

**THE HEFFERNAN MEMORIAL HEALTHCARE DISTRICT/CALEXICO CITY COUNCIL MET IN JOINT SPECIAL SESSION ON THE 6<sup>TH</sup> OF MARCH, 2017 AT 608 HEBER AVE. CALEXICO, CA. 92231. THE DATE, HOUR AND PLACE DULY ESTABLISHED OR THE HOLDING OF SAID MEETING.**

**TO CALL ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 5:10p.m. Armando Real and Bill Hodge led those present in the pledge of allegiance.

**ROLL CALL-DETERMINATION OF QUARUM:**

Chairperson	Sylvia Bernal
Vice Chairperson	Gloria G. Romo
Treasurer	Hector Martinez
Trustee	Norma M. Apodaca
Trustee	Rodolfo Valdez
Chairperson	Armando Real
Vice Chairperson	Maritza Hurtado
Council Member	Lewis Pacheco
Council Member	Jesus Eduardo Escobar
Council Member	Bill Hodge

**GUESTS:**

Eduardo Rivera- Attorney  
Brenda Ryan- Secretary  
Gabriela T. Garcia-City Clerk

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Motion was made by Council Member Hurtado and second by Council Member Real to approve the agenda for March 6, 2017. Motion was passed by the following vote wit:

AYES: Bernal, Romo, Apodaca, Martinez, Valdez  
NOES: None

**PUBLIC COMMENT TIME:**

Letty Zuno is here to speak on behalf of the residence of Calexico and herself and would like to thank the HMHD and the Calexico City Council for coming together to talk and work on resolving the fire fighters and fire station.

**DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:**

1. Discussion and/or action regarding overall emergency services within the City of Calexico El Centro Regional update.

Board Member Bernal informed the public that there were some concerns about the HMHD being able to finance or help out with the fire department especially with LAFCO. LAFCO is the

organization that we have to respond too. Board Member Bernal asked Mr. Renison to join us in this meeting to relate what was said to her to the public.

John Renison informed the public that the executive director of LAFCO states that you are able to provide the fire department with the money. You are allowed to grant the money to the fire department.

Armando Villa reported that back in June and July of last year the City Council approved the budget with a \$3.9 million dollar place holder to direct the City Manager to cost savings throughout the year and that is how the budget was approved. Over the last 7 months our city has been negotiating with several union groups. They have put together a plan for us to identify how to best go about achieving those \$3.9 million dollars. The plan is as followed: restored fees, received traffic grants, negotiate employee contract concessions (CMEA, Mid Management, Unrepresented, and City Council), proposed additional police/fire contract savings, identified vacancy savings, deferred equipment replacement and other line-by-line operating reduction. To close the budget gap is \$568,224 and that would cost the city to lie of 6 fire fighters and that is the reason why we are here today.

Board Member Bernal asked what does the \$568, 224 entitle of, if this is all salary. Mr. Villa responded that the union had to pick from where to cut from which is salaries and benefits.

Board Member Martinez asked what is going happen for the next year following year. Mr. Villa's response was that the \$568 thousand is to close and cover the budget for June 30. They have not talked about the new fiscal year. The focus is to work on this now. Board Member Martinez understands that but the HMHD does not want that comes July 1, 2017 we are in the same position. The HMHD wants to start working on it now together to see where everything stands and nothing comes as a surprise.

Board Member Bernal expressed that she and the Board is willing to help and would like to schedule a special meeting with Mr. Edward to help us go over the grants that we can do together. Those are things we can do together with the HMHD and fire department to be able to get some money for those that cannot afford to pay.

Motion was made by Board Member Apodaca and second by Board Member Valdez to approve paying the \$568,224 to the fire department. Motion was passed by the following vote wit:

AYES: Bernal, Romo, Martinez, Apodaca, Valdez

NOES: None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

With no future business to discuss City Council Real made motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 pm. Second by Board Member Apodaca. All in favor.