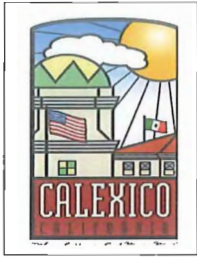


**AGENDA
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AGENDA STAFF REPORT

DATE: December 1, 2021

TO: Mayor and City Council

APPROVED BY: Miguel Figueroa, City Manager *MK*

PREPARED BY: Gabriela T. Garcia, City Clerk *GT*

SUBJECT: Approval of City Council/Calexico Community Redevelopment Agency Successor Agency/Calexico Financing Authority Minutes for Meeting of November 17, 2021

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Recommendation:

Approval of City Council/Calexico Community Redevelopment Agency Successor Agency/Calexico Financing Authority Minutes for Meeting of November 17, 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 November 17, 2021 have been prepared for City Council review and approval.

Fiscal Impact:

None.

Coordinated With:

None.

Attachment(s):

- 1. Minutes for City Council/Calexico Community Redevelopment Agency Successor Agency/Calexico Financing Authority Minutes for Meeting of November 17, 2021.



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THE CITY COUNCIL/CALEXICO COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY SUCCESSOR AGENCY/CALEXICO FINANCING AUTHORITY MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON THE 17TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 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 AB 361 APPROVED BY GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA ON SEPTEMBER 16, 2021.

CLOSED SESSION – 5:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Mayor Pro Tem: Camilo Garcia
Council Member: Gloria Romo
Council Member: Rosie Areola-Fernandez

ABSENT:

Mayor: Javier Moreno
Council Member: Raul Ureña
Council Member Ureña arrived at 5:37 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Rafael Valadez addressed the council regarding the increase of staff salaries and the lack of action on the matter. He requested council consideration on the matter.

Ricardo Calatayud addressed the council regarding the delays on addressing staff salaries especially during a time where the costs are so high. Requested council consideration on the salaries for all full-time and part-time staff.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

City Council adjourned to closed session at 5:37 p.m. to discuss the following:

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION

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

In re: National Prescription Opiate Litigation

U.S. District Court, Case No. 1:17-CV-2804

2. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6

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

Employee Organizations: Calexico Municipal Employees Association (CMEA)

3. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT

Government Code 54957

Title: Police Chief

City Council reconvened from closed session at 6:44 p.m.

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

REGULAR SESSION - 6:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Garcia called the regular portion of the meeting to order at 6:47 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Mayor Pro Tem: Camilo Garcia
Council Member: Raul Ureña
Council Member: Gloria Romo
Council Member: Rosie Areola-Fernandez

ABSENT:

Mayor: Javier Moreno

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Ureña led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MISSION STATEMENT PLEDGE

City Manager Figueroa led those present in reciting the City's Mission Statement Pledge.

INVOCATION

Pastor Vicente Barrientos, Apostolic Assembly Church led those present in prayer.

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Attorney Campos reported that on Item No.'s 1 and 3 direction was given and no reportable action was taken and on Item No. 2 direction was given to provide a counter offer.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Council Member Arreola-Fernandez made a motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Council Member Ureña requested an emergency item be added to the agenda to send a letter to the County Board of Supervisors requesting they reconsider the mask mandate. Emergency Item will be Item No. 9-A.

Council Member Arreola-Fernandez amended her motion to add the emergency item to the agenda. Motion was seconded by Council Member Ureña and passed by the following vote to wit:

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

PRESENTATIONS

PROCLAMATION FOR “FARMWORKER APPRECIATION WEEK” – NOVEMBER 28TH, 2021 THROUGH DECEMBER 3RD, 2021

Council Members read proclamation proclaiming the week of November 28, 2021 to December 3, 2021 as Farmworker Appreciation week.

BI-WEEKLY COVID-19 UPDATE PRESENTATION

Chief Favila provided Covid-19 statistics of 8,706 infected, 173 active cases, 8,292 recovered and 741 deaths. Chief Favila provided clarification on the mask mandates and advised that if persons are not vaccinated they should always be wearing the mask everywhere they go. If vaccinated you could go without the mask except for at healthcare setting, hospitals, clinics long term care adult care facilities, public transportation and schools. He also stated private businesses can set their own standards and they can ask if you are vaccinated. He stated the booster shots are available for everyone eighteen and over and provided information on locations of vaccine clinics.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PUBLIC APPEARANCES

Arturo Medina provided a written comment regarding issues that impact the city and which he states this and previous administrations have taken no action. He stated some of the issues go back to 2013 and requested the council's consideration on road repairs at Bowker and Jasper Roads and a stop sign at the corner of Nixon and Meadows Avenues. He also requested fair treatment on a parking ticket he received and request that the city show fair treatment and provide him a warning just like it was given to a pick-up truck parked on his street for at least two weeks and requested a full refund for the \$692 he was charged. He also addressed issues with illegal dumping of trash and dead animals, tires, furniture, mattresses, sofas, rolls of carpet, electronics, refrigerators, stoves, and toilets at various locations in the northeast quadrant of the city.

Supervisor Jesus Escobar informed the Council he would be inviting County Public Works Director John Gay to share road projects surrounding Calexico including a project on Jasper Road and roads in need of repair. He spoke on City finances and stated he was thankful and reminded the City employees had given up thirty percent of their salaries and stated that on behalf of the city employees and he was proud of the ARPA funding given to the employees and commended the

Council. He spoke on Covid-19 numbers which are worrisome and stated the hospitals are at capacity at ICU and stated everyone needs to be prudent and vigilant due to flu season.

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

City Manager Figueroa announced that tomorrow at 9 a.m., the Calexico Public Works will be hosting ribbon cutting on project with Air Pollution Control District regarding air monitors close to the new river which will give us data for multiple uses. City Manager commended the Public Works Department for their work.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS AND REPORTS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED

CM Ureña announced a Town Hall Monday, November 22nd at 5:30 p.m. to discuss ARPA funding and other issues. He stated that City employees obviously deserve the funds and expected something to go out to the citizens of Calexico. He spoke on the transportation position and clarified his intention to support the Vice-Chair’s work at the commission and he is willing to work with her on this matter.

CM Arreola-Fernandez, attended Mark Baza’s retirement party he worked from 2010 to 2021 at ICTC and has done an outstanding job. Attended the ceremony for the mobile Viet-Nam Memorial Wall honoring the Veterans. Attended the Wal-Mart reopening celebration and the Veterans Memorial celebration at the Mountain View Cemetery hosted by the Baja Runners.

MPT Garcia attended the veteran’s day ceremony and reminded everyone to recognize veterans any day. Good to see the businesses are returning, attended Wal-Mart reopening.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Council Member Ureña, seconded by Council Member Romo 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 October 6, 2021; Warrants from October 23, 2021 to November 5, 2021 and City Salaries from October 23, 2021 to November 5, 2021; Approval of a Resolution to Continue Fully or Partially Virtual Public Meetings (AB 361). Motion passed by the following vote to wit:

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

DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS

CONSIDER REQUEST FROM FARM WORKER SERVICES COALITION OF IMPERIAL COUNTY FOR A WAIVER OF TEMPORARY USE PERMIT FEE FOR THE 42ND FARM WORKER BREAKFAST.

City Manager Figueroa stated the Farmworker Breakfast event is a staple event in our town and there are visitors from out of town and State who attend this event. He stated staff recommends council approval of this request since it is simply a clean waiver and no account will be affected. He thanked the agencies that make this happen. Mayor Pro Tem Garcia invited the Council Members to attend the event.

Motion was made by Council Member Arreola-Fernandez, seconded by Council Member Romo to approve request from Farm Worker Services Coalition of Imperial County for a waiver of Temporary Use Permit fee for the 42nd Farm Worker Breakfast. Motion was seconded by Council Member Romo and passed by the following vote to wit:

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

9A: EMERGENCY: LETTER TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGARDING THE MASK MANDATE

Council Member Urena spoke about the precautions needed due to Covid-19 and requested the Council provide direction to the City Manager to draft a letter to the Board of Supervisors requesting them to reconsider the mask mandate.

Jesus Escobar addressed the mask mandates and the actions taken by the Imperial County Board of Supervisors on lifting the mask mandate on midnight November 1, 2021 as opposed to November 23, 2021. He also clarified that that all other mandates were not lifted and stated those persons who have medical impediments do not have to wear a mask.

After discussion by Council Members on the pros and cons of the mask mandate, Council provided direction to the City Manager to draft a letter for the next council meeting.

APPROVE LIST OF SELECTED CONSULTANTS FOR "ON-CALL ENGINEERING, PLAN CHECK, SURVEYING, INSPECTION SERVICES, GEOTECHNICAL, LANDSCAPE AND ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN SERVICES."

Public Works Manager Falomir explained procurement process followed and stated six proposals were received and reviewed. Mayor Pro Tem Garcia suggested reaching out to the local companies to provide proposals so they can be added to the list.

Motion was made by Council Member Arreola-Fernandez, seconded by Council Member Ureña to approve list of Selected Consultants for "On-Call Engineering, Plan Check, Surveying, Inspection Services, Geotechnical, Landscape and Architectural Design Services." Motion passed by the following vote to wit:

- AYES: Garcia, Ureña, Romo, Arreola-Fernandez
- NOES: None

ABSENT: Moreno
ABSTAIN: None

ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2021-__ OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALEXICO ADOPTING THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION AGREEMENT FOR THE CITY OF CALEXICO

Motion was made by Council Member Romo, seconded by Council Member Arreola-Fernandez to adopt a Resolution adopting the California Department of Transportation Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program Implementation Agreement for the City of Calexico. Motion passed by the following vote to wit:

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

DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL ACTION TO APPROVE A REGIONAL AERIAL IMAGERY ACQUISITION CONSORTIUM MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE COUNTY OF IMPERIAL AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT

Motion was made by Council Member Romo, seconded by Council Member Ureña to approve a Regional Aerial Imagery Acquisition Consortium Memorandum of Understanding with the County of Imperial and Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Agreement. Motion passed by the following vote to wit:

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

APPROVAL OF THE SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATION OF CLAIMS WITH SEDGWICK CLAIMS MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC. AND THE CITY OF CALEXICO

Motion was made by Council Member Romo, seconded by Council Member Arreola-Fernandez to approve the Service Agreement for Administration of Claims with Sedgwick Claims Management Services, Inc. and the City of Calexico. Motion passed by the following vote to wit:

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

APPOINTMENT BY COUNCIL MEMBER ROMO TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION

Council Member Romo appointed Mr. James Beaver.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Council Member Ureña requested consideration of a future item for the Quechan Tribe who is defending their land and the item could be a letter of support. He also requested an update on Memorandum of Understanding for the shower trailers with Brown Bag Coalition and consideration of an item on a fee waiver for the Brown Bag Coalition event on December 4, 2021.

Mayor Pro Tem Garcia requested an update on Cordova Park.

Council Member Romo requested a visual report of public and private school crossings for the next meeting and an item on a possible rental agreement for Teco Monroy Park.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, motion was made by Council Member Romo, seconded by Council Member Arreola-Fernandez to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 p.m.

Camilo Garcia, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

Gabriela T. Garcia, City Clerk