LLC, for the Establishment of Cannabis Cultivation and Manufacturing Facility Project for Real Property within the City of Calexico. Motion passed by the following vote to wit:

- AYES: Pacheco, Escobar, Hodge, Real
- NOES: Hurtado
- ABSENT: None
- ABSTAIN: None

DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS

AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 WITH HAZARD CONSTRUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$305,237.00 FOR STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT ASPHALT RUBBER COMPOSITE LAYER OVERLAY ON DESIGNATED STREETS PROJECT NO. 2018-100.

Council Member Real stated he has never been a fan of change orders and expressed his concerns on the large amount for the change order.

Ms. Falomir explained the majority of the change order was going to fund the base under curb and gutter that was not originally part of the specification and original contract.

Council Member Real asked if the change order could be bid out as a separate item and/or get another contractor to do it.

Ms. Falomir responded that Hazard Construction got the contract because they were the lowest bid and even with the change order they will continue to be the lowest bidder then Aggregate Product, Inc. who submitted the second lowest bid.

Council Member Real, stated change orders should be minimal and felt that everything should go out for bid. He stated his issue with the amount of the change order.

Joong Kim questioned why the city does not hire three to four companies to work on projects for the community so they can work on all the streets at the same time and fix them faster.

Motion was made by Council Member Real, seconded by Council Member Hodge and passed unanimously to Authorize City Manager to Sign Change Order No. 1 with Hazard Construction in the Amount of \$305,237.00 for Street Improvement Project Asphalt Rubber Composite Layer Overlay on Designated Streets Project No. 2018-100.

ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2018-__ OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALEXICO AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ENDORSE THE MASTER AGREEMENT, PROGRAM SUPPLEMENT AGREEMENTS, FUND EXCHANGE AGREEMENTS, FUND TRANSFER AGREEMENTS AND ANY AMENDMENTS ENTITLED “ADMINISTERING AGENCY – FEDERAL AND/OR STATE FUNDED PROJECT” FOR PROJECT NO. HPLUL-5168(015) NEW RIVER PARKWAY IMPROVEMENTS.

Miguel Figueroa stated the city is at the phase 1b which covers the majority of the project on the west side of town.

Mayor Pro Tem Escobar congratulated the staff on this project. Council Member Hodge also congratulated staff on the project and asked about the funding for local match. Assistant City Manager Figueroa advised the funding is through Assembly Bill 1079.

Joong Kim asked why the city has to wait and asked council to bring back service to the community and stated he was happy for the project.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Escobar, seconded by Council Member Real and passed unanimously to adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager or His Designee to Endorse the Master Agreement, Program Supplement Agreements, Fund Exchange Agreements, Fund Transfer Agreements and Any Amendments Entitled “Administering Agency – Federal and/or State Funded Project” for Project No. HPLUL-5168(015) New River Parkway Improvements.

DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL ACTION REGARDING RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES OF SAN DIEGO’S REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF TEMPORARY USE PERMIT FILING FEE.

Mayor Pro Tem Escobar spoke on the support by Ronald McDonald house for low income families and stated they are a tremendous asset to the city of Calexico.

Motion was made by Council Member Hurtado, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Escobar and passed unanimously to approve waiver of the temporary use permit filing fee requested by Ronald McDonald House Charities of San Diego.

APPROVE HIRING OF TWO ENTRY LEVEL FIRE FIGHTERS/EMS.

Joong Kim stated he was glad to see the city is hiring officers. He stated he would like to see more manpower especially police officers and spoke on the ratio of officers to residents in Calexico.

Motion was made by Council Member Real, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Escobar and passed unanimously to approve hiring of two entry level fire fighters/EMS.

Council Member Hurtado commented on the responsibility and efforts of the city on hiring more staff.

Council Member Hodge stated he is happy for Police and Fire and asked about the possibility of hiring in October. City Manager Dale stated the city is currently on a hiring freeze because of unrealized revenues however are now starting to see those remedies and in October will bring back the new revenues in the budget and ask for new hires.

APPROVE HIRING OF TWO ENTRY LEVEL POLICE OFFICERS.

Council Member Real made a motion to approve hiring of two entry level police officers. He also commented he is happy to see the Police and Fire Department's still in Calexico and stated this has come forward with the sacrifice by the staff. He commended administration for their work and thanked the police officers and city staff.

Council Member Hurtado recognized the department for their community focus and support from administration and various agencies. She stated she was proud of the officers.

Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Escobar and passed unanimously.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CALEXICO APPROVING RECORDATION OF THE FINAL MAP SUBDIVISION 059-330-001 (6 LOTS – SUNSET SUBDIVISION).

Motion was made by Council Member Hurtado, seconded by Council Member Hodge and passed unanimously to approve a resolution approving the recordation of the Final Map Subdivision 059-330-001 (6 lots – Sunset Subdivision).

Mr. Carlos Romero commended council and staff for their work for the City. He spoke about the importance of Calexico in California because Calexico is the entry to California. He commented on Council's professionalism.

APPOINTMENT OF A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE COUNTY OF IMPERIAL ELECTION AD-HOC COMMITTEE.

It was the consensus of the council to appoint Mayor Pacheco to the Election ad-hoc committee.

APPOINTMENT BY MAYOR PACHECO OF AN ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS OFFICER PURSUANT TO MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 1.27.090 – HEARING OFFICER.

Mayor Pacheco appointed Mr. Iran Martinez.

APPOINTMENT BY MAYOR PACHECO TO THE CENTINELA STATE PRISON CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

No appointment made.

APPOINTMENT BY MAYOR PACHECO OF ONE PRIMARY REPRESENTATIVE AND ONE ALTERNATE TO THE IMPERIAL COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION (ICTC) BOARD.

Mayor Pacheco was appointed as Primary Representative and Council Member Hodge was appointed as the alternate.

Joong Kim stated the county is after the city of Calexico and is taking from the City. He stated that by creating ICTC, they make it easy to transport Calexico customers to other cities and he expects that the council members who attend the meetings to fight for Calexico's interests.

APPOINTMENT OF PRIMARY REPRESENTATIVE AND ONE ALTERNATE TO THE IMPERIAL VALLEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (IVEDC).

It was the consensus of the Council to appointed Mayor Pro Tem Escobar as Primary Representative and Council Member Hodge as the alternate.

APPOINTMENT BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS TO THE FOLLOWING COMMISSIONS/ BOARDS/ COMMITTEES:

- a. Economic Development/Financial Advisory Commission - No appointment made.
- b. Personnel Commission – No appointment made.
- c. Business Improvement District (BID) - No appointment made.
- d. 2010 General Tax Citizen Oversight Advisory Committee (Measure H) - No appointment made.

Assistant City Manager Figueroa requested direction to form a commission of the BID/Economic Development. City Attorney Campos stated the item would be brought forth for approval.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Council Member Real – requested and item to consolidate the BID with Economic Development and Financial Advisory Commission and an item on the closure of Rockwood Avenue from First to Second Street.
2. Council Member Hodge requested a report on idea of gating up the allies to keep them clean.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Lewis Pacheco, Mayor

ATTEST:

Gabriela T. Garcia, Deputy City Clerk

THE CITY COUNCIL/CALEXICO COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY SUCCESSOR AGENCY/CALEXICO FINANCING AUTHORITY MET IN A SPECIAL SESSION ON THE 7TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2018 AT 3:00 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 Pacheco called the meeting to order at 3:08 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Mayor: Lewis Pacheco
Council Member: Bill Hodge
Council Member: Armando G. Real

ABSENT:

Mayor Pro Tem: Jesus Eduardo Escobar
Council Member: Maritza Hurtado

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Assistant City Manager Figueroa led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.

Motion was made by Council Member Real, seconded by Council Member Hodge and passed by the following vote to wit:

AYES: Pacheco, Hodge, Real
NOES: None
ABSENT: Escobar, Hurtado
ABSTAIN: None

ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2018-___ OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALEXICO AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE GRANT OFFER AGREEMENT AND/OR ANY DOCUMENTATION PERTAINING TO AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (AIP) PROJECT NO. 3-06-0034-017-2018 WITH THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION (FAA) FOR THE DESIGN PHASE OF THE TAXIWAY REHABILITATION AT THE CALEXICO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

Public Works Manager Liliana Falomir advised the Council that the Calexico International Airport received a grant for \$236,409.00 for the design of the taxiway rehabilitation project. She further stated that once design phase is completed, staff will go to the Federal Aviation Administration for construction.

Council Member Real asked if the City will have an opportunity to obtain a grant to repair the airport. Ms. Falomir explained the city will be placing it on the list again for future funding however it may take one to two years for the funding.

Motion was made by Council Member Real, seconded by Council Member Hodge to adopt a resolution authorizing the city Manager or his designee to execute Grant Offer Agreement and/or any documentation pertaining to Airport Improvement Program (AIP) Project No. 3-06-0034-017-2018 with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for the design phase of the Taxiway Rehabilitation at the Calexico International Airport. Motion passed by the following vote to wit:

AYES: Pacheco, Hodge, Real
NOES: None
ABSENT: Escobar, Hurtado
ABSTAIN: None

APPOINTMENT BY COUNCIL MEMBER REAL TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMISSION.

Council Member Real appointed Mr. Bruno Suarez to the Economic Development/Financial Advisory Commission.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 3:17 p.m.

Lewis Pacheco, Mayor

ATTEST:

Gabriela T. Garcia, Deputy City Clerk