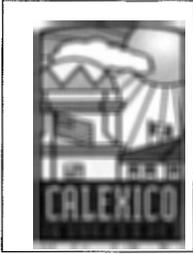


**AGENDA
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AGENDA STAFF REPORT

DATE: September 6, 2017
TO: Mayor and City Council
APPROVED BY: Armando G. Villa, City Manager *Armando G. Villa*
PREPARED BY: Gabriela T. Garcia, Deputy City Clerk *GTG*
SUBJECT: Approval of City Council/Calexico Community Redevelopment Agency Successor Agency/Calexico Financing Authority Minutes for Meetings of May 24, 2017, July 19, 2017, August 4, 2017.

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Recommendation:

Approval of City Council/Calexico Community Redevelopment Agency Successor Agency/Calexico Financing Authority Minutes for Meetings of May 24, 2017, July 19, 2017, August 4, 2017.

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:

Approval of City Council/Calexico Community Redevelopment Agency Successor Agency/Calexico Financing Authority Minutes for Meetings of May 24, 2017, July 19, 2017, August 4, 2017 have been prepared for City Council review and approval.

Fiscal Impact:

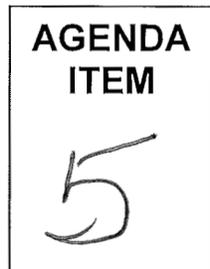
None.

Coordinated With:

None.

Attachments:

Minutes for City Council/Calexico Community Redevelopment Agency Successor Agency/Calexico Financing Authority Minutes for Meetings of May 24, 2017, July 19, 2017, August 4, 2017.



THE CITY COUNCIL/CALEXICO COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY SUCCESSOR AGENCY/CALEXICO FINANCING AUTHORITY MET IN SPECIAL SESSION ON THE 24TH DAY OF MAY, 2017 AT 6:15 P.M. 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 Hurtado called the meeting to order at 6:23 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Mayor: Armando G. Real
Council Member: Lewis Pacheco
Council Member: Bill Hodge
Council Member: Armando Real

ABSENT

Mayor Pro Tem: Maritza Hurtado
Council Member: Jesus Eduardo Escobar

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Supervisor John Renison led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion was made by Mayor Real, seconded by Council Member Hodge to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed by the following vote to wit:

AYES: Pacheco, Hodge, Real
NOES: None
ABSENT: Hurtado, Escobar

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PUBLIC APPEARANCES

No public comments.

OFFICIAL SIGNING OF THE SISTERHOOD REAFFIRMATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MEXICALI FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA OF THE UNITED MEXICAN STATES AND THE CITY OF CALEXICO FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

The Honorable Gustavo Sanchez expressed the importance of the Reaffirmation of the Sisterhood Agreement between the City of Mexicali and the City of Calexico by the Council of

the City of Mexicali and the Council of the City of Calexico. He introduced the members of the Mexicali City Council present at the meeting. He stated the importance to the City of Mexicali in signing the reaffirmation of the Sisterhood Agreement which unites the cities for over a century and address the various topics. He thanked Mayor Real for the invitation to the Council of the City of Mexicali to the City of Calexico and hope to continue working with enthusiasm the initiation of specialized work during these different and sometimes difficult times and extend the hand of sisterhood and may it serve as an example to borders along the Mexican and American borders.

Mayor Real thanked all members of both Council's present. He spoke about opening the door with Mexicali. He addressed the cities being united even in name and hoped that both cities work together towards something better for both communities even though the federal government wants to erect walls. Calexico and Mexicali will continue to work together.

Mayor Sanchez and Mayor Real signed the Reaffirmation of the Sisterhood Agreement of the Cities of Mexicali, Baja California, Mexico and Calexico, California. United States of America.

Motion was made by Mayor Real to approve the Official Signing of the Sisterhood Reaffirmation Agreement between the City of Mexicali from the State of California of the United Mexican States and the City of Calexico from the State of California of the United States of America. Motion was seconded by Council Member Hodge and passed by the following vote to wit:

AYES:	Pacheco, Hodge, Real
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	Hurtado, Escobar

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 3:57 p.m.

Armando G. Real, Mayor

ATTEST

Gabriela T. Garcia, Deputy City Clerk

THE CITY COUNCIL/CALEXICO COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY SUCCESSOR AGENCY/CALEXICO FINANCING AUTHORITY MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON THE 19TH DAY OF JULY, 2017 AT 5:30 P.M. 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

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Pacheco called the meeting to order at 5:44 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor Pro Tem: Lewis Pacheco
Council Member: Bill Hodge
Council Member: Armando Real

ABSENT

Mayor: Maritza Hurtado
Council Member: Jesus Eduardo Escobar

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

Council convened in closed session at 5:45 p.m. to discuss the following

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION

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

Gabriel Rodriguez v. City of Calexico, OAS Case No. 2017011182

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

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

REGULAR SESSION AGENDA - 6:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Pacheco called meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

INVOCATION

Pastor Eduardo Cesena, Christ Community Church / Calexico Campus led those present in prayer.

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS.

City Attorney Campos reported discussion was held, no reportable action taken.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.

Motion was made by Council Member Real, seconded by Council Member Hodge and passed unanimously to approve agenda as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PUBLIC APPEARANCES

Ben Horton, ED/FA Commissioner brought up points of discussion from the licensed contractors and contractors that have been working as general when they are specialized and requested the City to look into this item. He reported the Chamber is moving forward with ED/FA in order to move the City forward for better activities and requested support from Council at local business mixers. Requested consent from Council for the Economic Development/Financial Advisory Commission to provide a presentation at a September meeting.

Carmen Durazo, 1140 Rancho Elegante Drive, Project Director for the Binational Mural Metamorphosis Fence spoke in representation of the Arts. She addressed the Arts Commission not meeting since last October and commented the fence behind Gran Plaza will be torn down and replaced with a new one. She advised she met with Supervisor Renison and the Border Patrol and they are willing to work with the Arts. She asked for support from the Council for the fence which was installed in 1997. She requested gran plaza to keep a piece of the mural and restore it. She recalled an agreement signed by Border Patrol, Supervisor Tirado and Mayor Gilbert Grijalva which stated that when the fence came down it would be given to the City of Calexico. She thanked all the persons who helped in the painting of the original fence mural.

Police Chief Reggie Gomez updated the Council on the various events the Calexico Police Department has participated. He expressed gratitude and presented a certificate of appreciation to Ms. Sandra Tauler for her participation in the Police Department's community events.

Jose Vargas, 1004 F. Herrera Street addressed Council on the projects taking place at Hearthstone Community and asked they to proceed professional and responsibly. He asked that the City embark and complete projects that have not been completed and provide solutions for the Hearthstone Community. Mayor Pro Tem Pacheco provided Mr. Vargas details on expenditures of the CFD for Hearthstone. Mr. Vargas requested the Council to act responsibly and give the Hearthstone community a break and waive the CFD taxes.

James Beaver, Police Commissioner stated that the Police Commission has not met and stated the need for the commission to meet for DOJ.

Mr. Joong Kim requested the Council not to interrupt the citizens when speaking. Stated the Council has the wrong information on Hearthstone CFD and that Mello Roos obligates that all money is spent on infrastructure first before spending the money.

Mr. Jesse Gallardo spoke in representation of Green Alternatives, a non-profit organization from Fresno, California, installing free solar panel systems for low income households. He asked about the City waiving the fees due to his company being a non-profit organization providing free solar panels to those who qualify. Mr. Gallardo was given direction to speak with the City Manager.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Bill Hodge:

- Requested the Business Improvement District and the Housing Department meet with the Economic Development/Financial Advisory Commission.
- He stated the majority of commissions are not functioning and are a violation of the ordinance and requested an ad-hoc committee of two council members to address the issue of the commissions.
- He commented the City has not taken care of an abandoned house at 629 Canal and this home is being used for drug consumption and is dangerous to the children in the area.
- He addressed the speeding of huge trucks on Highway 98 and recommended to contact the Sheriff, Highway Patrol and our Police to coordinate on slowing down the speeding before there is a disaster.
- He expressed his concern over the death of a homeless person due to the weather. He stated he has been collaborating with Kay Pricola, from COLAB, on the issue of establishing a permanent cooling shelter in the downtown. He further stated he will be setting up a major meeting with major levels of government to try to make this happen on a humanitarian basis.
- He commented on the swimming pool being a community pool open to the community on a daily basis which is not the case. He stated the pool will be opened only for only one month this summer. He requested the council to change this and called for a major meeting to keep it open permanently. Mayor Pro Tem Pacheco informed him City Manager Villa is working with School District staff to address this matter.

Council Member Armando Real:

- Council Member Real stated he agreed with everything stated by Council Member Hodge and stated there are many more issues in the City including policing and this is all due to funding. He stated the City would love to give the best services to the community but it is a matter of what the City can do, due to the funding.
- He pointed out the City is cleaning the entrance to Calexico and that money is being spent on infrastructure.
- He addressed the status of the City finances, he spoke on the homeless issue and stated it is a difficult situation due to the various issues with the homeless population.

Council Member Jesus Eduardo Escobar:

- Council Member Escobar asked staff to look into our sound system.
- He addressed the Hearthstone issue and stated it would behoove the City to speak to them and

help them understand and know where we stand on the financing of the CFD in place and requested a future presentation.

Mayor Pro Tem Lewis Pacheco:

- Mayor Pro Tem Pacheco addressed the grand opening for Cardenas Grocery store and the exercise equipment at Kennedy Gardens donated by Heffernan Memorial Healthcare District.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Villa addressed the issue with the shelters for the homeless. And informed that Mayor Hurtado, Chief Gomez, Chief Favila and he met with the Brown Bag Coalition and Ms. Sandra Tauler provided information on the cooling centers in the City and presented them with options on non-profits that provide shelter such as the Catholic Charities and Neighborhood house and felt they were pleased that we are not turning people away from the centers. There is a valley-wide coalition working towards regional solution to the homeless population and the City is participating.

Council Member Hodge stated the Clinicas is far to walk to unless there is transportation and the City could have a permanent facility and he would like to move on this issue.

City Manager Villa stated traditionally August is very slow month, people go on vacation and advised the City does not have a great deal of business so the City may go dark for one or two meetings and if needed, there could be a special meeting to address this matter.

CONSENT AGENDA

Item No.4 was pulled by Council Member Hodge for discussion.

Christian Martinez spoke on Item No. 2 - Economic development and advised Las Palmas will be hosting events on Wednesdays for the community for back to school. He addressed Highway 98 construction and asked where the traffic will be going when Estrada Blvd. closes. He addressed youth programs and stated they are working with Edward Garcia to pledge soccer fields, baseball fields for the community. He further stated Las Palmas will be hosting back to school events once a month and further stated the swap meet is open.

Council Member Pacheco made a motion to approve the following items: Items 2: Approval of City Council/Calexico Community Redevelopment Agency Successor Agency/Calexico Financing Authority Minutes for Meetings of June 7, 2017; Item 3: Warrants from June 28th to July 7th, 2017 and City Salaries & Benefits from June 24th to July 7th, 2017. Item 5: Adopt a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Calexico, California, Determining and Levying the Special Tax in Community Facilities District No. 2013-1 (Gran Plaza) for FY 2017-18; Item 6: Adopt a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Calexico, California, Determining and Levying the Special Tax in Community Facilities District No. 2003-1 (Bravo-Rodiles) for FY 2017-18. Motion was seconded by Council Member Real and passed by the following vote to wit:

AYES: Pacheco, Escobar, Hodge, Real
NOES: None
ABSENT: Hurtado

ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR FOR DISCUSSION**ITEM NO. 4 - ADOPT A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALEXICO, CALIFORNIA, DETERMINING AND LEVYING THE SPECIAL TAX IN COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2005-1 (HEARTHSTONE) FOR FY 2017-18.**

Jose Vargas spoke on due process for the Hearthstone CFD, which was not conducted, and addressed the completion of the infrastructure improvements. He felt the community has been neglected and requested the fees for CFD 2005-1 be waived for this year and for the City to look for other solutions to complete the projects at Hearthstone. He felt the City is responsible for the appropriate surety bonds. Council Member Real asked Mr. Vargas meet with the City Manager to be better informed on the Hearthstone Project and Gran Plaza.

Joong Kim stated the Council should be careful on speaking to the community on Facebook. He stated the CFD bond is based on special property tax and the council did not collect fees from the community. At that time, the City of Calexico allowed to bypass the law and this is why it is not done yet. The City of Calexico did not collect \$5.9m fees that were deferred. He stated the property tax should be enough to pay for the service. The council members need to do for the community and protect them.

Sergio Licon spoke on the Hearthstone taxes and stated they are being told that is was a developer's problem and not the City. He addressed the \$6 million for the School District and stated that their children have attended Kennedy Gardens and Willie Moreno. He addressed development in the community and how it affected the value of the homes and asked the council analyze the tax.

Javier Jimenez, 1065 F. Herrera addressed the drainage being plugged up by the asphalt and are now totally covered. He addressed funds paid to the School District due to the impact on the schools and requested the School District give \$3 million back.

Lorena Minor spoke on Item No. 4 addressed the issues brought up and commented on the school district issues. She asked the City to intervene and ask the school board to help them out and commit to what was agreed to years ago.

Mr. Koppel stated the Hearthstone CFD was authorized to pay for public infrastructure for sewer, retention basin, roads as well as school fees and any costs that could not be financed were the obligation of the developer who went bankrupt.

Council Members addressed the various issues with the CFD and the bond and the consultant explained the funds spent in City infrastructure and explained the process on paying the CFD and the bond. He stated the bond was not for Gran Plaza and it was for City and Gran Plaza is paying an annual fee. Council Member Hodge pointed out the bonds are very important but even if we cannot placate or do what we should have done for these people, and they are paying double tax and not getting anything for it. He stated the CFD money approved cost goes for their area, administration cost, principle cost of bonds and stated he was voting no in protest.

Joong Kim spoke on Item No. 5 and stated Gran Plaza has a special tax for areas 1 and 2. He stated the city is not for the community but for the big businesses. He further stated he is not

against Gran Plaza Project but he is against giving them our tax dollars. He felt the council was not given the information and the community was not given support from the City.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Pacheco to Adopt a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Calexico, California, Determining and Levying the Special Tax in Community Facilities District No. 2005-1 (Hearthstone) for FY 2017-18. Motion was seconded by Council Member Real and passed by the following vote to wit:

AYES: Pacheco, Escobar, Real
NOES: Hodge
ABSENT: Hurtado

CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN AND CONTINUE TO NEGOTIATE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTAND (MOU) WITH THE CALEXICO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR ONE (1) SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER (SRO) FOR A TWO (2) YEAR PERIOD.

Lt. Gerardo requested Council to approve an MOU with the Calexico Unified School District and allow City Manager Villa to continue negotiating for one full time School Resource Officer for the School District. He stated the importance of the school resource officer for safety onsite and they serve as mentor and deter crime.

Council Member Real commented on funding owed to the City by the School District. He pointed out the benefits of the school resource officers in the school and stated this has to be a joint effort by the School District and the City. He addressed having a long term commitment between the City and the School District of at least five years. Lt. Gerardo commented this is opening the door for future talks between the City and the School District.

Motion was made by Council Member Escobar, seconded by Council Member Real and passed by the following vote to wit:

AYES: Pacheco, Escobar, Hodge, Real
NOES: None
ABSENT: Hurtado

APPOINTMENT BY CITY COUNCIL OF A COMMISSIONER TO THE CALEXICO HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD.

Motion was made by Council Member Real to appoint Imelda Romero to the Calexico Housing Authority Board. Motion was seconded by Council Member Hodge and passed by the following vote to wit:

AYES: Pacheco, Escobar, Hodge, Real
NOES: None
ABSENT: Hurtado

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Lewis Pacheco, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST

Gabriela T. Garcia, Deputy City Clerk

THE CITY COUNCIL/CALEXICO COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY SUCCESSOR AGENCY/CALEXICO FINANCING AUTHORITY MET IN SPECIAL SESSION ON THE 4TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2017 AT 3:00 P.M. 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 Hurtado called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Mayor: Maritza Hurtado
Mayor Pro Tem: Lewis Pacheco
Council Member: Bill Hodge
Council Member: Armando Real

ABSENT

Council Member: Jesus Eduardo Escobar

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Christina Wong Ramirez led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion was made by Council Member Real, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Pacheco to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed by the following vote to wit:

AYES: Hurtado, Pacheco, Hodge, Real
NOES: None
ABSENT: Escobar

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PUBLIC APPEARANCES

No public comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

City Manager Villa requested the removal of Item No. 1 from the Consent Agenda for additional analysis.

Motion was made by Council Member Real to continue Item No. 1 - Application for Alcoholic Beverage License for AWSIM LLC, Donut Ave #5, 101 E. 3rd Street, Calexico, CA 92231 to a

future agenda. Motion was seconded by Council Member Hodge and passed by the following vote to wit:

AYES: Hurtado, Pacheco, Hodge, Real
NOES: None
ABSENT: Escobar

Motion was made by Council Member Hodge, second by Council Member Real to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the following items: Authorization for City Manager to Execute an Addendum Extending the Current Lease with the Mexican Consulate for Four (4) Months on the Property Located at 408 Heber Avenue, Calexico; Approval to Go Dark on the 2nd Meeting of August 16, 2017. Motion passed to the following vote to wit:

AYES: Hurtado, Pacheco, Hodge, Real
NOES: None
ABSENT: Escobar

DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS

DESIGNATION OF VOTING DELEGATE AND ALTERNATES FOR THE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES ANNUAL CONFERENCE – SEPTEMBER 13-15, 2017 IN SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA.

City Manager explained the process and stated the person's designated are usually the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem.

Motion made by Council Member Real to approve the Mayor as the voting delegate and the Mayor Pro Tem as the alternate. Motion seconded by Council Member Pacheco and passed by the following vote to wit:

AYES: Hurtado, Pacheco, Hodge, Real
NOES: None
ABSENT: Escobar

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALEXICO, CALIFORNIA, DEDICATING THE SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER HALL IN THE MEMORY OF ISABEL "CHAVELITA" WONG AND HEREBY NAMING THE HALL AS THE ISABEL "CHAVELITA" WONG SENIOR CITIZENS HALL AT THE PLEASURE OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND THE READING OF PROCLAMATION HONORING MRS. ISABEL "CHAVELITA" WONG FOR HER WORK IN THE COMMUNITY.

Mayor and Council Members read the Proclamation honoring Isabel "Chavelita" Wong and presented the proclamation to Members of the Wong Family.

Joong S. Kim spoke in favor of Mrs. Wong and stated he witnessed her push to assist the members of the senior community and asked Council to continue with her efforts for better transportation for seniors.

Christian Nuñez representing Assembly Member Eduardo Garcia in the Imperial Valley and Senator Ben Hueso. He presented and read a Memoriam Certificate presented by California State Assembly to Mrs. Wong for not only being an advocate for socialism in the community for being a very happy human being. He expressed Assembly Member Eduardo Garcia and Senator Ben Hueso's deepest sympathy.

Mayor Hurtado read the Resolution in title only. Motion was made by Council Member Real and seconded by Council Member Hodge and passed by the following vote to wit:

AYES:	Hurtado, Pacheco, Hodge, Real
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	Escobar

Mayor Hurtado stated she was an important part of the community. She stated she will be sorely missed, offered her respect and thanked Chavelita for her service to the community.

Council Member Hodge stated she was a great advocate for senior citizens, an outstanding community member and she is to be emulated by all. She was straight forward and deserved the respect she received. He further stated we have lost a great person. Her legacy will continue on. He thanked Eric Ortega and Morris Reisin for being in Club de los Amigos.

Council Member Real gave his condolences to the family and spoke about Mrs. Wong's selfless dedication to the senior community. She stated she was an example to everyone, she impacted many people's lives and stated he loved and admired her.

Lewis Pacheco spoke about her service at Jefferson Elementary school, he shared stories of the work they did together and thanked Mrs. Wong.

Supervisor John Renison spoke about Mrs. Wong's involvement with the County and spoke about the way she assisted residents and kept the politician's on their toes and her legacy will live on.

Council Member Hodge commented that due to her intervention with the buses, they were able to extend the lunch time by thirty more minutes.

Tomas Olivas, representative to Senator Vargas spoke about Mrs. Wong and her many actions for the community. He further stated she was listened to because people held that much respect for her because she spoke on behalf of the people of Calexico. He advised that Senator Vargas will enter her life and her accomplishments into the Library of Congress for all to remember once the Senate is back in session.

Eric Ortega stated he met Chavelita Wong 2010 and participate in the “Club of Los Amigos” assisting Mrs. Wong in the club. He stated interests were to advocate for seniors of Calexico and the Imperial Valley as well as residents of Calexico. He recalled memories of the many dances she organized and thanked the Council for honoring her. He announced the Imperial Irrigation District will issue a resolution by the Board of Directors in honor of Mrs. Wong.

Mrs. Connie Wong expressed the family’s gratitude to everyone present for sharing the stories of their mother, for getting to know her and helping her with her accomplishments.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 3:53 p.m.

Maritza Hurtado, Mayor

ATTEST

Gabriela T. Garcia, Deputy City Clerk