



AGENDA

**Regular Meeting of the Calipatria City Council
City Council Chambers
125 North Park Avenue
Calipatria California 92233**

**Tuesday, October 22, 2024
Closed Session at 5:30 pm
Open Session at 6:00 pm**

Sylvia R. Chavez, Mayor
Michael Luellen, Mayor Pro-Tem
Javier Amezcua, Council Member
Fred Beltran, Council Member
Maria Nava-Froelich, Council Member

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5:30 P.M. CLOSED SESSION

CALL TO ORDER:

ROLL CALL:

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CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNS TO CLOSE SESSION

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL:

1. POTENTIAL LITIGATION:
2 CASES
2. PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT- PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR
ONE CASE

3. PROPERTY NEGOTIATIONS

3 CASES:

APN: 023-470-005

APN: 023-485-007

APN: 023-333-004

CITY COUNCIL CONVENES TO OPEN SESSION

6:00 P.M. OPEN SESSION

CALL TO ORDER:

ROLL CALL:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & INVOCATION:

CITY ATTORNEY: REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION ACTION

1)

a)

b)

2)

a)

3)

a)

b)

c)

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MOTION:

SECOND:

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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1. Continued Delta Street Lift Station Emergency
2. Minutes- October 8th

MOTION: SECOND: ROLL CALL VOTE

REGULAR BUSINESS:

- 1) **Approve/disapprove** RESOLUTION 24-37 – L. Gutierrez City Manager

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALIPATRIA
REQUESTING COPS FUNDING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022/2023

WHEREAS, the City of Calipatria services a population of 7,904 persons who are entitled to protection of life and property; and

WHEREAS, the State of California legislature has appropriated funding to continue the state COPS Program for the fiscal year 2022- 2023; and

WHEREAS, the City of Calipatria has funds in the amount of \$97,033.00 from said fund to be used for:

Police Officer (Salary/Fringe Benefits) F/Y 24/25 \$97,033.00

MOTION: SECOND: ROLL CALL VOTE:

DISCUSSION/DIRECTION:

STAFF and COUNCIL REPORTS:

ADJOURNMENT:

The next regular scheduled meeting of the City of Calipatria City Council is Tuesday, November 12, 2024, at 6:00 pm

MOTION: SECOND: VOTE:

I, CATHERINE J. HOFF, City Clerk of the City of Calipatria, California, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the agenda was duly posted at Calipatria City Hall, 125 Park Avenue, Calipatria, California and on the City of Calipatria's website not less than 72 hours prior to the meeting per Government Code 54954-2.

Dated: *October 19, 2024*



TENTATIVE MINUTES

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CALL TO ORDER: 5:34PM

ROLL CALL: N-Froelich, Chavez, Luellen, Beltran, Amezcua*
*arrive 5:40 pm

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6:00 P.M. OPEN SESSION

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00pm

ROLL CALL: All present

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & INVOCATION: *Amezcuca, Otero*

CITY ATTORNEY: REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION ACTION

- 1)
 - a) *nothing to report for all closed session items*
 - b)
- 2)
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 - c)

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MOTION: *Luellen*
(*Beltran abstained*)

SECOND: *Amezcu* ROLL CALL VOTE: *Carried*

REGULAR BUSINESS:

1) Approve/disapprove RESOLUTION 24-36 – L. Gutierrez city manager

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALIPATRIA APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT TO RECEIVE FUNDING FROM THE REGIONAL EARLY ACTION PLANNING GRANT PROGRAM OF 2021

WHEREAS, the Regional Early Action Planning Grant Program of 2021 (“REAP 2.0”) program was established by the California state legislature as part of the 2021 California Comeback Plan under AB 140 to confront the statewide housing affordability crisis by building and expanding on the success of the REAP 2019 program by integrating housing and climate goals and allowing for broader planning and implementation investments to facilitate housing supply, choice, and affordability;

WHEREAS, REAP 2.0 funded activities must meet the program objectives, which are to accelerate infill development that facilitates housing supply, choice and affordability; affirmatively further fair housing; and reduce vehicle miles traveled. Further, all residential development must be in areas meeting the definition for “In fill” provided in the REAP 2.0 state guidelines;

WHEREAS, the Southern California Association of Governments (“SCAG”) issued a call for application under the Programs to Accelerate Transitional (“PATH”) Program; and

WHEREAS, SCAG intends to award \$1,500,000 to the City of Calipatria to complete and deliver the Delta Street Pump Station Improvement project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Calipatria as follows:

A)The City of Calipatria hereby authorizes and directs such actions as are necessary and appropriate to accept the grant award of REAP 2.0 funds in the amount of \$1,500,000 from SCAG.B)That the City Manager or her designee is hereby authorized and directed to:1.Execute an agreement with SCAG and any amendments thereto;2.Take all reasonably necessary and appropriate actions to complete the Delta Street Pump Station project fulfill all obligations required, and seek reimbursement of grant funds awarded, pursuant to the above referenced call for applications and in a manner consistent and in compliance with the REAP 2.0 guidelines and objectives and PATH Program guidelines and all applicable state and federal statutes, rules, regulations, and laws.

MOTION: *Beltran*

SECOND: *Luellen* ROLL CALL VOTE: *Carried*

DISCUSSION/DIRECTION:

1) Creation of an in-house Planning Department- E. Self -Public Works Director

The city currently outsources our city's community development. This is split between The Holt Group and Imperial County Building and Planning. The city has an opportunity to bring in revenue from property owned by the city as it develops. The current base value per lot as previously negotiated was at approximately \$15,000 per lot. The city has 130 available lots that should be put out as subdivisions with the potential of bringing approximately \$1,950,000 of sales from land. In addition to this, bringing in the permitting aspect of this could bring along another \$300,000 plus in fees. This would render the department as self-sustainable and not impacting our General Fund negatively. ***Director Self stated that we have a chance to get property back (Paso Del Norte) which has the potential to create 130 homes and if the city had an inhouse planner, that revenue would go to the city- not county and the Holt Group. Director Self stated he can do house inspections (not construction) but we can do this as the city and keep the revenue here, looking at almost Two Million dollars. CM Gutierrez stated that we are just asking for direction to move forward- these funds would be general fund and that supports public safety. All council gave direction to move forward. Councilmember N-Froelich stated that maybe look for another city to share a planner with as a cost saving measure.***

- 2) **Purchase of budgeted trucks-** E. Self- Public Works Director-
The city's current fleet is passed its useful service life and repairs exceed the values of the vehicles with some parts are no longer available. Public works is down to one fully functioning truck and is used between three staff members. Public works has an approved budgeted purchase for trucks. ***Director Self said the PW's is in dire need of better vehicles to conduct city work with. I've provided to trucks for your review and would like to purchase something similar to pictures provided. Can the van that was donated to the city be adapted so the Director can drive that? Beltran asked how many employees does public works have? 2 full time and one part time. N.-Froelich said she is not in agreement with the stipend to the director- maybe a closed session item? Resident Jesse Rivas asked if the IID had any surplus trucks that could be donated to the city? Amezcua stated please buy the trucks, it's budgeted so move forward.***

STAFF and COUNCIL REPORTS:

Self: received Christmas lights- trees for IID (100)-

Llanas: there was a fire today, under control within thirty minutes- on October 21st and 22nd the north end and south end fire departments are having a parade of fire trucks for the elementary schools.

Trevino: Stats for September : eight calls for animal control- forty calls for public assistance- twenty-seven hang up calls- forty-nine patrol checks- forty traffic stops- for a total of 357 for the month of September. Since January there are over 2,000 calls – Interim Chief Fowler knows the value of training (MNF- since Estrada towing has come to town, how many vehicles have been towed? Trivino will get stats and report next meeting. FB- how is the traffic at the school? Will need that information for the Traffic Advisory.

Otero: today the Board of Supervisors have been listening to CTR – Comite Pafico- have been following , next month will give report.

Beltran: Nothing to report

Nava-Froelich: the LTA measure D presentation by Barclays part of bonding, we are eligible for \$2.8M- the fire was off of Industrial, by the onion shed? Will attend the League of Cities; outgoing president is Robert Amparino of Imperial, Mike Luellen is 2nd vice. attended the Town Hall gathering at 6pm- GAFCON- presentation on the park project- went on the Cambria tour October 10th.

Luellen: thanked everyone for being present. September 30th met with Senator Padilla-SB125 Lithium; maybe a new bill in the works, co-operative with excise tax.

Amezcu: Nothing to report

Hoff: nothing to report

Gutierrez: inviting the public to the Town Hall meeting- next week is the League of Cities; 15th – 18th is the League conference in Long Beach, which I am attending. Interim Chief Fowler and myself attended training in San Diego- there are twenty-two applicants for the part time police clerk- also please enforce to the public to call 911- not the officers directly - city needs to have an accurate account of all calls for service.

Chavez: hope to see everyone at the Town Hall meeting tomorrow.

ADJOURNMENT:

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6:40 MOTION: Amezcu SECOND: Beltran VOTE: carried

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Dated: October 4, 2024



RESOLUTION
24-27

CALIPATRIA CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

Date Submitted: October 17, 2024
Submitted By: Cheryl Fowler, Interim Police Chief
Council Meeting Date: October 22, 2024

Discussion / Direction

Subject: Approval of COPS Funding FY 2022/2023

Background:

The city has been allocated \$97,033.00 from the State of California Citizens Options for Public Safety (COPS) Program. The Police Department is requesting the funding for the Full-time Limited Term Police Officer positions. There are currently two candidates in the background process.

To accept the funds, the City is required to adopt a resolution that identifies the uses for those funds. The resolution is attached.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends the City Council approve Resolution 24-37 accepting the COPS funds.

Fiscal Impact:

NO FISCAL IMPACT



CALIPATRIA FIRE DEPT.

"Proudly Maintaining the Safety and Confidence of Our Community"

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October 16, 2024

STAFF REPORT:

For the month of September 2024 Calipatria Fire Dept. responded to a total of 35 incidents.

09/06/24: Responded to a Mutual Aid for an Apartment fire in Niland that left 3 families displaced and 1 burn victim that required immediate transport to a burn center and was flown out.

09/07/24: Responded to Mutual aid for a trailer fire in the Slab area.

09/10/24: Responded to a dumpster fire at the Villa Esperanza Apartments.

09/14/24: Responded to a vehicle rollover at Kershaw Rd. and Yocum Rd. there was a total of 3 Pts., 2 had self-extricated and 1 required to be extricated by fire personnel. 2 Pts. were transported to PMH by AMR, and 1 pt. was flown to Desert Regional by way of Reach air Medical.

09/17/24: Responded to a 2nd alarm Mutual aid to Slab City for Multiple trailers on fire.

09/24/24: Mutual aid to Salton Sea area for a structure fire.

09/30/24: Responded to a vehicle Vs. Alamo bridge on Kershaw Rd. 2 pts. on total 1 pt. transported to PMH, 1 pt. refused any medical treatment

Respectfully,

A blue ink signature of Jesse R. Llanas, written in a cursive style.

Jesse R. Llanas

Fire Chief, 5201

Previous Month ▾

Sep 1, 2024 - Sep 30, 2024 ▾

20%

FIRE
Percentage of Total Incidents

80%

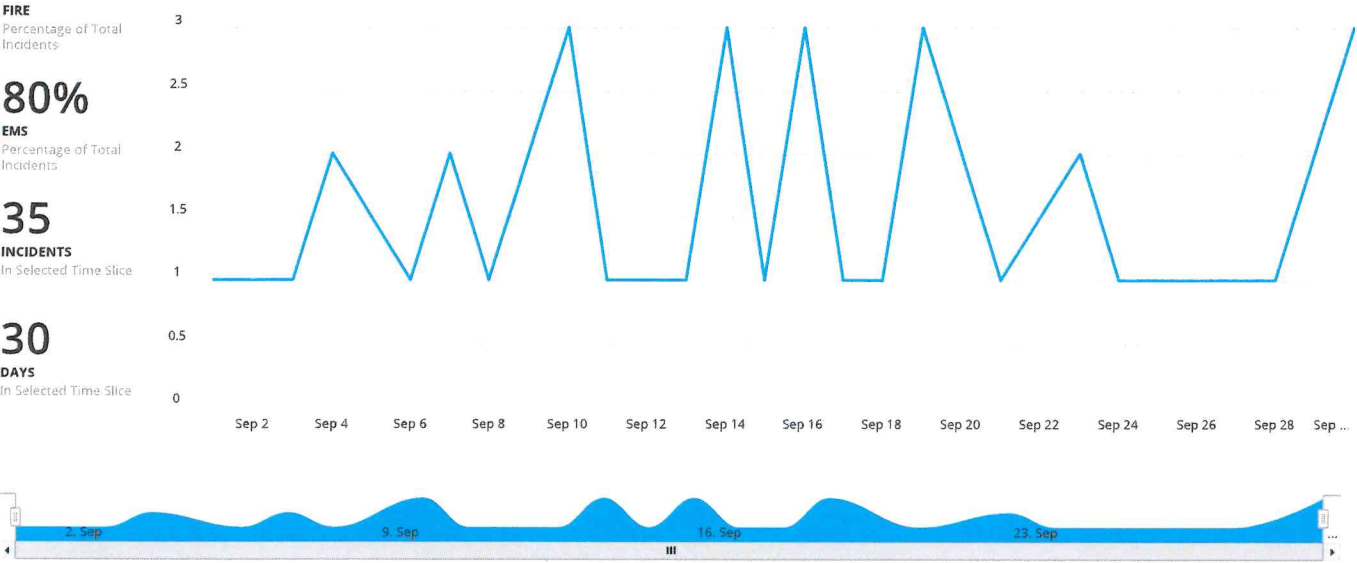
EMS
Percentage of Total Incidents

35

INCIDENTS
In Selected Time Slice

30

DAYS
In Selected Time Slice



Counts	% Rows	% Columns	% All											
Week Ending	9/1/24	9/8/24	9/15/24	9/22/24	9/29/24	10/6/24	10/13/24	10/20/24	10/27/24	11/3/24	11/10/24	11/17/24	11/24/24	Total
(10) Fire, other		1												1
(11) Structure Fire		1			1									2
(12) Fire in mobile property used as a fixed structure				1										1
(15) Outside rubbish fire			1											1
(16) Special outside fire				1										1
(30) Rescue, emergency medical call (EMS), other			1											1
(32) Emergency medical service (EMS) incident	1	5	8	6	4	3								27
(70) False alarm and false call, other				1										1
Total	1	7	10	9	5	3								35

Code Enforcement Report

September 2024

147 E Alamo – Weed Abatement

231 E Alexandria- Weed Abatement

600 E Main – Weed Abatement

202 E Main- Weed Abatement

305 N Lake- Weed Abatement

165 E Alamo- Weed Abatement

170 E Bonita- Weed Abatement

7 Total notices

5 Properties resent notices for not responding to 1st notice

Weed Abatement

240 E Church

218 E Church

185 W Main St

137 N Imperial

18 Door Hanger Courtesy Notices were given

10 have been responded and cleaned up

4 have asked for extensions and have cleaned up

4 have not complied as of yet

Door Hanger Notices will be made into a full report and given proper notice for those who have not cleaned up in the allotted time. These will reflect in the next Code Enforcement Report.