



*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

February 19, 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 6:13 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Council Members Amparano, Burnworth, Mayor Tucker, City Manager Morita, Assistant to the City Manager Garcia, and City Attorney Turner.

Mayor Pro-Tem Obeso-Martinez arrived at 6:20 p.m., and Council Member Mendoza arrived at 6:43 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT FOR CLOSED SESSION ITEMS ONLY: Flavio Grijalva, Jr., was present for public comment regarding Teamsters 542—Labor Negotiations.

CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNS INTO CLOSED SESSION:
Moved by Amparano, seconded by Burnworth to adjourn into closed session.

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL:

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

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

Number of Potential Cases: 1

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

Number of Cases: 1

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 7:03 p.m.

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

ABSENT: Council Member Burnworth.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Amparano.

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA: The City Manager noted that item A-4 will be moved to a future date.

Council Member Amparano noted that action items C-2, C-4, C-6, and C-7 will be moved to the consent agenda.

Moved by Amparano, seconded by Obeso-Martinez to approve action items C-2, C-4, C-6, and C-7 be moved to the consent agenda.

AYES: Amparano, Mendoza, Obeso-Martinez and Tucker

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Burnworth

MOTION CARRIES: 4-0

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION: City Attorney Turner stated that direction was given for one item of anticipated litigation, which has significant exposure to litigation and labor negotiators.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

A. PRESENTATIONS:

- A-1. Certificate of Recognition for Dakar 2025 Champions.
- A-2. Presentation of National FFA Week Proclamation.
- A-3. Legislative updates from JCG Government Affairs.
- A-4. Friends of Imperial Parks presentation by Tony Lopez, Parks & Recreation Director

B. CONSENT AGENDA:

- B-1. Approval of Warrants Report.
- B-2. Approval of City Council meeting minutes for the Regular Meeting of January 15, 2025, and February 5, 2025.
- B-3. Receive and file the Q2 Quarterly Budget Report ending December 31, 2024.
- B-4. Authorize the donation or disposal of surplus Library items/furniture as recommended by the Library Board of Trustees.

Moved by Mendoza, seconded by Obeso-Martinez to approve the Consent Agenda, including action items C-2, C-4, C-6, and C-7.

AYES: Amparano, Mendoza, Obeso-Martinez and Tucker

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Burnworth

MOTION CARRIES: 4-0

C. ACTION ITEMS (DISCUSSION/ACTION):

C-1. Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Imperial, San Diego State University (SDSU) and SDSU Imperial Valley Campus.

Presenter: Ember Haller, Library Administrator

Recommendation: Approve the MOU with SDSU and SDSU Imperial Valley Campus and authorize the Mayor to sign.

Moved by Amparano, seconded by Obeso-Martinez to approve the MOU with SDSU and SDSU Imperial Valley Campus and authorize the Mayor to Sign.

AYES: Amparano, Mendoza, Obeso-Martinez and Tucker

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Burnworth

MOTION CARRIES: 4-0

C-2. Declare a 1999 Ford F350 crane truck as surplus and authorize the Public Services Department to sell or auction the vehicle.

Presenter: David Dale, Public Services Director

Recommendation: Approve the declaration of a 1999 Ford F350 Crane Truck vehicle as surplus and authorize the Public Services Department to sell or auction.

Action item C-2 was moved to the consent agenda per Council Member Amparano.

C-3. Adopt Resolution No. 2025-06, authorizing the replacement of the Grit Washer Tank for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Headworks.

Presenter: David Dale, Public Services Director

Recommendation: Adopt Resolution No. 2025-06, FINDING THAT SOLE SOURCE IS NECESSARY FOR REPLACEMENT OF THE GRIT WASHER TANK RoSF4 FOR THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT HEADWORKS

Moved by Obeso-Martinez, seconded by Amparano to approve Resolution No. 2025-06.

AYES: Amparano, Mendoza, Obeso-Martinez and Tucker

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Burnworth
MOTION CARRIES: 4-0

C-4. Adopt Resolution No. 2025-07, authorizing the repair of the Wastewater Treatment Plant Headworks Fine Screen.

Presenter: David Dale, Public Services Director

Recommendation: Adopt Resolution No. 2025-07, FINDING THAT SOLE SOURCE IS NECESSARY FOR THE REPAIR OF THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT HEADWORKS FINE SCREEN.

Action Item C-4 was moved to the consent agenda per Council Member Amparano.

C-5. Adopt Resolution No. 2025-08, approving the purchase of valve exercise equipment for the Water Treatment Plant.

Presenter: David Dale, Public Services Director

Recommendation: Adopt Resolution No. 2025-08, FINDING THAT SOLE SOURCE IS NECESSARY FOR THE PURCHASE OF WACHS VALVE EXERCISE EQUIPMENT FOR THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT

Moved by Mendoza, seconded by Obeso-Martinez to approve Resolution No. 2025-08.

AYES: Amparano, Mendoza, Obeso-Martinez and Tucker

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Burnworth

MOTION CARRIES: 4-0

C-6. Approve the property transfer and accept ownership of parcels 063-064-001 and 063-064-022 through Grant Deeds for retention basin purposes.

Presenter: David Dale, Public Services Director

Recommendation: Approve the property transfer and accept ownership of parcels 063-064-001 and 063-064-022 through Grant Deeds for retention basin purposes.

Action item C-6 was moved to the consent agenda per Council Member Amparano.

C-7. Approve the property transfer and accept ownership of parcel number 044-602-018 through a Grant Deed for retention basin purposes.

Presenter: David Dale, Public Services Director

Recommendation: Approve the property transfer and accept ownership of parcel number 044-602-018 through a Grant Deed for retention purposes.

Action item C-7 was moved to the consent agenda per Council Member Amparano.

D. REPORTS:

- D-1.** Departments reported on their activities since the last city council meeting.
- D-2.** City Manager Report: None
- D-3.** The mayor and council members have 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 8:20 p.m. and adjourned until the next council meeting on March 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 5th day of March 2025.



KRISTINA SHIELDS
City Clerk