



*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

**August 21, 2024**

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

**CALLED TO ORDER:** Mayor Pro-Tem Tucker called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

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

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

#### **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL:**

##### **CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS – G.C. 54956.8**

Property Address: 307 N. Imperial Avenue, Imperial CA  
Agency Negotiator: Dennis H. Morita, City Manager  
Negotiating Parties: EAH/Ric Brown  
Under Negotiation: Instructions to negotiator regarding lease price and terms

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

Title of Position: City Attorney

#### **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**

**Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9**

Number of Potential Cases: 2

#### **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS – G.C.5957.6**

Agency Designated Representatives: City Manager

Employee Organization: Imperial Police Officers Association, Teamsters Local No. 542 and Employee Organization Management, Supervisory, Professional, Confidential, and Police Captain/Unrepresented

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

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Pro-Tem Tucker called the meeting to order at 7:23 p.m.

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

**ABSENT:** Mayor Amparano

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Pro-Tem James Tucker.

**ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:** None

**CITY ATTORNEY REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS:**

City Attorney Turner Stated that Direction was given to Council on all four topics.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**A. PRESENTATION:**

- A-1. Mayor Pro-Tem Tucker presented certificates of recognition for the Little League District 22 Imperial All-Stars 8-U team.

**B. CONSENT AGENDA:**

- B-1. Approve an additional one-year term with Code Exxperts in the budgeted amount of \$22,800.00 for the city’s online payment system and web development services.

**Moved by Burnworth, seconded by Mendoza to approve the consent agenda.**

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

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** Amparano

**MOTION CARRIES: 4-0**

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

- C-1. Adopt the 2024-2025 Strategic Technology Plan (STP) and approve the projects included in the 2024-2025 Innovation and Technology budget.

**Presenter:** R. Alejandro Estrada, Department of Innovation and Technology Director

**Recommended Action:** Approve the 2024-2025 STP and the projects included in the 2024-2025 Innovation and Technology budget.

**Moved by Burnworth, seconded by Obeso-Martinez** to approve the 2024-2025 STP and the projects included in the 2024-2025 Innovation and Technology budget.

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

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** Amparano

**MOTION CARRIES: 4-0**

**C-2.** Award a contract for Weed Abatement Services RFP No. 2024-06.

**Presenter:** David Dale, Public Services Director

**Recommended Action:** Award the Weed Abatement Services contract to DeAngelo Contracting Services.

**Moved by Burnworth, seconded by Mendoza** to approve and award the Weed Abatement Services contract to DeAngelo Contracting Services.

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

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** Amparano

**MOTION CARRIES: 4-0**

**C-3.** Appointment of a voting delegate and up to two alternates for the League of CA Cities Annual Conference and General Assembly on October 16-18, 2024.

**Presenter:** Dennis H. Morita, City Manager

**Recommended Action:** Appoint a voting delate and two alternates for the League of CA Cities Annual Conference and General Assembly.

**Moved by Burnworth, seconded by Mendoza** to approve Delegate Obeso-Martinez for the League of CA Cities Annual Conference and General Assembly.

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

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** Amparano

**MOTION CARRIES: 4-0**

**Moved by Obeso-Martinez, seconded by Tucker** to approve Alternate Burnworth for the League of CA Cities Annual Conference and General Assembly.

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

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** Amparano

**MOTION CARRIES: 4-0**

- C-4.** Certification that there are not more candidates than offices to be elected for the November 5, 2024 General Municipal Election.

**Presenter:** Dennis H. Morita, City Manager

**Recommended Action:** In accordance with CA Elections Code section 10229, the City Council may adopt one of the courses of action listed below. Staff recommends Option 1, to cancel the election and appoint to the offices the persons who have been nominated by adopting Resolution No. 2024-51 resulting in a cost savings of up to \$12,500.

1. Appoint to the office the persons who have been nominated and adopt Resolution No. 2024-51, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IMPERIAL, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENTS TO THE OFFICES OF COUNCILMEMBER OF THE CITY THOSE THAT WERE NOMINATED TO BE ELECTED ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2024 AT THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION or;
2. Appoint to the office an eligible elector if no one has been nominated or;
3. Hold the election, if no one or only one person has been nominated for any elective office.

**Moved by Mendoza, seconded by Obeso-Martinez to approve Resolution No. 2024-51.**

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

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** Burnworth

**ABSENT:** Amparano

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

**D. REPORTS:**

- D-1.** Departments reported on their activities since last city council meeting.
- D-2.** City Manager Report: None
- D-3.** Mayor and Councilmembers reported on their activities since last city council meeting and upcoming events.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Seeing no further business before the Council, Mayor Pro-Tem Tucker ended this meeting at 8:25 p.m. and adjourned until the next council meeting on September 4, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the city of Imperial, California, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024.



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KRISTINA SHIELDS  
City Clerk