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City Hall  
City of Calipatria  
January 28, 2020  
6 PM

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF CALIPATRIA  
**PLEASE TURN OFF ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES**  
MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: 6:04pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: *Councilmember Nava-Froelich*

INVOCATION: *Councilmember Spellins*

ROLL CALL: Mayor: *Jim Spellins*, MayorProTem: *Huston Hisel, Javier Amezcua, Maria Nava-Froelich, Hector Cervantes*

PRESENT: *Spellins, Hisel, Nava-Froelich, Cervantes*

ABSENT: *Amezcua*

ALSO PRESENT: *R. Ramirez, Chief Llanas, R. Medina*

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. *NO PUBLIC COMMENT*

**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**

INFORMATION REPORTS

Community meeting notice – R. Medina

Animal Control Update- Chief Mara

MOTION: *Cervantes*      SECOND: *Hisel*      VOTE: *Carried*

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Warrants

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION: *Cervantes*      SECOND: *Nava-Froelich*      VOTE: *Carried*

RESOLUTION 20-04 R. Medina City Manager

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALIPATRIA AUTHORIZING THE START OF THE DESIGN PHASE FOR THE DATE STREET ROADWAY AND SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

WHEREAS, the City of Calipatria has previously submitted applications to the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) and the Congestion and Mitigation of Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) in order to receive funding for the improvement of Date Street between SR 111 and Railroad Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the City of Calipatria received a Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) through the U.S. Department of Transportation in the amount of \$127,000, funding from CMAQ in the amount of \$401,000; and funding from the Local Partnership Program (LLP) in the amount of \$41,000 (with a total combined local match of \$110,000) for the improvement of Date Street between SR 111 and Railroad Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost for engineering design of the sidewalk, drainage and roadway improvements is \$63,418 from Local Transportation Account Fund; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Calipatria hereby authorizes the issuance of Notice to Proceed to the Holt Group for the design of the Date Street Improvement Project between SR111 and Railroad Avenue.

MOTION: *Hisel* SECOND: *Cervantes* VOTE: *Carried*

RESOLUTION 20-05 C. Hoff, City Clerk

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALIPATRIA APPOINTING A VOTING DELEGATE FOR THE 2020 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS (SCAG) GENERAL ASSEMBLY

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; that the city council of the City of Calipatria appoint *Hector Cervantes* as the City of Calipatria voting delegate and *Huston Hisel* as an alternate voting delegate for the 2020 SCAG General Assembly held in Palm Desert, California on May 6th – 8th , 2020.

MOTION: *as amended Nava-Froelich* SECOND: *Cervantes* VOTE: *Carried*

RESOLUTION 20-06 Fire Chief Jesse Llanas

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALIPATRIA ACCEPTING THE **PART** TIME APPOINTMENT OF ERIC NELSON AS A PAID CALL FIRE FIGHTER

BE IT RESOLVED that the Calipatria city council approves the appointment of Eric Nelson as *part* time Paid Call Fire Fighter for the Calipatria Fire Department, effective January 28, 2020.

#### DISCUSSION/ DIRECTION

Support Letter for Salton Sea Geothermal Lithium Recovery Demonstration Project- R. Medina *Mr. Mark Gran representing Cal Energy spoke about the upcoming project for the geothermal; ask if the city would support it. (The city will send a support letter)*

Support Letter for the Southern California Inland Port Project- R. Medina – *this is a good project for the Imperial Valley, it's designed to be built in increments. This is a 15 year project. (Mayor signed a letter of support)*

Cannabis Ordinance- R. Medina- *after much discussion, this was left as is. 1) Patricia Nelson, the previous council voted no- this would then repeal the ordinance? 2) Marcos Orozco- wants it out 3) Roger Nelson Jr- 29 years in CDC and lots of smuggling in the prison and 90% of marijuana was bought at a dispensary and brought to prison; also still outlawed by the Federal government. 4) Chris Froelich; this would be a bad message to the kids; in 2016 it was voted no by residents. 5) Eric Nelson- marijuana is a gateway drug; not a good idea.6) Hector Cervantes- I support it for the most part; must go on own decision to like or not; have used the oils and they benefit me. It's going to be used here regardless. Marcos Orozco; this is not a council decision- it's up to the parents to educate the kids.7) Bonnie Zendejas- inmates start small and work up to worse drugs.8) Huston Hisel- have talked with people and it's half and half: for and against- I want the building cleaned up- up in the air about this.9) Bill Smerdon (attorney) said on the election do an advisory vote – let this lay for a couple of months. Bonnie Zendejas- what is an advisory vote?*

Utility User Tax- R Medina- *The City Manager gave information on this; council gave direction to move forward on this.*

MOTION: *Cervantes* SECOND: *Nava-Froelich* VOTE: *Carried to TABLE*  
 ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION  
 Real Property Negations 54956.9  
 One case

MOTION: SECOND: VOTE:  
 RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

COUNCIL REPORTS:

*Cervantes: Kudos to public works for the pot holes on the east side- also attended the NAC; good meeting.*

*Hisel: east side property- (in contact with the owners)- east California street? (Trying to move the trailer but it had rained and couldn't be dragged)*

*Amezcuca: Absent*

*Spellins: Nothing to report*

*Nava-Froelich: Transportation meeting- unmet needs hearing on Feb 4<sup>th</sup> at West Shores- Feb 24<sup>th</sup> will be a NAC in Bombay Beach- 6pm. Attended a LAFCO meeting January 23<sup>rd</sup>; the Paseo Project between Brawley and Imperial- attended the NAC last night.*

STAFF:

*Medina: You have a project status report available to you and that is my discussion. Also have Juny from the Holt Group here to give an update on the wastewater treatment plant.*

*Hoff: Form 700's are due*

MOTION: *Hisel* SECOND: *Nava-Froelich* VOTE: *Carried*  
 ADJOURN: *7:38 pm*