

**MINUTES  
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
AND PLANNING COMMISSION  
CITY OF IMPERIAL  
200 WEST 9<sup>TH</sup> STREET  
IMPERIAL, CA 92251-1637  
FEBRUARY 2, 2022  
OPEN SESSION: 6:00 PM**

**A. CITY COUNCIL AND PLANNING COMMISSION CONVENES TO OPEN SESSION AT 6:00 P.M.**

CITY COUNCIL PRESENT: EUGENIO, TUCKER, MAYOR PRO TEM BURNWORTH AND MAYOR DALE.

PLANNING COMMISSION PRESENT: ABATTI, RIVERA, VICE CHAIR MENDOZA AND CHAIRMAN HAMMERNESS

CITY STAFF PRESENT: MORITA, BROWN, MORA, HOLBROOK

**MAYOR DALE CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:02 PM.**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS LED BY MORA**

**ADJUSTMENTS TO THIS AGENDA**

NONE

**B. PUBLIC APPEARANCES:**

**B-1.** Matters appearing on the agenda.

NONE

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

**C-1. SUBJECT: PUBLIC HEARING/DISCUSSION/ACTION: SIXTH HOUSING ELEMENT  
CYCLE 2021-2029**

MAYOR DALE opened the Public Hearing at 6:03PM.

MORA introduced the item and consultant Sally Schiffman “SCHIFFMAN” who presented an over of the final element. SHIFFMAN reviewed the needs and determining elements of the housing element and how the element works in conjunction with the General Plan. Consultants reviewed RHNA numbers and how SCAG allocates those numbers to each county and then to each City. 1601 housing units is the City’s allocation. Consultant reviewed the breakdown of Very Low to Moderate Income breakdown. Review of the outreach options through traditional print methods as well as social media and survey outreach.

Commissioner Abatti and Councilmember Eugenio have joined the meeting at 6:12PM.

It is important to note that the City has the land to accommodate the RHNA numbers at all income levels with a bit of a buffer. There are five primary goals that the City must work to achieve for the duration of this element.

Burnworth, pointed out that the population data seems to be out dated from the 2010 and asked why the 2020 is there a reason for that. SCHIFFMAN at the time the study was being conducted, the 2020 data wasn't available. Also, the data regarding wastewater is outdated. No further discussion was held by the City Council or Planning Commission.

MAYOR DALE closed the Public Hearing at 6:31 PM.

MAYOR DALE deferred to Chairman Hammerness for the first action.

CHAIRMAN HAMMERNESS called for a motion of the Imperial Planning Commission.

**ACTION#1:**

MOTION BY MENDOZA TO APPROVE RESOLUTION PC NO. 2022-01 RECOMMENDING THE CITY COUNCIL ADOPT THE SIXTH HOUSING ELEMENT CYCLE FOR 2021-2029. SECONDED BY RIVERA.

AYES: ABATTI, RIVERA, MENDOZA, AND HAMMERNESS  
NOES: NONE  
ABSTAIN: NONE  
ABSENT: HARVEY

MOTION CARRIED: 4-0

**ACTION #2:**

MOTION BY EUGENIO TO ACCEPT IMPERIAL PLANNING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION AS ADOPTED IN PC 2022-01 AND APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2022-16 OF THE CITY COUNCIL ADOPTING THE SIXTH HOUSING ELEMENT CYCLE FOR 2021-2029. SECONDED BY BURNWORTH.

AYES: EUGENIO, TUCKER, BURNWORTH AND DALE  
NOES: NONE  
ABSTAIN: NONE  
ABSENT: AMPARANO

MOTION CARRIED: 4-0

**MAYOR DALE ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 6:33 P.M.**

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL**  
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**A. CITY COUNCIL CONVENES TO CLOSED SESSION AT 6:30 PM.**

MAYOR DALE CONVENED TO CLOSED SESSION AT 6:34 PM.

CITY COUNCIL PRESENT: AMPARANO, EUGENIO, TUCKER, BURNWORTH AND DALE  
STAFF PRESENT: MORITA, BROWN, MORA, LOPEZ, CHIEF BARRA AND CAPT. SHEFFIELD

**A-1. SUBJECT: CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-ANTICIPATED LITIGATION.**  
(Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of Subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9).  
One (2) potential case.

**A-2. SUBJECT: EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (Section 54954.5(e))**  
Title: City Manager

CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNS CLOSED SESSION AT 7:20 PM.

**B. CITY COUNCIL RE-CONVENES TO OPEN SESSION AT 7:00 P.M.**

**MAYOR DALE CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:23PM.**

CITY COUNCIL PRESENT: AMPARANO, EUGENIO, TUCKER, BURNWORTH AND DALE

CITY STAFF PRESENT: MORITA, BROWN, HOLBROOK, GUTIERREZ, MORA, HALLER, ESTRADA JR., ESTRADA, LOPEZ, BARRA AND LOPER

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY LOPEZ**

**ADJUSTMENTS TO THIS AGENDA**

NONE

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**

NONE

**C. PUBLIC APPEARANCES:**

**C-1.** Matters not appearing on the agenda.

NONE

**C-2.** Matters appearing on the agenda.

NONE

**D. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:**

**D-1. NAF EI CENTRO**

CAPT PERKINS made a presentation re-emphasizing the bases mission. CAPT PERKINS reviewed the young pilots and initiatives that base currently handles. Reviewed local partnerships with El Centro SWAT and REACH. Last year there was virtual airshow. Partnerships with KXO radio made that possibly safely due to the pandemic. Navy Region of the Southwest Small Installation of the Year. Range Safety and Environmental stewardship. The Navy continues to be a good partner of the environment, fiscally responsible with Tax dollars, making sure the public is aware of the boundaries of the base. Studying how the Navy operations impacts the flat-tail horned lizard. CAPT PERKINS asks our assistance in distributing information to locals to be more mindful of base boundaries while recreating out in the desert. The Festival of Flight is upcoming, they are watching what the fairgrounds is going to be doing, the base would like to have as close to a live event as possible. CAPT PERKINS reviewed Fire and EMS partnerships with local agencies in the community. Base is also doing an economic impact study and does so about every five years. CAPT PERKINS is honored to represent the men and women out in town.

COUNCIL expressed their appreciation for the City’s partnership with the base and the men and women who serve and protect our Country. No further discussion or comments from the City Council.

**E. CONSENT AGENDA:**

All items appearing under “Consent Agenda” will be acted upon by the City Council by one motion without discussion. Should any Council member or other person request that any item be considered separately that item will then be taken up at the time as determined by the **MAYOR**

- E-1.** Approval of claims/warrants report.
- E-2.** Approval of Minutes from Regular Meeting of the City Council on January 19, 2022.
- E-3.** Award of Labor Compliance Services for Paseo Del Sol Fitness Project.
- E-4.** Award of Labor Compliance Services for Airport Waterline Loop Construction Project.

TUCKER MOTIONED TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. BURNWORTH SECONDED.

AYES:	AMPARANO, EUGENIO, TUCKER, BURNWORTH AND DALE
NOES:	NONE
ABSTAIN:	NONE
ABSENT:	NONE

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0

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

**F-1. SUBJECT: DISCUSSION ONLY: VANDALISM AT CITY PARKS**

DISCUSSION:

MORITA introduced the item to the City Council referencing the request to come from Councilmember EUGENIO as she was noticing an increase in graffiti and vandalism. Morita introduced the item stating that Councilmember Eugenio has requested this item be placed on the agenda as she is noticing an increase in graffiti and vandalism. Morita stated that the issue is in catching people who due this. LOPEZ reviewed the photos

provided focusing on Joshua Tree park and the shattered toilets and urinals. LOPEZ also reviewed Savannah Ranch vandalism. Additionally, images were provided of graffiti on fencing. Vandalism to the whale tale at the splash pad. LOPEZ reviewed the costs to replace the whale tale. The partitions at the Eager restrooms are being replaced for the third time. EUGENIO asked if closing the restrooms would help solve some of the problems? TUCKER responded he didn't think that issues were happening at night, they seemed to be during the day. DALE stated that part of getting this under control involves increasing security cameras and he would like to see the City devote some resources into curbing the issues. AMPARANO stated the monies we could be using to enhance our parks have to now be used to repair and replace features. BURNWORTH expressed her disgust in seeing the photos and referred to how hard the City fought to keep parks open during COVID and now we have kids acting like animals destroying them. EUGENIO asked if perhaps the Police Department could conduct some outreach at the schools to help mitigate the issue. CHIEF BARRA stated that he would work with the SRO and further asked the public to report vandalism and graffiti to the Department, rather than just posting this on social media. No further discussion was held by the City Council.

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN BY THE COUNCIL ON THIS ITEM

**F-2. SUBJECT: DISCUSSION/ACTION: REPAIRS TO VFD AT BOOSTER PUMP**

DISCUSSION:

LOPER presented the item to the City Council. AMPARANO asked where this was at in the budget (?). LOPER explained that it is listed under maintenance of equipment in the budget. BURNWORTH asked how many of these booster pumps do we have? LOPER stated that we have four (4) booster pumps. No further discussion was held by the City Council. MAYOR DALE called for a motion.

ACTION:

TUCKER MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE REPAIR AND/OR REPLACEMENT TO VFD ON BOOSTER PUMP IN THE AMOUNT (NOT TO EXCEED) \$39,000.00. AMPARANO SECONDED THE MOTION.

AYES: AMPARANO, EUGENIO, TUCKER, BURNWORTH AND DALE  
NOES: NONE  
ABSTAIN: NONE  
ABSENT: NONE

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0

**F-3. SUBJECT: DISCUSSION/ACTION: WATER RESERVOIR VALVES**

DISCUSSION:

LOPER presented the item to the City Council. No further discussion was held by the Council. MAYOR DALE called for a motion.

MOTION BY TUCKER TO APPROVE THE REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE TO WATER RESERVOIR VALVES NOT TO EXCEED \$11,000.00. SECONDED BY BURNWORTH

AYES: AMPARANO, EUGENIO, TUCKER, BURNWORTH AND DALE  
NOES: NONE  
ABSTAIN: NONE  
ABSENT: NONE

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0

**F-4. SUBJECT: DISCUSSION/ACTION: CYBERSECURITY INFRASTRUCTURE**

DISCUSSION:

ESTRADA presented the item to the City Council. AMPARANO asked if this was a purchase or lease of equipment(?). ESTRADA clarified that it was a purchase that provided access to the software for five (5) years. No further discussion was held by the City Council. MAYOR DALE called for a motion.

ACTION:

MOTION BY BURNWORTH TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE AND DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS FOR CYBERSECURITY INFRASTRUCTURE ITEMS. SECONDED BY TUCKER.

AYES: AMPARANO, EUGENIO, TUCKER, BURNWORTH AND DALE

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0

**MAYOR DALE ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 7:54 PM UNTIL THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2022, AT 7:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES**  
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**FEBRUARY 16, 2022**

**A. CITY COUNCIL CONVENES TO CLOSED SESSION AT 6:00 PM.**

MAYOR DALE CONVENED CLOSED SESSION AT 6:03 PM

COUNCIL PRESENT: AMPARANO, EUGENIO, TUCKER, BURNWORTH AND DALE  
STAFF PRESENT: MORITA, BROWN, HOLBROOK, AND MORA

**A-1. SUBJECT: CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-ANTICIPATED LITIGATION.**  
(Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of Subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9).  
Two (2) potential case.

**A-2. SUBJECT: CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION.**  
(Significant Exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) or (3) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9) One (1) potential case.

**A-3. SUBJECT: PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT. GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957 (b)(1)**  
Title: City Attorney

MAYOR DALE ADJOURNED CLOSED SESSION AT 6:34 PM.

**B. CITY COUNCIL RE-CONVENES TO OPEN SESSION AT 7:00 P.M.**

**MAYOR DALE CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:00 PM.**

CITY COUNCIL PRESENT: AMPARANO, EUGENIO, TUCKER, BURNWORTH AND DALE  
CITY STAFF PRESENT: MORA, CHIEF ESTRADA, ESTRADA, LOPEZ, CHIEF BARRA, LOPER.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY ESTRADA**

**ADJUSTMENTS TO THIS AGENDA**

MORITA stated that items D-2 and D-3 of the CONSENT AGENDA should be pulled. AMPARANO requested that ACTION ITEMS E-1 and E-3 be moved to the CONSENT AGENDA.

**ACTION:**

AMPARANO MOTIONED TO ADJUST THE REGULAR MEETING AGENDA AS PRESENTED BY CITY MANAGER MORITA. SECONDED BY BURNWORTH

AYES: AMPARANO, EUGENIO, TUCKER, BURNWORTH AND DALE

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE  
ABSENT: NONE  
MOTION CARRIED: 5-0

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**

NONE

**C. PUBLIC APPEARANCES:**

C-1. Matters not appearing on the agenda.

CAPT SHEFFIELD introduced School Resource Officer Ayala to provide an update on the recent traffic mitigation measures deployed at Frank Wright Middle School. OFCR. AYALA reviewed the events of the first few days with the City Council. COUNCIL recognized OFCR. AYALA for his efforts and presented him with a certification of appreciation as part of School Resource Officer Appreciation Day.

C-2. Matters appearing on the agenda.

NONE

**D. CONSENT AGENDA:**

D-1. Approval of claims/warrants report.

~~D-2. Approval of Minutes from Regular Meeting of the City Council on February 2, 2022.~~

~~D-3. Approval of Treasurers Report for the Month of December 2021.~~

D-4. Approval of Participation and Authorization to enter into an Agreement with State of California and U.S. Department of Justice relating to Distributor Settlement and Janssen Opioid Settlement.

E-1. Approval of five (5) year lease contract between City of Imperial and Canon Solutions America, Inc. For printer and plotter.

E-3. Approval to purchase two (2) Motorola APX 6000 radios not exceed \$14,000.00.

**ACTION:**

AMPARANO MOTIONED TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA AS AMENDED. SECONDED BY TUCKER.

AYES: AMPARANO, EUGENIO, TUCKER, BURNWORTH AND DALE  
NOES: NONE  
ABSTAIN: NONE  
ABSENT: NONE

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0

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

~~E-1. SUBJECT: DISCUSSION/ACTION: CANON SOLUTIONS AMERICA, INC.~~

*Moved to Consent*

E-2. SUBJECT: DISCUSSION/ACTION: DECLARATION OF IMPERIAL POLICE DEPARTMENT VEHICLE AS SURPLUS



**DISCUSSION:**

CAPT. SHEFFIELD presented the item to the City Council. AMPARANO asked if the equipment inside the vehicle would be stripped out prior to transfer of sale. SHEFFIELD stated that it would, and the equipment would be turned into Airwave to receive credit towards outfitting another unit. No further discussion was held by the City Council. MAYOR DALE called for a motion.

**ACTION #1:**

AMPARANO MOTIONED TO DECLARE IMPERIAL POLICE DEPARTMENT VEHICLE AS SURPLUS; SECONDED BY BURNWORTH.

AYES: AMPARANO, EUGENIO, TUCKER, BURNWORTH AND DALE  
NOES: NONE  
ABSTAIN: NONE  
ABSENT: NONE

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0

**ACTION #2:**

AMPARANO MOTIONED TO AUTHORIZE THE SALE AND/OR SALVAGE OF VEHICLE DECLARED SURPLUS. SECONDED BY TUCKER

AYES: AMPARANO, EUGENIO, TUCKER, BURNWORTH AND DALE  
NOES: NONE  
ABSTAIN: NONE  
ABSENT: NONE

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0

**E-3. SUBJECT: DISCUSSION/ACTION: PURCHASE OF COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT FOR IMPERIAL POLICE DEPARTMENT**

*Moved to consent*

**E-4. SUBJECT: DISCUSSION/ACTION: REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF FOUR (4) SANITARY SEWER MANHOLES ALONG 2<sup>ND</sup> STREET BETWEEN SR 86 AND “P” STREET**

**DISCUSSION:**

MORA presented the item to the City Council. AMPARANO expressed his appreciation for the cost savings on the balancing change order. No further discussion was held by the City Council. MAYOR DALE called for a motion.

**ACTION:**

AMPARANO MOTIONED TO TAKE ALL THREE ACTION ITEMS AS ONE APPROVING THE BALANCING CHANGE ORDER, ACCEPTING THE WORK AS COMPLETED AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK TO FILE THE NOTICE OF COMPLETION. SECONDED BY TUCKER.

AYES: AMPARANO, EUGENIO, TUCKER, BURNWORTH AND DALE

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0

**MAYOR DALE ADJOURNED THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT 7:15 PM UNTIL THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 2022, AT 7:00 P.M.**