



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

March 20, 2024

6:00 P.M. CLOSED SESSION

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Amparano called the Meeting to Order at 6:05 p.m.

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

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 – EXISTING LITIGATION

GC 54956.9(d)(1)

Name of Case: Mehdipour v. City of Imperial, Imperial County Superior Court ECU003274

CITY COUNCIL CONVENES TO REGULAR MEETING

7:00 P.M. REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Amparano called the Meeting to Order at 7:05 p.m.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge was led by Chief Aaron Reel.

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA: City Manager Dennis H. Morita added to Consent Agenda Item B-4 Support Letter for El Centro Grant.

Moved by Burnworth, seconded by Mendoza to approve adjustments to the agenda Item B-4.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIES: 5-0

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS: City Attorney Turner reported that the City Council discussed an Employee Performance evaluation of the City Manager, Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation. Direction was given to staff on both topics.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Matters not appearing on the agenda: None

A. PRESENTATIONS:

A-1. The Mayor presented a Proclamation to Stacey Amparano for World Down Syndrome Day.

A-2. The Mayor presented a Proclamation for Women’s History Month.

A-3. Swear-in Ceremony and Badge Pinning for incoming Chief of Police

A-4. Presentation by David Lantzer, Imperial County Fire Chief, Community Risk Analysis and Standards of Cover Development update. **David Lantzer will present at another time.**

A-5. Presentation by Karin Eugenio, Division 5 IID Director

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. Ratify Letter of Support AB 2757 (Garcia, Padilla) Southeast California Economic Region

B-3. Ratify Letter of Support SB 1309 (Padilla) Lithium Battery Production Council

B-4. Support Letter for City of El Centro Grant

Moved by Burnworth, seconded by Mendoza to approve the Consent Agenda.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIES: 5-0

C. ACTION ITEMS (DISCUSSION/ACTION- APPROVE-DISAPPROVE):

- C-1.** Authorization to seek bids for the Aten Boulevard Rehabilitation Project between Vilore Way and SR-86, Caltrans Project No. STPL-5134(027)

Staff Report: Othon Mora, Community Development Director

Recommended Action: Authorize staff to solicit bids for the Aten Boulevard Rehabilitation Project between Vilore Way and SR-86.

Moved by Mendoza, seconded by Burnworth to approve staff to solicit bids for the Aten Boulevard Rehabilitation Project between Vilore Way and SR-86.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIES: 5-0

- C-2.** Authorization to seek bids for the Aten Boulevard Class II Bike Lane project from Vilore Way to Austin Rd., Caltrans Project No. CML-5134(026)

Staff Report: Othon Mora, Community Development Director

Recommended Action: Authorize staff to solicit bids for the Aten Boulevard Class II Bike Lane project from Vilore Way to Austin Rd.

Moved by Obeso-Martinez, seconded by Mendoza to approve and Authorize staff to solicit bids for the Aten Boulevard Class II Bike Lane project from Vilore Way to Austin Rd.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIES: 5-0

- C-3.** Accept Prop 68 Per Capita Grant Projects (5) as complete and authorize staff to record the Deed Restrictions.

Staff Report: Tony Lopez, Parks and Recreation Director

Recommended Action: Accept the grant projects as complete and authorize staff to record the Deed Restrictions with the Imperial County Recorder's Office.

Moved by Burnworth, seconded by Tucker to approve the grant projects as complete and authorize staff to record the Deed Restrictions with the Imperial County Recorder's Office.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIES: 5-0

- C-4.** Approve Resolution No. 2024-08, Accepting the 2022-2023 State Citizen’s Option for Public Safety (COPS) Allocation and Expenditure Plan.

Staff Report: Max Sheffield, Police Captain

Recommended Action: Approve expenditure plan and Resolution No. 2024-08, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IMPERIAL APPROVING AND ACCEPTANCE OF STATE CITIZENS OPTIONS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY (COPS) PROGRAM FUNDING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023.

Moved by Obeso-Martinez, seconded by Burnworth to approve expenditure plan and Resolution No. 2024-08, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IMPERIAL APPROVING AND ACCEPTANCE OF STATE CITIZENS OPTIONS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY (COPS) PROGRAM FUNDING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIES: 5-0

- C-5.** Approve and adopt the City’s updated Records Retention Policy.

Staff Report: Katherine Turner, City Attorney

Recommended Action: Approve and adopt the updated Records Retention Policy

Moved by Mendoza, seconded by Burnworth to approve and adopt the updated Records Retention Policy

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIES: 5-0

- C-6.** Adopt Resolution No. 2024-09 authorizing the destruction of obsolete city records.

Staff Report: Katherine Turner, City Attorney

Recommended Action: Approve and adopt Resolution No. 2024-09 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IMPERIAL AUTHORIZING THE DESTRUCTION OF OBSOLETE CITY RECORDS

Moved by Burnworth, seconded by Tucker to approve and adopt Resolution No. 2024-09 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IMPERIAL AUTHORIZING THE DESTRUCTION OF OBSOLETE CITY RECORDS.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None


ABSENT: None
MOTION CARRIES: 5-0

D. REPORTS:

- D-1. Department Reports:** Staff reported on their activities since last City Council meeting and upcoming events.
- D-2. City Manager Report:** None
- D-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 8:13 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