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**2. 5:20 PM - City of Calipatria Closed Session (Council only)**

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Real Property Negotiations:- Govt Code 54956.9

One case (1) case

Public Employment Performance – Govt Code 54957.9

One (1) case

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RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

**3. 6:00 PM - City of Calipatria City Council Meeting**

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City of Calipatria  
May 24, 2022  
6 PM

ZOOM MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF CALIPATRIA  
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AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

INVOCATION:

ROLL CALL: Mayor:Javier Amezcua,MayorProTem:Maria Nava-Froelich,Huston Hisel, Hector Cervantes, Sylvia Chavez

PRESENT:

ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT:

MAYOR’S MESSAGE/PUBLIC COMMENT

At this time the Council will hear comments on any agenda item and on any item not on this agenda. Personal attacks on individuals, slanderous comments or comments that may invade an individual’s privacy are prohibited. If you wish to be heard, please stand and address yourself to the Mayor, we request that you limit your remarks to no more than three (3) minutes.

**THIS AGENDA CONTAINS A BRIEF GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF EACH ITEM TO BE CONSIDERED. EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY LAW, NO ACTION OR DISCUSSION SHALL BE TAKEN ON ANY ITEM NOT APPEARING IN THE FOLLOWING AGENDA**

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM CLOSED SESSION

- 1)
- 2)

## INFORMATION REPORTS

Fire – Chief Llanas

IVTA- Luis Alejandro Wong

CR&amp;R- Matt Gray

MOTION: SECOND: VOTE:

## CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes- April 12<sup>th</sup> , May 10<sup>th</sup>
2. SECOND READING ORDINANCE 22-002 Water Efficiency Landscape

## NEW BUSINESS

MOTION: SECOND: VOTE:

RESOLUTION 22-26 C. Hoff – City Clerk

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALIPATRIA DECLARING A NEED TO HOLD COUNCIL MEETINGS VIA TELECONFRENCING PURSUANT TO CA ASSEMBLY BILL 361

WHEREAS, The City of Calipatria has declared that a state of emergency exists as authorized by California Health & Safety Code section 101080; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, the Governor of the State of California declared an emergency based on the threat of the COVID-19 coronavirus (COVID-19) within the state; and

WHEREAS, on March 5, 2020, Imperial County (“County”) declared a local health emergency throughout the County based on the imminent and proximate threat to public health from the introduction of COVID-19 in Imperial County; and

WHEREAS, the California Legislature adopted, and the Governor signed into law California Assembly Bill 361 which permits local agencies to hold meetings via teleconferencing if necessary due to an existing state of emergency; and

WHEREAS, the City has adopted a procedure for members of the public to present public comments during Council meetings that are held using teleconferencing technology; and

WHEREAS, the Council has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency:

NOW THEREFORE THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALIPATRIA, CALIFORNIA, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AND FIND AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the current state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the Council member to meet safely in person; and
2. That the County of Imperial and the State of California continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing;
3. It is therefore necessary to continue to hold City Council meetings via teleconferencing.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager shall place a similar resolution on the Council’s agenda within 30 days so that the Council may reconsider the need to hold City Council meetings via teleconferencing.

## DISCUSSION/DIRECTION

Users Utility Tax- J. Amezcua

*(Presented on 2020 ballot)**Measure \_\_\_ Updated information*

*Shall the City of Calipatria adopt an ordinance imposing a Utility Users Tax at a rate of five percent, upon the use of telephone, cell phone, electricity, gas, water, trash, sewer and cable television, to maintain city public services, including, but not limited to, fire, administration, and parks and recreation, and subject to future council action to reduce said percentage, which is projected to raise \$250,000 to \$400,000 per year, be adopted?*

AB 2011 (Wicks) Affordable Housing and High Road Jobs Act of 2022 – Letter of support- R. Medina

Re: AB 2011 (Wicks) Affordable Housing and High Road Jobs Act of 2022  
Notice of Opposition (As amended 4/18/2022)

Dear Assembly Member Wicks:

The City of Calipatria writes to express our opposition against your measure AB 2011, which would require cities to ministerially approve, without condition or discretion, certain affordable housing and mixed-use housing developments in zones where office, retail, or parking are a principally permitted use regardless of any inconsistency with a local government’s general plan, specific plan, zoning ordinance, or regulation.

Housing affordability and homelessness are among the most critical issues facing California cities. Affordably priced homes are out of reach for many people and housing is not being built fast enough to meet the current or projected needs of people living in the state. Cities lay the essential groundwork for housing production by planning and zoning new projects in their communities based on extensive public input and engagement, state housing laws, and the needs of the building industry. Importantly, cities are currently updating housing plans to identify sites for more than two million additional housing units. AB 2011 disregards this state-mandated local planning effort and forces cities to allow housing developments in nearly all areas of a city. This seriously questions the rationale for the regional housing needs allocation (RHNA) process. If developers can build housing in office, retail, and parking areas, why should cities go through the multiyear planning process to identify sites suitable for new housing units, only to have those plans ignored and housing built on sites never considered for new housing?

Eliminating opportunities for public review of housing developments goes against the principles of transparency and public engagement. Public hearings allow members of the community to inform their representatives of their support or concerns. “Streamlining” in the context of AB 2011 is a shortcut around public input. While it may be frustrating for some developers to address neighborhood concerns about traffic, parking, and other development impacts, those directly affected by such projects should be heard. Public engagement often leads to better projects. Disregarding community input will increase public distrust in government and may result in additional efforts by voters to restrict growth.

The city holds public hearings where residents are encouraged to express their concerns to the local government. The city includes in its General Plan a Housing Element that analyzes the local housing needs for all income levels with public participation.

The City of Calipatria is committed to being part of the solution to the housing shortfall across all income levels and will work collaboratively with you and other stakeholders on legislative proposals that will spur much needed housing construction without disregarding the state-mandated local planning process and important public engagement.

Cal Cities 2022/23 Budget Requests- support letter

The Honorable Nancy Skinner  
Chair, Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee  
1021 O Street, Suite 8630  
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Jim Nielsen  
Vice Chair, Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee  
1021 O Street, Suite 7110  
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Philip Ting  
Chair, Assembly Budget Committee  
1021 O Street, Suite 8230  
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Vince Fong  
 Vice Chair, Assembly Budget Committee  
 1021 O Street, Suite 4630  
 Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: 2022-23 State Budget Request to Invest \$1.6 billion in the Vitality of Cities

Dear Senator Skinner, Senator Nielsen, Assembly Member Ting, and Assembly Member Fong,  
 In the spirit of a strong state and local government partnership to benefit all Californians, the City of Calipatria respectfully requests a one-time allocation of \$1.6 billion (General Fund) in fiscal year 2022-23 to establish a Housing and Economic Development Program, implement organic waste recycling regulations, and reimburse local governments for unfunded, state-mandated programs. Local governments are essential to the strength of California's economy, and the vitality of local governments is dependent upon fiscal stability. These proposed investments would support the economic vitality of local governments and would also help further the state's ambitious climate resiliency and affordable housing goals.

We write to urge the Legislature to seize the historic opportunity the state budget surplus presents to invest in the hearts of our communities and advance our shared goals. A strong state-local fiscal partnership would propel significant investments in a bright, sustainable future for all Californians.

**Establish a Housing and Economic Development Program – \$500 million**

The City of Calipatria supports establishing a Housing and Economic Development Program that would facilitate a partnership between the state and local agencies who adopt local property tax increment financing tools to support affordable housing, upgrade essential infrastructure, and spur economic development.

This program is crucial to achieving our housing supply and climate action goals. While cities appreciate the property tax tools the Legislature created after dissolving redevelopment to help address a range of community issues, the lack of funding has resulted in few cities being able to fully utilize them. Tools such as the Enhanced Infrastructure Financing Districts, Community Revitalization and Investment Authorities, and Affordable Housing Authorities may differ in their focus and details, but their common challenge is they lack sufficient financial capacity. The establishment of a state-local partnership to provide matching funds would greatly expand the viability of these tools, and propel significant investments in affordable housing, public infrastructure, and job creation.

**Organic Waste Recycling Program Implementation – \$180 million**

Local governments are the backbone for achieving California's goal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through organic waste recycling programs. Local governments need significant additional funding to implement this state-mandated program without diverting existing resources from essential city services and increasing the financial burden on taxpayers.

The Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery's (CalRecycle) Organic Waste Reduction Regulations (SB 1383), adopted in November 2020, require local governments to reduce landfill disposal of organic waste 75% by 2025 and to increase edible food waste recovery 20%. Compliance obligations for local governments began in early 2022 and local governments continue to develop a comprehensive suite of local collection, enforcement, and funding programs. Cities and counties greatly appreciate the Legislature's creation of the SB 1383 local assistance grant program in the 2021 Budget Act. However, additional funding is greatly needed, presenting a renewed opportunity for state and local partnership to further our shared climate goals.

Compliance with the SB 1383 regulations has caused local governments to raise their rates to cover the additional costs of administering the program. At a time when inflation is at its highest rate in decades, our residents are already feeling the negative impacts on their personal budgets. This is the right time for the state to continue to fund the implementation of this program to help keep solid waste and recycling rates from increasing dramatically.

**Reimburse Local Governments for State-Mandated Programs – \$933.5 million**

According to data obtained from the State Controller's Office, as of October 2021, the state owes cities, counties, and special districts more than \$933 million, including estimated accrued interest, in mandated costs incurred since 2004.

Local governments rely on the state to reimburse them in a timely manner for costs related to state-mandated programs. Failing to pay for these costs threatens the stability of local budgets and the ability of local governments to fund essential services to the community. Given that local governments have diligently carried out crucial, unfunded programs for many years, we urge the Legislature to make local governments whole and support the financial sustainability of local governments.

Small, disadvantaged communities where resources are very scarce would benefit from State reimbursement for state-imposed mandates. Residents of this community deserve vital city services just like any other resident of this state. Services such as recreation, animal control and \_\_\_\_\_? Are services this city cannot provide for its citizens.

It is paramount that all levels of government work in tandem to advance shared state and local goals. Only then will it be possible to realize strong, thriving communities for all Californians. Thank you for considering our request and for the continued partnership.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Cervantes:

Chavez:

Hisel:

Nava-Froelich:

Amezcuca:

STAFF:

Medina:

Hoff:

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2022/23 BUDGET WORKSHOP

INTRODUCTION- R. Medina

REVIEW OF FISCAL 2022/23 TENTATIVE BUDGET DRAFT- R. Ramirez