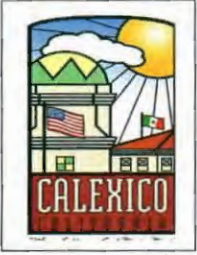


**AGENDA  
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# CITY COUNCIL AGENDA STAFF REPORT

**DATE:** June 7, 2023

**TO:** Mayor and City Council

**APPROVED BY:** Esperanza Colio Warren, City Manager *Esperanza Colio Warren*

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

**SUBJECT:** Approval of City Council/Calexico Community Redevelopment Agency Successor Agency/Calexico Financing Authority Minutes for Meeting of May 17, 2023

**Recommendation:**

Approval of City Council/Calexico Community Redevelopment Agency Successor Agency/Calexico Financing Authority Minutes for Meeting of May 17, 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 May 17, 2023 have been prepared for City Council review and approval.

**Fiscal Impact:**

None.

**Coordinated With:**

None.

**Attachment(s):**

- Minutes for City Council/Calexico Community Redevelopment Agency Successor Agency/Calexico Financing Authority for Meeting of May 17, 2023.



**THE CITY COUNCIL/CALEXICO COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY SUCCESSOR AGENCY/CALEXICO FINANCING AUTHORITY MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON THE 17TH 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 5:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:**

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

**ABSENT:**

Council Member: Camilo Garcia  
*Council Member Garcia arrived at 6:10 p.m.*

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** No public comments.

**ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION.**

The City Council adjourned to closed session at 5:33 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, Certified Operators Association/SEIU Local 221.

**2. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION**

Pursuant to Government Code § 54957

Title: City Manager

The City Council reconvened from closed session at 6:30 p.m.

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

**OPEN SESSION - 6:30 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER.**

Mayor Ureña called the open session portion of the meeting to order at 6:37 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 Pro Tem Romo led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MISSION STATEMENT PLEDGE**

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

**INVOCATION**

Council Member Moreno led those present in prayer.

**CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

City Attorney Carlos Campos reported there were no reportable actions.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Council Member Moreno made a motion to approve the agenda with the tabling of Items 10, 11 and 18. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Romo and passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PUBLIC APPEARANCES**

The following persons provided public comments to the City Council: Javier Lopez, Sergeant Shaun Sundahl, Rene Felix from Assemblymember Eduardo Garcia's Office, Morris Reisin, Daniela Murillo, Michael Gonzalez, Anthony Herrera, Maricela Garcia, Supervisor Jesus Eduardo Escobar.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

City Manager Colio Warren provided a report on Title 42. She advised two new ambulances arrived in Calexico making it a total of three ambulances operating in the City.

**COMMISSIONER REPORTS** – No commissioner reports.

**CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS AND REPORTS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED**

Council Member Garcia recognized the police officers and expressed his appreciation for their work and dedication to the community. He reported attending the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Conference in Palm Desert, CA.

Council Member Moreno thanked Mrs. Colio for addressing the clean-up process for the business which burned down. He visited the Border Friendship Park operation in anticipation of Title 42.

Council Member Manzanarez thanked the Imperial County for working with the City regarding the lifting of Title 42 and assistance to the persons stranded in the desert and he acknowledged the assistance of humanitarian groups and local non-profits such as the Brown Bag Coalition, Imperial Valley Equity and Justice Coalition. He also commented on the Imperial County and the City being proactive with Title 42.

Mayor Ureña stated the need for a budget workshop and town hall meeting with the Mayor. He requested item be placed on agenda under ARPA IT for a camera to film into You-Tube. He informed he and Council Member Manzanarez met with the United Farmworkers in an effort to identify their needs with the ultimate objective to uplift downtown safety and cleanliness. He requested that two ad-hoc committees be agendaized for the next meeting: one for farmworker infrastructure policy downtown and another one for Park Rejuvenation. He stated the Mexican Consulate has approached the City with heat concerns at their building and there is a scheduled meeting on May 23<sup>rd</sup> to address resolving the problem with the least impact to the City. Mayor also requested a presentation from CCRT Behavioral Health, a declaration on Pride Month and raising of the flag on June 1<sup>st</sup>. He wished everyone a Happy International Day against transphobia and homophobia against discrimination for the LGBT community. He informed that Heffernan Memorial Healthcare District agreed to present on June 7, 2023, regarding the hospital debate and the urgent care center. He announced that since Highway 98 project is not complete by this month's ICTC meeting the conversation regarding the traffic controllers' funding will move to the June meeting. He stated he will work with the farmworkers towards a resolution for the winter. He attended a HMHD meeting where Assemblymember Garcia's presented his ideas on AB918 and asked them to attend the June 7 and June 21 Council meetings when the City decides which legislation it will support. Lastly, he announced two new ambulances arrived at Fire Station 1 and Fire Station 2 is partially operational and under repair.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion was made by Council Member Moreno, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Romo to approve the consent agenda consisting Items 3 to 9 as follows: 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; Adopt a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Calexico Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a \$30,000.00 Grant Application and Agreements with the California Arts Council for the Arts & Cultural Organizations General Operating Relief Grant; Authorize City Manager to Sign Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement of Professional Services with AE Consulting, Inc., in the Amount of \$9,220.00 for Construction Management and Inspection Services for the Calexico International Airport Taxiway A Rehabilitation Project FAA AIP No: 3-06-0034-018-202; 3-6-0034-021-2021; Authorize City Manager to Sign Notice of Completion for the Reconstruction of Restrooms at Enrique Camarena Memorial Library; Approve Extension of The Pun Group Accountants & Advisors Contract for Financial Audit Services for the City of Calexico for Options Approved on May 2022 for Fiscal Years Ending 2023 and 2024; Letter to Imperial County Board of Supervisors Regarding Imperial Lithium Tax Revenue; Approval of an Agreement and Election of the City of Calexico to Prefund Other Post Employment Benefits Through CalPERS and Delegation of Authority to Request Disbursements from California Employers' Retiree Benefit Trust (CERBT);

Items No. 10 - Approval of Work Site Agreements Between the Department of Rehabilitation and the Calexico Recreation Department for the Period of May 8, 2023, through September 30, 2023, and 11 - Authorize the City Manager to Sign Employer Worksite Agreement Between the Imperial County Workforce Development Board and the Calexico Recreation Department for the Period of May 17, 2023, through June 30, 2024.were tabled with the approval of the agenda.

#### **DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS**

**ADOPT A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALEXICO, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR DESIGNEE TO SUBMIT A \$10,000,000.00 GRANT APPLICATION, ACCEPT GRANT AWARD, EXECUTE GRANT AGREEMENT AND/OR ANY DOCUMENTATION PERTAINING TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA BUILDING FORWARD LIBRARY FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM ROUND TWO FOR CAMARENA MEMORIAL LIBRARY UPGRADE AND EXPANSION PROJECT.**

Motion was made by Council Member Moreno, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Romo, and passed unanimously to adopt a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Calexico, California, Authorizing the City Manager or Designee to Submit a \$10,000,000.00 Grant Application, Accept Grant Award, Execute Grant Agreement and/or Any Documentation Pertaining to the State of California Building Forward Library Facilities Improvement Program Round Two for Camarena Memorial Library Upgrade and Expansion Project.

**AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN AGREEMENT OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,000.00 WITH VIEJAS BAND OF KUMEYAA Y INDIANS FOR CULTURAL RESOURCES MONITOR FOR NEW RIVER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT – CALEXICO REACH.**

Motion was made by Mayor Ureña, seconded by Council Member Garcia, and passed unanimously to authorize City Manager to Sign Agreement of Professional Services Agreement of Professional Services in the Amount of \$30,000.00 with Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians for Cultural Resources Monitor for New River Improvement Project – Calexico Reach.

**DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE ARTS AND HISTORICAL COMMISSION ON UTILITY BOX PROJECT:**

- a. **SELECT ART PROPOSAL: “EL CENTINELA,” BY MELINA TREJO.**
- b. **RUN A UTILITY BOX PROJECT CYCLE II – THEME: “VIVA CALEXICO.”**
- c. **OPEN PROJECT CYCLE II TO ADULTS WHO HAVE TIES TO CALEXICO.**
- d. **ALLOW DISQUALIFIED ART SUBMITTALS FROM PROJECT CYCLE I TO PARTICIPATE IN CYCLE II.**

A motion was made by Council Member Moreno to carry over the two art projects to cycle II, have no theme restriction on cycle II and allow the disqualified art submittals to carry over to cycle II. The motion was seconded by Council Member Manzanarez and passed by a unanimous roll-call vote.

**DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING SUMMER 2023 POOL PROGRAM:**

- A. **AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN JOINT USE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CALEXICO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE CITY OF CALEXICO.**
- B. **ESTABLISH POTENTIAL SUMMER 2023 POOL PROGRAM FEES.**

Motion was made by Council Member Garcia, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Romo to authorize City Manager to Sign Joint Use Agreement Between the Calexico Unified School District and the City of Calexico and deny the establishment of potential Summer 2023 Pool Program Fees.

Motion passed by the following vote:

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

**APPOINTMENT BY COUNCIL MEMBER MANZANAREZ TO LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES.**

Council Member Manzanarez appointed Mrs. Elena Huie-Mendez to the Library Board of Trustees.

**APPOINTMENTS BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS OF SEVEN COMMISSIONERS TO THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION**

Council Members made the following appointments contingent upon clarification of Municipal Code section on regarding terms of office.

Council Member Moreno: Carmen Estrada

Mayor Pro Tem Romo: Roxana Pacheco  
Council Member Garcia: Loli Torres.

**DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING A REQUEST FROM CHELSEA INVESTMENT CORPORATION FOR AN IMPACT FEE DEFERRAL LOAN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$305,460 RELATED TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF REMINGTON VILLAS; A 60-UNIT, AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT.**

Item tabled with the approval of the agenda.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Council Member Manzanarez requested an Amendment for ARPA allocations – reallocation of carpet replacement funds for the reparations at the community center, and status on Title 42 with statistics.

Mayor Pro Tem Romo requested a presentation by Fire Chief on submittal to Customs and Border Protection of an MOU/Agreement to rent an ambulance to provide service at the Port of Entry.

Council Member Garcia requested a presentation from SBDC.

Council Member Moreno requested an update on the Farmworker Service Center, update on the resources spent on Title 42, and schedule a grand opening for Fire Department for Fire Station 1.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, on a motion by Council Member Moreno, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Romo and passed unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

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Raul Ureña, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Gabriela T. Garcia, City Clerk