

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL**  
**CITY OF IMPERIAL**  
**MARCH 2, 2022**  
**CLOSED SESSION 6:30 PM**  
**OPEN SESSION 7:00 PM**

**A. CITY COUNCIL CONVENES TO CLOSED SESSION AT 6:30 PM.**

MAYOR PRO TEM BURNWORTH CONVENEED TO CLOSED SESSION: 6: 30 PM

CITY COUNCIL PRESENT: AMPARANO, EUGENIO, TUCKER AND BURNWORTH  
ABSENT: DALE

STAFF PRESENT: MORITA, BROWN, HOLBROOK, MORA, CHIEF BARRA

**A-1. SUBJECT: CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-ANTICIPATED LITIGATION.**  
(Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of Subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9).  
One (1) potential case.

**A-2. SUBJECT: CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION.**  
(Significant Exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) or (3) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9) One (1) potential case

**A-3. SUBJECT: PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT**  
Government Code Section 54957(b)(1)  
Title: City Attorney

*MAYOR PRO TEM BURNWORTH ADJOURNED CLOSED SESSION: 7:17PM*

**B. CITY COUNCIL RE-CONVENES TO OPEN SESSION AT 7:00 P.M.**

**MAYOR PRO TEM CALLED MEETING TO ORDER AT: 7:19pm**

CITY COUNCIL PRESENT: AMPARANO, EUGENIO, TUCKER AND BURNWORTH  
ABSENT: DALE

STAFF PRESENT: GUTIERREZ, HALLER, CHIEF ESTRADA, CHIEF BARRA, MORITA, BROWN, MORA, HOLBROOK, LOPEZ, ESTRADA, AND LOPER

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY MORITA**

**ADJUSTMENTS TO THIS AGENDA**

NONE

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**

NONE

**C. PUBLIC APPEARANCES:**

C-1. Matters not appearing on the agenda.

NONE

C-2. Matters appearing on the agenda.

NONE

**D. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:**

**D-1. AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY ACTION NETWORK**

MELISSA CURIEL “CURIEL” introduced herself and stated she is community engagement manager for project Vive. CURIEL is also a resident of the City of Imperial. CURIEL provided an explanation and background of what VIVE stands for. CURIEL introduced her Board members joining her as part of the presentation. January 2019 met with City leadership and it was expressed that the City should consider smoke free policies required as part of multifamily housing developments. MENDOZA, a counselor at BBWJH and resident of Imperial, shared data relating to multifamily housing that allow residents to smoke within their apartments. Discussed the most vulnerable population and consequences of second-hand smoke. Asking the Council to take action to pass policy for smoke free out EUGENIO asked if any other cities have these ordinances in effect already? CURIEL stated, no other cities have this policy in effect. No further comments were made by the city council

**D-2. CITY OF IMPERIAL - SENSUS CUSTOMER PORTAL**

ESTRADA AND GUTIERREZ presented the item to the City Council. Expressed his enthusiasm for launching the portal. Estrada reviewed the benefits to customers. GUTIERREZ reviewed screen shots of portal examples using her personal billing account and shared features of the portal. Stressed how you sign up for access. EUGENIO asked if she would be able to see the history of usage on the account prior to her living in the residents. GUTIERREZ stated that the history is tied to the meter, and yes, she could review the usage.

**E. CONSENT AGENDA:**

**E-1.** Approval of Minutes from Special Joint Meeting of the City Council and Planning Commission February 2, 2022, Regular Meeting of the City Council February 2, 2022 and Regular Meeting February 16, 2022.

**E-2.** Treasurers Report for December 2021 and January 2022

MOTION BY AMPARANO TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED.  
SECONDED BY TUCKER.

AYES: AMPARANO, EUGENIO, TUCKER AND BURNWORTH  
NOES: NONE  
ABSTAIN: NONE  
ABSENT: DALE

MOTION CARRIED: 4-0

**F. ACTION ITEMS: (DISCUSSION/ACTION – APPROVE-DISAPPROVE)**

**F-1. SUBJECT: DISCUSSION/ACTION: REPLACEMENT OF WILDFLOWER NORTH RETENTION BASIN BLOCK WALL FENCE**

DISCUSSION:

LOPEZ presented the item to the City Council. LOPEZ reviewed the location of the project and materials used to replace the fencing. Amparano: asked for clarification that aren't going to keep with block wall even though the rest is block EUGENIO its conflicting that the chain link is less expensive. AMPARANO asked if we get more graffiti on the chain link, how easy is it to remove the graffiti from that surface? LOPEZ stated that it is similar to the removal process now. EUGENIO asked what is the life span of the block vs. chain link? LOPEZ clarified that it depends on the build and maintenance of the build out. EUGENIO it is a \$60k difference between the two but I would like to see a comparison of other options. Direction was given to staff to bring back more information.

ACTION:

EUGENIO MOTIONED TO BRING THE ITEM BACK AND INCLUDE TWO BIDS FOR BLOCK WALL REPLACED AND CHAIN LINK. SECONDED BY TUCKER.

AYES: AMPARANO, EUGENIO, TUCKER AND BURNWORTH  
NOES: NONE  
ABSTAIN: NONE  
ABSENT: DALE

MOTION CARRIED: 4-0

**F-2. SUBJECT: DISCUSSION/ACTION: UTILITY BILLING SOFTWARE ANNUAL MAINTENANCE**

DISCUSSION:

ESTRADA presented the item to the City Council. No further discussion was had by the City Council. Mayor Pro Tem Burnworth called for a Motion.

Action: Tucker/Eugenio

TUCKER MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS FOR UTILITY BILLING SOFTWARE ANNUAL MAINTENANCE SERVICE FEE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$21,085.48. SECONDED BY EUGENIO.

AYES: AMPARANO, EUGENIO, TUCKER AND BURNWORTH  
NOES: NONE  
ABSTAIN: NONE  
ABSENT: DALE

MOTION CARRIED: 4-0

**F-3. SUBJECT: DISCUSSION/ACTION: WIRELESS BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT**

ESTRADA presented the item to the City Council. TUCKER asked for clarification where the funds coming from? ESTRADA reviewed the funds from ARPA. BROWN further clarified Council's past action to a lot nearly \$1 million dollars of American Rescue Plan Monies towards broadband infrastructure when they approved the FY 21-22 Municipal Budget. EUGENIO asked what parks will have wifi? Estrada clarified that all parks will have wifi. AMPARANO asked who would be doing the work. ESTRADA stated it would be done in house through

collaboration with IT staff and Public Services. AMPARANO expressed his frustration with the Southern Broadband Consortium and stated that he felt they misused their funds. ESTRADA reviewed the difference in fiber network cables and the 5G wifi capabilities this infrastructure would provide. ESTRADA further stated that the life of the system would be between 10 and 15 years. BURNWORTH asked if there was a warranty on the camera system and if the vendor would be responsible for the maintenance? ESTRADA confirmed that there was a five year warranty on the cameras and that the vendors would provide the tech support during that time. No further discussion was held by the Council. BURNWORTH called for a motion

ACTION:

MOTION BY AMPARANO TO APPROVE THE DISBURSEMENT OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDS FOR HIGH-CAPACITY WIRELESS NETWORK, OUTDOOR CAMERAS SYSTEM AND DEMARCATION POINT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$734,953.00. SECONDED BY EUGENIO

AYES: AMPARANO, EUGENIO, TUCKER AND BURNWORTH  
NOES: NONE  
ABSTAIN: NONE  
ABSENT: DALE

MOTION CARRIED: 4-0

**F-4. SUBJECT: DISCUSSION/ACTION: SR 86 IMPROVEMENT PROJECT VISION BLUEPRINT**

DISCUSSION:

BROWN presented the item to the City Council and introduced representatives Johnathan Sanchez (SANCHEZ) and Jenny An (AN) from CR Associates, Inc. SANCHEZ reviewed the history and alternatives of the SR 86 project. AMPARANO expressed his concerns about the amount of money previously stated by DUENAS to fix the drainage and flooding – cost to fix the drainage would be \$50 million. Concerned about the drainage. AMPARANO further asked that the roundabouts be made to accommodate multi-axle vehicles. SANCHEZ and AN They are as friendly as they can be, during the design process we will make sure the lane. AN answered the drainage question, in order to generate some of the facilities we have to meet building standards. ROSS asked to speak off line with the individuals AMPARANO referenced. The sizing we’ve done to date is based on the existing size. EUGENIO asked how were roundabouts responded to in the community outreach? AN stated that residents were very positive and agreed that downtown should be a destination. AN and SANCHEZ stated there is much more work to be done, but this sets the standard for which the land use and engineering plans will move forward and the City can begin applications for various funding sources. No further discussion was held by the City Council, BURNWORTH called for a vote.

ACTION:

EUGENIO MOTIONED TO ADOPT THE CONCEPTUAL PLAN FOR THE SR 86 IMPROVEMENT PROJECT VISION BLUEPRINT. SECONDED BY TUCKER.

AYES: AMPARANO, EUGENIO, TUCKER, AND BURNWORTH  
NOES: NONE  
ABSTAIN: NONE  
ABSENT: DALE

MOTION CARRIED: 4-0

**MAYOR PRO TEM BURNWORTH ADJOURNED THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT 8:58 PM UNTIL THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 2022, AT 7:00 P.M.**