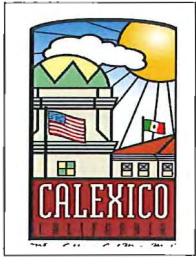


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CITY COUNCIL AGENDA STAFF REPORT

DATE: March 16, 2022

TO: Mayor and City Council

APPROVED BY: Miguel Figueroa, City Manager *[Signature]*

PREPARED BY: Gabriela T. Garcia, City Clerk *[Signature]*

SUBJECT: Approval of City Council/Calexico Community Redevelopment Agency Successor Agency/Calexico Financing Authority Minutes for Meetings of January 4, 2022, January 19, 2022 and February 16, 2022

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Recommendation:

Approval of City Council/Calexico Community Redevelopment Agency Successor Agency/Calexico Financing Authority Minutes for Meetings of January 4, 2022, January 19, 2022 and February 16, 2022.

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 of January 4, 2022, January 19, 2022 and February 16, 2022 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 of January 4, 2022, January 19, 2022 and February 16, 2022.



THE CITY COUNCIL/CALEXICO COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY SUCCESSOR AGENCY/CALEXICO FINANCING AUTHORITY MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON THE 4TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2022 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.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Moreno called the meeting to order at 5:30 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

Mayor Pro Tem Garcia led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance

MISSION STATEMENT PLEDGE

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion made by Council Member Romo, seconded by Council Member Arreola-Fernandez and passed unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PUBLIC APPEARANCES – No Public Comments.

DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS

APPOINTMENT OF GONZALO GERARDO AS INTERIM POLICE CHIEF PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 7522.56 AND 21221(H).

Motion made by Council Member Arreola-Fernandez, seconded by Council Member Romo and passed unanimously to appointment of Gonzalo Gerardo as Interim Police Chief Pursuant to Government Code Sections 7522.56 and 21221(h).

Joshua Paddock, Calexico Firefighters Association, spoke regarding the appointment of the Interim Chief of Police and expressed his concern about expending funds to create positions while they continue to wait for seven firefighter positions to be filled.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO DIRECT CITY STAFF AND CITY ATTORNEY TO PREPARE A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL AS ELIGIBLE WORKERS PERFORMING ESSENTIAL WORK DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC PURSUANT TO THE AMERICAN-RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA).

Mr. Morris Reisin and Mr. Bill Hodge, former Council Members, spoke in favor of approving ARPA funding for former Council Members who served during the pandemic.

Ryan McEachen and Monica Silva submitted an email comments expressing their support and requesting consideration of ARPA funding for employees who served the City during the pandemic and are no longer with the City.

Daniela Flores submitted an email comment respectfully requesting that the Council begin a public discussion on an equitable approach to ARPA allocations as well as an equitable approach to engaging the community, residents, and local groups that have been part of Calexico's COVID on education about these funds and to collectively develop an equitable plan that meets the community's needs. She submitted the following initiatives on behalf of the stakeholders:

- * Bonus Program for COVID-19 High-Risk Essential Workers (grocery store workers, warehouse workers, healthcare, and farmworkers);
- * Downtown Infrastructure for Essential Workers;
- * Invest in Cooling Stations;
- * Invest in Outreach Capacity to Increase Access to Assistance Programs;
- * Psychiatric Emergency Response Team
- * Invest in a "Housing First" pilot program

Motion by Council Member Urefia, Seconded by Council Member Romo to Direct Legal Counsel to create a resolution designating eligible workers to include current City Council Members, former City Council Members, former City Employees and Deceased Employees who performed essential work during the pandemic for an amount up to \$7,000 based on hours worked; and Receipt of any Premium Pay is Voluntary. Motion passed by the following roll-call vote:

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Moreno motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:23 p.m. Motion was seconded by Council Member Urefia and passed unanimously.

Javier Moreno, Mayor

ATTEST:

Gabriela T. Garcia, City Clerk

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THE CITY COUNCIL/CALEXICO COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY SUCCESSOR AGENCY/CALEXICO FINANCING AUTHORITY MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON THE 19TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2022 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 Moreno called the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Mayor: Javier Moreno
Mayor Pro Tem: Camilo Garcia
Council Member: Raul Urefia
Council Member: Gloria Romo

ABSENT:

Council Member: Rosie Arreola-Fernandez

PUBLIC COMMENTS: No Public Comments.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION.

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

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION

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

Vertical Bridge Development, LLC v. Calexico City Council, the City of Calexico, et al.

USDC, Southern District of California, Case No. 3:21-cv-02097-L-DEB

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

3. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Initiation of Litigation, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(4)

Three (3) Potential Cases

City Council reconvened from closed session at 6:20 p.m.

and informed the mask mandate went back into effect on January 7, 2022 and asked that everyone continue to practice social distance due to the rise in cases and covid-19 testing. He informed the State of California is providing four free Covid-19 tests per household by going to the State website at covid19.ca.gov.

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT PRESENTATION BY CITY MANAGER MIGUEL FIGUEROA.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS AND REPORTS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED

Mayor Moreno expressed his condolences to the Muñoz Family on the passing of Police Commissioner Sal Munoz, Chief Gerardo also expressed his condolences on the passing of Sal Munoz on December 24, 2021 due to Covid-19. He provided the details on his mass on February 10, 2022 and stated he will be missed.

Council Member Urefia spoke on the current state of the City and stated the Council has improved their ability to work cohesively for the benefit of community. He addressed comments by Firefighters Association to be addressed by the Council. He spoke on the City having a balanced budget and border opening. He spoke on the history of City finances going back to 2015. He discussed ARPA expenses presented by the City Department and expressed his concerns for the condition of the Fire Department and the impacts on the Police Department, and the needs of Recreation. He further discussed the creation solutions for ARPA for all persons affected by the pandemic.

Council Member Romo attended a neighborhood meeting at Calexico Mobile Home Park and discussed their problems. She informed that she has enrolled and been accepted into the 2020 Imperial County Housing Policy Leadership Academy. She stated the importance of the citizens attending the City ARPA workshop. She thanked Mrs. Carmen Estrada and Mr. Jesse Garcia for their work for the community.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PUBLIC APPEARANCES

Public comment was received via email from Desiree Botello, Edgar Ramirez, Angelica Gomez, Gilbert Manzanarez, Jimmy Vasquez, Ana Paola Cabrera, Andres Hernandez, Ashley Diaz, Salvador Valdivia, Oscar Valles, Stephanie Briseno, Kol Nogales Citlaly Jauregui, Ali Ali, Vanessa Kilps, Monica Urena, Camila Musso, Christie Jimenez, Daniel Mar, Stephanie Alarcon, Marco Antonio Lopez (also spoke via zoom), Maribel Padilla-Leyva, Luis Ruiz Cortez, Atlas Alvarez, Scarlett Diaz Pedro Garcia, Kimberly Lopez, Maria Coronado, expressing support for the equitable distribution of ARPA recovery funds proposed by Imperial Valley Equity and Justice Coalition, Calexico Needs Change, and Calexico Union against Corruption. The Council was urged to consider the following proposals highlighted by the "Calexico Equitable ARPA Plan" drafted by the previously mentioned groups, and supported by the Latino Community Foundation and the United Food and Commercial Workers Union. (UFCW Local 1167) These proposals

include: Bonus Program for COVID-19 High-Risk Essential Workers; Downtown Infrastructure for Essential Workers; Investing in Cooling Stations; Invest in Outreach capacity to increase access to assistance programs; Psychiatric emergency response team; Invest in a Housing First pilot program; Utilize funds to address affordable housing needs

Javier Gonzalez, IID Director, announced there was a Martin Luther King clean-up and thanked all those who participated and provided support for the event. He also provided an update on the work being performed by the IID in the City of Calexico such as the Beech Canal which will be completed by year-end, over 600 street light replacements, utility box beautification for art, cleaning of All American Canal, seventeen local entity grants have been awarded and one was awarded to the City of Calexico and invited everyone to the Arbor Day Celebration on April 30, 2022 at Cordova Park and asked the City for waive the fees for the event.

Michael Gonzalez spoke on behalf of the Calexico Police Officers Association and expressed the concerns over the morale of the department officers and requested additional officers in order for the officers to be safe and to prevent injuries.

Luis Casillas, Calexico Police Officers Association, spoke with regards to the need for public safety in the City of Calexico, the need for additional officers and dispatchers in the department and addressed his concerns for recruitment of new officers. Mr. Casillas advised the council that they will launch a full blown public awareness campaign against the City.

Joshua Paddock spoke on behalf of the Calexico Firefighters Association and expressed their concerns over the lack of firefighters and addressed the payments due to firefighters on departmental expenses and requested council consideration on said matters.

Eduardo Rivera, Calexico Firefighters Association ceded his three minutes to Mr. Paddock.

Jesse Garcia addressed his concerns over the conditions of the parks and provided an update on the needs of the parks.

Carmen Estrada spoke on the need for her league to use the City Parks and addressed her concerns with the conditions of the parks. She further stated that the league has been working on park clean up however, requested the Council's support for the needs of the parks.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion made by Council Member Ureña, seconded by Council Member Romo to approve the consent agenda consisting of the following: Item No. 3. Warrants from November 20, 2021 to December 3, 2021 and City Salaries from November 20, 2021 to December 3, 2021; Item No. 4. Warrants from December 4, 2021 to December 17, 2021 and City Salaries from December 4, 2021 to December 17, 2021; Item No. 5. Warrants from December 18, 2021 to December 31, 2021 and City Salaries from December 18, 2021 to December 31, 2021; Item No. 6. Approval of a Resolution to Continue Fully or Partially Virtual Public Meetings (AB 361); Item No. 7. Approval of Application for Alcoholic Beverage License for 7-Eleven, Inc. – 7 Eleven Store 36027B, 1101 Andrade Avenue, Calexico, CA 92231-1982; Item No. 8. Approve Letter of Support for the Application Prepared by the Center for Employment Training for Funding as a "Backbone

Organization" for the American Rescue Plan Act Good Jobs Challenge; Item No. 9. Approve Letter of Support for the Application Prepared by Catholic Charities Diocese of San Diego for the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development Homekey Program; Item No. 10. Approve Republic Services (Allied) Request for Rate Increase Due to State of California Mandatory Organic Recycling Program (AB 1826); Item No. 11. Acceptance of the Zip Books Grant Project FY 2021-22. Motion passed by the following vote to wit:

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

DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS

ITEM NO. 12. AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN AGREEMENT OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH GEO-LOGIC ASSOCIATES FOR DEVELOPMENT AND INSTALLATION OF GROUNDWATER MONITORING NETWORK FOR NEW RIVER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT - CALEXICO REACH.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Garcia, seconded by Council Member Romo to Authorize City Manager to Sign Agreement of Professional Services with Geo-Logic Associates for Development and Installation of Groundwater Monitoring Network for New River Improvement Project - Calexico Reach. Motion passed by the following vote to wit:

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

ITEM NO. 13. AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO THE AGREEMENT OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH LEE & RO, INC. FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR SEWER LIFT STATION NO. 9 AND 11, SEWER COLLECTION AND WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.

Motion made by Council Member Ureña, seconded by Council Member Romo to Authorize the City Manager to Sign Amendment No. 2 to the Agreement of Professional Services with Lee & Ro, Inc. for Engineering Services for Sewer Lift Station No. 9 and 11, Sewer Collection and Water Distribution System Improvement Project. Motion passed by the following vote to wit:

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

ITEM NO. 14. AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH MICHAEL BAKER INTERNATIONAL FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES TO ADDRESS COMMENTS RECEIVED ON AND FINALIZE THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATION FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW RIVER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT – CALEXICO REACH.

Motion made by Mayor Moreno, seconded by Council Member Ureña to Authorize the City Manager to Enter into an Agreement of Professional Services with Michael Baker International for Engineering Services to Address Comments Received on and Finalize the Plans and Specification for Construction of the New River Improvement Project – Calexico Reach. Motion passed by the following vote to wit:

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

ITEM NO. 15. AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH BENDER ROSENTHAL, INC. FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITION AND APPRAISAL SERVICES FOR WEAKLEY STREET IMPROVEMENT FEDERAL PROJECT NO.: CML-5168(032).

Motion made by Council Member Romo, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Garcia to Authorize the City Manager to Sign Agreement for Professional Services with Bender Rosenthal, Inc. for Right-of-Way Acquisition and Appraisal Services for Weakley Street Improvement Federal Project No.: CML-5168(032).

Motion passed by the following vote to wit:

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

ITEM NO. 16. AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH WEST AND ASSOCIATES ENGINEERING, INC., FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES TO REVIEW ON BEHALF OF THE CITY THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATION FOR NEW RIVER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT – CALEXICO REACH.

Motion made by Council Member Romo, seconded by Council Member Ureña to Authorize the City Manager to Enter into an Agreement of Professional Services with West and Associates Engineering, Inc., for Engineering Services to Review on Behalf of the City the Plans and Specification for New River Improvement Project – Calexico Reach. Motion passed by the following vote to wit:

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

ITEM NO. 17. AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR ADRIAN C. CORDOVA MEMORIAL PARK RESTROOMS.

Motion made by Council Member Romo, seconded by Council Member Ureña to Authorize the City Manager to Sign Notice of Completion for Adrian C. Cordova Memorial Park Restrooms. Motion passed by the following vote to wit:

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

ITEM NO. 18. ADOPT RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALEXICO AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE GRANT APPLICATION, AGREEMENTS AND/OR ANY DOCUMENTATION PERTAINING TO CALIFORNIA WATER AND WASTEWATER ARREARAGES PAYMENT PROGRAM FUNDED BY THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA WATER BOARD.

Motion made by Council Member Romo, seconded by Council Member Urefia to Adopt Resolution of the City Council of the City of Calexico Authorizing the City Manager or His Designee to Execute Grant Application, Agreements and/or Any Documentation Pertaining to California Water and Wastewater Arrearages Payment Program Funded by the State of California Water Board. Motion passed by the following vote to wit:

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

ITEM NO. 19. ADOPT RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALEXICO AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF APPLICATION(S) FOR ALL CALRECYCLE GRANTS FOR WHICH THE CITY OF CALEXICO IS ELIGIBLE.

Motion made by Council Member Romo, seconded by Council Member Urefia to Adopt Resolution of the City Council of the City of Calexico Authorizing the Submittal of Application(s) for All CalRecycle Grants for which the City of Calexico is Eligible. Motion passed by the following vote to wit:

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

ITEM NO. 20. APPROVE AND ADOPT JOB DESCRIPTION FOR GRANT COORDINATOR.

Motion made by Mayor Moreno, seconded by Council Member Romo to Approve and Adopt Job Description for Grant Coordinator. Motion passed by the following vote to wit:

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

ITEM NO. 21. ADOPT A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALEXICO APPROVING A TEMPORARY FEE SCHEDULE FOR PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND BUILDING PERMITS UNTIL JULY 1, 2022.

Motion made by Mayor Moreno, seconded by Council Member Garcia to Adopt a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Calexico Approving a Temporary Fee Schedule for Planning Applications and Building Permits until July 1, 2022. Motion passed by the following vote to wit:

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

PUBLIC HEARING

City Council separated the two actions in Item No. 22 into two as items 22A and 22B as follows:

ITEM NO. 22A. PUBLIC HEARING: INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING BY TITLE ONLY OF AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A ZONE CHANGE FROM RC (RESIDENTIAL CONDOMINIUM) TO RA (RESIDENTIAL APARTMENT) AND GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT WITH CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL IN “EXHIBIT A” FOR THE FOLLOWING ASSESSOR PARCEL NUMBERS: 058-180-080, 058-180-081, 058-180-082, 058-180-084, AND 058-180-085 LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY OF CALEXICO; AND CERTIFICATION OF AN UPDATED MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE PROPOSED ZONE CHANGE/GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT FOR THE PROPOSED REMINGTON APARTMENT PROJECT.

Dave Davis, Chelsea Representation provided a presentation on the proposed Remington Apartment Project.

Mayor Moreno opened the public hearing at 8:29 p.m.

No public comments received

Mayor Moreno closed the public hearing at 8:29 p.m.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Garcia, seconded by Mayor Moreno to approve the introduction and first reading by title only of an Ordinance Adopting a Zone Change from RC (Residential Condominium) to RA (Residential Apartment) and General Plan Amendment with Conditions of Approval in “Exhibit A” for the Following Assessor Parcel Numbers: 058-180-080, 058-180-081, 058-180-082, 058-180-084, And 058-180-085 Located Within the City of Calexico; and Certification of an Updated Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Proposed Zone Change/General Plan Amendment for the Proposed Remington Apartment Project.

City Attorney Campos read the title to the resolution. Motion passed by the following vote to wit:

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

ITEM 22B - PUBLIC HEARING: ADOPT RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALEXICO APPROVING A VESTING TENTATIVE MAP, PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT, UPDATED MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION, AND CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL IN “EXHIBIT A” FOR THE REMINGTON

APARTMENT PROJECT ON THE FOLLOWING ASSESSOR PARCEL NUMBERS: 058-180-080, 058-180-081, 058-180-082, 058-180-084, AND 058-180-085 LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY OF CALEXICO.

Mayor Moreno opened public hearing at 8:31 p.m.

No public comments received.

Mayor Moreno closed the public hearing at 8:33 pm

Dave Davis provided a timeline for the construction of the project and responded to questions from the council members. Motion made by Council Member Ureña, seconded by Mayor Moreno to Adopt Resolution of the City Council of the City of Calexico Approving a Vesting Tentative Map, Planned Unit Development, Updated Mitigated Negative Declaration, and Conditions of Approval in "Exhibit A" for the Remington Apartment Project on the Following Assessor Parcel Numbers: 058-180-080, 058-180-081, 058-180-082, 058-180-084, And 058-180-085 Located within the City of Calexico. Motion passed by the following vote to wit:

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

ITEM NO. 23. PUBLIC HEARING: ADOPT RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALEXICO APPROVING A VESTING TENTATIVE MAP, PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT AND CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL AND CERTIFYING A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE SUBDIVISION OF APN: 059-180-025 INTO 113 PARCELS ON AN APPROXIMATELY 18 ACRE SITE LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY OF CALEXICO.

City Council took a recessed at 8:51 p.m.

City Council reconvened from recess at 8:57 p.m.

Lisa Tylenda, Planning and Building Services Director provided the two changes for the record as follows:

Change No. 1 - The density-maximum units per net acre will be one to seven units.

Change to #5 – Front yard set-back – 20 feet from face of garage.

Mayor Moreno opened the public hearing at 8:59 p.m.

No public comments received.

Mayor Moreno closed the public hearing at 8:59 p.m.

Director Tylenda restated the two changes for the record as follows:

Change No. 1 - The density-maximum units per net acre will be one to seven units.

Change to #5 – Front yard set-back – 20 feet from face of garage.

Motion made by Mayor Moreno to approve with changes presented, motion seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Garcia to Adopt Resolution of the City Council of the City of Calexico Approving a Vesting Tentative Map, Planned Unit Development and Conditions of Approval and Certifying a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Subdivision of APN: 059-180-025 Into 113 parcels on an Approximately 18 Acre Site Located within the City of Calexico. Motion passed by the following vote to wit:

AYES: Moreno, Garcia, Ureña, Romo

NOES: None

ABSENT: Arreola-Fernandez

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Pro Tem Garcia requested an updated list of business licenses with account numbers.

Council Member Ureña requested an invitation be extended to the Mayor of Mexicali. Mayor Moreno advised a meeting with the Mayor of Mexicali is in the works. He also requested additional information on ARPA.

Council Member Romo requested an update on when the commissions will start their meetings. She also requested to know which agency regulates mobile home parks in Calexico and an update on the Orthopedic Clinic and its usage.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Javier Moreno, Mayor

ATTEST:

Martha Gomez, Deputy Clerk

THE CITY COUNCIL/CALEXICO COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY SUCCESSOR AGENCY/CALEXICO FINANCING AUTHORITY MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON THE 16th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2022 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 Moreno called the closed session portion of the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

Council Member: Raul Urefia – Arrived at 5:36 p.m. (via teleconference)

PUBLIC COMMENTS: No public comments.

City Attorney Campos requested to add the following two emergency items to the closed session agenda:

1. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT (§ 54957)
Title: City Manager
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)

Motion by Mayor Moreno, second by Council Member Arreola-Fernandez to add the two emergency items listed by City Attorney to the closed session agenda. Motion passed by the following roll-call vote to wit:

AYES: Moreno, Garcia, Urefia(Via Teleconference), Romo, Arreola-Fernandez
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION.

Council convened in closed session at 5:35 p.m. to discuss the following:

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT

Title: Police Chief

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT (§ 54957)

Title: City Manager

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)

Council reconvened from closed session at 6:28 p.m.

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

REGULAR MEETING - 6:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Moreno called the regular portion of the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

- Mayor: Javier Moreno
- Mayor Pro Tem: Camilo Garcia
- Council Member: Raul Ureña (via teleconference)
- 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

Mayor Pro Tem led those present in reciting the Mission Statement Pledge.

INVOCATION

Council Member Arreola-Fernandez led those present in prayer.

CLOSED

SESSION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Attorney Campos reported Council met and discussed items on agenda plus the additional two items added to the agenda and direction was given, no reportable action taken.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

City Manager Figueroa requested to pull Item No. 11 from the agenda to be set at a future meeting.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Garcia, seconded by Council Member Romo to approve the agenda with the removal of Item 11 - Authorize City Manager to Sign Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement of Professional Services with Lee & Ro, Inc. for Engineering Services for Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrading and Expansion Project. Motion passed by the following roll-call vote:

AYES: Moreno, Garcia, Ureña (Via Teleconference), Romo, Arreola-Fernandez
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

PRESENTATIONS**PLANNING AND BUILDING SERVICES DEPARTMENT UPDATE AS PRESENTED BY LISA TYLEND, DIRECTOR**

Planning and Building Services Director provided a detailed update on the Department including building, planning and code enforcement statistics, open grant projects, creation and incentivizing of development, downtown recovery plan and the current jobs in progress. Director Tylen and City Manager Figueroa answered questions from Council Members.

BI-WEEKLY COVID-19 UPDATE PRESENTATION

Chief Favila provided the latest Covid-19 statistics and mandates after the February 15, 2022 deadline and advised the 87% of Calexico citizens are vaccinated.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PUBLIC APPEARANCES

Chief Gerardo announced Coffee with a Cop event at Camarena Library on February 17, 2022 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

IID Director Javier Gonzalez provided a report on the projects being carried out in Calexico such as lights fixed, canal fence repairs and new signs placed on bridges in town. He announced the Arbor Day and Dia del Niño celebrations on April 30th at Cordova Park.

Maricela Garcia addressed the Council regarding the possible uses for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds and provided her recommendations for the funding.

Jesse Garcia provided a detailed report on lighting, sidewalk repairs at Rodriguez Park and various areas of the City. He also stated the flags are not being displayed during the holidays as they once were on First, Second and Imperial Avenue.

Victor Gonzalez addressed the Council regarding the excessive fees being charged by the City for the accessory dwelling units and stated he hoped the council would considering doing something about the fees.

Joong Kim stressed to the Council the need to increase the amount of safety officers since there are only eighteen officers. He also spoke on the use of Measure H funds and suggested utilizing ARPA funds for public safety.

Maribel Padilla addressed the Council regarding ARPA funds and suggested building restrooms in the downtown she also suggested asking the community what they would like the funds to be spent on either via the water bills or an online survey.

Alexis Castro implored the Council use the ARPA funds for the Covid-19 inequities and asked the Council make it a priority to use the funding to teach the community and support of the parks.

Ismael Arvizu expressed his concern over ARPA funds and their proper use. He suggested more interaction with the community and encouraged more workshops to inform the community. He stated ARPA funds are for Covid needs. He invited everyone to join Black Lives Matter on February 26, 2022 on the use of ARPA funds.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Figueroa acknowledged the persons who attended the ARPA workshop. He informed he and Mayor Moreno met with Assemblyman Garcia regarding opportunities for the City. He spoke on the procurement process to clean up the land area on Cesar Chavez Blvd.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS AND REPORTS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED

Council Member Arreola-Fernandez reported she attended the Imperial County Local Transportation Committee meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Garcia attended local baseball team that hosted BFA baseball tournament with a team from Los Angeles. He stated the need to work on parks because this creates opportunities for the community He stated Joe Kelley from the LA Dodgers had visited during the tournament. He attended the funeral services for Commissioner Sal Munoz and expressed his condolences to the family.

Mayor Moreno reported attending the Customs and Border Protection monthly update meeting. He also reported attending the funeral services for Commissioner Sal Munoz and expressed his condolences to the family. He attended the Public Safety policy Committee and stated current issues are being addressed.

Supervisor Jesus Eduardo Escobar commented on the Covid-19 update, ARPA funding and the Lithium company which will bring over \$20 million for all cities in the County. He addressed the dilapidated county roads which are currently under repair and informed he has asked John Gay, County Public Works Director to present on the issues to the City at the next Council meeting and responded to questions from Council Members.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Council Member Romo, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Garcia and passed by a unanimous roll-call vote 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 20, 2021, October 26, 2021 and December 15, 2021; Warrants from January 15, 2022 to January 28, 2022 and City Salaries from January 15, 2022 to January 28, 2022; Approval of a Resolution to Continue Fully or Partially Virtual Public Meetings (AB 361); Approval of Application for Alcoholic Beverage License for S & N fuels, Inc., Calexico Market & Gas, 724 Emerson Avenue, Ste. A, Calexico, CA 92231-3195; Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance No. 1223 – An Ordinance Adopting a Zone Change from RC (Residential Condominium) to RA (Residential Apartment) and General Plan Amendment with Conditions of Approval in “Exhibit A” for the Following Assessor Parcel Numbers: 058-180-080, 058-180-081, 058-180-082, 058-180-084, And 058-180-085 Located Within the City of Calexico; and Certification of an Updated Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Proposed Zone Change/General Plan Amendment for the Proposed Remington Apartment Project.

DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS

ITEM NO. 9. INTRODUCTION AND WAIVE FIRST READING BY TITLE ONLY OF ORDINANCE NO. _____, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALEXICO, CALIFORNIA AMENDING CHAPTER 8.36 AND REPEALING SECTION 8.39 OF TITLE 8 OF THE CALEXICO MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL AND RECYCLABLE MATERIALS AND ORGANIC WASTE.

Ms. Liliana Falomir presented the ordinance and advised it would update the code to make sure the City is following Cal Recycling Guidelines.

City Clerk Garcia read the title of the Ordinance.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Garcia, seconded by Council Member Romo and passed by a unanimous roll-call vote to introduce and waive the first reading by title only of an Ordinance of the City council of the City of Calexico, California Amending Chapter 8.36 and Repealing Section 8.39 of Title 8 of the Calexico Municipal Code Relating to Solid Waste Disposal and Recyclable Materials and Organic Waste.

AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER TO FILE NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR SEWER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT ON DESIGNATED STREETS.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Garcia, seconded by Council Member Romo and passed by a unanimous roll-call vote to authorize city manager to file Notice of Completion for Sewer Main Replacement Project on Designated Streets.

Approve and Authorize the City Manager to Enter into a Private Investment, Revitalization, Job Creation and Tax Sharing Agreement with R.H. Properties, LLC.

Motion was made by Mayor Moreno, seconded by Council Member Romo to approve and authorize the City Manager to enter into a Private Investment, Revitalization, Job Creation and Tax Sharing Agreement with R.H. Properties, LLC. Motion passed by the following roll-call vote:

AYES: Moreno, Ureña (Via Teleconference), Romo, Arreola-Fernandez
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

REJECT ALL BIDS RECEIVED FOR POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENT VEHICLES.

Motion was made by Council Member Romo, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Garcia and passed by a unanimous roll-call vote to reject all bids received for Police and Fire Department Vehicles.

ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF THE 2020/2021 HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM APPLICATION TO THE CALIFORNIA STATE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOR FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,584,163; AND IF AWARDED, THE EXECUTION OF A STANDARD AGREEMENT, ANY AMENDMENTS THERETO, AND OTHER RELATED DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO PARTICIPATE AND COMPLY WITH IN THE HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM.

City Manager Figueroa presented the project for the submission of the 2020/21 HOME Investment Partnerships Program.

Motion was made by Council Member Romo, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Garcia and passed by a unanimous roll-call vote to adopt a Resolution authorizing the submission of the 2020/2021 HOME Investment Partnerships Program application to the California State Department of Housing and Community Development for funding in the amount of \$3,584,163; and if awarded, the execution of a standard agreement, any amendments thereto, and other related documents necessary to participate and comply with in the HOME Investment Partnerships Program.

APPOINTMENTS BY MAYOR MORENO AND MAYOR PRO TEM GARCIA OF ONE COMMISSIONER EACH THE SALES TAX CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MEASURE H).

Mayor Pro Tem Garcia appointed Adriana Armendariz to the Sales Tax Citizen Advisory Committee (Measure H). Mayor Moreno did not make an appointment.

APPOINTMENT OF DELEGATE MEMBER AND ALTERNATE MEMBER TO THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS (SCAG) REGIONAL CONFERENCE AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY 5, 2022

Motion was made by Council Member Romo, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Garcia to appoint the Mayor as Delegate Member and Mayor Pro Tem as Alternate Member to the SCAG Regional Conference and General Assembly May 5, 2022

PUBLIC HEARINGS

HOLD PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE 2020 URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE AND ADOPT RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF

CALEXICO ADOPTING THE 2020 URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN AND WATER SHORTAGE CONTINGENCY PLAN.

Jake Comer, West and Associates provided a detailed presentation prepared for the 2020 Urban Water Management Plan and Water Shortage Contingency Plan.

Mayor Moreno opened the public hearing at 9:17 p.m.

No comments were received in favor or in opposition.

Mayor Moreno closed the public hearing at 9:17 p.m.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Garcia, seconded by Council Member Arreola-Fernandez and passed by a unanimous roll-call vote to adopt Resolution of the City Council of the City of Calexico adopting the 2020 Urban Water Management Plan and Water Shortage Contingency Plan.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Council Member Romo requested information on the future of Teco Monroy Park and requested Public Works Manager Falomir to provide a response to each of Mr. Jesse Garcia's items from his report earlier in the meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Garcia requested a meeting with the CEO or Directors from Heffernan Memorial Healthcare District regarding parks and other relevant issues.

Council Member Arreola-Fernandez concurred with Council Member Romo on the need for an update report on park repairs.

Mayor Moreno reported meeting with Assemblyman Garcia and with Catholic Charities. He requested an update on the Catholic Charities project.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion by Mayor Pro Tem Garcia, seconded by Council Member Arreola-Fernandez, the meeting was adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

Javier Moreno, Mayor

ATTEST:

Gabriela T. Garcia, City Clerk