



MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Imperial City Council

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

April 5, 2023

Closed Session at 5:30 pm

Open Session at 7:00 pm

A. City Council Convenes to Closed Session at 5:30 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 (VIA ZOOM) – 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, K. SMITH – HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGER, A. ESTRADA – INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DIRECTOR

Pledge of Allegiance Led by MAYOR BURNWORTH

Adjustments to the Agenda: ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER A. BROWN – PULLED TWO WARRANTS FROM CONSENT AGENDA. WARRANT #110204 – K. BURNWORTH AND WARRANT #110224 – R. AMPARANO

Action Taken in Closed Session: CITY ATTORNEY K. TURNER, COUNCIL DISCUSSED THREE ITEMS OF ANTICIPATED LITIGATION, DIRECTION WAS GIVEN. COUNCIL ALSO DISCUSSED ITEM A2, AGENCY NEGOTIATOR WAS GIVEN DIRECTION.

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.

NONE

D. Special Presentations

D-1. Employee Introductions

CHIEF CRANKSHAW -WELCOME OFFICER MICHAEL CORTEZ
T. LOPEZ- WELCOME CARLOS BECERRA TO THE PARKS DEPARTMENT
J. LOPER – WELCOME FRANCISCO TO THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

D-2. Autism Awareness Month

MAYOR BURNWORTH, THE CITY OF IMPERIAL DECLARED THE MONTH OF APRIL AS AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH AND APRIL 2ND AS WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY IN THE CITY. MAYOR BURNWORTH READ THE PROCLAMATION FOR AUTISM AWARENESS.

JAMES GONZALEZ FROM AUTISM OF IMPERIAL COUNTY WAS PRESENT TO REVIVE THE PROCLAMATION CERTIFICATE FROM THE CITY OF IMPERIAL. JAMES, I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU TO THE MAYOR, MAYOR PRO TEM, COUNCIL, TONY FROM PARKS AND REC. FOR BEING AWESOME.

D-3. Donate Life Month

MAYOR BURNWORTH, THE CITY OF IMPERIAL PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF APRIL AS NATIONAL DONATE OF LIFE MONTH. MAYOR BURNWORTH READ THE PROCLAMATION FOR NATIONAL DONATE OF LIFE.

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. Continuation of Emergency Action as Declared by Resolution 2023-06 for sink hole repairs at Anthony Redondo Memorial Park

TUCKER MOTIONED TO PULL *WARRANT #110204 AND #110224 FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA.* OBESO-MARTINEZ SECONDED THE MOTION.

AYES: OBESO-MARTINEZ, TUCKER, BURNWORTH, AMPARANO AND MENDOZA
NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
MOTION CARRIES: 5-0

OBESO-MARTINEZ MOTIONED TO APPROVE *THE CONSENT AGENDA, REMOVING WARRANT #110204 AND #110224.* TUCKER SECONDED THE MOTION.

AYES: OBESO-MARTINEZ, TUCKER, BURNWORTH, AMPARANO AND MENDOZA
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
MOTION CARRIES: 5-0

OBESO-MARTINEZ MOTIONED TO APPROVE *WARRANT # 110204 FOR KATIE BURNWORTH.* TUCKER SECONDED THE MOTION.

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

OBESO-MARTINEZ MOTIONED TO APPROVE *WARRANT # 110224 FOR ROBERT AMPARANO.* TUCKER SECONDED THE MOTION.

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

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

F-1. Subject: California Department of Resources, Recycling, and Recovery (Cal Recycle)

1. Approval of Resolution No. 2023-10 Authorizing Submittal Of Application For California Department Of Resources Recycling And Recovery (Cal recycle) Payment Programs And Related Authorizations, and Granting Authorization to City Manager, or designee, to execute all documents necessary to implement and secure payment, including but not limited to, applications, agreements, and amendments.

O. MORA PRESENTED THE STAFF REPORT.

MENDOZA MOTIONED TO APPROVE *RESOLUTION NO. 2023-10.* TUCKER SECONDED THE MOTION.

AYES: OBESO-MARTINEZ, TUCKER, BURNWORTH, AMPARANO AND MENDOZA
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
MOTION CARRIES: 5-0

F-2. Subject: Purchase of Equipment for Parks & Recreation Department

1. Authorization to Purchase Haulotte Articulating Tow Behind Lift For Parks And Rec. Department Not To Exceed \$50,000.00.

T. LOPEZ PRESENTED THE STAFF REPORT.

AMPARANO, WHAT IS THE USED FOR? LOPEZ, TREE TRIMMING. AMPARANO WHAT ABOUT OUR BUCKET TRUCKS? LOPEZ, JACKIE'S EQUIPMENT HAS BEEN HELPFUL, THE TRUCK THEY HAVE IS HEAVY AND IT WILL DAMAGE THE SIDEWALKS. THIS EQUIPMENT IS MUCH LIGHTER AND STILL CAN REACH AS HIGH.

AMPARANO MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A *HAULOTTE ARTICULATING NOT TO EXCEED \$50,000.00*. MENDOZA SECONDED THE MOTION.

AYES: OBESO-MARTINEZ, TUCKER, BURNWORTH, AMPARANO AND MENDOZA
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
MOTION CARRIES: 5-0

F-3. Subject: Adoption of Vehicle Use Policy

1. Approval and Adoption of Vehicle Use Policy Governing All City Employees Involved in the Use and Operation of Vehicles in the Course of City Business

K. SMITH PRESENTED THE STAFF REPORT.

MENDOZA, IS THIS A NEW OR REPLACED POLICY? SMITH, NEW POLICY.

AMPARANO MOTIONED TO APPROVE *ADOPTION OF VEHICLE USE POLICY*. OBESO-MARTINEZ SECONDED THE MOTION.

AYES: OBESO-MARTINEZ, TUCKER, BURNWORTH, AMPARANO AND MENDOZA
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
MOTION CARRIES: 5-0

F-4. Subject: Energy Sustainability Business Case Study

1. Authorization to Submit Letter of Interest to Schneider Electric for Business Case Study Involving Energy Sustainability and Regional Park Evaluation.

D. MORITA PRESENTED THE STAFF REPORT.

TUCKER, IF MR. COLBY CAN EXPLAIN THE PROCESS? COLBY, WE ALLOCATE RESOURCES WITHIN SCHNEIDER TO COME TO YOUR CITY TO LOOK AT THE FACILITY AND WORK WITH YOUR STAFF TO FIND AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT FOR ENERGY SAVINGS. WE WILL GIVE A REPOAT AT THE END TO DISCUSS.

MENDOZA, DID WE GO OUT AND FIND THIS COMPANY OR DID THEY COME TO US? MORITA, WE DID TALK TO OTHERS AND FELT THAT SCHNEIDER WOULD BE THE BEST SERVICE AT THIS POINT. MENDOZA, I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT IF THIS SERVICE NEEDS TO BE DONE THERE IS NOTHING THAT STATES SCHNEIDER IS THE ONLY ONE THAT CAN DO THIS. COLBY, ONCE THE REPORT IS PROVIDED TO THE CITY HAS DISCRETION TO USE HOWEVER THEY PLEASE.

TUCKER MOTIONED TO APPROVE *LETTER OF INTEREST TO SCHNEIDER ELECTRIC*. AMPARANO SECONDED THE MOTION.

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

MOTION CARRIES: 5-0

G. Reports

G-1. Department Reports

CHIEF CRANKSHAW – MEET WITH RECRUITS FROM IMPERIAL VALLEY COLLEGE POLICE ACADEMY HOPING TO KEEP TALENT HERE IN THE VALLEY. MEET WITH IMPERIAL COUNTY SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT TO TALK ABOUT MOU FOR THE DISPATCH SERVICES. ALSO, MEET WITH IMPERIAL UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT ABOUT ANOTHER SRO.

T. LOPEZ – AUTISM FAIR THIS SATURDAY FROM 12-5 AT EAGER PARK. APRIL 22ND IS OUR COLOR FEST DOWNTOWN FROM 5-9. SUMMER PROGRAMS ARE UNDERWAY AND THE CITY IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS.

J. LOPER – OUR SINKHOLE PROJECT IS COMPLETED AND EVERYTHING HAS BEEN PUT BACK TOGETHER.

G-2. City Manager Report

D. MORITA – THE ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER AND MYSELF ARE ATTENDING TRAINING. THIS TRAINING IS SPONSORED BY THE CALIFORNIA JOINT POWER INSURANCE AUTHORITY. THIS TRAINING IS NO EXPENSE TO THE CITY, HOTEL AND MEALS ARE INCLUDED SO WE FELT THIS WAS AN OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF. THE SPEAKERS HAVE BEEN EXCELLENT.

G-3. Mayor and Councilmember Reports

MENDOZA – ATTENDED THE RIBBON CUTTING AT THE HERITAGE AT DAHLIA RANCH. MAYOR PRO TEM AMPARANO, COUNCIL MEMBER OBESO-MARTINEZ AND MYSELF ATTENDED OPENING CEREMONIES FOR LITTLE LEAGUE. I WAS PLEASE TO THROW THE FIRST PITCH. ATTENDED THE STATE OF COUNTY, GOT GOOD INFORMATION. ALSO, ATTENDED THE CALIFORNIA OF CITIES DINNER. ALL THE LOCAL CITY OFFICIALS GATHERED AND HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO BRAGG ABOUT THEIR CITY. I AM PROUD OF IMPERIAL AND ALL THE BRAGGING WE GOT TO DO. THE BLUES AND BREWS BBQ WAS AWESOME, GREAT TURNOUT. ATTENDED THE HOUSE ROUNDTABLE, HOURS LAYING OUT FUNDING THAT IS COMING AVAILABLE.

OBESO-MARTINEZ – I ATTENDED A LOT OF THE EVENTS THAT MENDOZA HAD MENTIONED. I ATTENDED THE IMPERIAL COUNTY FARM BUREAU AG TOUR, WHO KNEW ALL THE DIFFERENT TYPES OF BEES. ATTENDED THE STEP FORWARD 5K AND TOOK BOY SCOUT TROOP 4070 TO HELP. I SERVE ON THE MANA BOARD AND A LOT OF OUR FRANK WRIGHT STUDENTS ATTENDED THE YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE.

AMPARANO – I ATTENDED THE CAL CITY’S QUARTERLY MEETING. BEING PRESIDENT OF OUR DIVISION FOR CAL CITY’S MY GOAL IS TO BRING THAT BACK TO IMPERIAL. I GOT TO BE A JUDGE FOR THE TRI-TIP COOKOFF AND THAT WAS A TUFF JOB. COME JOIN US SATURDAY FOR THE AUTISM FAIR I WILL BE IN THE DUNK TANK.

BURNWORTH – I ALSO ATTENDED THE LEAGUE OF CITIES DINNER, IM VERY PROUD OF ALL THE HARD WORK THAT OUR STAFF DOSE. IM PROUD TO BRAG ON ALL YOUR HARD WORK WE HAVE THE BEST STAFF AND WE ARE DOING AMAZING THINGS. I THINK YOU ALL. I GOT TO ANNOUNCE THE WINNER OF THE TRI-TIP COOKOFF. THEY CITY MANAGER, ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER, MAYOR PRO TEM AND MYSELF TRAVELED TO WASHINGTON, DC., WE MEET WITH OUR LOBBYIST GROUP, CONGRESS, SENATOR, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, PARKS, TRANSPORTATION AND COPS DIVISION. WE LET THEM KNOW WHY THEY SHOULD SELECT OUR CITY FOR GRANTS. I WOULD LIKE TO BUILD A RELATIONSHIP WITH OUR LEGISLATORS SO THEY KNOW WE ARE THE CITY OF IMPERIAL NOT THE COUNTY OF IMPERIAL.

H. Adjournment

H-1. Subject: Adjournment of this Regular Meeting of the City Council is Until the Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting, Wednesday, April 19, 2023, at 7:00 pm.

MAYOR BURNWORTH ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 7:46 P.M.