



## Imperial City Council

*Katherine Burnworth- Mayor  
Robert Amparano-Mayor Pro Tem  
Ida Obeso-Martinez-Council Member  
Stacy Mendoza- Council Member  
James Tucker-Council Member*

# MINUTES

## Regular Meeting of the Imperial City Council

City Council Chambers  
220 West 9th Street  
Imperial, CA 92251-1637

**March 15, 2023**

**Closed Session at 6:00 pm**

**Open Session at 7:00 pm**

### **A. City Council Convenes to Closed Session at 6:00 pm**

#### **A-1. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation**

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to § 54956.9(b): Three (3) Potential Cases

#### **A-2. Conference with Real Property Negotiators (§ 54956.8)**

Property: APN 064-230-015000

Agency Negotiator: City Manager

Negotiating Parties: County of Imperial

Under Negotiation: Instructions to Agency Negotiator Regarding Lease, Price and Terms

### **B. City Council Convenes to Open Session at 7:00 pm**

MAYOR BURNWORTH CALLED MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M.

**Roll Call:** COUNCIL MEMBERS TUCKER, OBESO-MARTINEZ, MENDOZA, MAYOR PRO TEM AMPARANO AND MAYOR BURNWORTH

**City Staff Present:** A. BROWN – ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER, D. MORITA (VIA ZOOM) – CITY MANAGER, K. TURNER – CITY ATTORNEY, O. MORA – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS, M. CRANKSHAW – CHIEF OF POLICE, K. SHIELDS – CITY CLERK, T. LOPEZ – PARK DIRECTOR, J. LOPER – PUBLIC SERVICES DIRECTOR

**Pledge of Allegiance Led by** MAYOR PRO TEM AMPARANO

**Adjustments to the Agenda:** ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER A. BROWN – PULL TWO WARRANTS FROM CONSENT AGENDA. WARRANT #109963 – JT TOWING AND WARRANT #109975 – NANCY AMPARANO

**Action Taken in Closed Session**

### **C. Public Appearances:**

**C-1. Matters not appearing on the agenda:** If you wish to address the Council concerning any item within the Council's jurisdiction, please raise your hand and be acknowledged by the Mayor. At that time, state your name and address for the record. The Mayor reserves the right to place a time limit on each person's presentation of three (3) minutes. It is requested that longer presentations be submitted to the Council in writing.

DEBORAH MCGARRY, PUBLIC AFFAIRS MANAGER FOR SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY FOR THE CITY OF IMPERIAL. MCGARRY WAS PRESENT TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON THE NATURAL GAS PRICES. GAS BILLS HAVE DROPPED SINCE THE JANUARY'S HIGH BILLS. SOCAL GAS DOSE NOT SET THE PRICES, THE PRICES ARE DETERMINED BY THE NATIONAL AND REGIONAL MARKETS. THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION APPROVED A CREDIT ON CUSTOMERS FEBRUARY OR MARCH BILL. SOCAL GAS ANNOUNCED A TEN MILLION DOLLAR FUND TO HELP CUSTOMERS. FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THESE PROGRAMS GO TO SOCALGAS.COM

ALAN PHILLIPS, 200 EAST 2<sup>ND</sup> STREET, CEO OF THE FAIRGROUNDS. THE CALIFORNIA MIDWINTER FAIR JUST ENDED THERE 115<sup>TH</sup> YEAR. THE FAIR WAS SUCCESSFUL AND I WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE HERE. THIS EVENT DOSE TAKE A LOT OF HELP FORM THE CITY AND I THANK, DENNIS, JACKIE, THE POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENT. WE HAVE SOME POTENTIAL BIG CHANGES FOR NEXT YEAR. ONCE WE FINALIZE ITS GOING TO BE IMPORTANT THAT WE WORK WITH THE CITY VERY CLOSELY.

KATHY, RODEO DRIVE, DOSE THE CITY HAVE ANY PLANS TO PUT A TURN ARROW ON THE CORNER OF 15<sup>TH</sup> STREET AND HIGHWAY 86? A. BROWN, WHEN YOU SAY TURN DO YOU MEAN ADJUSTING THE TURN SIGNAL ARROW? NO, WE NEED A TURN ARROW ONLY. THERE ARE TO MANY ACCIDENTS AT THAT INTERSECTION WITH CARS COMING ACROSS 15<sup>TH</sup> STREET. MY NEXT QUESTION IS THE CITY WORKING WITH THE SCHOOL TO GET THE DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP MOVED FURTHER DOWN THE STREET? WITH THE STARBUCKS AND MCDONALD'S IT'S A NIGHTMARE TRYING TO GET TO THE POST OFFICE. MAYOR BURNWORTH, THIS IS SOMETHING THAT IS TIED TO FUNDING BUT WE ARE CONSTANTLY TALKING ABOUT DIFFERENT WAYS WE CAN CHANGE THE AREA. THE CITY HAS AN TWO ON TWO MEETING SOON WITH THE SCHOOL BOARD AND WE CAN TALK WITH THEM ABOUT THIS ISSUE. IF YOU LEAVE YOUR INFO WITH OUR CITY CLERK I WILL MAKE SURE TO FOLLOW UP WITH YOU.

## **D. Special Presentations**

### **D-1. Recognition of the Imperial High School Varsity Boys Basketball Team**

BURNWORTH, I WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE THE IMPERIAL HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM. AS AN ALUMNI OF IMPERIAL HIGH SCHOOL I AM ALWAYS PROUD WHEN OUR STUDENTS WIN A CHAMPIONSHIP. WE ARE EXCITED TO CONGRATULATE ALL OF YOU AND PRESENT YOU WITH CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION.

## **E. Consent Agenda:**

All items appearing under "Consent Agenda" will be acted upon by the City Council in one motion without discussion. Should any Council member or other person request that any item be considered separately, that item will then be taken up at the time as determined by the Mayor.

- E-1. Approval of Claims and Warrants Report.
- E-2. Approval of Council Meeting Minutes for February 1, 2023, February 15, 2023 and March 1, 2023.
- E-3. Continuation of Emergency Action as Declared by Resolution 2023-06 for sink hole repairs at Anthony Redondo Memorial Park
- E-4. Acceptance of Municipal Audit for Fiscal Year 2020-2021
- E-5. Adoption & 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading by Title Only of Ordinance 825 Approving Zone Change from R-1 (Residential Single Family) to RA (Residential Apartments) and R-1 to C-2 (Commercial General) within Morningstar Subdivision
- E-6. Adoptions of Resolution 2023-08 Authorizing Deposit and Withdrawal from Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) in Accordance with California Government Code Section 16429.1.
- E-7.

**OBESO-MARTINEZ MOTIONED TO APPROVE *THE CONSENT AGENDA, REMOVING WARRANT #109963 AND #109975*. MENDOZA SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**AYES:** OBESO-MARTINEZ, BURNWORTH, AMPARANO AND MENDOZA  
**NOES:** NONE  
**ABSTAIN:** TUCKER  
**ABSENT:** NONE  
**MOTION CARRIES:** 4-1

**AMPARANO MOTIONED TO APPROVE *WARRANT # 109963 FOR JT TOWING*. MENDOZA SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**AYES:** OBESO-MARTINEZ, BURNWORTH, AMPARANO AND MENDOZA  
**NOES:** NONE  
**ABSTAIN:** TUCKER  
**ABSENT:** NONE  
**MOTION CARRIES:** 4-1

**MENDOZA MOTIONED TO APPROVE *WARRANT #109975*. TUCKER SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**AYES:** OBESO-MARTINEZ, BURNWORTH, TUCKER AND MENDOZA  
**NOES:** NONE  
**ABSTAIN:** AMPARANO  
**ABSENT:** NONE  
**MOTION CARRIES:** 4-1

**F. Action Items: (Discussion/Action– Approve-Disapprove)**

**F-1. Subject: Declaration of Imperial police Department Vehicles as Surplus**

1. Declaration of Imperial Police Department Vehicles as Surplus.
2. Authorization of Sale and/or Salvage of Items Declared Surplus.

CHIEF CRANKSHAW, PRESENTED THE STAFF REPORT.

**AMPARANO MOTIONED TO APPROVE *DECLARATION OF IMPERIAL POLICE DEPARTMENT VEHICLES AS SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZATION OF SALE AND/OR SALVAGE*. TUCKER SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**AYES:** OBESO-MARTINEZ, BURNWORTH, AMPARANO, TUCKER AND MENDOZA

**NOES:** NONE

**ABSTAIN:** NONE

**ABSENT:** NONE

**MOTION CARRIES: 5-0**

**F-2. Subject: Cease Emergency Established by Resolution 2022-60 at Sandalwood Glen, Sky Ranch, Cross & Colonia Pump Stations**

1. Cease Emergency Established by Resolution 2022-60 at Sandalwood Glen, Sky Ranch, Cross & Colonia Pump Stations and Authorize Payment to A&R Construction in the amount of \$65,596.46.

J. LOPER, PRESENTED THE STAFF REPORT.

**AMPARANO MOTIONED TO APPROVE *RESOLUTION 2022-60 AT SANDALWOOD GLEN, SKY RANCH, CROSS AND COLONIA PUMP STATIONS*. TUCKER SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**AYES:** OBESO-MARTINEZ, BURNWORTH, AMPARANO, TUCKER AND MENDOZA

**NOES:** NONE

**ABSTAIN:** NONE

**ABSENT:** NONE

**MOTION CARRIES: 5-0**

## **G. Reports**

### **G-1. Department Reports**

T. LOPEZ, BLUES BREWS AND BARBECUE EVENT IS TAKING PLACE NEXT SATURDAY, DOWNTOWN IMPERIAL. ALSO, APRIL 8<sup>TH</sup> FROM 12 TO 5 WE WILL HAVE OUR AUTISM AWARENESS FAIR AT EAGER PARK IN IMPERIAL.

### **G-2. City Manager Report**

D. MORITA, NONE

### **G-3. Mayor and Councilmember Reports**

OBESO-MARTINEZ, FRIENDS OF IMPERIAL PARKS BOARD IS TAKING APPLICATIONS. I ENCOURAGE YOU TO JOIN BY GOING TO CITYOFIMPERIAL.ORG AND APPLYING.

MENDOZA, THIS PAST WEEKEND SOME OF US ATTENDED THE NAF AIR SHOW. IT WAS AN AWESOME EXPERIENCE AND THANK YOU COMMANDING OFFICER FOR WELCOMING US INTO HISTORY. I ALSO ATTENDED THE IMPERIAL VALLEY TRIPLE C MEETING. JUST A HEADS UP THEY WILL BE HAVING A SPRING CAREER EXPO AT IMPERIAL VALLEY COLLEGE, DATE TBD. IV EDC ENERGY SUMMIT WILL BE HAVING A PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS EVENT AT IVC. MAY 12<sup>TH</sup> IS THE DANCING WITH STARS EVENT.

AMPARANO, LEAGUE OF CITIES MARCH 23RD AT TOWN PUMP. I ATTENDED THE NAF AIR SHOW AND ONCE AGAIN HAD A GREAT TIME WITH GREAT PEOPLE. THIS SATURDAY IS OPENING CEREMONY'S FOR IMPERIAL LITTLE LEAGUE AND SUN RUNNERS CAR SHOW.

BURNWORTH, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL MY COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR ALL YOUR AMAZING REPORTS. MARCH 25TH HEBER ELEMENTARY MANA IS PUTTING ON A 7TH AND 8TH GRADE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE. THEY WILL HAVE WORKSHOPS FOR STEM COLLEGE PATHWAYS AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT. IF YOU HAVE A JUNIOR HIGH STUDENT THIS WILL SOMETHING INTERESTING FOR THEM TO CHECK OUT. I WANT TO GIVE A SHOUT OUT TO SOUTHWEST VALLEY 4-H KIDS FOR ALL THEIR HARD WORK ON THEIR PROJECT FOR THE FAIR.

## **H. Adjournment**

**H-1. Subject:** Adjournment of this Regular Meeting of the City Council is Until the Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting, Wednesday, April 5, 2023, at 7:00 pm.

**MAYOR BURNWORTH ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 7:37 PM.**