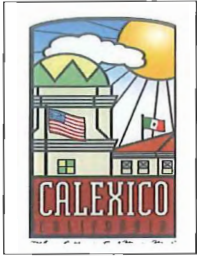



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AGENDA STAFF REPORT

DATE: October 6, 2021
TO: Mayor and City Council
APPROVED BY: Miguel Figueroa, 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 Meeting of September 15, 2021

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Recommendation:

Approval of City Council/Calexico Community Redevelopment Agency Successor Agency/Calexico Financing Authority Minutes for September 15, 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 September 15, 2021 have been prepared for City Council review and approval.

Fiscal Impact:

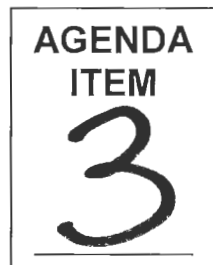
None.

Coordinated With:

None.

Attachments:

Minutes for City Council/Calexico Community Redevelopment Agency Successor Agency/Calexico Financing Authority Minutes for Meeting of September 15, 2021.



THE CITY COUNCIL/CALEXICO COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY SUCCESSOR AGENCY/CALEXICO FINANCING AUTHORITY MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON THE 15TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2021 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 PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-30.

CLOSED SESSION - 5:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Moreno called the closed session portion of the agenda to order at 5:33 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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

David Garcias, Negotiator for the Water Operators of Calexico, spoke on the counter proposals provided by the membership and stated the members would like to settle the contract and reach an agreement of the SEIU Local 221. He addressed the increase in the signing bonus and stated they proposed that a January raise which is a concern for the City and stated they are making good faith effort and asked that the City recognized the members have not received a raise for a time. He asked for a reasonable counterproposal to come to a conclusion on the negotiations.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION.

City Council adjourned to closed session at 5:40 p.m. to discuss the following:

1. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6

Agency Representatives: Miguel Figueroa, City Manager, Carlos Campos, City Attorney

Employee Organizations: Certified Operators Association/SEIU Local 221 and Calexico Municipal Employees Association (CMEA).

City council reconvened from closed session at 6:05 p.m.

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

REGULAR SESSION 6:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Moreno called the meeting to order at 6:34 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

Mayor Moreno led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MISSION STATEMENT PLEDGE

Council Member Ureña led those present in reciting the City's Mission Statement Pledge.

INVOCATION

Council Member Romo led those present in prayer.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion by Council Member Ureña, seconded by Council Member Romo to approve addition of Emergency Item 19B - Approve the Attendance of the Mayor, Mayor Pro-Tem and City Manager to the Inauguration of City of Mexicali Mayor-Elect Norma Bustamante to the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Romo, seconded by Council Member Ureña to approve the agenda including Emergency Item 19B. Motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

MESSAGE FROM THE MEXICAN CONSULATE IN CALEXICO AS PRESENTED BY TARCISIO NAVARRETE, GENERAL COSUL

Mayor Moreno read statement in honor of the independence of Mexico. Consul Tarcisio Navarrete spoke in honor of the anniversary of Mexican Independence and delighted those present with the song "Lindo Mexico y Querido".

PROCLAMATION IN HONOR OF THE 100 YEAR CELEBRATION OF THE ROBERT F. MORALES ADULT EDUCATION CENTER

Council Members each read aloud the proclamation in honor of the 100 year celebration of the Robert F. Morales Adult Education Center.

MAYORAL RECOGNITION FOR THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF ALEGRIA ADULT DAY CARE

Mayor recognized Alegria Adult Day Care for their 20th Anniversary of serving the community.

UPDATE PRESENTATION ON AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) AS PRESENTED BY KARLA LOBATOS, FINANCE DIRECTOR.

Finance Director Lobatos provided a presentation on the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). She provided the eligible uses for the ARPA funding. City Manager Figueroa explained the revenue loss component which runs from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 and premium pay for essential workers, water, sewer and broadband infrastructure. Ms. Lobatos explained the state certification process and presented the U.S. Treasury Reporting Requirements for the ARPA funding. City Manager Figueroa and Finance Director Lobatos answered questions from Council Members.

Council took a five minute break at 7:35 p.m.

Council returned from break at 7:40 p.m.

PRESENTATION BY KARL LUNDEN, 10 OVER STUDIOS ON THE NEW FIRE STATION HEADQUARTERS PROJECT.

Candace Wong provided the presentation regarding the on-going construction at the new Fire Station Headquarters. Chief Favila addressed solar panels question and advised that due to the thinning out of the budget, some components such as solar panels and the administration building had to be removed.

BI-WEEKLY COVID-19 UPDATE PRESENTATION.

Chief Favila provided the statistics for Calexico and discussed the booster shot and advised on persons who will qualify for the 3rd booster shot. He informed that persons wanting a copy of their vaccination card can visit website at Myturn.ca.gov. Chief Favila further stated the Covid mobile testing continues at the One Stop on Wednesdays from 7 am to 7 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PUBLIC APPEARANCES

Marco Lopez questioned why the Spanish translations were taken away. He expressed his dissatisfaction with the Spanish meetings being removed.

City Clerk read the public comment from Linda Garwood regarding problems with fires, vandalism and drugs at 629 W Canal Street. Mrs. Garwood stated the house has been an eyesore and a danger to her house and others since we are only 5 feet apart. She requested the situation has to be addressed by the city and also requested a complete removal of the debris which will continue to be a fire hazard and a public nuisance. Mrs. Garwood stated she holds the city responsible for any future incidents regarding the property at 629 W. Canal Street.

Javier Gonzalez spoke on behalf of the IID and advised they had not received the 6.1 million funding for Beach Canal. He informed the Calexico IID pay station interior will be upgraded and they will install desert landscaping. He discussed the possible increase of on energy costs due to

closing plants. He spoke about the dead trees in the parks that need to be removed. He further stated they have repaired over 400 lights and mentioned lights which are responsibility of the city which have not been repaired. He asked the public to reach out to him to report street lights that are out.

George Taylor, new Operations Manager for Republic Services introduced himself and stated he is now in the Valley and made himself available for the new regulations of SB 1383 starting January 1, 2022 and stated they are piloting composting regarding organics and stated he is available for questions on any matters for the City.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Figueroa reported the City was notified by the California Arts Council that the City was awarded \$19,000 as part of their arts and cultural organizations general operating relief program and commended staff. Mrs. Norma Gerardo, Recreation Manager stated she became aware of the funding availability back in February and reported that for the first time the City has been awarded for this funding for general expenses to continue running the center for period of November 2021 through October 2022.

Chief Gerardo provided a detailed status update upon request by Council Member Romo regarding Police Department Activities including public safety dispatchers, traffic control/meter and animal control divisions. He also reported on traffic with regards to Calexico High School.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS AND REPORTS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED

Mayor Moreno reported he met with NAF Staff and discussed the blue angels show for next year. He also met with Teri Nava, Executive Director and representatives of the Housing Authority of the City of Calexico and discussed the lack of housing. He participated in a webinar with Customs and Border Protection in which several issues regarding the border were discussed. Mayor invited the public to the Fiestas del Sol and advised there is transportation from the port to the Fiestas site.

Council Member Romo congratulated Mexico on their 211th Anniversary of Independence. She reported meeting with Council Member Garcia, City Manager and Carmen Durazo, President of the Calexico Arts Council. She attended the swearing in ceremony for Mrs. Bernal at Heffernan Memorial Healthcare District and asked why the council meetings were not being transmitted in Spanish.

Council Member Arreola-Fernandez attended Customs and Border Protection webinar and discussed extending hours for the East Port and stated they advised it is the Mexican side that is restricting the hours. She also met the Mr. Rolando Treviño, the new warden at the Imperial Regional Detention Facility and attended the swearing in of Mrs. Bernal at Heffernan Memorial Healthcare District.

Council Member Garcia met with Captain Bill Perkins regarding mutual aid between the City and the Navy Base and advised he was extended an invitation present on the activities at the Naval Air Facility. He also attended the art exhibit "Viva Mexico" at the Cultural Arts Center. He also

attended the Planning Commission meeting and extended kudos to staff for assisting the resident with the leak at his home.

Council Member Urena congratulated Mexico on the 211th Anniversary of Independence. He met with the Housing Authority. He stated he is excited for tomorrow's meeting with Mayor Moreno and members of the business community regarding the initial proposal on a food truck ordinance for the downtown. Reported the Imperial County Southern Border Committee will be meeting on 9-16-2021.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Council Member Romo, seconded by Council Member Ureña 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 August 18 and September 1, 2021; Warrants from August 14, 2021 to August 27, 2021 and City Salaries from August 14, 2021 to August 27, 2021; Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance No. 1219 – An Ordinance Reinstating City Council Compensation and Benefits; Approval of Application for Alcoholic Beverage License for R & EM Corporation ABC Fuels, 250 S. Imperial Avenue, Calexico, CA 92231. Motion passed by the following vote-to-wit:

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

DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS

ADOPT RESOLUTION APPROVING PROCESS FOR MASTER TAX SHARING AGREEMENT CONSULTANT AND FUNDING.

City Manager Figueroa introduced the item as important to future annexations. He stated all City Managers and County CEO Rahiotis agreed on a consultant perform the assessment and use the IVECA methodology to fund the item. He further stated the item is to obtain direction on the process.

Motion was made by Council Member Romo, seconded by Council Member Ureña and passed unanimously to Adopt Resolution Approving Process for Master Tax Sharing Agreement Consultant and Funding.

REJECT ALL BIDS RECEIVED FOR THE CALEXICO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TAXIWAY A REHABILITATION FAA AIP NO: 3-06-0034-018-2020: 3-06-0034-021-2021 AND AUTHORIZE STAFF TO REBID THE PROJECT PER PUBLIC CONTRACT CODE SECTION 20166.

City Manager Figueroa reported the proposals received for the project have been deemed to be non-responsive to all the elements outlined in the request for proposals. Following legal advice, the recommendation is for the bids to be rejected all bids and re-bid the project.

Motion was made by Council Member Romo, seconded by Council Member Arreola-Fernandez and passed unanimously to reject all bids received for the Calexico International Airport Taxiway A Rehabilitation FAA AIP No: 3-06-0034-018-2020: 3-06-0034-021-2021 and authorize staff to rebid the project per Public Contract Code Section 20166.

AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 WITH A&R CONSTRUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$143,887.14 FOR SEWER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT ON DESIGNATED STREETS.

City Manager Figueroa pointed out that no work has been performed on what is being presented. As noted, there was noticed that there would need to be additional replacements the additional sewer main lines identified in order to service the residents of Calexico.

Motion was made by Council Member Ureña, seconded by Council Member Romo and passed unanimously to authorize City Manager to sign Change Order No. 1 with A&R Construction in the amount of \$143,887.14 for Sewer Main Replacement Project on Designated Streets.

AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN AMENDMENT NO. 3 TO THE AGREEMENT OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH PANORAMA ENVIRONMENTAL, INC. FOR TECHNICAL AND REGULATORY ASSISTANCE FOR NEW RIVER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT - CALEXICO REACH.

City Manager Figueroa provided background on the previously addressed guideline of the process to secure the regulatory permits for the three infrastructure projects for the New River in the vicinity of the Second Street Bridge. He stated there are two permits that need to be secured from the state. He further stated the City has been working diligently with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mr. Jose Angel and with Panorama Environmental. He stated that as part of Panorama's role, they have been working with the state to address all the clean water act requirements. As a result, things have come to light that require that the work by Panorama be modified in order to commit to the requirements requested by the Federal Government. City Manager presented the amendment for \$17,000 to continue to move forward to obtain the 404 Permit to be issued by the Federal Government.

Motion was made by Mayor Moreno, seconded by Council Member Ureña and passed unanimously to authorize City Manager to sign Amendment No. 3 to the Agreement of Professional Services with Panorama Environmental, Inc. for Technical and Regulatory Assistance for New River Improvement Project - Calexico Reach.

ADOPT AND APPROVE CITY OF CALEXICO 2021 STRATEGIC PLAN.

City Manager Figueroa provided background on previous presentation by Reliance Public Relations facilitator of the 2021 Strategic Plan and stated he provided direction for the community to be given a thirty window to provide feedback on the plan. He stated the time has come for the opportunity to approve the Strategic Plan.

Motion was made by Mayor Moreno, seconded by Council Member Romo and passed unanimously to adopt and approve the City of Calexico 2021 Strategic Plan.

APPOINTMENT OF GENERAL COMMISSIONER TO THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF CALEXICO

Motion by Mayor Moreno to appoint John Moreno for General Commissioner. Motion died due to lack of second.

Javier Gonzalez spoke on need to appoint a commissioner who is active in the community and requested the Council to appoint commissioners willing to work and research programs available for the Housing Authority. Council Member Urefia requested to put out the solicitation to obtain more applications for persons who are new to the commission.

Motion was made by Council Member Romo, seconded by Council Member Garcia to appoint Margaret Sauza as General Commissioner. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA CITIZENS' OPTION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY (COPS) FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR RESIDUAL AND GROWTH FUNDS FOR FY 2019/2020 - \$67,226.96 IN ADDITIONAL FUNDING.

City Manager Figueroa stated this is an annual program and funding would support training for police officers. Mayor Pro Tem Garcia asked the Chief for the uses of the funding. Lt. Serrano stated the uses were for training, equipment, laptops, gun belts, safety equipment and possibly a vehicle when the funds are available. Lt. Serrano provided detailed information on the types of training for the officers and the trainers plus the benefits to the department.

Motion made by Mayor Moreno, seconded by Council Member Arreola-Fernandez and passed unanimously for the approval of a Resolution Accepting the State of California Citizens' Option for Public Safety (COPS) Funds for Fiscal Year Residual and Growth Funds for FY 2019/2020 - \$67,226.96 in Additional Funding.

APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA CITIZENS' OPTION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY (COPS) FUNDS FOR FY 2020/2021 \$100,000.00 IN ADDITIONAL FUNDING

Lt. Serrano responded to question on use of funds and advised the funding could be augment personnel.

Motion made by Council Member Urefia, seconded by Council Member Romo and passed unanimously for the approval of a Resolution Accepting the State of California Citizens' Option for Public Safety (COPS) funds for FY 2020/2021 \$100,000.00 in Additional Funding.

19B - APPROVE THE ATTENDANCE OF THE MAYOR, MAYOR PRO-TEM AND CITY MANAGER TO THE INAUGURATION OF CITY OF MEXICALI MAYOR-ELECT NORMA BUSTAMANTE

Motion by Council Member Ureña, seconded by Council Member Romo and passed unanimously to approve the attendance of the Mayor, Mayor Pro-Tem and City Manager to the inauguration of City of Mexicali Mayor-Elect Norma Bustamante.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

CITY OF CALEXICO POLICY AND PROCEDURE FOR SPEED HUMP INSTALLATION.

Javier Gonzalez thanked the City for the speed humps being installed.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Garcia, seconded by Council Member Ureña and passed unanimously to acknowledge receipt of the City of Calexico Policy and Procedure for Speed Hump Installation.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Pro Tem Garcia requested an ordinance for a comprehensive plan for the downtown. Item seconded by Council Member Ureña.

Council Member Ureña requested an analysis on potentially terminating contract with community spectrum. Item seconded by Council Member Romo.

Council Member Romo requested a general calendar of the work to conclude with the asphalt painting at the border crossing of the historic center with Bloomberg funds. She requested a general project be presented on parks, recreation, sports, beautification, service for seniors, cultural arts and history.

Mayor Moreno requested to place and item to provide an update on the Farmworker Service Center and an update on the trailers.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mayor Moreno, seconded by Council Member Romo and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

Javier Moreno, Mayor

ATTEST:

Gabriela T. Garcia, City Clerk