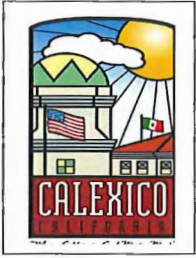




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CITY COUNCIL AGENDA STAFF REPORT

DATE: May 4, 2022
TO: Mayor and City Council
APPROVED BY: Diego Favila, Interim 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
July 1, 2020

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Recommendation:

Approval of City Council/Calexico Community Redevelopment Agency Successor Agency/
Calexico Financing Authority Minutes for Meeting of July 1, 2020.

Background:

In accordance with Municipal Code Section 2.04.070, the City Clerk shall prepare minutes of
November 10, 2021 the proceedings of each City Council Meeting.

Discussion & Analysis:

City Council/Calexico Community Redevelopment Agency Successor Agency/Calexico
Financing Authority Minutes for Meeting of July 1, 2020 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 July
1, 2020.

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THE CITY COUNCIL/CALEXICO COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY SUCCESSOR AGENCY/CALEXICO FINANCING AUTHORITY MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON THE 1ST DAY OF JULY, 2020 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 EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-30.

CLOSED SESSION AGENDA - 5:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hodge called the closed session portion of the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Mayor: Bill Hodge
Council Member: Rosie Arreola-Fernandez
Council Member: Morris Reisin
Council Member: Lewis Pacheco
Council Member: Camilo Garcia

City Attorney Campos requested to add the following urgency item to the agenda which was brought to the attention of staff after the posting of the agenda: Approval of Consulting Agreement with Dotek, LLC for Planning Services. Council voted unanimously to add the urgency item to the Agenda as Item No. 7.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – No public comments.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

Council adjourned to closed session at 5:33 p.m. to discuss the following:

1. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE EVALUATION

Government Code 54957(b)

Title: City Manager

Council reconvened from closed session at 6:25 p.m.

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

REGULAR SESSION AGENDA - 6:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hodge called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

ROLL CALL**PRESENT:**

Mayor: Bill Hodge
Council Member: Rosie Arreola-Fernandez
Council Member: Morris Reisin
Council Member: Lewis Pacheco
Council Member: Camilo Garcia

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Hodge led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MISSION STATEMENT PLEDGE

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

INVOCATION

Mayor Hodge led those present in prayer.

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Attorney Campos reported that due to the resignation by City Manager David Dale, the Council on a motion by Council Member Pacheco, seconded by Council Member Reisin voted unanimously to appoint Mr. Miguel Figueroa as the new City Manager for the City of Calexico effective August 1, 2020. Mr. Campos advised an employment agreement will be brought to council at a future meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion made by Council Member Arreola-Fernandez to approve the agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Council Member Reisin and passed by a unanimous roll-call vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PUBLIC APPEARANCES

Miguel Aguirre stated Javier Gonzalez had been part of various commissions with the City of Calexico and requested to be provided information on his appointments.

Pedro Ortiz commented on former Council Member Romero's lack of payment of his water bill, the efficiency pledge and stated the need for consequences for the lack of efficiency. He further stated the concerns by merchants on the expediency with which Mr. Romero's replacement was voted into the City Council, the vote against background checks, the lack of due-diligence. He also commented on preoccupation stemming from past history and the coincidental inspection conducted following complaints filed against the City.

Ms. Mirna Valenzuela addressed her concerns on corruption, shady events, increase of water/sewer rates and over a disgraced council legacy and its negative impact which affects the residents and employees at city hall.

Sara Corte Gallardo addressed Council and stated the Imperial Valley's shelters are no-kill and Calexico should follow suit. She asked the City Council to make a change and give the innocent animals a chance at a longer life.

Juan Antonio Beltran commented on former Council Member David Romero not paying his water service for a year and how a large number of Calexico city residents received threatening notices, announcing the water service due to a delay of 30 days. He asked to know who is responsible for sending the notices midst a pandemic and about to hit a recession.

Ana Gutierrez spoke about defunding the police and stated she meant to fully defund the police and reallocate said funds towards social services, to the people in the City, and disband the Police Department. She asked and demanded to stall any plans to increase budget for bodycams and de-escalation training because it has been proven these type of reforms do not work and cannot reform a department that has a history tied to being slave patrollers.

Willie Hermosillo expressed concerns over the two warnings received about unhealthy chemicals in our city and stated the need for an update on the quality of our water, the increase in our water bill and now the city is illegally taking money from our water bill to the general fund and further want the people to pay \$ 40 million dollars of water and sewer bonds. He commented on the council allowing the city manager to work for another water district in another city to help them with their water issues and commented city manager has allowed a free gift of public funds to the councilman who was taking a mordida for city permits. He further stated the citizens will be requesting for a complete audit of city finances including the Enterprise Fund and the Water Bill for the Councilman who was taking bribes by a petition to be sent to the State Controller Office.

Mayor Hodge announced special guests from the City of Mexicali, Rosella Rojo, Director of Public Relations and Andrea Peña, Coordinator of International Relations. Mayor thanked them for their visit.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS AND REPORTS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED

Council Member Arreola-Fernandez thanked City Manager Dale and wished him well in his new position.

Council Member Garcia thanked City Manager Dale for his accomplishments, his service and wished him luck.

Council Member Reisin thanked City Manager Dale for always responding to his calls and being available and wish him luck.

Council Member Pacheco thanked City Manager Dale for getting the City out of the \$4 million deficit and now the city is in a plus mode. He thanked the City Staff for their work and support. He wished Mr. Dale the best.

Mayor Hodge concurred with council members and stated advised Mr. Dale he had done an outstanding job as City Manager and for changing the morale of the City. He stated Mr. Dale is a principled man and stated the City was fortunate to have him as City Manager.

CITY COUNCIL REORGANIZATION:**SWEARING IN OF NEWLY APPOINTED COUNCIL MEMBER CAMILO GARCIA.**

City Clerk Garcia swore in Mr. Camilo Garcia to the City Council. Council Member Garcia signed his Oath of Office and Mayor Hodge provided a brief history of his service to the community, he thanked him for his service and welcomed him to the council.

Council Member Garcia thanked the citizens of Calexico, his wife and family for their support and stated it was an important step to serve the citizens, he thanked his fellow council members for their work and stated he is here to continue the work begun by prior council members for the residents of Calexico.

APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR/CHAIRMAN OF THE CITY OF CALEXICO/CALEXICO COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY SUCCESSOR AGENCY/CALEXICO FINANCING AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-21.

Motion by Council Member Reisin to appoint Council Member Arreola-Fernandez as Mayor/Chairman of the City of Calexico/Calexico Community Redevelopment Agency Successor Agency/Calexico Financing Authority for Fiscal Year 2020-21. Motion was seconded by Council Member Pacheco and passed by a unanimous roll-call vote.

Mayor Hodge offered incoming Mayor Arreola-Fernandez the following advice: Know your goals and objectives and execute, do not let obstacles and criticisms stop you, Do not take no for an answer and look at a crisis as an opportunity. He asked the public to give the Mayor Arreola-Fernandez a chance to come up to the task as they did with him. He stated she has his full respect and support and sure she has the same from the remaining council.

APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR PRO TEM/VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE CITY OF CALEXICO/CALEXICO COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY SUCCESSOR AGENCY/CALEXICO FINANCING AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021.

Motion was made by Council Member Hodge to nominate Council Member Reisin as Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairman Of The City Of Calexico/Calexico Community Redevelopment Agency Successor Agency/Calexico Financing Authority For Fiscal Year 2020-2021. Motion was seconded by Council Member Pacheco and passed by a unanimous roll-call vote.

Council Member Hodge thanked the community for the opportunity to serve them, he thanked everyone at city hall and the council for their confidence and support in him and stated he enjoyed his leadership role even through some stressful challenges. He stated he discovered that during a crisis it can be a real test of one's character and it is the time to step up and be a leader. He stated he had accomplishments with the help and collaboration of everyone however, Covid-19 was a real challenge never before experienced, and further stated he moved forward and he cared very much for the community for the opportunity to serve.

Mayor Arreola-Fernandez thanked the members of the Council for their support and appointment as Mayor. She stated although the city is going through difficult times due to Coronavirus however, City Administration and Staff continue to work hard and we stand united as a city moving

forward towards greatness. She stated she has thirty years of leadership experience and in politics and currently one of the directors of the Calexico Chamber of Commerce, President of the Womans' Improvement and Secretary of the Lincoln Club. As Mayor she will make Calexico better by continuing to work together, overcome the challenges in order to succeed together and united. She thanked her friends and family for their love, support and encouragement.

Mayor Arreola-Fernandez presented former Mayor Bill Hodge with a plaque thanking him for his service as Mayor for the City of Calexico. She thanked him for his support to her and the staff of Calexico.

Mayor Pro Tem Garcia thanked the council for the appointment and stated he ready to work with all council members until his term expires.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Council Member Pacheco, seconded by Council Member Hodge to approve the consent agenda consisting of the Warrants from June 6, 2020 to June 19, 2020 and City Salaries June 6, 2020 to June 19, 2020. Motion passed by a unanimous roll-call vote.

DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS

APPROVAL OF PRE-QUALIFIED APPLICANTS FOR THE 2020 SALE OF SAFE AND SANE FIREWORKS.

Motion was made by Council Member Hodge, seconded by Council Member Reisin for the approval of Pre-Qualified Applicants for the 2020 Sale of Safe and Sane Fireworks. Motion passed by a unanimous roll-call vote.

APPROVAL OF CONSULTING AGREEMENT WITH DOTEK, LLC FOR PLANNING SERVICES

Motion was made by council Member Pacheco, seconded by Council Member Hodge for the approval of consulting agreement with DoteK, LLC for Planning Services. Motion passed by a unanimous roll-call vote.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS = No future agenda items.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Rosie Arreola-Fernandez, Mayor

ATTEST:

Gabriela T. Garcia, City Clerk