

# MINUTES CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY/PUBLIC FINANCE AUTHORITY MEETING AGENDA March 5, 2020

## 1. CALL TO ORDER 6:00PM

Council Members Present: Lander, Ramsey, Adkisson, Singleton

Others Present: City Manager Marissa Trejo, City Attorney Mario Zamora, Chief of Police Darren Blevins, Assistant City Manager Sean Brewer, City Treasurer James Vosburg, Senior Administrative Analyst Mercedes Garcia, and Fire Chief Dwayne Gabriel

Council Members Absent: Stolz

Others Absent: Financial Services Director Jasmin Bains

*Motion by Ramsey, Second by Singleton to Table Discussion Item No. 6.1 until the Next Meeting to Approve the Agenda for the Meeting of March 5, 2020. Motion **Approved** by a 4/0 Majority Voice Vote. (Stolz – Absent).*

## 2. AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND PROCLAMATIONS

### 1. Hospital Update by Hospital Board Member Bill Lewis

Mr. Bill Lewis of the Hospital Board gave a detailed presentation of the progress of the hospital reopening.

Mayor Lander commented that he is constantly asked about the reopening.

Mr. Lewis mentioned how disappointed the Board is that they do not have more information and have done everything to extract some morsel of information that can be shared with the community. We know how anxious everyone is to hear. Unfortunately, we have no authority of the reopening, but we firmly believe it is in AAMG's best interest to open the hospital.

Mayor Lander asked if Mr. Lewis thought it might be helpful to have a couple of Boardmembers and perhaps the Mayor request a meeting with them? I would volunteer to go with you if you think it might help.

Mr. Lewis said, as I mentioned earlier, Mrs. Trejo has sent a direct invitation to Dr. Singh about tonight's meeting and that if he did not show up, I would give this report to the Council.

Councilman Adkisson asked if AAMG has Board Meetings?

Mr. Lewis stated, not that we are aware of. I do have to say that their administration lacks some structure. The communication between the different people is lacking. Our main contact has been unresponsive, and it has been very frustrating.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey asked if another company could step in and try to reinstate the suspended licenses?

Mr. Lewis said he was not sure, however that would be the next plan. If Dr. Singh withdraws or fails to perform and we decide that he has not met the requirements of his agreement, then we would look for other participants.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey asked what the date on the agreement is?

Mr. Lewis explained it is a 20-year Lease with an option to buy. What should really be driving them is the fact that if they wait too long and the license expires, what I have been told, is the State will not allow them to just renew it and continue to tread water. They must show they are making some progress. I believe it expires in May.

Mayor Lander said, and that is what Mr. Lewis was saying, the licenses have not been dropped, they are just suspended for one year.

Mr. Lewis stated that AAMG paid the license fee to get it going sometime last July, they purchased insurance, they reimbursed the Board for all the utility bills that we had paid on their behalf and have been pretty much current. That is one of the things we are monitoring, is that they are paying the bills.

Mayor Lander expressed his appreciation for all the hard work the Hospital Board is doing. I know that it has not been an easy task and when you do not have that communication, it makes it much more difficult.

Mr. Lewis said he would make sure to share any new information the Board may receive.

### **3. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

None

### **4. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

1. Public Hearing and Adoption of Resolution No. 3955 Approving the Submittal of a 2019/2020 Community Development Block Grant Application  
**Sean Brewer, Assistant City Manager**

Assistant City Manager Sean Brewer explained this is a requirement of the Community Development Block Grant Program as part of the City's application for federal funds for the second phase of the Van Ness storm drain improvement project that reaches from Elm Avenue to Coalinga Street. Mr. Brewer introduced Ms. Susan Long of Self-Help Enterprises who will provide additional information.

Ms. Long gave a brief overview of this specific funding opportunity and the requirements associated with it. The CDBG program requires the City to conduct a Public Hearing on all CDBG related matters and to provide and encourage citizen participation, by particularly low and moderate-income persons who reside within the City. Ms. Long announced that tonight's Public Hearing was noticed in the Hanford Sentinel on February 23, 2020 and a Notice of Funding Availability ("NOFA") was released on January 21, 2020 by the Department of Housing and Community Development ("HCD") stating there is \$60M in funding available under the 2019/2020 funding allocation.

Mayor Lander opened the Public Hearing for comments. Seeing none, Mayor Lander closed the Public Hearing.

Councilman Adkisson asked if the project was just for the storm drain pipeline.

Ms. Long answered yes, it is only for the storm drain pipeline.

Councilman Adkisson asked if that included the work that will be required to reconstruct the street that is dug up?

Ms. Long answered yes, you will need to dig up the street to put in the pipeline so that would be part of the project.

Mr. Brewer explained there are a lot of utilities on Washington so most likely the sidewalks along the southside of Van Ness will have to be torn up in the process and replaced. But yes, all that infrastructure will be replaced as part of the overall project.

Mayor Lander asked Ms. Long to explain what the CDBG funds are about.

Ms. Long explained that CDBG funds are funds that come down out of the Department of Housing Urban Development ("HUD") and was designated as an act in 1974 for public improvements and housing improvements to assist low and moderate income households. Every year the State of California receives an allocation from the Federal Government. Small cities and counties, like Coalinga, have the opportunity to compete for funding under the State's small cities program since the City is not large enough to be directly funded by the Federal Government.

*Motion by Adkisson, Second by Singleton to Approve Resolution No. 3955 Approving the Submittal of a 2019/2020 Community Development Block Grant Application. Motion Approved by a Roll-Call 4/0 Majority Vote. (Stolz – Absent).*

## **5. CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. Approve MINUTES - March 21, 2019 (Amended)
2. Approve MINUTES - April 4, 2019
3. Information on the Disposition of Former Redevelopment Agency Properties

4. Adopt Resolution No. 3953 of the City Council of the city of Coalinga Adopting the Annual City Investment Policy
5. Authorize City Manager to Execute City Engineering Task Orders for Construction Engineering and Design Engineering for Segments 10-12 of the Coalinga Multi-Use Trail System Funded by the Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Grant Program
6. Authorize City Manager to Execute City Engineering Task Orders for Construction Engineering and Design Engineering for the Polk Street Rehabilitation Project (5th to Elm Ave SR198) Funded by the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program
7. Adopt Resolution No. 3954 Approving a List of Projects to be Funded by SB 1: The Road Repair and Accountability Act and Further Authorizing a Budget Expense in the Amount of \$341,606.00 to Execute the List of Projects Funded by SB 1 in the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year

*Councilman Adkisson pulled Item No. 5.7 for discussion.*

Councilman Adkisson asked if we were going to get all of Sunset done with \$341,606?

Mr. Brewer said no. If look at the next item, Item No. 5.8, which is the updated budget, you will see that we have allocated additional funds for the project. The purpose of staff asking for approval of 5.7 and 5.8 tonight is because we must submit our list of projects that we plan to construct under SB:1 to the State by May 1st. We will have 3 fiscal cycles of SB1 funds that we will add to the Sunset project. Our goal was to use SB:1 funds, just like we did with Federal funds on Forest, to eventually finish Sunset. We have saved up 3 year of SB:1 funds now, including an addition \$500k of Federal funds, to use on Sunset. We will now be able to complete Sunset in one project instead of doing it in phases.

Councilman Adkisson asked how was Sunset chosen?

Mr. Brewer explained it was chosen because it is one of the other heavily traveled roads that is in bad shape.

Mayor Lander commented, Sunset is also known as Sunset Freeway during the school season.

Mr. Brewer said, as part of the project we will be including some crosswalks and other safety enhancements.

8. Review and Approval of an Expanded Scope and Updated Budget to the Sunset Street Rehabilitation Phase 1 Project and Further Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Amended City Engineering Task Orders for Design Services and Construction Engineering
9. Receive and File the Housing Successor Agency SB 341 Annual Reports for Fiscal Year 2013-2014 through 2018-2019
10. Adopt Resolution No. 3956 Extending the Time Period for the Development and or Disposition of Housing Properties Transferred from the Former Coalinga Redevelopment Agency Pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 34176.1(e)

11. Adopt Resolution No. 3957 Declaring Public Nuisances on Certain Properties
12. Approve Agreement with HdL Coren & Cone for Property Tax Audit and Information Services
13. Approval of MKN & Associates Water Analysis Contract
14. Public Works, Utilities & Community Development Monthly Report for February 2020

*Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey asked Mr. Brewer to give an overview of the monthly report.*

Mr. Brewer gave a brief overview of the activities being worked on through the Public Works, Utilities and Community Development departments.

Mayor Lander commented on how much is being worked on and thanked Mr. Brewer for all the hard work.

*Motion by Ramsey, Second Adkisson to Approve Consent Calendar Item Nos. 5.1 through 5.14. Motion **Approved** by a Roll-Call 4/0 Majority Vote. (Stolz – Absent).*

## **6. ORDINANCE PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS**

1. Discussion, Direction and Potential Action regarding City of Coalinga Council Rules of Procedure (Commonly referred to as Code of Conduct or Standards of Conduct)  
**Marissa Trejo, City Manager**

*Item No. 6.1 was Tabled until the next meeting.*

## **7. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### City Manager's Announcements:

City Manager Mrs. Trejo announced that the City has Volunteer Crossing Guard positions available. They are listed on the City's website under City Ambassador. Positions are needed for the morning and afternoon. The School District will provide a stop sign and a reflective vest and the Police Department will provide some training on how to safely stop traffic.

Mayor Lander announced Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey had volunteered for one of the positions.

Mr. Brewer announced Westlands will be shutting down the canal next week. The City will not be able to pull water from the canal for at least 3 to 4 days and we are urging all citizens to conserve water during this time. A notice has been posted on the City's electronic pride sign and Facebook page. Construction signs will be placed on the entrances of town as a reminder.

### Council Member's Announcements:

None

Mayor's Announcements:

None

**8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Councilman Adkisson requested an update on the Command Center from the Measure J funds. What has been done so far and how much has been spent?

**9. CLOSED SESSION (NONE)**

**10. CLOSED SESSION REPORT**

None

**11. ADJOURNMENT 6:42PM**

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Ron Lander, Mayor

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Shannon Jensen, City Clerk

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Date