

THE HEFFERNAN MEMORIAL HEALTHCARE DISTRICT MET IN A JOINT SPECIAL SESSION WITH CALEXICO CITY COUCNIL ON THE 13th OF DECEMBER, 2017 AT THE 608 HEBER AVE, CALEXICO, CA. THE DATE, HOUR AND PLACE DULY ESTABLISHED OR THE HOLDING OF SAID MEETING.

TO CALL ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 5:34 p.m. by Maritza Hurtado and Mr. Rivera led those present in the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL-DETERMINATION OF QUARUM:

Chairperson	Sylvia Bernal
Vice Chairperson	Gloria G. Romo
Treasurer	Hector Martinez
Secretary	Rodolfo Valdez
Trustee	Norma M. Apodaca
Mayor	Maritza Hurtado
Mayor Pro Tem	Lewis Pacheco
Council Member	Bill Hodge
Council Member	Armando G. Real

GUEST:

Eduardo Rivera- Attorney

ABSENT:

Jesus Eduardo Escobar – Council Member
Brenda Ryan- Board Clerk

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion was made by Board Member Apodaca and second by Board Member Martinez to approve the agenda for December 13, 2017. Motion was passed by the following vote wit:

AYES: Bernal, Romo, Martínez, Apodaca, Valdez

NOES: None

PUBLIC COMMENT TIME:

None

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

- 1 Discussion and/or possible action on participating with the City of Calexico Ambulance – Fire Department – EMT – Paramedic Services.

The City of Calexico Fire Department has been working diligently towards meeting the medical healthcare needs for our community through the cooperative effort with agencies such as the Heffernan Memorial Healthcare District. The Board was instrumental in funding the Fire

Department for fiscal year 1016-2017. The City would like to explore the possibilities or an MOU for future funding.

Board Member Bernal asked the Council that they don't have the money to pay us right now. How do you feel about us lending you the money and you paying us back? Could that be something well worth talking about?

Council Member Real again thinks that we are barking up on the wrong tree and need to live within our means that if Heffernan can help us out great. He does not think that they have the way to repay the District. He knows that there is a way to see the cup half full and say within the next few years they are going to bring in \$4 million dollars of revenue to balance their budget. But the reality is he does not see that happening.

Council Member Hodge agrees with Mr. Real's points but he does not see anything wrong with at least coming together and discussing and see what is possible. He does not think that is going to hurt. He talks about realism but he just fights that to be that cynical or realistic. He wants to be hopeful but with your eyes open and clearly seeing things in an objective way. Not to be naïve. He is still hopeful and he thinks that it would not hurt to look at what the district is proposing.

Council Member Pacheco expressed that the bottom line is if the district does not help us now the end result is they are going to have to do a deduction and force because there is no money to support what we have right now. That means letting go of personal, looking for another option on who can come it and take care of that service and we don't know what it is or where they are going to be and how many ambulances they are going to offer and we are going to be at their mercy. If they don't have the assistance of the district they are going to have to shut down one of these stations.

Mayor Hurtado also wants to work the Heffernan District but does think that is very unfair and we need to staff positive and in the past administrations of anything that has occurred they wanted to make sure you had Measure H in preparation because they knew that there was a lot of confusion out there. A lot of this has to do with numbers. When we have negative statement of what happen in the past that really hasn't aborted of what is happening right now because if you do understanding accounting and bookkeeping it is factual. That is why she wanted to brings facts and in her suggestions today is to get more facts. So that you are very aware of the facts and that way you know the very big picture and that way whatever solution we may have there is a trust.

Board Member Apodaca would like to suggest in having another meeting to come up with more ideas with we discussed tonight and then meet again.

Board Member Bernal requested to have the Chief provide to the board what the price would be to upgrade the ambulance, how much that is going to go up and how much revenue that is going to bring in to the fire department. That is something we would like to see and when do you plan on enforcing it.

Council Real recommends on have a subcommittee to meet with the Chief and discuss all these matters. The Council will have to work on that. The Heffernan District already has a subcommittee and they are Mr. Martinez and Mr. Valdez.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no future business to discuss Board Member Martinez made motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:08pm. Second by Board Member Romo. All in favor.