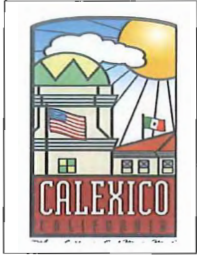


**AGENDA
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AGENDA STAFF REPORT

DATE: December 15, 2021
TO: Mayor and City Council
APPROVED BY: Miguel Figueroa, City Manager *MK*
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 November 3, 2021

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Recommendation:

Approval of City Council/Calexico Community Redevelopment Agency Successor Agency/Calexico Financing Authority Minutes for Meeting of November 3, 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 3, 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 3, 2021.



THE CITY COUNCIL/CALEXICO COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY SUCCESSOR AGENCY/CALEXICO FINANCING AUTHORITY MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON THE 3RD DAY OF NOVEMBER, 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 AB 361 APPROVED BY GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA ON SEPTEMBER 16, 2021.

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 Pledge.

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 Member Ureña to approve the agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Council Member Romo and passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

PROCLAMATION FOR CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER APPRECIATION WEEK

Council Members read the Code Enforcement Officer Appreciation Week proclamation and presented it to Ms. Mayra Soto, Code Enforcement Officer.

BI-WEEKLY COVID-19 UPDATE PRESENTATION

City Manager Figueroa reported on the County Board of Supervisors determination on the mask mandate which will continue to be restricted to certain areas and populations and will be addressed in a more thorough presentation to be given at the following meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PUBLIC APPEARANCES – No public comments.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Figueroa reported the City is moving forward with the tourist restriction being lifted on November 8th and the efforts towards the public demands. He announced an upcoming special meeting to address public bus service transportation and the need to issue a public necessity and convenience permit for the operation to occur. He also noted that public noticing will occur for compliance with all city requirements. City Manager noted Mr. Robert Ortiz, former thirty year employee attending the meeting.

Police Chief Gerardo announced the 18th Annual Kids & Badges on Tuesday, December 14, 2021 and invited the Council to sponsor a child for one hundred dollars.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS AND REPORTS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED

Council Member Arreola-Fernandez reported attending the League of Cities event in honor of Sheryl Walker who served as the League President, the ICTC monthly meeting and the Farmworker event and thanked the City Staff. She reported the Rotary Club and San Diego State University want to bring the Mariachi Festival again in April.

Mayor Pro Tem Garcia recognized staff and recognized Mr. Eduardo Barron, a City Employee who assisted a senior citizen who was struggling to cross the street and Mr. Jesse Garcia for posting on social media. He reported meeting with citizens and attending the Dia de los Muertos celebration in Mexicali and at the Carmen Durazo for the exhibit. He also congratulated the Calexico High School football for the City Championship known as Battle of the Border.

Council Member Urefia commented on the successful Feria para la Raza event which generated thirty one new business licenses and one thousand in business license revenues and the possibility for future revenues. He informed on a future event on November 20th to celebrate El Dia de la Revolucion. He spoke on the lowering of development impact fees and their impact on economy in Calexico and the community education programs.

Council Member Romo thanked Mr. Jose Luis Tadeo Contreras and the many participants at the Feria para la Raza. She commented on the positive response from Mexican Consul Tarcizo Navarrete. She reported attending the Dia de Los Muertos event at the Mexican Consulate and the event presented by Calexico Recreation and thanked the Calexico Arts Council for their support.

Mayor Moreno thanked Council Member Urefia for spearheading the Feria para la Raza event and for working on the Veinte de Noviembre event. He congratulated Mayor Pro Tem for attending the Dia de Los Muertos event in Mexicali. He thanked Council Member Arreola-Fernandez for her representing the City at ICTC. He reported attending the monthly Customs and Border Protection meeting and informed the reopening of the port of entry on November 8, 2021 and hours for East Port of Entry were extended to 10 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council Member Ureña made a motion to pull Item No.'s 3 and 8 from the Consent Agenda for discussion. Motion seconded by Council Member Romo and passed by the following vote-to-wit:

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

ITEM NO. 3 - APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL/CALEXICO COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY SUCCESSOR AGENCY/CALEXICO FINANCING AUTHORITY MINUTES FOR MEETINGS OF SEPTEMBER 15, 2021

Council Member Romo asked if the approved minutes were on the city website. City Clerk Garcia advised only draft minutes are on the website.

Motion by Council Member Romo made a motion to approve Item No. 3 - Approval of City Council/Calexico Community Redevelopment Agency Successor Agency/Calexico Financing Authority Minutes for Meetings of September 15, 2021. Motion was seconded by Council Member Ureña and passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 8 - APPROVE RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALEXICO APPROVING THE CITY'S USE OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS TO PROVIDE UP TO \$ 7,000 PER FULL TIME AND PART TIME ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEE.

Council Member Ureña expressed his concern on the premium pay and stated he felt the amount was too high and there was equity which needed to be considered. He asked City Manager Figueroa for payments made by other jurisdictions. City Manager Figueroa stated that every jurisdiction has the authority to provide premium pay and the council provide direction on the amount desired. He further stated premium pay is not an obligation for any city jurisdiction and it is a council consideration as they deem appropriate. He stated other jurisdictions are offering different amounts based on different criteria for eligibility.

Council Member Ureña requested amounts for other jurisdictions and City Manager Figueroa advised the County of Imperial offered one thousand dollars per employee and stated the need to factor in that the County has over two thousand employees. He also stated Calexico is looking at an investment of a little over a million dollars.

Council Member Ureña stated he did not feel it was not the highest priority since it has not been determined what other municipalities will give and in addition there is equity not being considered. He discussed the Hunter part-time employees whom he felt were the hardest working real employees and who were not eligible for the funds and the highest paid and more stable employees are receiving the benefit. He felt premium pay was a lower priority and could be spent on the

greater need including affordable housing. He also stated he is not against premium pay, however he is against premium-pay now and at the current amount. His second reason was the fairness for the persons the council denied “hero pay” and suggested lowering the amount to spend the money on the greatest need of the community and stated his opposition and no vote on the seven thousand dollars. Council Member Romo concurred with Council Member Ureña.

Council Member Arreola-Fernandez discussed the criteria for the premium-pay. City Manager, on advice from City Attorney regarding closed session, provided information on ARPA guidelines and informed the City has received the first Federal Government installment issued, he discussed the prior items presented to the Council which were the fleet purchases and premium pay and recalled the resolution approved by Council defining essential workers followed by determining the premium pay amount which was a million dollars consistent with other activities directed by Council and further advised there are still over five million dollars for other activities.

Council Member Ureña made a motion to table and re-discuss the item. Motion was seconded by Council Member Romo.

David Garcias, SEIU Local 221 representing the Water Operators stated he has negotiated with other cities and informed some cities have provided premium pay as high as ten thousand and others as low a one thousand. He spoke on behalf of the essential employees who worked though the pandemic and continued to provide public services and exposed themselves and their families. He requested Council take into consideration of the essential workers, pass the premium pay and not take a step backward.

Chief Gerardo discussed taking care of employees and his efforts to recruit employees for Calexico. He informed the City of Imperial paid ten percent of the base salary and stated Calexico is being fair in trying to provide the same amount to all employees. Chief Gerardo spoke in favor of providing premium pay to all City employees and asked Council to be loyal to the employees.

Norma Gerardo spoke on behalf of her staff and requested Council consideration and discussed budgeted amounts without the staff which were taken away. She commented on the hero pay and the effects on the economy and stated the premium pay would not affect the City’s economy.

Oscar Pesqueria addressed the Fire Department’s efforts during the pandemic and stated they had been exposed to over eleven hundred persons positive with Covid-19. He also spoke on the recruitment of firefighters for Calexico and the importance of their work due to their exposure. He pointed out farmworkers provide food for the citizens however, they are not direct City employees. He requested Council consideration for the premium pay.

Mayor Moreno stated the employees deserve more and stated his support for the premium pay, law enforcement and all employees.

Mayor Pro Tem Garcia stated the most important asset at the City is the human capital. He stated the City has an opportunity to give back and appreciate the staff. He stated the City wants to be fair and the benefit needs to be shared.

Lorena Minor-Montes, President of the Calexico Municipal Employees Association thanked the Council Members in favor of the premium pay. She addressed Council Member Ureña regarding her association membership and the part-time employees without benefits. She expressed her disappointment in Council Member Ureña's comments and stated it was time to compensate and back-up the employees.

Council Member Ureña stated his constituents are not the City employees, his constituents are not all citizens of Calexico and provided labor organizing advice to the unions. He addressed funding the essential workers in the City and the fairness to these workers and also his effort to obtain permanent work and increase in salaries for City employees.

Josh Paddock, Firefighter spoke on behalf of the funding and the guidelines for the funding and stated the funding could not be spent for the farmworkers. He spoke on staffing levels for the Fire Department and the stress on the employees who worked throughout the pandemic. He stated all employees are important and pointed out the eleven hundred persons the firefighters were exposed to during their calls.

Karla Lobatos, Finance Director commented on ARPA guidelines and stated that if the Council wanted to pay hero pay through grants that can be set up and can be researched. City Manager stated the need to prioritize the use of the funding and the consideration given to premium pay.

Vote on motion to table item and re-discuss:

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

Motion did not pass.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Garcia, seconded by Mayor Moreno to approve Resolution of the City Council of the City of Calexico Approving the City's Use of American Rescue Plan Act Funds to Provide Up to \$ 7,000 Per Full Time and Part Time Eligible Employee. Motion passed by the following vote-to-wit:

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

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Garcia to approve the consent agenda consisting of Items 4, 5, 6 and 7 with grammatical corrections to the dates on the agreement on Item No. 7: Warrants from October 9, 2021 to October 22, 2021 and City Salaries October 9, 2021 to October 22, 2021; Approval of Application for Alcoholic Beverage License for S & N Fuels, Inc., Calexico Market & Gas, 724 Emerson Avenue, Suite A, Calexico, CA 92231; Approve a Side Letter of Understanding between the City of Calexico and the Calexico Police officers' Association for the

Remaining Term Beginning July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023; Adoption of the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Calexico and the Calexico Certified Operators SEIU Local 221 (SEIU) for the Term Beginning July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2022.

DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS

AWARD THE BID PROPOSAL FROM PYRAMID CONSTRUCTION & AGGREGATES, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,129,808.71 PLUS 15% CONTINGENCY (\$469,471.31) AND AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT FOR THE CALEXICO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TAXIWAY A REHABILITATION FAA AIP NO. 3-06-0034-018-2020; 3-06-0034-021-2021.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Garcia, seconded by Council Member Arreola-Fernandez and passed unanimously to award the bid proposal from Pyramid Construction & Aggregates, Inc. in the amount of \$3,129,808.71 plus 15% Contingency (\$469,471.31) and authorize City Manager to Sign construction agreement for the Calexico International Airport Taxiway A Rehabilitation FAA AIP No. 3-06-0034-018-2020; 3-06-0034-021-2021.

AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN AMENDMENT NO. 4 TO THE AGREEMENT OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH PANORAMA ENVIRONMENTAL, INC. FOR TECHNICAL AND REGULATORY ASSISTANCE FOR NEW RIVER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT – CALEXICO REACH.

Motion made by Council Member Arreola-Fernandez, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Garcia and passed unanimously to authorize City Manager to sign Amendment No. 4 to the Agreement of Professional Services with Panorama Environmental, Inc. for Technical and Regulatory Assistance for New River Improvement Project – Calexico Reach.

AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN AGREEMENT OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH AE CONSULTING, INC. FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AND INSPECTION SERVICES FOR THE CALEXICO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TAXIWAY A REHABILITATION PROJECT FAA AIP NO. 3-06-0034-018-2020; 3-06-0034-021-2021

Motion made by Council Member Romo, seconded by Council Member Arreola-Fernandez and passed unanimously to authorize City Manager to sign Agreement of Professional Services with AE Consulting, Inc. for Construction Management and Inspection Services for the Calexico International Airport Taxiway A Rehabilitation Project FAA AIP No. 3-06-0034-018-2020; 3-06-0034-021-2021.

AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER TO PURCHASE GRASS SEED, FERTILIZER AND SPORT SOIL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$31,924.68 FROM SITEONE LANDSCAPE SUPPLY FOR ADRIAN C. CORDOVA MEMORIAL BASEBALL FIELDS.

Motion was made by Council Member Ureña, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Garcia and passed unanimously to authorize City Manager to Purchase Grass Seed, Fertilizer and Sport Soil in the

Amount of \$31,924.68 from SiteOne Landscape Supply for Adrian C. Cordova Memorial Baseball Fields.

APPROVAL FOR SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE OF MOBILE DATA TERMINAL COMPUTERS/TABLETS

Motion was made by Council Member Arreola-Fernandez, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Garcia and passed unanimously for the approval for Sole Source Purchase of Mobile Data Terminal Computers/Tablets.

DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL ACTION REGARDING REQUEST FROM CALEXICO BAJA RUNNERS FOR A CONTRIBUTION OF \$300.00 TOWARDS THE PURCHASE OF PROVISIONS FOR VETERAN'S DAY CEREMONY (REQUEST BY MAYOR MORENO)

Motion was made by Council Member Arreola-Fernandez, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Garcia and passed unanimously to approve request from Calexico Baja Runners for a Contribution of \$300.00 Towards the Purchase of Provisions for Veteran's Day Ceremony.

APPOINTMENT BY MAYOR MORENO TO THE CENTINELA STATE PRISON ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Mayor Moreno reappointed Fire Chief Diego Favila to the Centinela State Prison Advisory Committee.

APPOINTMENT BY MAYOR MORENO OF A PRIMARY REPRESENTATIVE AND AN ALTERNATE TO THE IMPERIAL COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION (ICTC) BOARD.

Mayor Moreno appointed himself as the Primary and Council Member Arreola-Fernandez as a Second Alternate and Council Member Urena as a Third Alternate to ICTC.

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

Mayor Moreno reappointed Mr. Jaime Duron as the Administrative Hearings Officer.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Moreno requested an item on Bi-National Commissions with the City of Mexicali.

Council Member Arreola-Fernandez requested Mayor Moreno invite Mayor of Mexicali to visit Calexico.

Council Member Romo requested status on City Commissions and

Mayor Pro Tem Garcia requested an item to restart the City Commissions.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Moreno, seconded by Council Member Arreola-Fernandez and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting 8:37 p.m.

Javier Moreno, Mayor

ATTEST:

Gabriela T. Garcia, City Clerk