



MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Imperial City Council

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

April 19, 2023

Closed Session at 5:30 pm

Open Session at 7:00 pm

A. City Council Convenes to Closed Session at 5:30 pm

Attendance: COUNCIL MEMBERS – TUCKER, MENDOZA, OBESO-MARTINEZ, MAYOR PRO TEM AMPARANO, MAYOR BURNWORTH, ATTORNEY – K. TURNER, CITY MANAGER – D. MORITA

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

A-3. Conference with Real Property Negotiators (§ 54956.8)

Property: APN(S) 063-010-083, 063-010-084, 063-010-085, 063-010-086,
and 063-010-088
Agency Negotiator: City Manager
Negotiating Parties: C.B.M Ginning Company, Inc.
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 7:01 P.M.

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

City Staff Present: CITY MANAGER – D. MORITA, ASST. CITY MANAGER – A. BROWN, CITY ATTORNEY – K. TURNER, CITY CLERK – K. SHIELDS, CHIEF OF POLICE – M. CRANKSHAW, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – O. MORA, PARKS – T. LOPEZ, PUBLIC SERVICES – J. LOPER,

HUMAN RESOURCES – K. SMITH, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – A. ESTRADA, FIRE – FLORES

Pledge of Allegiance Led by: COUNCIL MEMBER TUCKER

Adjustments to the Agenda: RESOLUTION NO. 2023-15, APPROVE EMERGENCY WASTEWATER LINE REPAIR/ REPLACE.

AMPARANO MOTIONED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2023-15 WASTEWATER LINE REPAIR/REPLACE. TUCKER SECONDED THE MOTION.

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

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

MOTION CARRIES: 5-0

Action Taken in Closed Session: ATTORNEY – K. TURNER

A-1. THE COUNCIL DISCUSSED THREE ITEMS OF ANTICIPATED LITIGATION. DIRECTION WAS GIVEN.

A-2. THE COUNCIL DISCUSSED CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS. INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN TO AGENCY NEGOTIATOR.

A-3. THE COUNCIL DISCUSSED CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR. INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN TO AGENCY NEGOTIATOR.

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.

MR. SANCHEZ, 409 NORTH G STREET, I WOULD LIKE TO ASK THE COUNCIL FOR HELP. I HAD A SUNSHADE PUT UP BACK IN 2011. I HAD ASKED BACK THEN IF WE NEEDED ANY PERMITS AND WAS TOLD NO. THE CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICE CAME BY NOT TO LONG AGO ASKING ABOUT THE SUNSHADE. WE ALLOWED HIM IN THE BACK YARD AND HE TOLD ME IT WAS NOT UP TO CODE AND I NEEDED TO MOVE IT. I ASK FOR HELP BECAUSE I DON'T HAVE THE FINANCIAL ABILITY TO MOVE IT OR IF I GET FINED I DON'T HAVE THE ABILITY TO PAY.

MORITA, MADAM MAYOR, I ASKED YOU TO REFER MR. SANCHEZ TO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND MY OFFICE AND WE WILL DISCUSS WHAT HIS OPTIONS MIGHT BE. IN THE MEAN TIME YOU WONT BE CITED.

MAYOR BURNWORTH, MR. MORITA CAN YOU GIVE HIM ONE OF YOUR BUSINESS CARDS.

D. Special Presentations

D-1. National Library Week – April 23-29, 2023

LIBRARY STAFF WAS PRESENT TO PRESENT A SLIDESHOW ABOUT ALL THE PROGRAMS THE IMPERIAL LIBRARY OFFERS TO THE PUBLIC.

BURNWORTH, READ A PROCLAMATION FOR NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK, APRIL 23-29. I ALSO SAY THANK YOU FOR YOUR HARD WORK.

MENDOZA, I CAN TELL YOU GUYS WORK TOGETHER WELL AS A TEAM. LIBRARIES ARE A BIG PART OF THE COMMUNITY AND ITS AMAZING ALL THE PROGRAMS YOUR BRING TO THEM.

AMPARANO, THANK YOU AND KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK. I DO GO AROUND TIME TO TIME TO CHECK OUT THE PROGRAMS GOING ON.

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 Regular Meeting Minutes for January 4, January 18, February 1, February 15, March 1, March 15, and April 5, 2023.

E-3. Continuation of Emergency Action as Declared by Resolution 2023-06 for sink hole repairs at Anthony Redondo Memorial Park

OBESO-MARTINEZ MOTIONED TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA E1, E2, E3. MENDOZA SECONDED THE MOTION.

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

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

MOTION CARRIES: 5-0

F. Work Session: (Discussion/Direction Only)

F-1. Goal Setting & Budget Performance Review for Fiscal Year 23-24

WORK SESSION SLIDESHOW WAS PRESENTED AND EACH DEPARTMENT GAVE A SPEECH ON THEIR GOALS AND BUDGETS.

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

G-1. Resolution to Cease Local State of Emergency for COVID-19

Staff Report: Alexis Brown, City Manager's Office

Recommended Action: Approval of Resolution No. 2023-12 Ceasing Local State of Emergency for COVID-19 and Ratification of Action Taken to Date.

OBESO-MARTINEZ MOTIONED TO APPROVE *RESOLUTION NO. 2023-12 CEASING LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR COVID-19 AND RATIFICATION OF ACTION TAKEN TO DATE.* AMPARANO SECONDED THE MOTION.

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

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

MOTION CARRIES: 5-0

G-2. Imperial Irrigation District Earth Day Event Application

Staff Report: Tony Lopez, Parks & Recreation Department

Recommended Action: Approve the Event Application Submitted by Imperial Irrigation District for Earth Day Event.

MENDOZA MOTIONED TO APPROVE *IMPERIAL IRRIGATION DISTRICT EARTH DAY EVENT APPLICATION.* TUCKER SECONDED THE MOTION.

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

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

MOTION CARRIES: 5-0

G-3. Imperial Public Library Community Room Use Policy & Application

Staff Report: Alexis Brown, City Manager's Office

Recommended Action: Approval of Resolution No. 2023- 13 Adopting Updates to the Imperial Public Library Community Room and Use Policy.

OBESO-MARTINEZ MOTIONED TO APPROVE *RESOLUTION NO. 2023-13 ADOPTING UPDATES TO THE IMPERIAL PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMUNITY ROOM AND USE POLICY.* MENDOZA SECONDED THE MOTION.

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

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

MOTION CARRIES: 5-0

G-4. Ordinance of the City Council Amending Codified Ordinances Regarding Appointment and Term of Various Boards and Commissions.

Staff Report: Dennis Morita, City Manager/Katherine Turner, City Attorney

Recommended Action(s):

1. Introduction/1st Reading in Title Only of Ordinance No. 826 of the City Council Amending the Codified Ordinances Regarding the Appointment(s) and Term(s) of the Imperial Planning Commission.

AMPARANO MOTIONED TO APPROVE *ORDINANCE NO. 826 AMENDING THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES REGARDING THE APPOINTMENT(S) AND TERM(S) OF THE IMPERIAL PLANNING COMMISSION.* TUCKER SECONDED THE MOTION.

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

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

MOTION CARRIES: 5-0

2. Adoption of Resolution No. 2023- 14 Outlining the Appointment(s) and Term(s) to the extent permissible by law for the Imperial Public Library Board, and other local, state, and federal boards and committees.

AMPARANO MOTIONED TO APPROVE *RESOLUTION NO. 2023-14 OUTLINING THE APPOINTMENTS(S) AND TERM(S) TO THE EXTENT PERMISSIBLE BY LAW FOR THE IMPERIAL PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD, AND OTHER LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL BOARDS AND COMMITTEES.* TUCKER SECONDED THE MOTION.

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

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

MOTION CARRIES: 5-0

G-5. Imperial Public Library Circulation & Customer Service Desk

Staff Report: Alexis Brown, City Manager's Office

Recommended Action: Authorization to Proceed with the Purchase, Construction & Installation of DEMCO Library Circulation and Customer Service Desk not to exceed \$60,000.00.

MENDOZA, DOES THIS TAKE INTO ACCOUNT FOR FUTURE GROWTH? BROWN, YES, IT DOES.

AMPARANO, IF THIS PROJECT IS COMPLETED AFTER THE SUMMER PROGRAM, WILL THE BUDGET COME FROM THIS YEAR OR NEXT YEAR? BROWN, IT WILL BE COMING OUT OF THIS FISCAL YEAR.

AMPARANO MOTIONED TO APPROVE *PURCHASE, CONSTRUCTION & INSTALLATION OF DEMCO LIBRARY CIRCULATION AND CUSTOMER SERVICE DESK NOT TO EXCEED \$60,00.00*. OBESO-MARTINEZ SECONDED THE MOTION.

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

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

MOTION CARRIES: 5-0

G-6. Imperial Police Department Exterior Security Fencing/Gate

Staff Report: Chief Michael Crankshaw, Police Department

Recommended Action: Acceptance of Project Proposal for Imperial Police Department Exterior Security Fencing/Gate and Authorization to Purchase Materials in the Amount of \$24,935.00.

AMPARANO, IS THIS JUST GOING TO BE POLICE ACCESS? WHAT ABOUT PARKS, WILL THIS IMPACT THEM? CHIEF CRANKSHAW, I TALKED TO TONY WITH PARKS AND THEY ARE GOING TO HAVE ACCESS AS FAR AS THE BACK. WE ARE LOOKING AT A REMOTE SYSTEM SO OUR CITY VEHICLES WOULD BE ABLE TO ACCESS. IT WILL BE ONE-WAY IN AND ONE-WAY OUT.

AMPARANO MOTIONED TO APPROVE *PROJECT PROPOSAL FOR IMPERIAL POLICE DEPARTMENT EXTERIOR SECURITY FENCING/GATE AND AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE MATERIALS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$24,935.00*. TUCKER SECONDED THE MOTION.

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

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

MOTION CARRIES: 5-0

H. Reports

G-1. Department Reports

LOPEZ, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE, MY TEAM AND THE AUTISM SUPPORT GROUP OF IMPERIAL COUNTY. THE AUTISM FAIR WAS A SUCCESSFUL EVENT. COMING UP THIS SATURDAY WE HAVE OUR COLOR FEST EVENT. IF YOU HAVEN'T SIGNED UP FOR OUR 5K YOU HAVE UP IN TILL 4 PM THE DAY OF. THIS WILL BE THE LAST MARKET DAY

OF THE SERIES, SO COME OUT AND SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL VENDORS AND BUSINESSES. BIG THANK YOU TO PUBLIC SERVICES AND EVERYONE THAT PARTICIPATES TO HELP PUT THESE EVENTS ON.

G-2. City Manager Report – NONE

G-3. Mayor and Councilmember Reports

MENDOZA, THE LAST EVENT I ATTENDED SINCE LAST MEETING WAS THE AUTISM FAIR AND GREAT JOB TO THE CITY STAFF AND TO THE AUTISM SUPPORT. THE FAIR WAS WELL ATTENDED AND A GOOD TIME. I RECEIVE AN EMAIL ABOUT SOME ISSUES AT TL WAGNER PARK. EMAILS WERE FORWARDED TO ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER AND TONY. I APPRECIATE THEIR QUICK RESPONSE TO TAKE CARE OF THE ISSUE.

AMPARANO, AUTISM FAIR WAS GOOD, WELL ATTENDED. I WAS A LITTLE SORE FOR THE DUNK TANK AND THE WATER WAS COLD. IM LOOKING FORWARD TO SATURDAY AND KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.

OBESO-MARTINEZ, MANA OF THE IMPERIAL VALLEY IS HAVING THEIR FIRST PLATICA ON SATURDAY AT THE EL CENTRO LIBRARY. ITS FREE TO MEMBERS AND \$15.00 TO NON-MEMBERS. I WILL BE WORKING AT THE PARKS BEER STAND SO COME GET A BEVERAGE AFTER YOUR WALK/RUN.

TUCKER, YOU'RE ALL DOING A GOOD JOB.

BURNWORTH, AWESOME TIME AT THE AUTISM FAIR. I WILL ALSO BE HANDING OUT MEDALS AT THE FINISH LINE FOR THE 5K.

H. Adjournment

H-1. Adjournment of this Regular Meeting of the City Council is Until the Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting, Wednesday, May 3, 2023, at 7:00 pm.

MAYOR BURNWORTH ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 9:04 P.M.