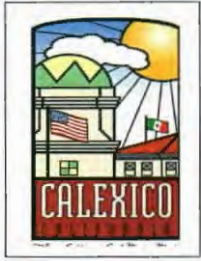
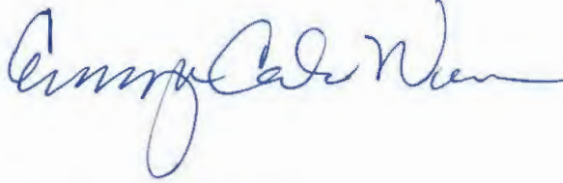



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CITY COUNCIL AGENDA STAFF REPORT

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 Meetings of April 20, 2023, April 27, 2023, and May 3, 2023

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Recommendation:

Approval of City Council/Calexico Community Redevelopment Agency Successor Agency/Calexico Financing Authority Minutes for Meetings of April 20, 2023, April 27, 2023, and May 3, 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 Meetings of April 20, 2023, April 27, 2023, and May 3, 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 Meetings of April 20, 2023, April 27, 2023, and May 3, 2023.



THE CITY COUNCIL/CALEXICO COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY SUCCESSOR AGENCY/CALEXICO FINANCING AUTHORITY MET IN SPECIAL SESSION ON THE 20TH DAY OF APRIL 2023 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 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 5:34 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

PUBLIC COMMENTS – No public comments.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

City Council adjourned to closed session and under the authorities of Municipal Code 2.19.085 to hear Item No. 3 first on the closed session agenda. Council adjourned at 5:35 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

2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION

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

National Prescription Opiate Litigation
United States District Court, Northern District of Ohio
Case No. 1:17-CV-2804

3. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT (§ 54957)

Title: Chief of Police

4. Public Employee Performance Evaluation

Pursuant to Government Code § 54957

Title: City Manager

The City Council reconvened from closed session at 6:35 p.m.

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

OPEN SESSION - 6:30 PM

Mayor Ureña called the open session portion of the agenda to order 6:39 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

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

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

MISSION STATEMENT PLEDGE

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

INVOCATION

Council Member Moreno led those present in prayer.

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Attorney Campos reported the council met in closed session, direction was received, and no reportable actions were taken.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

On request by Mayor Ureña, a motion was made by Council Member Moreno to approve the agenda with movement of items 15-21 and 23 to the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Council Member Manzanarez and passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

PROCLAMATION FOR NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK - APRIL 23-29, 2023.

Council Members read the Proclamation to the Public and presented the Proclamation to Mrs. Lizeth Legaspi, Library Manager.

**PROCLAMATION FOR NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATORS
WEEK – APRIL 9-15, 2023.**

Council Members read the Proclamation to the Public. Chief Serrano thanked the dispatchers for the important work performed. He thanked Council Member Garcia and his wife, as well as

Daniela Murillo and Frank Marron, former dispatchers, for providing gifts for the dispatchers. The Proclamation was presented to the dispatchers present.

Ms. Griselda Gonzalez thanked the City Council and City Manager thanked everyone who recognized them during Public Safety Telecommunications Week, especially Council Member Garcia and Family, Lizeth and Victor Legaspi, Daniela Murillo, and Frank Marron. Ms. Gonzalez took the opportunity to reach out to the council to request their support to recognize the dispatchers as public safety, as this is the highest form of respect and appreciation that the dispatchers can receive from the City Council.

RECOGNITION PRESENTED BY CHIEF SERRANO TO SGT. SEAN ACUÑA UPON HIS COMPLETION OF THE FBI ACADEMY

Chief Serrano presented Sgt. Sean Acuña a certificate of achievement recognition for his completion of the FBI Academy and gave a brief review of the training and recognized him for the completion of the “yellow brick road” obstacle course and reported that in addition he received a “blue brick award” for swimming a total of thirty-four miles during the academy. Sgt. Acuña thanked his wife Karla for her support. He thanked the Chief of Police, City Administration and City Council for the opportunity to attend the training.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PUBLIC APPEARANCES – No public comments.

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

City Manager Colio Warren reported on communications with Citizen’s Energy working with the city to install lighting at Kennedy Gardens. She reported a miscommunication regarding the provision of services to the City and working on City facilities. comes in to provide services, they have to provide insurance. She advised the Council they had been provided with an agreement, however, they disagreed with the terms. She stated she is working with the company regarding the suggested changes, their non-profit status and the agreement is pending.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Antonio Garcia requested the City Manager and City Council to hold more meetings of the committee he serves on in order to work on more projects because he wants to do more.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS AND REPORTS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED

Council Member Romo congratulated the City of Calexico on its 115th Anniversary and thanked Dr. Vo and Blanca Morales for their support of the event. She attended a meeting in Mexicali with the Imperial/Mexicali Binational Alliance and discussed the need for a campaign to save water. She informed on receiving menacing reports from IID Director Javier Gonzalez regarding parks and requested respect from the IID towards the council.

Council Member Garcia highlighted the 115th Anniversary of the City. He commented on the library book club and attended the Lego Exhibit and gave kudos to the Recreation staff. He congratulated Sgt. Acuña and the Dispatchers.

Council Member Moreno expressed his concerns regarding the comments received by IID Director Gonzalez. He thanked Fire Chief Favila, his staff, City Manager, and the staff for the boarded-up building.

Council Member Manzanarez thanked Ms. Falomir and the Public Works Staff for replacing the needed lighting at Daniel Gutierrez Field. He expressed his gratitude to the Fire Department and spoke on upcoming completion of Fire Station 1, the possible funding for the rehabilitation of Fire Station 2 and the two new ambulances which should be arriving in the next month. He also cautioned everyone on celebration of 4-20.

Mayor Ureña reported the community town hall meeting would be moved to the first week of May on May 2nd. He acknowledged the new Planning Consultant, Mr. Kevin Grant. He attended the meeting between Mexicali officials, Caltrans, State of Baja California officials, Federal Officials for the Mexican Government and ICTC. This meeting to be held monthly to better coordinate the traffic southbound especially during peek hours. Three items came about which were the identification that Mexican government officials do need to be seated at ICTC as per SB 607, Caltrans is working on a border wait time system similar to San Diego for southbound traffic and continue to collaborate to establish the traffic pattern to push all traffic exclusively through Cesar Chavez Blvd as recommended by engineers in 2019. He invited all city employees and the public to attend the ICTC meeting in which they will vote on traffic controllers' subsidy for Calexico.

ITEM NO. 14 - 2022-23 3RD QUARTER BUDGET STATUS REPORT AND RESOLUTION TO AMEND BUDGET

Ms. Sandy Fonseca, Interim Finance Director provided a Powerpoint presentation regarding the 3rd Quarter Budget Status Report for revenues and expenses, ARPA update and approval of a resolution to amend the current budget.

Motion made by Mayor Ureña to approve the 2022-23 3rd Quarter Budget Status Report and Resolution to Amend Budget reallocating a total of \$750,000: \$575,000 from fund 911 and the balance of \$136,000 from Fund 907. Motion seconded by Council Member Moreno and passed unanimously by the following roll-call vote:

AYES: Urena, Romo, Garcia, Manzanarez, Moreno
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Romo, seconded by Council Member Moreno to approve the consent agenda consisting of Items Item No.'s 8-11, Items Item No.'s 15-21 and Items Item No. 23 as follows: Item No. 8. Approval of a Resolution to Correct a Previous Application Resolution Related the Homekey Program: (I) Authorizing Application to the Homekey Program, Retroactive to August 11, 2020; (II) Finding Such Actions to be Exempt from Review Under the California Environmental Quality Act; Item No. 9. Adopt Resolution Approving the Memorandum of Understanding Between the City of Calexico and the Calexico Supervisors Association (CSA) for the Term Beginning July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2025. Item No. 10. Authorize City Manager to

Sign Agreement of Professional Services with Dynamic Consulting Engineers in the Amount of \$38,120.00 for Engineering Services for Alley Improvement Project – Phase II and III. Item No. 11. Authorize City Manager to Sign an Agreement for Professional Services Between the City of Calexico and Norman A. Traub & Associates for the Calexico Police Department Personnel Investigations; Item No. 15. 827 7th Street Roof Replacement Project: a) Authorize the City Manager to Sign Agreement of Professional Services with Pacific Builders & Roofing Inc., dba: WSP Roofing in the Amount of \$178,000.00 for 827 7th Street Roof Replacement Project. b) Adopt Budget Amendment Resolution for Fund No. 255 – American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) in the Amount of \$113,344.00; Item No. 16. Fire Station No. 1 (Old Court House) Roof Replacement Project: a) Authorize the City Manager to Sign Agreement of Professional Services with Pacific Builders & Roofing Inc., dba: WSP Roofing in the Amount of \$247,000.00 for Fire Station No. 1 (Old Court House) Roof Replacement Project. b) Adopt Budget Amendment Resolution for Fund No. 255 – American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) in the Amount of \$197,350.00; Item No. 17. Enrique Camarena Memorial Library Roof Replacement Project: a) Authorize the City Manager to Sign Agreement of Professional Services with Pacific Builders & Roofing Inc., dba: WSP Roofing in the Amount of \$465,000.00 for Enrique Camarena Memorial Library Roof Replacement Project. b) Adopt Budget Amendment Resolution for Fund No. 255 – American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) in the Amount of \$265,350.00; Item No. 18. Senior Hall Roof Replacement Project: a) Authorize the City Manager to Sign Agreement of Professional Services with Pacific Builders & Roofing Inc., dba: WSP Roofing in the Amount of \$135,000.00 for Senior Hall Roof Replacement Project. b) Adopt Budget Amendment Resolution for Fund No. 255 – American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) in the Amount of \$60,344.00; Item No. 19. Public Works Yard Breakroom Roof Replacement Project: a) Authorize the City Manager to Sign Agreement of Professional Services with Pacific Builders & Roofing Inc., dba: WSP Roofing in the Amount of \$87,000.00 for Public Works Yard Breakroom Roof Replacement Project. b) Adopt Budget Amendment Resolution for Fund No. 255 – American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) in the Amount of \$22,350.00; Item No. 20. Calexico International Airport Roof Replacement Project: a) Authorize the City Manager to Sign Agreement of Professional Services with Pacific Builders & Roofing Inc., dba: WSP Roofing in the Amount of \$129,000.00 for Calexico International Airport Roof Replacement Project. b) Adopt Budget Amendment Resolution for Fund No. 255 – American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) in the Amount of \$79,350.00; Item No. 21. Adrian C. Cordova Memorial Park: a) Authorize City Manager to Sign Agreement of Professional Services with Kimley Horn in the Amount of \$175,000.00 for Engineering Services for Adrian C. Cordova Memorial Park. b) Adopt Budget Amendment Resolution to Fund No. 255 – American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) in the Amount of \$175,000.00; Item No. 23. Adopt a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Calexico Authorizing the City Manager or Her Designee to Endorse Consent Agreement – Contract No. 21-07-34-12063 – Authorization to Construct, Install, Own, Use, Operate and a New Sewer Collection and Water Distribution System Across Bureau of Reclamation’s Rights-of-Way for the All-American Canal – Boulder Canyon Project, All American Canal System, Imperial Division, California. Motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS**APPROVAL OF LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR CALEXICO WELLNESS CENTER**

Council Member Moreno stated that because he is President of Calexico Wellness Center he will abstain from the item.

Blanca Morales, CEO and Co-Founder of Calexico Wellness Center provided a brief report on Calexico Wellness Center and requested council support for Federal Qualified Health Center Look-Alike certification.

Motion by Mayor Ureña for Approval of Letter of Support for Calexico Wellness Center. Motion was seconded by Council Member Romo and passed by the following roll-call vote:

AYES: Ureña, Romo, Garcia, Manzanarez
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: Moreno

DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING A REQUEST FROM CHELSEA INVESTMENT CORPORATION FOR AN IMPACT FEE DEFERRAL LOAN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$455,460 RELATED TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF REMINGTON VILLAS; A 60-UNIT, AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

Motion by Mayor Ureña to table the item to the May 3, 2023, Council Meeting. Motion seconded by Council Member Manzanarez. Motion passed by the following vote to wit:

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

DISCUSSION ON SUMMER POOL PROGRAM OPTIONS AND ADOPTION OF CORRESPONDING BUDGET AMENDMENT RESOLUTION FOR FUND NO. 255 - AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA)

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Romo to approve Option A -10 weeks from ARPA – Parks funding and \$35,000 from Measure H funding. Motion seconded by Council Member Garcia.

Mayor Pro Tem Romo amended her motion to approve Option A – 10 weeks to be funded from Measure H and from ARPA – Housing Element savings instead of Parks. Motion passed unanimously.

APPOINTMENT OR CONFIRMATION BY MAYOR UREÑA TO THE BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (BID)

Mayor Ureña appointed Mr. Robert Gronich to the Business Improvement District Board.

REMOVAL OF BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT APPOINTEE BY COUNCIL MEMBER GILBERTO MANZANAREZ

Council Member Manzanarez removed Mr. Raul Ureña Sr. and opened up the position for reappointment.

APPOINTMENT BY COUNCIL MEMBER MANZANAREZ TO THE PERSONNEL COMMISSION.

Council Member Manzanarez appointed Ms. Belen de Fajardo to the Personnel Commission.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

RECEIVE AND FILE LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES FOR MEETING ON FEBRUARY 16, 2023

Mayor Ureña acknowledged receipt of the Library Board of Trustees Minutes for Meeting on February 16, 2023.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Council Member Garcia – Presentation on the status of the healthcare system.

Mayor Pro Tem Romo – Proclamation for Mother’s Day.

Council Member Manzanarez – Report on the possibility and options to re-open Crummet Park to the community.

Mayor Ureña requested a budget amendment for funding a City Engineer position.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Council Member Moreno, seconded by Council Member Garcia, and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:17 p.m.

Raul Ureña, Mayor

ATTEST:

Gabriela T. Garcia, City Clerk

THE CITY COUNCIL/CALEXICO COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY SUCCESSOR AGENCY/CALEXICO FINANCING AUTHORITY MET IN SPECIAL SESSION ON THE 27TH DAY OF APRIL 2023 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 HOLDING OF SAID MEETING.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ureña called the meeting to order at 5:30 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

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

INVOCATION

Mayor Ureña led those present in prayer.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Romo, seconded by Council Member Garcia, and passed unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PUBLIC APPEARANCES.

Mayor Ureña read comment from Mayra Cano Rodriguez submitted via email.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Romo, seconded by Council Member Manzanarez to approve the consent agenda consisting of the following items: Authorize City Manager to Sign Amendment No. 4 to the Agreement of Professional Services in the Amount of \$100,000.00 with Michael Baker International to provide Construction Support Services to the City, including Review/Evaluation of Specific Submittals for the Construction of the New River Improvement Project – Calexico Reach; Adopt a Resolution of the of the City Council of the City of Calexico Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a \$5,000,000.00 Grant Application and Agreements with the California Department of Transportation for City of Calexico Heber Park Expansion Project; Approval of Letter for Senator Padilla’s Request for \$2,000,000.00 to Build Local Capacity to

Support Asylum Seekers Which Are Being Released in the Border Community of Calexico.
Motion passed by the following vote to wit:

AYES:	Ureña, Romo, Manzanarez, Moreno
NOES:	Garcia
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

Motion was made by Council Member Garcia to pull Item No. 3 for discussion. The motion was seconded by Council Member Garcia and passed unanimously.

Council Member Garcia commented on request by Mayor Ureña regarding the \$2 million request for the Assessment Center and stated that if the city is requesting assistance from legislators, it should be for the residents of Calexico and this request is for asylum seekers and there are concerns and needs by the city for ambulances and streets and would prefer to request funding for infrastructure and for the downtown which would create investment and jobs. This request is a humanitarian cause; however, he feels the need to take care of Calexico first and the request should be for the benefit of the citizens. He stated the citizens spoke during the strategic planning and they want more investment in fire, police, and library. Council Member Garcia stated he is not in agreement and the city needs to go back to the people or be very careful.

Mayor Ureña stated the City is also making a \$5 million for parks in the form of a grant and while this is the first, Senator Padilla has opened up for more requests from the City.

Council Member Moreno stated he is in support of the letter and stated that in the past administrations have not been transparent. He stated his support due to Title 42 being lifted in May and the City needs to be prepared with monies and by reaching out to the community. He further stated he would like to have a town hall to receive public input from the public and stakeholders. He also commented on the possibility of this matter becoming a healthcare crisis and asked that Heffernan Memorial Healthcare District be present as well as the non-profit organizations in Calexico to hear their plan to assist in the matter.

Council Member Garcia stated he did not feel the City should be involved and have the non-profits be the organizations to lead the charge. He stated he would prefer that the non-profits and NGO's take the lead.

Mayor Ureña stated it is in the City's best interest to address the issue even if just in lending a letter of support to Senator Padilla.

Council Member Manzanarez provided a brief history on the matter of asylum and stated this situation is in part the fault of our country with its international policies and the request is from Senator Padilla to the State budget and the city is also requesting \$5 million for parks specifically to complete Heber Park. He stated his support to Senator Padilla's request.

Council Member Garcia stated he felt the City should not be the one to lead this issue.

City Manager Colio Warren stated the city received a letter requesting support from Senator Padilla who is submitting the request in the State Budget. She also clarified that is not known if

the City will be the recipient of the funding or it will be the non-profit organizations. This letter is just a support for the state to allocate the funding.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Council Member Garcia, seconded by Council Member Moreno, and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 5:56 p.m.

Raul Ureña, Mayor

ATTEST:

Gabriela T. Garcia, City Clerk

THE CITY COUNCIL/CALEXICO COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY SUCCESSOR AGENCY/CALEXICO FINANCING AUTHORITY MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON THE 3RD DAY OF MAY 2023 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 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 5:38 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 5:39 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, Calexico Management Association, CPOA Dispatchers

2. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Pursuant to Government Code § 54957

Title: City Manager

The City Council reconvened from closed session at 6:23 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 6:36 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

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

MISSION STATEMENT PLEDGE

Mayor Ureña led those present in reciting the Mission Statement Pledge.

INVOCATION

Mayor Pro Tem Romo led those present in prayer.

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Attorney Carlos Campos reported the city council met in closed session, direction was given, no reportable actions were taken.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mayor reported there was an emergency item to Approve a Letter of Understanding between the City of Calexico and Certified Operators/SEIU Local 221 (SEIU) effective April 20, 2023, to be added to the agenda.

Motion by Council Member Moreno to approve the agenda with the addition of the emergency item to Approve a Letter of Understanding between the City of Calexico and Certified Operators/SEIU Local 221 (SEIU) effective April 20, 2023, under the consent agenda. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Romo and passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Ureña announced Item No. 4 was being pulled from the agenda due to Director Nava not being able to attend the meeting.

PROCLAMATION HONORING MOTHER'S DAY IN THE CITY OF CALEXICO ON MAY 14, 2023 AND MAY 10, 2023.

Mayor and Council Members read the Proclamation honoring mother's day in the City of Calexico on May 14, 2023 and May 10, 2023, and Mayor Pro Tem Romo read a Spanish translation of the proclamation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PUBLIC APPEARANCES

Public comments were received from Arturo Ortiz, Zoe Garcia, Isaac Parolla, Edgar Calderon, Daniela Flores, and Jessica Perez.

Rebecca Lemon addressed the council with notice of intention to circulate recall petition and served Mayor Ureña and Council Member Manzanarez.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Colio Warren reported Fire Station No. 1 is open and the firefighters have moved in. She reported she is working on a grand breaking on May 26, 2023, for the \$46 million New River Project. She also reported two new ambulances are ready for pick up next week.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS – No reports made.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS AND REPORTS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED

Mayor Pro Tem Romo allowed Carmen Estrada, CPAL to provide a PowerPoint presentation regarding the conditions of various parks within the city.

Council Member Garcia reported attending Dia del Niño celebration at the library and Arbor Day celebration at San Diego State University.

Council Member Manzanarez commented on parks and pointed out some of them are not parks, they are retention basins. He spoke on efforts to improve Heber Park and clarified that ARPA funds are for parks and not water basins. He also spoke on the need to hire a City Engineer and addressed the recall served.

Mayor Ureña reported the Highway 98 project will be delayed for a couple of weeks per Deputy Director Mario Orso. He also reported on a special team that was formed by Caltrans to address the border corridor between Calexico and Mexicali to address border wait time system, infrastructure to connect Highway 98 to Cesar Chavez Blvd. as recommended by engineers in 2019. He spoke on traffic controller subsidy and advised ICTC is waiting for the city to give them the green light to place on their agenda and the City is waiting for completion of improvements by Caltrans. He stated the Mexican Consulate is requesting infrastructure from the City in order to provide assistance to farmworkers during the summer months.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council Member Garcia pulled Item No. 12 - Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the Dissolution of the Housing & Economic Development Department, Including the Elimination of Two Positions and Approving the Reallocation of Funds to Fill the Public Works Director/ Engineer Position for the 2022/23 Fiscal Year from the consent agenda for discussion.

Motion was made was made by Council Member Garcia to approve the consent agenda consisting of items 5-11 and emergency item as following: 5. Approval of City Council/Calexico Community Redevelopment Agency Successor Agency/Calexico Financing Authority Minutes for Meeting of April 24, 2023; 6. Warrants from March 25, 2023 to April 7, 2023 and City Salaries from March 25, 2023 to April 7, 2023. 7. Warrants from April 8, 2023 to April 21, 2023 and City Salaries from April 8, 2023 to April 21, 2023. 8. Authorize City Manager to File Notice of Completion for the Construction of New Fire Station, Project/ Permit # 20-0522; 9. Approval of Pre-Qualified Applicants for the 2023 Sale of Safe and Sane Fireworks; 10. Ratification of the 2023 Lunch at the Library Grant in the Amount of \$9,938 and Authorize the City Manager and Fiscal Agent to Sign the Grant Agreement, Certification and Claim Forms and any Amendment Thereto; and any Related Documents Necessary to Participate in the Program; 11. Approval of Work Site Agreements with Department of Rehabilitation for Period to 5-8-23 through 9-30-23; Emergency Item: 12A - - Approve a Letter of Understanding between the City of Calexico and Certified Operators/SEIU Local 221 (SEIU) effective April 20, 2023. Motion was seconded by Council Member Manzanarez and passed unanimously.

ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR FOR DISCUSSION**ITEM NO. 12. ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISSOLUTION OF THE HOUSING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, INCLUDING THE ELIMINATION OF TWO POSITIONS AND APPROVING THE REALLOCATION OF FUNDS TO FILL THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR/ENGINEER POSITION FOR THE 2022/23 FISCAL YEAR.**

City Manager Colio Warren provided a briefing regarding the lack of funding to hire a City Engineer and explained the reason why she is requesting the funding for the City Engineer.

Motion was made by Mayor Urefia to adopt a resolution authorizing the dissolution of the Housing & Economic Development Department, including the elimination of two positions and approving the reallocation of funds to fill the Public Works Director/Engineer position for the 2022/23 fiscal year. Motion was seconded by Council Member Moreno and passed by the following vote to wit:

AYES:	Urefia, Romo, Manzanarez, Moreno
NOES:	Garcia
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS**13. RECEIVE AND FILE 2021-22 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.**

Andrew Roth, The Pun Group provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the audited financials for the City of Calexico for fiscal year ending June 30, 2022.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Romo, seconded by Council Member Moreno to approve to receive and file the 2021-22 Audited Financial Statements.

CONSIDER THE REINSTALLATION OF THE CALEXICO BREWING COMPANY SIGN LOCATED ON THE NORTHERN SIDE OF COLE BOULEVARD AT THE INTERSECTION WITH M L KING STREET.

Motion by Council Member Moreno to table the item and bring back an ordinance to revise the code. Motion was seconded by Mayor Ureña and passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING A REQUEST FROM CHELSEA INVESTMENT CORPORATION FOR AN IMPACT FEE DEFERRAL LOAN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$455,460 RELATED TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF REMINGTON VILLAS; A 60-UNIT, AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT.

Scott Schiffer and Alex Merson with Chelsea Investment Corporation gave a presentation on the project with the requested updates from the prior meeting and requested assistance from the council for the deferral of impact fees loan in order to move forward with Remington Villas, a 60-Unit, Affordable Housing Development project.

Belinda Alvarado provided detailed comments on the various contracts between Chelsea Investment and the City and stated she would like them to pay their loans.

Jose Hinojosa expressed his concerns regarding the Fire Station, a sink hole on Sheridan and the funding sources for the project.

After a lengthy discussion, a motion was made by Council Member Garcia to deny request from Chelsea Investment Corporation for an Impact Fee Deferral Loan in the Amount of \$455,460 Related to the Development of Remington Villas; a 60-unit, Affordable Housing Development. Motion died due to lack of second.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Romo to table the item. Motion was seconded by Council Member Manzanarez and passed by the following vote to wit:

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

ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Council Member Romo:

- 1. Lithium Presentation in Imperial Valley. If possible, bring back a proposal for Calexico;
- 2. Presentation report on all ARPA funds used on Parks.

Council Member Moreno:

- 1. Update from Heffernan Memorial Healthcare District on their projects.
- 2. Update on the Healthcare System.

Council Member Garcia:

- 1. Identify cooling/hydration centers in Calexico.

Mayor Ureña:

- 1. Calexico Mexican Consulate to ask what they need for cooling center they are willing to operate and proposed under downtown ARPA;
- 2. Temporary cooling options for downtown promenade (shades);
- 3. Speak to Farmworker Coalition non-profits. Possibility to explore endorsing letter from the farmworker coalition and identify what they need for their project;
- 4. Report on what is feasible/not feasible.

Council Member Manzanarez:

- 1. Suggested City Manager work with Recreation Manager to obtain an estimate to replace the roof panels at the community center.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Council Member Garcia, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Romo passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 11:17 p.m.

Raul Ureña, Mayor

ATTEST:

Gabriela T. Garcia, City Clerk