

Imperial City Council

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



MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Imperial City Council

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

January 7, 2026

Closed Session at 06:00 pm

Open Session at 07:00 pm

6:00 P.M. CLOSED SESSION

The regularly scheduled closed session was rescheduled to be held immediately after the open session.

7:00 P.M. REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Obeso-Martinez called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Council Members Burnworth, Tucker, and Mayor Obeso-Martinez.

ABSENT: Council Member Amparano and Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: A member of the Soroptimist Club led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA: There were none.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Kelly Jordan, Michelle Hollinger, and Robert Powell were present regarding the Data Center.

A. PRESENTATIONS:

A-1. STEAM WARS Presentation by Soroptimist President Ivonne Sotomayor.

B. CONSENT AGENDA:

B-1. Approval of Warrants Report.

B-2. Ratify Letter of Support regarding SB 58 Hydrogen Sulfide Standard.

B-3. Authorization to reject claim CW CJP-3052942 D. Islas, as recommended by Carl Warren & Co.

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

AYES: Burnworth, Tucker, Obeso-Martinez

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Amparano, Mendoza

MOTION CARRIES: 3-0

C. PUBLIC HEARING (DISCUSSION/ACTION):

C-1. Conduct a public hearing for the purpose of approving the vacation of a public right-of-way portion of O Street between 1st Street and 2nd Street as recommended by the Planning Commission.

Mayor Obeso-Martinez opened the public hearing at 7:19 p.m. Yvonne Cordero, Planner, presented the information to Council. Mayor Obeso-Martinez closed the public hearing at 7:20 p.m.

Presenter: Yvonne Cordero, Planner

Recommendation: Adopt Resolution No. 2026-01, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE VACATION OF THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY PORTION OF O STREET BETWEEN 1ST STREET AND 2ND STREET WITHIN THE CITY OF IMPERIAL.

Moved by Burnworth, seconded by Tucker, to approve Resolution No. 2026-01.

AYES: Burnworth, Tucker, Obeso-Martinez

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Amparano, Mendoza

MOTION CARRIES: 3-0

C-2. Conduct a public hearing for the purpose of approving Tentative Tract Map 24-02 for Monterrey Park Subdivision #2 Unit 3D.

Mayor Obeso-Martinez opened the public hearing at 7:21 p.m. Yvonne Cordero, Planner, presented the information to Council. Mayor Obeso-Martinez closed the public hearing at 7:22 p.m.

Presenter: Yvonne Cordero, Planner

Recommendation: Adopt Resolution No. 2026-02, A RESOLUTION APPROVING TENTATIVE TRACT MAP 24-02 FOR MONTERREY PARK SUBDIVISION #2 UNIT 3D APN 064-295-084 AND APN 064-281-068.

Moved by Burnworth, seconded by Tucker, to approve Resolution No. 2026-02.

AYES: Burnworth, Tucker, Obeso-Martinez

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Amparano, Mendoza

MOTION CARRIES: 3-0

D. ACTION ITEMS (DISCUSSION/ACTION):

D-1. Update regarding the 6th Street & H Street Imperial Apartments Window Replacement Project and authorization to seek bids for kitchen and bathroom rehabilitation.

Presenter: Thomas Garcia, Assistant to the City Manager

Recommendation: Authorize staff to seek bids for kitchen and bathroom rehabilitation.

Moved by Tucker, seconded by Burnworth, to approve and authorize staff to seek bids for kitchen and bathroom rehabilitation.

AYES: Burnworth, Tucker, Obeso-Martinez

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Amparano, Mendoza

MOTION CARRIES: 3-0

D-2. Approval of accepting updates to the Imperial Police Department Policy Manual through Lexipol.

Presenter: Aaron Reel, Police Chief

Recommendation: Approve the Lexipol updates to the Imperial Police Department Policy Manual.

Moved by Burnworth, seconded by Tucker, to approve the Lexipol updates to the Imperial Police Department Policy Manual.

AYES: Burnworth, Tucker, Obeso-Martinez

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Amparano, Mendoza

MOTION CARRIES: 3-0

E. REPORTS:

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

E-2. City Manager Report: None

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Seeing no further business before the Council, Mayor Obeso-Martinez ended this meeting and adjourned into closed session from 7:45 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., with the next council meeting on January 21, 2026, 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 18th day of February 2026.

7:45 P.M. CLOSED SESSION

ROLL CALL: Council Members Burnworth, Tucker, Mayor Obeso-Martinez, City Manager Morita, Assistant to the City Manager Garcia, City Attorney Turner.

ABSENT: Council Member Amparano and Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza.

PUBLIC COMMENT FOR CLOSED SESSION ITEMS ONLY: There were none.

CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNS INTO CLOSED SESSION

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNCIL – EXISTING LITIGATION G.C §54956.9

City of Imperial v. Imperial Valley Computer Manufacturing LLC, et al, Imperial County Superior Court Case No ECU004457 and Novalk, LLC v. City of Imperial et. al, United States District Court for the Southern District of California, 25CV2307 BAS DDL

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNCIL ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Initiation of Litigation pursuant to California Government Code §54956.9(c)
Potential Cases: 1 item.

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS G.C. §54957.6

Agency Representatives: City Manager
Employee Organization: Imperial Police Officers Association, Teamsters Local 542 & Employee Organization Management Supervisory, Professional, Confidential, and Police Captain/Unrepresented

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION: City Attorney Turner stated that directions were given to council on Existing Litigation and Anticipated Litigation, no action. Direction given to negotiators on Labor Negotiators.

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January 21, 2026
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6:00 P.M. CLOSED SESSION

The closed session meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Council Members Amparano, Tucker, Mayor Obeso-Martinez, City Manager Morita, Assistant to the City Manager Garcia, City Attorney Turner.

Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza arrived at 6:30 p.m.

ABSENT: Council Member Burnworth.

PUBLIC COMMENT FOR CLOSED SESSION ITEMS ONLY:

Andrew Rauch was present regarding a proposal for some city-owned property.

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL:

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNCIL ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
 Initiation of Litigation pursuant to California Government Code §54956.9(c)
 Potential Cases: 1 item.

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNCIL – EXISTING LITIGATION G.C §54956.9(d)(1)

- i. Novalk, LLC v. City of Imperial et. al, United States District Court for the Southern District of California, 25CV2307 BAS DDL
- ii. City of Imperial vs. Imperial Valley Computer Manufacturing LLC, et al, Imperial County Superior Court Case No ECU004457
- iii. Imperial Valley Manufacturing, LLC vs. City of Imperial, United States District Court for the Southern District of California Case No 26CV128 JLS BJW.

CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS- G.C.§ 54956.8

Property Address: 063-054-038 Agency Negotiator: City Manager

Negotiating Parties: entity controlled by Minerva Kelada, Under Negotiation: Price and Terms

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS G.C. §54957.6

Agency Representatives: City Manager

Employee Organization: Imperial Police Officers Association, Teamsters Local 542 & Employee

Organization Management Supervisory, Professional, Confidential, and Police Captain/Unrepresented

7:00 P.M. REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Obeso-Martinez called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

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

ABSENT: Council Member Burnworth.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: James Tucker led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA: There were none.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION: City Attorney Turner stated that directions were given to the council on Anticipated Litigation and Existing Litigation. Directions were given to the Negotiators for Real Property and Labor.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There were none.

A. PRESENTATIONS

A-1. Q1 Budget Presentation by Finance Director Victor Manriquez.

B. CONSENT AGENDA:

B-1. Approval of Warrants Report.

B-2. Approve City Council Minutes for the regular meeting of December 17, 2025.

B-3. Receive and file the attached Fiscal Year 2024 Independent Audit Report.

B-4. Acceptance of an 80-ft reservation of portion of Belford Rd and SR-86, APN 063-054-038.

Moved by Amparano, seconded by Tucker, to approve the Consent Agenda.

AYES: Amparano, Tucker, Mendoza, Obeso-Martinez

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Burnworth

MOTION CARRIES: 4-0

C. ACTION ITEMS (DISCUSSION/ACTION):

C-1. City Council Committee Appointments for the 2026 calendar year.

Presenter: Mayor Obeso-Martinez

Recommendation: Consider and approve the appointments as recommended by Mayor Obeso-Martinez for the 2026 calendar year.

Moved by Mendoza, seconded by Amparano, to approve the following appointments for the 2026 Calendar year.

AYES: Amparano, Tucker, Mendoza, Obeso-Martinez

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Burnworth

MOTION CARRIES: 4-0

Personnel Committee – Primary: Burnworth & Amparano, Alternate: Obeso-Martinez

Ad Hoc Committee – Primary: Obeso-Martinez, Mendoza, Alternate: Burnworth

Regional Park Ad Hoc – Primary: Obeso-Martinez, Mendoza, Alternate: Amparano

Imperial Art District Committee – Primary: Obeso-Martinez, Alternate: Burnworth

Friends of Imperial Parks – Primary: Obeso-Martinez, Alternate: Burnworth

Airport Land Use Committee – Primary: Yvonne Cordero, Alternate: Tommy Garcia

Air Pollution Control District – Primary: Tucker, Alternate: Amparano

Centinela Advisory Committee – Tucker, Alternate: Capt. Sheffield

CJPIA – Primary: Mendoza, Alternate: Amparano

IVRCC – Primary: Obeso-Martinez, Alternate: Jenell Guerrero

ICTC- Primary: Amparano, Alternate: Mendoza

SCAG – Primary: Mendoza, Alternate: Obeso-Martinez

C-2. Reject all bids for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Demolition Project and authorize re-bidding.

Presenter: Jenell Guerrero, Public Services Manager

Recommendation: Reject all bids for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Demolition Bid 2025-19, CIP 849, and authorize staff to re-bid the project.

Moved by Tucker, seconded by Mendoza, to reject all bids for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Demolition Bid 2025-19, CIP 849, and authorize staff to re-bid the project.

AYES: Amparano, Tucker, Mendoza, Obeso-Martinez

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Burnworth

MOTION CARRIES: 4-0

D. REPORTS:

D-1. Department heads reported on their activities since the last city council meeting.

D-2. City Manager Report: None

D-3. The Mayor and Council members reported on their activities since the last city council meeting and on upcoming events.

ADJOURNMENT:

Seeing no further business before the Council, Mayor Obeso-Martinez ended this meeting and adjourned into closed session from 7:37 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., with the next council meeting on February 4, 2026, 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 18th day of February 2026.

KRISTINA SHIELDS, City Clerk

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February 4, 2026

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The City Council meetings are live-streamed on the City's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/cityofimperial by remaining in the room, you are giving permission to be recorded.

Public Comments: Members of the public who wish to speak are encouraged to fill out a Speaker Slip and submit it to the City Clerk before the start of the meeting. Public comments are limited to 3 minutes. Comments may also be submitted by email to CityClerk@imperial.ca.gov no later than 5:00 p.m., the day of the meeting.

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6:00 P.M. CLOSED SESSION

Closed session was called to order at 6:03 p.m.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT FOR CLOSED SESSION ITEMS ONLY: There were none.

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION (Gov. Code §54956.9(d)(1).)

- i. City of Imperial vs. Imperial Valley Computer Manufacturing LLC, et al, Imperial County Superior Court Case No ECU004457
- ii. Imperial Valley Manufacturing, LLC vs. City of Imperial, United States District Court for the Southern District of California Case No 26CV128 JLS BJW.

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Significant exposure to litigation (Gov. Code §54956.9(d)(2)) – 1 Potential Case
Initiation of Litigation (Gov. Code §54956.9(d)(4)) – 1 Case

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS G.C. §54957.6

Agency Representatives: City Manager
Employee Organization: Imperial Police Officers Association, Teamsters Local 542 & Employee Organization Management Supervisory, Professional, Confidential, and Police Captain/Unrepresented

7:00 P.M. REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Obeso-Martinez Called the meeting to order at 7:13 p.m.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Geoff Dale led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA: There were none.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION: City Attorney Turner stated directions were given to City Council on Existing Litigation with no action. Direction was also given on Anticipated Litigation.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Geoff Dale expressed concerns about a citation he received by Imperial Police Department.

Several members of the Imperial Valley were present to thank the City of Imperial and let the City Council know that they stand behind them regarding the Data Center.

A. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A-1.** Approval of Warrants Report.
- A-2.** Approval of the 2026 Memorandum of Understanding with the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) Program.
- A-3.** Authorization to reject claim CW file number CJP-3055815 SDV N. Valdez as recommended by Carl Warren.
- A-4.** Receive and file the Q1 budget report for FY25-26 and approve Resolution No. 2026-07.

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

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIES: 5-0

B. PUBLIC HEARING (DISCUSSION/ACTION):

- B-1.** Public hearing to discuss the intent to vacate a public right-of-way portion of O Street between 2nd Street and 3rd Street.

Mayor Obeso-Martinez opened the Public Hearing at 7:40 p.m. Yvonne Cordero, Planner, Presented the information to Council. Seeing no other comments, Mayor Obeso-Martinez closed the public Hearing at 7:41 p.m.

Presenter: Yvonne Cordero, Planner

Recommendation: Adopt Resolution No. 2026-03, RESOLUTION OF INTENTION TO VACATE A PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY.

Moved by Amparano, seconded by Mendoza, to approve Resolution No. 2026-03.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIES: 5-0

C. ACTION ITEMS (DISCUSSION/ACTION):

- C-1.** Adopt Resolution No. 2026-05, approving a Military Equipment Use Policy for the Imperial Police Department.

Presenter: Aaron Reel, Police Chief

Recommendation: Adopt Resolution No. 2026-05, A RESOLUTION APPROVING MILITARY EQUIPMENT USE POLICY FOR THE IMPERIAL POLICE DEPARTMENT PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 7070-7075 AB481.

Moved by Mendoza, seconded by Amparano, to approve Resolution No. 2026-05.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIES: 5-0

D. REPORTS:

- D-1.** Departments have 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 Obeso-Martinez ended this meeting at 7:50 p.m. and adjourned until the next council meeting on February 18, 2026.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the city of Imperial, California, this 18th day of February 2026.

KRISTINA SHIELDS, City Clerk