



*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

**March 5, 2025**

**Closed Session at 06:00 pm**

**Open Session at 07:00 pm**

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

**CALLED TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

Mayor Tucker arrived at 6:34 p.m.

**ABSENT:** Mayor Pro Tem Obeso-Martinez

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

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

##### **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION (Section 54956.9)**

Case Name: R. Collado

##### **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

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

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 7:04 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** Council Members Amparano, Burnworth, Mendoza, and Mayor Tucker.

**ABSENT:** Mayor Pro Tem Obeso-Martinez

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Othon Mora.

**ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:** The City Manager noted that item A-3 will be moved to a future date, and item B-4 will be transferred to action items as C-4.

**CITY ATTORNEY REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION:** City Attorney Turner stated that direction was given for two items of anticipated litigation.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Public comment received by Peter Martinez about educational pathways at Imperial Valley College.

Public comments received by Rigoberto, Gerald Robinson, Sean Arviso, Kelly Moreno, Elizabeth Warner, and Maryann Jarvis regarding a halfway house in the city of Imperial.

**Mayor Tucker called for a recess at 7:39 p.m. to collect contact information from the public regarding the halfway house. Mayor Tucker resumed the meeting at 7:51 p.m.**

**A. PRESENTATIONS:**

- A-1. Proclamation presentation for Women’s History Month
- A-2. Proclamation presentation for Engineer’s Week
- A-3. 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 February 19, 2025.
- B-3. Receive and file the independent city audit report for fiscal year 2023.
- B-4. Declare Public Services equipment as surplus and authorize the sale and disposal.

**Consent agenda B-4 was moved to action item C-4.**

**Moved by Mendoza, seconded by Amparano to approve action items B-1 to B-3.**

**AYES:** Amparano, Burnworth, Mendoza, and Tucker

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** Obeso-Martinez

**MOTION CARRIES: 4-0**

**C. ACTION ITEMS (DISCUSSION/ACTION):**

**C-4.** Declare Public Services equipment as surplus and authorize the sale and disposal.

**Mayor Tucker asked for a motion on C-4 before starting C-1.**

**Moved by Mendoza, seconded by Amparano** to approve Public Services equipment as surplus and authorize the sale and disposal.

**AYES:** Amparano, Burnworth, Mendoza, and Tucker

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** Obeso-Martinez

**MOTION CARRIES: 4-0**

**C-1.** Approve the purchase of two (2) new 2024 Ford F250 service trucks for the Water Treatment Plant.

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

**Recommendation:** Approve the purchase of two (2) new 2024 Ford service trucks for the Water Treatment Plant.

**Moved by Amparano, seconded by Burnworth** to approve the purchase of two new 2024 Ford service trucks for the Water Treatment Plant.

**AYES:** Amparano, Burnworth, Mendoza, and Tucker

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** Obeso-Martinez

**MOTION CARRIES: 4-0**

**C-2.** Approve an agreement between the City of Imperial and the Imperial Irrigation District (IID) for an IID Pole Attachment Program.

**Presenter:** R. Alejandro Estrada, DoIT Director

**Recommendation:** Approve an agreement between the City of Imperial and the Imperial Irrigation District (IID) for an IID Pole Attachment Program.

**Moved by Burnworth, seconded by Amparano** to approve an agreement between the City of Imperial and the Imperial Irrigation District for an IID Pole Attachment Program.

**AYES:** Amparano, Burnworth, Mendoza, and Tucker

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** Obeso-Martinez

**MOTION CARRIES: 4-0**

**C-3.** Approval and adoption of the City of Imperial’s Vacancy, Recruitment, and Retention Efforts Policy.

**Presenter:** Kristen Smith, Human Resources Manager

**Recommendation:** Approval and adoption of the City of Imperial’s Vacancy, Recruitment, and Retention Efforts Policy.

**Moved by Burnworth, seconded by Mendoza** to approve and adopt the City of Imperial’s Vacancy, Recruitment, and Retention Efforts Policy.

**AYES:** Amparano, Burnworth, Mendoza, and Tucker

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** Obeso-Martinez

**MOTION CARRIES: 4-0**

**D. REPORTS:**

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

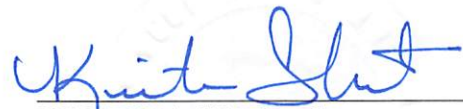
**D-2.** City Manager Report: None

**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 8:29 p.m. and adjourned until the next council meeting on March 19, 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 March 2025.



KRISTINA SHIELDS  
City Clerk