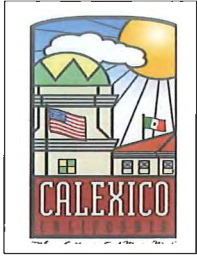


**AGENDA  
ITEM**

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# AGENDA STAFF REPORT

**DATE:** November 17, 2021  
**TO:** Mayor and City Council  
**APPROVED BY:** Miguel Figueroa, City Manager *MF*  
**PREPARED BY:** Gabriela T. Garcia, City Clerk  
**SUBJECT:** Approval of City Council/Calexico Community Redevelopment Agency Successor Agency/Calexico Financing Authority Minutes for Meeting of October 6, 2021

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**Recommendation:**

Approval of City Council/Calexico Community Redevelopment Agency Successor Agency/Calexico Financing Authority Minutes for Meeting of October 6, 2021.

**Background:**

In accordance with Municipal Code Section 2.04.070, the City Clerk shall prepare minutes of the proceedings of each City Council Meeting.

**Discussion & Analysis:**

City Council/Calexico Community Redevelopment Agency Successor Agency/Calexico Financing Authority Minutes for Meeting of October 6, 2021 have been prepared for City Council review and approval.

**Fiscal Impact:**

None.

**Coordinated With:**

None.

**Attachments:**

Minutes for City Council/Calexico Community Redevelopment Agency Successor Agency/Calexico Financing Authority Minutes for Meeting of October 6, 2021.



**THE CITY COUNCIL/CALEXICO COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY SUCCESSOR AGENCY/CALEXICO FINANCING AUTHORITY MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON THE 6TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2021 AT 6:30 PM AT THE FERNANDO “NENE” TORRES COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 608 HEBER AVENUE, CALEXICO, CALIFORNIA. THE DATE, HOUR AND PLACE DULY ESTABLISHED FOR THE HOLD OF SAID MEETING PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-30.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Moreno called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**MISSION STATEMENT PLEDGE**

Police Chief Gerardo led those present in reciting the City’s Mission Statement Plege.

**INVOCATION BY PASTOR ALEX VIVANCO, 7TH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH, CALEXICO**

Pastor Alex Vivanco led those present in prayer.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Motion made by Council Ureña to approve the agenda with the removal of Item No. 9. Motion seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Garcia and passed unanimously.

**PRESENTATIONS**

**PRESENTATION BY RAMON CASTRO, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, AMERICAN VETERANS HOMEFRONT INITIATIVE.**

Presentation tabled to the next Council Meeting.

**UPDATE ON IMPERIAL COUNTY TRAVEL TRAILERS AS PRESENTED BY MAYOR JAVIER MORENO.**

Mayor Moreno provided an update regarding the title of the trailers. Staff is currently working with Imperial County on registrations.

**FARMWORKER SERVICE CENTER PRESENTATION, AS PRESENTED BY MAYOR JAVIER MORENO.**

Mayor Moreno informed of meeting with the Orthopedic Clinic representative regarding the signing of a lease with Dr. Kelada. City Manager Figueroa stated the representative also met with the Finance Director and Building and Planning Services Director regarding guidance on matters relating to business license and permits required.

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

Chief Favila advised Covid-19 is currently at a standstill. He informed California is the first state to require vaccinations for students from 7<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade. He provided Covid statistics for Calexico and advised the Fire Department is working with non-profits to assist the homeless population with vaccines. He also informed that the booster shot is only being provided to those persons with compromised immune systems.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PUBLIC APPEARANCES**

Giselle Mendoza, Imperial Valley Small Business Development Center requested if the Council would partner with their center and the Mexican Consulate for a business fair on November 9, 2021. City Manager Figueroa to follow-up with Ms. Mendoza on the matter.

Norma Vega addressed the Council regarding the current fires and the undersirable persons in the area from Sheridan Street and Roosevelt Street to the train tracks. She also addressed the lack of funding for seniors in the Recreation Department and asked the Council for funding.

Tania Vega, Calexico Parents Athletic League spoke on the lack of parks for the league. She requested an item on the matter be placed on the next agenda.

Carmen Estrada, President of Calexico Parents Athletic League also spoke on the lack of parks for the league to play. She requested the Council's assistance for a park to play in and shared the work they have been doing in the parks. She thanked Chief Gerardo for his assistance.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

City Manager Figueroa informed the Calexico Arts Council, the City of Calexico and Bloomberg Foundation met virtually and Ms. Falomir provided an update on the Rockwood Promenade Project and priority set is the selection and painting of the location of the project awarded for \$25,000. He also provided a report from his attendance at the League of Cities Conference.

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

Council Member Arreola-Fernandez reported attending the League of Cities Conference and informed on the sessions and the networking with the various cities throughout the State of California who shared the current challenged faced. Also attended the ICTC meeting with updates on Highway 98, Imperial Avenue and I8 and the Border checkpoint on Highway 86.

Mayor Pro Tem Garcia reported attending the League of Cities Conference and stated he appreciated the networking, best practices for cities and team working sessions. He attended the

Planning Commission meeting on September 27, 2021. He reported on attending the swearing in of Norma Bustamante, new Mayor for the City of Mexicali. Also attended the County restricting meeting for the Board of Supervisors. He advised Imperial Valley College will also hold a restricting meeting on October 11, 2021. Also attended the Centennial celebration for Robert Morales Adult Education.

Council Member Ureña attended the League of Cities Conference and reported on two sessions, one on homelessness matters and second session on ARPA funds in which Los Angeles utilized \$50 million for retrofitting shipping containers into swelling units. He thanked City and Staff for assistance to Jose Luis Tadeo Contreras on the Festival de La Raza. He extended an apology to Mrs. Estrada and addressed the issues presented regarding the parks.

Council Member Romo spoke on having events in the downtown for the enjoyment of the community and thanked Mr. Figueroa for the support given to the event. She reported on other issues which presented themselves such as public security, theft at First Street parking lot, long lines to Mexicali, traffic at school areas and other issues. She thanked the Chief of Police, and Public Works Manager Figueroa and Ms. Roni Luna for their assistance. She addressed the need for staffing and funding for the general fund through economic development. She congratulated Robert Morales Adult Education Center for one hundred years and also extended congratulations to the new Mayor of Mexicali, Norma Bustamante.

Mayor Moreno thanked City Manager Figueroa and staff for assisting the Council. He reported on meeting with Mrs. Estrada to address parks issues. He met with Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Mexican counterpart Fernando Martinez to address border crossing issues and will be meeting with CBP to further address border issues. He attended inauguration for Norma Bustamante's Mayorship and attended the centennial celebration at Robert Morales and read the proclamation issued by the City. He discussed the League of Cities Conference and reported on the need for a code enforcement program for Calexico.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion made by Council Member Romo, seconded by Council Member Arreola-Fernandez 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 Meetings of February 3, 2021, April 21, 2021 and March 30, 2021; Warrants from August 28, 2021 to September 10, 2021 and City Salaries from August 28, 2021 to September 10, 2021; Warrants from September 11, 2021 to September 24, 2021 and City Salaries from September 11, 2021 to September 24, 2021.

## **DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS**

**ADOPT A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF CALEXICO, CA APPROVING AN INTENT TO COLLABORATE WITH S&T CAPITAL AND THE CALEXICO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE POTENTIAL DEVELOPMENT OF NEW COMMERCIAL SITES ALONG HIGHWAY 98 CORRIDOR AND INTERSECTION OF**

**KLOKE AVENUE; MORE SPECIFICALLY KNOWN AS ASSESSOR PARCEL NUMBERS: 058-852-011, 058-852-009, 058-852-004, 058-853-002, AND 058-853-001.**

Motion was made by Council Member Arreola-Fernandez, seconded by Council Member Romo and passed unanimously to Adopt a Resolution of the City Council of Calexico, CA Approving an Intent to Collaborate with S&T Capital and the Calexico Unified School District for the Potential Development of New Commercial Sites Along Highway 98 Corridor and Intersection of Kloke Avenue; More Specifically Known as Assessor Parcel Numbers: 058-852-011, 058-852-009, 058-852-004, 058-853-002, and 058-853-001.

**AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN SURFACE USE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CALEXICO AND SONOMA TECHNOLOGY, INC. FOR THE INSTALLATION AND OPERATION OF A TEMPORARY AIR MONITORING STATION AT APN NO. 058-400-097.**

Motion was made by Council Member Romo, seconded by Mayor Moreno and passed unanimously authorize City Manager to Sign Surface Use Agreement between the City of Calexico and Sonoma Technology, Inc. for the Installation and Operation of a Temporary Air Monitoring Station at APN No. 058-400-097.

**AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER TO FILE NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR REPAIR OF ONE (1) SEWER MANHOLE AT THE INTERSECTION OF IMPERIAL AVENUE AND SIXTH STREET.**

Motion made by Mayor Moreno, seconded by Council Member Romo and passed unanimously to authorize City Manager to File Notice of Completion for Repair of One (1) Sewer Manhole at the Intersection of Imperial Avenue and Sixth Street.

**APPROVE LETTER REQUESTING MODIFICATION TO HOURS OF OPERATION AT THE CALEXICO EAST PORT OF ENTRY.**

Council Member Ureña requested that President Biden and Governor Newsome to the letter and also modify the letter to request reopening the border for tourism.

Motion made by Council Member Ureña with two modifications mentioned, seconded by Council Member Romo and passed unanimously to approve Letter Requesting Modification to Hours of Operation at the Calexico East Port of Entry.

**ADOPT BUDGET AMENDMENT RESOLUTION FOR REALLOCATION OF RESOURCES FROM THE CITY MANAGER/HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.**

City Manager Figueroa requested consideration from the Council to reallocate funding to the Police Department dispatch and advised that in the mean-time, there will be a split of responsibilities of economic development operations between the City Manager's Office and the Building and Planning Department until the City is able to once again seek recruitment of an Economic Development position.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Garcia, seconded by Council Member Ureña to adopt Budget Amendment Resolution for Reallocation of Resources from the City Manager/Housing and Economic Development Department to the Police Department.

**ADOPT A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALEXICO APPROVING THE CITY'S USE OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS FOR THE, 1) REPLACEMENT OF THE CITY'S PUBLIC SAFETY VEHICLES, AND 2) AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL.**

Chief of Police Gerardo addressed requests by Council Member Ureña regarding hybrid vehicles and stated he is looking into all options and make sure they are feasible for the department. Council Member Ureña on the benefits of hybrid vehicles. Chief Gerardo responded to questions from Council Members regarding vehicle options, vehicle availability and delivery times.

Motion made by Mayor Moreno, seconded by seconded by Council Member Romo to adopt a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Calexico Approving the City's Use of American Rescue Plan Act Funds for the, 1) Replacement of the City's Public Safety Vehicles, and 2) Authorizing the Issuance of a Request for Proposal.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**PROGRAMS FOR RECREATIONAL AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES.**

Norma Gerardo, Recreation Manager presented a detailed report on the various programs and social activities provided at the Calexico Recreation Department and at the Carmen Durazo Cultural Arts Center. Mrs. Carmen Durazo spoke on the historical book planned for the City of Calexico.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Mayor Moreno requested an update on the Business Improvement District and update on the mobile trailers. Seconded by Council Member Ureña.

Council Member Romo asked about the training for commissioners and requested a report for all commissions.

Council Member Ureña requested a first step analysis for Spectrum services, on the phone providers to potentially switch to voice over IP, also bring for the items to discuss and move forward on the Farmworker Service Center, Orthopedic Clinic and the trailers. In addition, requested a recognition for Mr. Marco Antonio Lopez on being the first Calexico resident to win the LGBTQ talent show. Seconded by Council Member Romo.

Council Member Garcia requested update on Cordova Park restrooms and fields.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, motion made by Mayor Moreno, seconded by Council Member Arreola-Fernandez to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

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Javier Moreno, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Gabriela T. Garcia, City Clerk