

MINUTES CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY/PUBLIC FINANCE AUTHORITY MEETING AGENDA September 2, 2021

1. CALL TO ORDER 6:15PM

Late start due to technical difficulties.

Council Members Present: Ramsey, Singleton, Adkisson, Ramirez, Horn

Others Present: City Manager Marissa Trejo, City Attorney Mario Zamora, Chief of Police Darren Blevins, Assistant City Manager Sean Brewer, Financial Services Director Jasmin Bains, Fire Chief Greg DuPuis, Administrative Analyst Mercedes Garcia, Public Works and Utilities Coordinator Larry Miller, and City Clerk Shannon Jensen

Council Members Absent: None

Others Absent: City Treasurer Dawn Kahikina

Changes to the Agenda: City Manager Marissa Trejo announced Item No. 2.1 would be presented at the end of the presentation section, as The CrisCom Company representative is running late. Item No. 6.4 will be pulled from the agenda.

*Motion by Singleton, Second by Ramirez to Approve the Agenda, with changes to move Item No. 2.1 to the end of the presentations and to table Item No. 6.4 for the meeting of September 2, 2021. Motion **Approved** by Roll-Call 5/0 Majority Vote.*

2. AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND PROCLAMATIONS

1. Lobbying Services Update by The CrisCom Company

Renee Missakian of The CrisCom Company gave a brief presentation on the lobbying and economic services they have provided to the City of Coalinga.

2. Grant Services Update by Blais and Associates

Jill Mohler of Blais and Associates gave a brief presentation of the services and successful grants provided to the City of Coalinga.

3. Employee of the Month for August 2021, Account Clerk, Yasmin Gonzalez

Financial Services Director Jasmin Bains presented Account Clerk Yasmin Gonzalez with the Employee of the Month certificate for August 2021.

4. Public Safety Flag Presentation

Chief of Police Darren Blevins and Fire Chief Greg DuPuis presented the Coalinga Police Department and the Coalinga Fire Department flag to the City of Coalinga.

Mayor Ramsey called for a five-minute break at 6:52pm.

Mayor Ramsey resumed the meeting at 7:00pm.

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS

The following individual(s) spoke under Citizen Comments:

Scott Netherton reminded the community of the September 11th Memorial event and asked for volunteers to assist with raising the Garrison Flag at the event. Mr. Netherton went on to speak in favor of approving premium pay for essential employees. (Item No. 6.5)

Robin Scott spoke in opposition of approving premium pay for essential employees. (Item No. 6.5)

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approve MINUTES – August 19, 2021
2. Check Register: 07/01/2021 – 07/31/2021
3. Approve Purchase of Two (2) Pressure Regulating Valves for the Derrick Bypass

Councilman Adkisson pulled Item No. 5.3 for discussion.

Assistant City Manager Sean Brewer gave a brief overview of the item.

4. Consideration of Bid Award for 2021 Rubberized Cape Seal Project
5. Authorize Assistant City Manager to Source and Purchase a Bucket Truck for the Public Works Department
6. Authorization to Source New Vehicles Under the City's Existing Fleet Management Contract with Enterprise
7. Adopt Resolution No. 4044 Establishing the Fire Reserve and Per Diem Pay Scale
8. Approve Lease Agreement with Fresno County Fire Protection District and Staff an Ambulance at Station 93 in Huron

Councilman Ramirez pulled Item No. 5.8 for discussion.

Fire Chief Greg DuPuis gave a brief overview of the item.

*Motion by Adkisson, Second by Horn to Approve Consent Calendar Item Nos. 5.1 through 5.8, along with an additional \$1,800 for the purchase of a butterfly valve for the Derrick bypass (Item No. 5.3). Motion **Approved** by Roll-Call 5/0 Majority Vote.*

6. ORDINANCE PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS

1. Discussion, Direction and Potential Action relating to Adding a Crosswalk on Elm Avenue Near Dollar General
Sean Brewer, Assistant City Manager

Assistant City Manager Sean Brewer stated this was a Future Agenda Item requested by Councilman Ramirez. Mr. Brewer explained that staff is working with Caltrans to include a crosswalk at this location as part of Caltran's Large Complete Streets project scheduled for Elm Avenue from Fifth Street to Cambridge Avenue.

2. Discussion, Direction and Potential Action regarding Reinstating Crossing Guard Positions
Marissa Trejo, City Manager

City Manager Marissa Trejo gave a brief overview of the item.

Consensus of the Council is for the City Manager to continue discussion with the school district to develop a plan to reinstate crossing guards.

3. Council Approval of Project Scope of Work for Expenditures related to the California Parks Per Capita Program
Sean Brewer, Assistant City Manager

Assistant City Manager Sean Brewer gave a brief overview of the item.

*Motion by Singleton, Second by Ramirez to Project Scope of Work for Expenditures related to the California Parks Per Capita Program. Motion **Approved** by Roll-Call 5/0 Vote.*

4. Discussion, Direction and Potential Action related to Commercial Cannabis Outdoor/Indoor/Nursery Cultivation Tax Rates and Structure
Sean Brewer, Assistant City Manager

*Item No. 6.4 was **Pulled** from the Agenda during Changes to the Agenda.*

5. Discussion, Direction and Potential Action regarding American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) Funding Priorities and Allocations
Marissa Trejo, City Manager

City Manager Marissa Trejo gave a brief overview of the item.

Scott Netherton spoke in favor in favor of approval.

Tom Dominguez spoke in favor of approval.

*Motion by Horn, Second by Ramirez to Approve Premium Pay for Essential Employees up to \$12,000 per Employee. Motion **Approved** by Roll-Call 4/1 Vote. Adkisson –Voted No.*

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Manager's Announcements:

City Manager Marissa Trejo reminded the public of Lisa Project that will be in the Council Chambers at City Hall from October 14th – October 20th.

Mrs. Trejo reminded the public of the Breakfast with the Chief that takes place on the first Tuesday of the month at 9:00am at Café 101.

Council Member's Announcements:

None

Mayor's Announcements:

Mayor Ramsey reminded the public of the September 11th memorial event on Saturday, September 11, 2021.

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Ramsey requested that the City Manager receive a new computer, like the ones the Council recently received, for use at the City Council meetings.

9. CLOSED SESSION

1. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS – Government Code Section 54957.6. CITY NEGOTIATORS: City Manager, Marissa Trejo and City Attorney Mario Zamora. EMPLOYEE (ORGANIZATION): General Employees and Nonrepresented Employees
2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION under Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2) – 1 case

10. CLOSED SESSION REPORT

None

11. ADJOURNMENT 7:52 PM

Ron Ramsey, Mayor

Shannon Jensen, City Clerk

Date

From: [Joyce Agresta](#)
To: [info](#); [Ron Ramsey](#); [Ray Singleton](#); [Adam Adkisson](#); [Jose M. Ramirez](#); [James Horn](#); [manzanitamo](#).
Subject: To the Mayor and City Councilmen Don't commit an Egregious Abuse of the Grant Money involving City employees proposal(request to read at City Council meeting 9/2/2021 BY My REP SINGLETON)
Date: Thursday, September 2, 2021 3:04:29 PM

SOME PRETTY GOOD REASONS WHY THE CITY OF COALINGA EMPLOYEES SHOULD NOT BE GRANTED THE PREMIUM PAY THEY REQUEST

.(1) Passing The City Employee proposal will prevent equitable distribution(non - compliance) unless you can and will give every essential worker in the citizenry 12000 each.(2:) The proposal prioritizes the city employees premium pay above all infrastructure and everyone else.(3) Does not address infrastructure nor premium pay for lower income workers which should be first on your list (4) This is putting a huge strain on Police community relations.The police and city workers have figured out a way to circumvent the Lower paid essential workers most of whom are Hispanic and Immigrants.rightful place in line it's oppressive."" It is intimidating for all citizens to speak up against the police-. Our fears have proven valid again and again. Our police department has some problems.The Police Dept recently announced they had charged one Former Coalinga Police officer with Kidnapping and rape of a child and we have expetations some more things will come out. (5). The community is not in the mind set to glorify and bonus the Police dept and City employees (.6) When you put only the City employees first it is demoralizing to the community and an assault to the our civil rights..(7) The city employees are acting in a predatory way towards the Citizens of Coalinga...(8) The usual good old boy mentality " lets take some off the top " will not likely hold up to the scrutiny of the treasury and may jeopardize the grant..(9) We can't elect a Mayor in Coalinga because the sitting Mayor wants it that way as he cast the final vote to deny us that right. (10) The Mayors kin and clan will receive many x 12000 dollar payments a windfall in all..(11) Nepotism is not illegal but it can grow corruption.(12). (94) people want 25% percent of four million dollars off the top (13)The entity of the City of Coalinga Employees have such a unique sense of entitlement they don't seem willing to accept the rules and regulations (14) The lower paid essential workers are in urgent need of premium pay now. Thank you for the opportunity to be heard...Joyce D Agresta... Citizen Coalinga California

From: [Dawn Kahikina](#)
To: [info](#)
Subject: read during council meeting
Date: Thursday, September 2, 2021 5:07:48 PM

I believe if there is money for City staff let them have it!! It is not the job of Council to go against the best interest of our City!

I believe take care of those who take care of us!!

I see over and over again the people are always at the bottom of the list when we, employees, and our City should be at the top of the list being that is the job of Council..

I feel it is all a waste of time! They are already talking and they will make a decision before they even meet!!! The people are just entertainment for most of them!!

One person controls the majority and that affects good choices!!

The people need to use their tools to put an end to this mentally ill hate group!! and remove this cancer we have been dealing with!!

The police need to give a no confidence vote and then recall D1...

Our City is always at risk because of this cancer..

I also know the City manager is under attack from this hate group funny before they were given awards..

I find it sick that the one who has been a part of everything and how everything runs now is using their decisions and the situation they created as a tool to get rid of this individual..

That behavior puts our City at risk for legal action and cost and makes for a hostile work place.

A proper way to do things with respect, dignity, morals, and ethics need to be a must.

Also making false pages and sending out the hate group is a shame!!

How can an official be a part of such things and think it is ok for the City they took an oath to serve!!

Their attacks and what they point out is the same MO over and over for 7 years now!!

It is time to say enough is enough!! It is time to make a stand and Rise against this cancer we have been ill with for years...

I say Bleep this cancer!! Rise!!

All part of the hate groups plan to take over the City!!