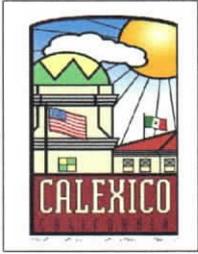


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AGENDA STAFF REPORT

DATE: November 15, 2017
TO: Mayor and City Council
APPROVED BY: Armando G. Villa, City Manager *Armando G. Villa*
PREPARED BY: Gabriela T. Garcia, Deputy City Clerk *Gabriela T. Garcia*
SUBJECT: Approval of City Council/Calexico Community Redevelopment Agency Successor Agency/Calexico Financing Authority Minutes for Meetings of October 18, 2017, November 1, 2017 and Special Meeting of October 18, 2017

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Recommendation:

Approval of City Council/Calexico Community Redevelopment Agency Successor Agency/Calexico Financing Authority Minutes for Meetings of October 18, 2017, November 1, 2017 and Special Meeting of October 18, 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 October 18, 2017, November 1, 2017 and Special Meeting of October 18, 2017 have been prepared for City Council review and approval.

Fiscal Impact:

None.

Coordinated With:

None.

Attachments:

1. Minutes for City Council/Calexico Community Redevelopment Agency Successor Agency/Calexico Financing Authority for Meetings of October 18, 2017, November 1, 2017 and Special Meeting of October 18, 2017.



THE CITY COUNCIL/CALEXICO COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY SUCCESSOR AGENCY/CALEXICO FINANCING AUTHORITY MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON THE 18TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 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 Hurtado called the closed session portion of the agenda to order at 5:38 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments made.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION.

Council adjourned to closed session at 5:39 p.m. to discuss the following:

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION

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

Sundahl v. City of Calexico

Imperial County Superior Court, Case No. ECU 08664.

2. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

Agency Representatives: Armando Villa, City Manager, Carlos Campos, City Attorney

Employee Organizations: Calexico Municipal Employees Association, Fire Fighters

Association, Certified Operators Association/SEIU Local 221, Calexico Police Officers

Association, Calexico Management Association, Calexico Supervisors Association (Govt. Code Section 54957.6).

3. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Initiation of Litigation, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4)

One (1) potential case.

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

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

REGULAR SESSION AGENDA

6:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hurtado called the regular session portion of the meeting to order at 6:47 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

All members of the Council were present: Hurtado, Pacheco, Escobar, Hodge, Real.

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Attorney Carlos Campos reported direction was given, no reportable action taken.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PROCLAMATION HONORING HENRY “HANK” LEGASPI FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY OF CALEXICO.

Council Members read the proclamation and presented the Proclamation to Mr. Henry Legaspi’s sons Edward Legaspi and CJ Legaspi.

Mayor Pro Tem Pacheco remembered working with Mr. Legaspi at the Calexico Little League when he was 19 years old and since then Mr. Legaspi provided him with great advice and referred to him as a great person.

PRESENTATION OF EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER

Rosalind Guerrero, Human Resources Manager introduced Leopoldo Miramon as the recipient of the Employee of the Quarter. Mr. Miramon has been working with the City since 2007 and as a police explorer and volunteer for the City since age of fourteen.

Leo Miramon stated he was extremely honored his family is in law enforcement and he is proud to be in Calexico and plans to stay here always because he has history in this City.

PROCLAMATION IN CELEBRATION OF THE 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE ACADEMY.

Council Members read and presented the proclamation to the Sisters from Our Lady of Guadalupe Academy. Sister Ana Rosa stated Calexico has given them the opportunities of loving and serving since 1959 and has had opportunity to teach members of entire families and this is something she will never forget and has been a motivation. She thanked the council for the recognition for the school.

Sister Maria Paz stated Calexico has always opened its arms and souls to all of its sisters and this is very touching. The sisters have a special love for the City of Calexico. She acknowledged that many of their graduates have served the Mexicali, Calexico and El Centro. She blessed the City of Calexico and further stated the honor to celebrate the 90th anniversary.

Council Member Escobar expressed his sincere affection and thanked the sisters from the bottom of his heart for their work. He stated the “Siervas de Jesus Sacramentado” have had a profound effect on him and many other students and thanked them again for all they sacrifice because they

leave their families behind to service with dedication and caring and closed with a the sister's traditional "Blessed be God".

PROCLAMATION FOR FIRE PREVENTION MONTH - OCTOBER 2017.

Council Members read and presented the proclamation Fire Chief Diego Favila.

PROCLAMATION FOR CALEXICO RED RIBBON WEEK – OCTOBER 23-31, 2017.

Council Members read and presented the proclamation to Mr. Alberto Acuña, Retired State Parole Agent who announced he will be volunteering for Red Ribbon Week.

Council Member Escobar left the dais at 7:20 p.m.

Council took a brief break at 7:21 p.m.

Council reconvened from break at 7:25 p.m.

Council Member Escobar returned to dais at 7:25 p.m.

PRESENTATION BY DAVID DALE, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR/CITY ENGINEER ON THE OVERVIEW AND PROGRESS OF THE PUBLIC WORKS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (C.I.P.).

David Dale gave a presentation on the City's Capital Improvement Program (CIP). Water Treatment Plant - Water Distribution System – The City is working on replacing pipelines that break. Wastewater Treatment Plant – Staff is working on RFP for a wastewater rate study and have applied for a five million dollar grant from the Border Environmental Cooperation Commission (BECC). Transportation Projects – New River Parkway Project – City is working on the plans and ready to move forward with construction which is funded with 80% Federal and 20% State = 100% grant funding. Working on bicycle master plan project which will be complete by February 2018. Second Street bridge widening project plans are ready to go out for bid with completion in June 2019. Parks Capital Improvement – he informed Joel Risen received \$150,000 from IID for lighting at the park and completion is expected in June 2018. He further stated staff is working on all complaints received for fields and lighting at the City Parks.

Council Member Real asked if it is good to overlay a street when you know that the piping underneath is 70 years old and suggested maybe not to do as many streets and fix the piping before doing the streets. Mr. Dale stated staff is very concerned with this issue, however, Measure D funds cannot be used for pipes but consideration is being given to this matter. He did state that it is on their mind to handle the repair of pipes prior to fixing the streets. Council Member Real mentioned the need for baseball fields in Calexico and asked if there is there a possibility for the City could give the non-profit entities the money for them to build the baseball fields. Mr. David Dale stated the City Attorney would have to review.

Council Member Escobar commented on whether the infrastructure is built to handle earthquakes in the area. Mr. David Dale advised him all facilities are built out to sustain earthquakes.

Motion was made by Council Member Real, seconded by Council Member Hodge to move the Item No. 18 to be heard before Item No. 13 on the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Brent with Wide Green Energy Fund, Manager of Government Relations, State level program by AB 811. Their intention is for water efficiency for the area. He spoke about the public/private relationship. Wide Green was approved by the County of Imperial about two years ago. Need a resolution approved to make the City an associated member of Golden State Financial.

Council Member Real expressed concern over the fraud with solar panels and invited Mr. Brent to conduct due diligence on the program and provide a background and become current with the issues with IID.

Jason Jung spoke about harassment of Captain Isaias Navarro. He reported someone broke into his locker and stole his weapons and how he has been treated by the Police Department after twenty-seven years of service to the City of Calexico.

Javier Gonzalez advised there will be a Calexico Health and Safety Fair this week-end. The Kennedy Gardens health fair will take place in February 2018. He thanked Mr. David Dale for spending his time walking the parks and speaking with the neighbors and it is appreciated and they want to help.

Joong Kim spoke about the Measure D money and discussed using Measure D money to replace the pipes and improvement of the sewer system and drain system. He stated many old streets are broken down and use Measure D to fix the pipes before paving streets.

James Beaver addressed the Council regarding letter requested from City Clerk on his appointment and was advised there was no policy therefore he did not receive the letter. He stated the letter was for the Sheriff's Association of Virginia. He addressed complaints by residents regarding the police department and stated these complaints should be presented to the commission.

Isaias Navarro, Retired Calexico Police Officer addressed the Council requesting assisting him regarding the Chief holding his retired police officer credentials. He stated he was advised things were missing from his locker. He went to his locker and things were gone. He asked chief who went into his locker and chief stated he did not know. Chief later advised him Lt. Serrano had gone through his locker and he felt this was a violation of his 4th Amendment rights.

He stated he does not know why his retired credentials are being held and he also requested his property from his locker and filed a report because his property was being held. He was given a box by Lt. Serrano which was full of medication, bullets and he was advised the City had taken out its property. Mr. Navarro questioned why his property was given to him like it was garbage and wants to know why his rights were violated and asked about the stolen weapons. Mayor advised he should direct himself to the City Attorney.

Council Member Escobar requested an update from City Attorney Campos. City Manager advised he spoke to Mr. Navarro and City Manager Villa will personally look into this matter.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Council Member Hodge reported the Imperial County Transportation Commission is in the process of moving and will move into the Rabobank on Main and Imperial in El Centro.

Council Member Real commented that when a person gives twenty-seven years to a City, they should be given respect and hopes this matter gets resolved.

Mayor Pro Tem Pacheco stated there are a lot of future projects coming up and requested an update on pending City projects. City Manager Villa stated he would work on a summary report for the next meeting on projects that will be under construction.

Council Member Escobar stated there is significant traffic on Fridays from 4-10 p.m. and asked if the Sheriff's and ICTC to coordinate with these agencies to alleviate the traffic in these areas. He also commented he crossed border walking, asked for coordinated effort on taxi parking. He stated the taxis are taking u-turns on First Street and Rockwood Avenue and asked for caution with the traffic and suggested moving to First and Heffernan or Second and Rockwood Avenue between Second and Third. He further stated it is critical to our City to look at ordinance to subject the passengers to public transportation without air conditioning before next May. Wished everyone a safe Halloween.

Mayor Hurtado advised the public of the rules on speaking to the Council. She reported that on 30th of October MOU signing with New River Project. Miguel Figueroa privileged to coordinate this important event at Nosotros Park at 2:00 pm CalEPA Secretary Mathew Rodriguez, Chair for Water Quality, Nancy Right, Mayor Hurtado and this is an invitation to the entire community. She reported the City is hosting League of California Cities on the 26th, the Health Fair at Rockwood Plaza in conjunction with the Heffernan Board on Saturday, October 21, 2017. She expressed concern on traffic downtown, raiteros problem. Addressed the overlay project Mexicali is carrying out on Madero which is causing traffic problems going south. She also addressed her concern with Grant Street access and detours in traffic which are affecting the area schools.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

City Manager Villa addressed traffic issues and stated he is working on coordinating with CHP and school district and Caltrans will be placing flashing beacons. He addressed construction on Highway 98 and the upcoming holiday season and stated he is talking with Chief Gomez to increase traffic control in these areas to address the upcoming challenges.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Council Member Hodge, seconded by Council Member Escobar and passed unanimously to approve the consent agenda consisting of the following: Warrants from September 25th to October 6th, 2017 and City Salaries & Benefits from September 16th to September 29th, 2017; Approval of Resolution of the City Council of the City of Calexico California Declaring Out of Service Vehicles and Miscellaneous Equipment as Surplus and Authorize the Sale or Disposal of the Items; Revised Memorandum of Understanding by and between City of Calexico, County of Imperial and Imperial Irrigation District Regarding Maintenance and Operation of the New River Improvement Project.

REQUEST BY BLUE KNIGHTS INTERNATIONAL FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT FEE WAIVER OF \$135.00.

Martin Cuesta spoke on behalf of the Blue Knights and requested a waiver of the Temporary Use Permit to close the street and waiver of fees. He stated that on Saturday, Octo 28, 2017 they are holding their 20th annual fund raiser which helps them participate around the Imperial Valley and provide scholarships to students. He reported two IVC students will receive \$500 scholarships and will present five additional scholarships presented with their donations.

Motion was made by Council Member Real, seconded by Council Member Hodge and passed unanimously to approve the request made by the Blue Knights International for a temporary use permit fee waiver of \$135.00.

2017-18 1ST QUARTER BUDGET STATUS REPORT.

Mr. Eduardo Gutierrez, Interim Finance Director provided a report on the 1st quarter budget status report for fiscal year 2017-18.

Council Member Real left the dais at 8:30 p.m.

Mr. Gutierrez also provided a status of the other funds for the City other than General Fund. He further stated that the only fund in trouble is the General Fund. He stated the departments need to control their expenses and keep to their department's budget by tracking their expenditures.

Armando – stated that this report shows our finances on a daily basis. He advised staff is looking at revenues which will come in by December. He advised that very conservative policies have been implemented and staff is closing the gap of \$3 million dollars.

Jose Hinojosa addressed the Council on page 1 special districts and requested an update of this fund. He stated that the meetings with the City have been canceled he asked for Council's help. City Manager Villa welcomed him to come to the Finance Department and obtain a detail on the fund. He informed the meetings were canceled because the items pending on the Hearthstone Community were addressed. Mr. Hinojosa asked about the million dollars that shows on page two of the report and questioned the origin of the funds.

Joong Kim stated he is proud of the Finance Department for their numbers. He urged Council to have the management positions take the cuts because this is disgracing the employees. He stated administrative leadership needs to take the cut to balance the budget. He questioned why Hearthstone has another million dollars since it was supposed to be a one-time deal.

Council Member Escobar suggested the report be presented with only numbers for the first quarter and make it as clear and concise for the residents. He asked for the changes for the second quarterly report.

Council Member Hodge asked about Art in public places and whether the mural program still in effect. Ms. Sandra Tauler informed him the program is in effect.

City Manager Villa explained that the million dollars shown on the report for Hearthstone is allocated for the expenditures coming in for the project and in the next report this funding will show as spent.

REQUEST CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL OF THE RECOMMENDED PUBLIC WORKS REORGANIZATION AND JOB CLASSIFICATIONS AND INCLUDE IN THE ADOPTED FY 2017-18 POSITION ALLOCATION LIST.

Council Member Real questioned if raises were given and he was informed there were not.

Council Member Hodge stated he heard that there were raises and if this is so, it is very unfair and it would be an inequity.

Motion was made by Council Member Real, seconded by Council Member Escobar and passed unanimously to approve recommended Public Works Reorganization and Job Classifications and include in the adopted fiscal year 2017-18 Position Allocation List.

INTRODUCTION AND WAIVE FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALEXICO, CALIFORNIA, ADDING CHAPTER 8.50 TO TITLE 8 OF THE CALEXICO MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE REGISTRATION AND MAINTENANCE OF VACANT AND ABANDONED COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL AND RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES.

Ordinance was read in title only. Motion was made by Council Member Real, seconded by Council Member Hodge and passed unanimously to approve Introduction and Waive First Reading of An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Calexico, California, Adding Chapter 8.50 to Title 8 of the Calexico Municipal Code Relating to the Registration and Maintenance of Vacant and Abandoned Commercial, Industrial and Residential Properties.

APPROVAL OF REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT WITH TRINITY 341, LLC – TRINITY FARMING & MANUFACTURING, INC. AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH ERICSSON GRANT, INC. FOR PROJECT NO. UA 2017-10.

City Manager Villa stated there is a need for two action items on this item; one is the reimbursement agreement to fund the work on the project and two is to approve the consultant to prepare the environmental document.

Motion was made by Council Member Real, seconded by Council Member Escobar for approval of the Reimbursement Agreement with Trinity 341, LLC – Trinity Farming & Manufacturing, Inc. and Environmental Consulting Services Agreement with Ericsson Grant, Inc. for Project No. UA 2017-10.

Joong Kim stated he would like to see the agreement carefully regarding the negative impacts of growing cannabis. He stated the community will be very dangerous for the young generations. He expressed his concern asked that all matters be checked to protect the community.

Motion passes by the following vote to wit:

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

AUTHORIZE PURCHASE FOR DAMAGED CAMERA SERVER.

Motion was made by Council Member Real, seconded by Council Member Hodge and passed unanimously to authorize purchase for damaged camera server.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Pro Tem Pacheco announced he has a vacancy in Police Advisory Commission.

Council Member Hodge requested an item on a festival for Calexico downtown nights. Economic Development Figueroa to provide report for next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Council Member Real, seconded by Council Member Hodge and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 p.m.

Maritza Hurtado, 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 1ST DAY OF NOVEMBER, 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 Hurtado called the closed session portion of the meeting to order at 5:42 p.m.

ROLL CALL.

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

ABSENT:

Council Member: Bill Hodge
Council Member: Jesus Eduardo Escobar
Council Member Escobar arrived at 6:10 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS. - No public comments.

CLOSED SESSION

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION.

Council adjourned to closed session at 5:44 p.m. to discuss the following:

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)
City of Calexico v. Jose Rodriguez, et al.,
Imperial County Superior Court No. ECU08939.

2. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

Agency Representatives: Armando Villa, City Manager, Carlos Campos, City Attorney
Employee Organizations: Calexico Municipal Employees Association, Fire Fighters Association, Certified Operators Association/SEIU Local 221, Calexico Police Officers Association, Calexico Management Association, Calexico Supervisors Association (Govt. Code Section 54957.6).

Council reconvened from closed session at 6:40 p.m.

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

REGULAR SESSION AGENDA - 6:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hurtado called the regular session to order at 6:42 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Mayor: Maritza Hurtado
Mayor Pro Tem: Lewis Pacheco
Council Member: Jesus Eduardo Escobar
Council Member: Armando Real

ABSENT

Council Member: Bill Hodge

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Miguel Figueroa led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

Invocation was led by Council Member Escobar.

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Attorney Carlos Campos reported two cases were discussed, direction was given and no reportable action was taken.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

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

PRESENTATIONS**PROCLAMATION FOR “FARMWORKER APPRECIATION WEEK” – NOVEMBER 26, 2017 TO DECEMBER 2, 2017.**

Mayor and Council Members read the proclamation aloud and proclaimed the week of November 26, 2017 to December 2, 2017 as Farmworker Appreciation Week.

Proclamation was presented to Ms. Elvira Anaya from the EDD. Ms. Anaya, Chairperson with the Farmworkers Coalition thanked the Council for the proclamation and invited all to the 38th Annual farmworker breakfast on Friday, December 1, 2017 at midnight. Thanked the City Public Works Department for their support in the setup of the event.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - No comments.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Pro Tem Pacheco reported he attended the 60's dance put on by the City. He attended the signing of the MOU on the New River with the between the County, City and IID. He thanked staff, Mr. Dale for setting up and Mr. Figueroa for organizing the event. He announced the Chamber of Commerce is having a raffle on November 17, 2017.

Council Member Real gave kudos to Sendero de la Cruz on their Halloween event and thanked Chief Gomez for the Police Department's support and participation.

Mayor Hurtado reported the City hosted the League of Cities Dinner in which all cities in the county attended. The event was held at the Carmen Durazo Cultural Arts Center and reported the event had a great turnout by the cities.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS – No comments.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion was made by Council Member Real, seconded by Council Member Escobar to approve the consent agenda consisting of the following: Approval of City Council/Calexico Community Redevelopment Agency Successor Agency/Calexico Financing Authority Minutes for Meeting of October 4, 2017; Warrants from October 7, 2017 to October 22nd, 2017 and City Salaries & Benefits from September 30th to October 13th, 2017; Approval of Resolution of the City Council of the City of Calexico California Resolution of the City Council of the City of Calexico Approving the Application for Outdoor Environmental Education Facilities Grant Funds; Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance No. 1180 – An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Calexico, California, Adding Chapter 8.50 to Title 8 of the Calexico Municipal Code Relating to the Registration and Maintenance of Vacant and Abandoned Commercial, Industrial and Residential Properties. Motion passed by the following vote to wit:

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

**APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN THE ENCLOSED
NON-EXCLUSIVE LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH CATHOLIC CHARITIES.**

Miguel Figueroa, Economic Development Director reported this is a two year agreement from 2017 to 2019. Catholic Charities utilizes the facility to offer affordable or free meals to senior citizens.

Motion was made by Council Member Real, seconded by Council Member Escobar to approve and authorize the City Manager to sign a Non-Exclusive License Agreement with Catholic Charities. Motion passed by the following vote to wit:

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

FUTURE AGENDEA ITEMS. None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Maritza Hurtado, Mayor

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 18TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 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 special meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. David Romero led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

Reverend Miguel Campos, Sch.P., from Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Calexico provided invocation to the Council and the members of the public.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PUBLIC APPEARANCES

No Public Comments.

DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS

ACCEPT DONATION OF BORDER MURAL PANELS FROM BORDER PATROL.

City Manager Villa provided an update on the intention by the Border Patrol with regards to the Border Fence and various groups are interested in the panels and there is an offer by the Border Patrol to donate panels to keep for historic purposes.

Carmen Durazo longest mural along a border fence in the world. It was done due to the first time that it a fence that did not allow us to see through and now it will be replaced with a fence that you can see through. Goal is to remember based on a friendship bracelet that we are friends with Mexicali. 1500 volunteers painted the mural to retain as part of City history.

Hodge spoke in support of the arts and stated it was a very important step to take and move forward on for future generations and preserve our culture and art.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Pacheco, seconded by Council Member Real and passed unanimously to Accept Donation of Border Mural Panels from the Border Patrol.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, special meeting was adjourned at 6:46p.m.

Maritza Hurtado, Mayor

ATTEST

Gabriela T. Garcia, Deputy City Clerk