



**Imperial City Council**

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

# MINUTES

## Regular Meeting of the Imperial City Council

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

**February 21, 2024**

### 6:00 P.M. CLOSED SESSION

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Amparano called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** Council Members Burnworth, Obeso-Martinez, Mendoza, Mayor Pro Tem Tucker and Mayor Amparano

**PUBLIC COMMENT FOR CLOSED SESSION ITEMS ONLY:** None

**CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL:**

**A. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION – G.C § 54956.7 (b)(1)**

Title of Position: City Manager

**B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**

Significant exposure to litigation - G.C §54956.9 (d)(2) Number of Cases: 1

**C. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – LITIGATION**

(Gov. Code section 54956.9(d)(2).)

City of Imperial vs. PCG Mayfield, LP, Imperial County Superior Court Case No. ECU 000568

**CITY COUNCIL CONVENES TO REGULAR MEETING**

### 7:00 P.M. REGULAR MEETING

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Amparano called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** Council Members Burnworth, Obeso-Martinez, Mendoza, Mayor Pro Tem Tucker and Mayor Amparano

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by David Lantzer

**ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:** City Manager, Dennis H. Morita pulled item C-1 from Public Hearing.

**CITY ATTORNEY REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS:** City Attorney Turner reported that the City Council discussed an Employee Performance Evaluation, Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation, Conference with Legal Counsel – Litigation. Direction was given to staff on both items.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**Matters not appearing on the agenda:** None

**A. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:**

- A-1.** The Mayor presented a proclamation to Helen Palomino of the Cancer Resource Center of the Desert for National Cancer Prevention Month.

**B. CONSENT AGENDA:** All items appearing under “Consent Agenda” will be acted upon by the City Council with 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.

- B-1.** Approval of Claims and Warrants Report
- B-2.** Continuation of Emergency of Variable Frequency Drive at the Water Treatment Plant
- B-3.** Continuation of Emergency of Force Main in area of Aten Rd. and Legakes Ave.

**Moved by Mendoza, seconded by Burnworth** to approve the consent agenda pulling warrant # 115703 for Robert Amparano.

**AYES:** Burnworth, Mendoza, Obeso-Martinez, and Tucker

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** Amparano

**ABSENT:** None

**MOTION CARRIES:** 4-0-1

**Moved by Obeso-Martinez, seconded by Mendoza** to approve warrant # 115703 for Robert Amparano.

**AYES:** Burnworth, Mendoza, Obeso-Martinez, and Tucker

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** Amparano

**ABSENT:** None

**MOTION CARRIES:** 4-0-1

**C. PUBLIC HEARING:**

- C-1. Cancellation of Public Hearing to approve the Zone Change 21-02 and General Plan Amendment changing the land use designation from R-1 single family residential to RA residential apartments for Fonzie Apartments APN 044-200-098, as recommended by the Planning Commission.

**This matter will not be heard and action by the City Council will not be taken. Project application was withdrawn by applicant on February 13, 2024.**

- C-2. Public Hearing to authorize the Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PLHA) Program and adopt Resolution 2024-06.
  - 1. Open public hearing at 7:12 p.m.
  - 2. Staff report presentation was presented by Assistant to the City Manager Jenell Guerrero
  - 3. Public Comment: None
  - 4. Close public hearing at 7:18 p.m.
  - 5. Council discussion: None

**Recommended Action:** Conduct public hearing and adopt Resolution No. 2024-06, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION AND ADOPTING THE PLHA PLAN FOR THE PERMANENT LOCAL HOUSING ALLOCATION PROGRAM

**Moved by Mendoza, seconded by Tucker** to approve and adopt Resolution No. 2024-06, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION AND ADOPTING THE PLHA PLAN FOR THE PERMANENT LOCAL HOUSING ALLOCATION PROGRAM

AYES: Burnworth, Mendoza, Obeso-Martinez, Tucker, and Amparano  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None  
**MOTION CARRIES: 5-0**

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

- D-1. Approve the revised site plan for the Highway 86 Beautification Project Phase I

**Staff Report:** Othon Mora, Community Development Director

**Recommended Action:** Staff recommends approval of the Phase I site plan for Highway 86 Beautification Project.

**Moved by Tucker, seconded by Obeso-Maritnez** to approve Phase I site plan for Highway 86 Beautification Project.

AYES: Burnworth, Mendoza, Obeso-Martinez, Tucker, and Amparano  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None

**MOTION CARRIES: 5-0**

**D-2.** Approve the purchase of two (2) Imperial welcome signs.

**Staff Report:** Tony Lopez, Parks and Recreation Director

**Recommended Action:**

1. Approve the purchase of two (2) “Welcome to City of Imperial” signs not to exceed \$25,000.00 with ARPA funding.
2. Provide staff with direction on the design.

**Moved by Burnworth, seconded by Tucker** to approve the purchase of two (2) “Welcome to City of Imperial” signs not to exceed \$25,000.00 with ARPA funding and Provide staff with direction on the design.

**AYES:** Burnworth, Mendoza, Obeso-Martinez, Tucker, and Amparano

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**MOTION CARRIES: 5-0**

**D-3.** Authorize disposal of surplus equipment for the Police Department

**Staff Report:** Max Sheffield, Police Captain

**Staff Recommendation:** Declare the attached list of Imperial Police department equipment as surplus and authorize for auction, donation and destruction.

**Moved by Tucker, seconded by Burnworth** the approval to Declare the attached list of Imperial Police department equipment as surplus and authorize for auction, donation and destruction.

**AYES:** Burnworth, Mendoza, Obeso-Martinez, Tucker, and Amparano

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**MOTION CARRIES: 5-0**

**D-4.** Approve and adopt the quarterly budget update report for the second quarter (Q2) of fiscal year 2024 ending on December 31, 2023.

**Staff Report:** Victor Manriquez, Administrative Services Director

**Recommended Action:** Adopt Resolution No. 2024-05, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF IMPERIAL CALIFORNIA AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET FOR SECOND QUARTER (2) OF THE FISCAL YEAR THAT BEGINS JULY 1, 2023 AND ENDS JUNE 30, 2024 AND CREATING NEW CITY FUNDS IN THE GENERAL LEDGER

**Moved by Burnworth, seconded by Obeso-Martinez** to approve and adopt Resolution No. 2024-05, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF IMPERIAL CALIFORNIA AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET FOR SECOND QUARTER (2) OF THE FISCAL YEAR THAT BEGINS JULY 1, 2023 AND ENDS JUNE 30, 2024 AND CREATING NEW CITY FUNDS IN THE GENERAL LEDGER

AYES: Burnworth, Mendoza, Obeso-Martinez, Tucker, and Amparano

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None


**MOTION CARRIES: 5-0**

**E. REPORTS:**

- E-1. Department Reports:** Staff reported on their activities since last City Council meeting and upcoming events.
- E-2. City Manager Report:** None
- E-3. Mayor and Councilmember Reports:** Mayor and Council Members reported on their activities since last City Council meeting and upcoming events.

Seeing no further business before the Council, Mayor Amparano Adjourned the meeting at 8:01 p.m.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City of Imperial, California, this 3rd day of April, 2024.



KRISTINA M. SHIELDS  
City Clerk