

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



MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Imperial City Council

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

January 15, 2025

Closed Session at 06:00 pm

Open Session at 07:00 pm

6:00 P.M. CLOSED SESSION

CALLED TO ORDER: Mayor Tucker called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Council Member Amparano, Burnworth, Mayor Pro-Tem Obeso-Martinez, Mayor Tucker, City Manager Morita, Assistant to the City Manager Garcia and City Attorney Turner.
Council Member Mendoza arrived at 6:24 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT FOR CLOSED SESSION ITEMS ONLY:

None

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL:

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Significant exposure to litigation - G.C §54956.9 (d)(2)

Number of 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 Tucker called the meeting to order at 7:18 p.m.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Tucker.

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA: None

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS:

City Attorney Turner stated that the Council was given directions on two items of Anticipated Litigation, and the negotiator was given directions on one item of a Conference with Labor Negotiators.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Public Comment received by Sylvia Aguirre regarding an abandoned home.

A. PRESENTATIONS:

A-1. Mayor Tucker presented a Proclamation for National Human Trafficking Prevention Month.

B. CONSENT AGENDA:

B-1. Approval of Warrants Report.

B-2. Approval of City Council meeting minutes for the Regular Meeting of December 4, 2024.

B-3. Authorize destruction of personnel records from 1948-2016 per record retention policy.

Moved by **Burnworth**, seconded by **Amparano** to approve the Consent Agenda.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIES: 5-0

C. PUBLIC HEARING (DISCUSSION/ACTION):

C-1. Authorize the levy of a Special Tax for the Morningstar Subdivision Community Facilities District No. 2024-1.

The public hearing was opened at 7:31 p.m.

Othon Mora, Community Development Director presented the staff report.

The public hearing was closed at 7:32 p.m.

Presenter: Othon Mora, Community Development Director

Recommendation: Approve Ordinance No. 830, ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IMPERIAL ACTING IN ITS CAPACITY AS THE LEGISLATIVE BODY OF THE CITY OF IMPERIAL COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2024-1, COUNTY OF IMPERIAL, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE LEVY OF A SPECIAL TAX IN SUCH COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT, waive reading and approve first reading by title. Authorize staff to place on the next agenda for second reading and adoption and prepare an ordinance summary for publication.

Moved by Mendoza, seconded by Obeso-Martinez to approve Ordinance No. 830.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIES: 5-0

D. ACTION ITEMS (DISCUSSION/ACTION):

D-1. Authorize the Sunrunner's Car Club of Imperial Valley to host their 39th Annual Carne Asada Run Car Show at Eager Park and authorize street closures for the event.

Presenter: Tony Lopez, Parks and Recreation Director

Recommendation: Authorize the Sunrunner's Car Club to host their event at Eager Park on Saturday, March 22, 2025 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and approve partial street closures at the intersections of G Street and 10th Street, H Street and 10th Street, G Street and 9th Street, and H Street and 9th Street.

Moved by Burnworth, seconded by Amparano to approve the Sunrunner's Car Club to host their event at Eager Pawrk on Saturday, March 22, 2025.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIES: 5-0

D-2. Approve a stipend to staff designated as the Cross-Connection Control Program Coordinator.

Presenter: Kristen Smith, Human Resources Manager

Recommendation: Adopt Resolution No. 2025-01, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IMPERIAL, CALIFORNIA, PROVIDING A 5% STIPEND FOR THE CROSS-CONNECTION CONTROL PROGRAM COORDINATOR

Moved by Obeso-Martinez, seconded by Burnworth to approve Resolution No. 2025-01.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIES: 5-0

D-3. Authorize the City Manager or designee to appoint the City Engineer in writing.

Presenter: Kristen Smith, Human Resources Manager

Recommendation: Adopt Resolution No. 2025-02, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IMPERIAL, CALIFORNIA, DESIGNATING A CITY ENGINEER

Moved by Mendoza, seconded by Burnworth to approve Resolution No. 2025-02.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIES: 5-0

D-4. Adopt policies and procedures for certain employees who are permitted to use Naloxone.

Presenter: Kristen Smith, Human Resources Manager

Recommendation: Adopt the Naloxone Policies and Procedures

Moved by Amparano, seconded by Mendoza to approve and adopt the Naloxone Policies and Procedures.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIES: 5-0

D-5. Adopt an Injury and Illness Prevention Program (IIPP) for City of Imperial employees.

Presenter: Kristen Smith, Human Resources Manager

Recommendation: Approve and adopt the City of Imperial Injury and Illness Prevention Program.

Moved by Burnworth, seconded by Obeso-Martinez to approve and adopt the City of Imperial Injury and Illness Prevention.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIES: 5-0

D-6. Adopt a Blood Borne Pathogens (BBP) Exposure Control Plan for City of Imperial Employees.

Presenter: Kristen Smith, Human Resources Manager

Recommendation: Approve and adopt the City of Imperial Blood Borne Pathogens Exposure Control Plan.

Moved by Burnworth, seconded by Obeso-Martinez to approve and adopt the City of Imperial Blood Borne Pathogens Exposure Control Plan.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIES: 5-0

D-7. Approve a Memorandum of Understanding for the FY2023 Stonegarden Grant.

Presenter: Aaron Reel, Chief of Police

Recommendation: Accept grant funds and approve the MOU for the FY2023 Stonegarden Grant.

Moved by Obeso-Martinez, seconded by Mendoza to approve the MOU for the FY2023 Stonegarden Grant.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIES: 5-0

D-8. Approve donating Police Department historical records to the Pioneers' Museum for historical preservation and archiving.

Presenter: Aaron Reel, Chief of Police

Recommendation: Approve donating old jail booking records and citation books to the Pioneers' Museum for archiving.

Moved by Burnworth, seconded by Amparano to approve donating old jail booking records and citation books to the Pioneers' Museum for archiving.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIES: 5-0

D-9. Approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the Imperial Police Department and the Imperial County Narcotic Task Force.

Presenter: Aaron Reel, Chief of Police

Recommendation: Approve an MOU between the Imperial Police Department and the Imperial County Narcotics Task Force.

Moved by Amparano, seconded by Mendoza to approve the MOU between the Imperial Police Department and the Imperial County Narcotic Task Force.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIES: 5-0

D-10. Authorize donation of surplus Police Department firearms to the Blythe Police Department.

Presenter: Aaron Reel, Chief of Police

Recommendation: Authorize the donation of surplus Imperial Police Department firearms to the Blythe Police Department.

Moved by Obeso-Martinez, seconded by Burnworth to approve and authorize the donation of surplus Imperial Police Department firearms to the Blythe Police Department.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIES: 5-0

D-11. Authorize the purchase of two (2) Dell Power Edge Servers for the GIS Enterprise Services.

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

Recommendation: Authorize the purchase of two (2) Servers in the amount of \$47,731.19.

Moved by Amparano, seconded by Mendoza to approve Resolution No. 2025-01.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIES: 5-0

E. REPORTS:

E-1. Departments reported on their activities since the last city council meeting.


E-2. City Manager Report: None

E-3. Mayor and Councilmember reported on their activities since the last city council meeting and upcoming events.

ADJOURNMENT:

Seeing no further business before the Council, Mayor Tucker ended this meeting at 8:09 p.m. and adjourned until the next council meeting on February 5, 2025 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 19th day of February, 2025.



KRISTINA SHIELDS
City Clerk