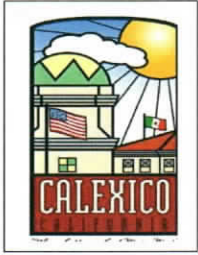



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CITY COUNCIL AGENDA STAFF REPORT

DATE: May 3, 2023
TO: Mayor and City Council
APPROVED BY: Esperanza Colio Warren, 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 April 24, 2023

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Recommendation:

Approval of City Council/Calexico Community Redevelopment Agency Successor Agency/Calexico Financing Authority Minutes for Meeting of April 24, 2023.

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 April 24, 2023 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 for Meeting of April 24, 2023.



THE CITY COUNCIL/CALEXICO COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY SUCCESSOR AGENCY/CALEXICO FINANCING AUTHORITY MET IN SPECIAL SESSION ON THE 24TH DAY OF APRIL 2023 AT 5:00 PM AT THE FERNANDO "NENE" TORRES COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 608 HEBER AVENUE, CALEXICO, CALIFORNIA. THE DATE, HOUR AND PLACE DULY ESTABLISHED FOR THE HOLDING OF SAID MEETING.

CLOSED SESSION - 5:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ureña called the closed session portion of the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Mayor: Raul Ureña
Mayor Pro Tem: Gloria Romo
Council Member: Camilo Garcia
Council Member: Gilberto Manzanarez
Council Member: Javier Moreno

PUBLIC COMMENTS – No public comments.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION.

City Council adjourned to closed session at 5:03 p.m. to discuss the following:

1. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6

Agency Representatives: Esperanza Colio Warren, City Manager, Carlos Campos, City Attorney

Employee Organizations: Calexico Firefighters Association, Certified Operators

Association/SEIU Local 221, Calexico Police Officers Association, Calexico Municipal

Employee Association, Supervisor's Association, Calexico Management Association, CPOA

Dispatchers

City Council reconvened from closed session at 6:26 p.m.

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

OPEN SESSION - 5:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER.

Mayor Ureña called the open session portion of the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

ROLL CALL**PRESENT:**

Mayor: Raul Ureña
Mayor Pro Tem: Gloria Romo
Council Member: Camilo Garcia
Council Member: Gilberto Manzanarez
Council Member: Javier Moreno

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Ureña led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Attorney Carlos Campos reported the city council met in closed session and there were no reportable actions.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.

Motion by Council Member Moreno, seconded by Council Member Garcia and passed unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PUBLIC APPEARANCES – No public comments.

PUBLIC HEARINGS**CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING TO SOLICIT CITIZEN INPUT REGARDING CDBG-CV2 AND CV-3 CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE ALLOCATION GRANT ROUND 2 & 3 AND ADOPT THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS:**

a) Adopt Resolution Approving an Amendment to the Standard Agreement for the 2020 Community Development Block Grant Program Coronavirus Response Round 2 & 3 in the Amount of \$782,718.00; and b) Authorize the City Manager or Designee(s) to Sign Standard Agreement, any Amendments Thereto, and all Other Documents Required by HCD and HUD for Participation in the CDBG-CV2 & CV3 – Coronavirus Response Allocation Grant Round 2 & 3.

City Manager Colio Warren provided a Powerpoint presentation regarding the funding opportunities with the Department of Housing and Community Development through the California Development Block Grant (CDBG) for project regarding CDBG-CV2 and CV-3 Coronavirus Response Allocation Grant Round 2 & 3 for Rehabilitation of Fire Station 2 and a Subsistence Payments Program to assist families displaced due to fire or other tragic incident.

Mayor Ureña opened the public hearing at 5:48 p.m.

Mrs. Belinda Alvarado spoke in favor of the project and stated she would have liked more community outreach to the senior community and would have preferred funding through ARPA but understood the reason for funding sought. She also stated the need not just to fix the station but also the need for a maintenance plan.

Oscar Pesqueira, Firefighter spoke in favor and stressed the need for the project and stated the funding was for Station 2 and not Station 1.

Eric Espinoza, Firefighter spoke in support of the CDBG program.

Joel Rivera, Firefighter spoke in support of the project to reopen Station 2 on the west side of town.

Blanca Morales, CEO of Calexico Wellness Center spoke in support of approving items a and b to support the Fire Department.

Cynthia Rodriguez spoke in support and requested the city council reopen Fire Station 2 on the west side of Calexico before an emergency happens without a fire department being available.

Mayor Urefia closed the public hearing at 6:01 p.m.

Motion was made by Council Member Moreno, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Romo and passed unanimously to approve a) Adopt Resolution Approving an Amendment to the Standard Agreement for the 2020 Community Development Block Grant Program Coronavirus Response Round 2 & 3 in the Amount of \$782,718.00; and b) Authorize the City Manager or Designee(s) to Sign Standard Agreement, any Amendments Thereto, and all Other Documents Required by HCD and HUD for Participation in the CDBG-CV2 & CV3 – Coronavirus Response Allocation Grant Round 2 & 3.

DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS

ADOPT BUDGET AMENDMENT RESOLUTION FOR REALLOCATION OF RESOURCES FROM ARPA FOR PAYMENT OF PAST DUE FIRE DEPARTMENT INVOICES FROM FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 & 2022 & 2023.

Fire Chief Favila gave a report on the reason for the reallocation of resources from ARPA to the Fire Department to cover past due unpaid invoices from Fiscal Years 2021-2022 & 2022 & 2023.

Oscar Pesqueira, Firefighter spoke in support and requested council consideration for the approval of the item.

Norma Vega provided a comment via zoom in support of item.

Chief Favila and City Manager Colio Warren responded to questions by the Council Members regarding the process for payment of invoices. After a lengthy discussion regarding the merits of the request and the ARPA funding to be utilized. Council Member Manzanarez motioned to approve the Budget Amendment Resolution for Reallocation of Resources from ARPA for Payment of Past Due Fire Department Invoices from Fiscal Year 2021-2022 & 2022 & 2023 from the following funds: \$ 100,000 from the One-time Planning & Building Operating Contracts -- Update Housing Element fund, \$25,000 from the City Hall/Carpet Replacement fund and \$25,000 from the Technology (Laptops, City Council Chamber Projection) fund. Motion was seconded by Council Member Moreno and passed by the following vote:

AYES: Urefia, Manzanarez, Moreno
NOES: Romo, Garcia

ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

ADJOURMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Romo, seconded by Council Member Garcia and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Raul Ureña, Mayor

ATTEST:

Gabriela T. Garcia, City Clerk