

**MINUTES**  
**CITY COUNCIL**  
**AND**  
**SUCCESSOR AGENCY**  
**TO THE FORMER REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY**  
**CITY OF IMPERIAL**  
**JANUARY 17, 2018**

**A. CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY CONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** AMPARANO, PECHTL, SAMPSON, TUCKER, AND DALE

**OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT:** CITY ATTORNEY MORITA, CITY MANAGER CHATWIN, PUBLIC SERVICES DIRECTOR LOPER, FIRE CHIEF ESTRADA, POLICE CAPTAIN LUNA, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR HALLER, FINANCE DIRECTOR GUTIERREZ, HR DIRECTOR GADDIS, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR MORA, AND CITY CLERK JACKSON

MAYOR DALE called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and Council member AMPARANO led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**B. PRESENTATIONS**

**B-1. SUBJECT: RECOGNITION OF SERVICE TO OUTGOING PLANNING COMMISSIONERS SAM ROSS AND STEVE HONSE**

MAYOR DALE presented plaques of appreciation to Sam Ross for 26 years of service and to Steve HONSE for 7 years of service.

**C. PUBLIC APPEARANCES:**

GARY METELSKI, Imperial resident addressed Council regarding the EB 5 visas granted for the Hotel project and inquired if the visas will be revoked since the hotel is not completed and he requested that Council vote against zone change to allow cannabis dispensaries in the city.

**D. CONSENT AGENDA:**

- D-1.** Approval of claims/warrants report.
- D-2.** Approval of Treasurers' Report for the Month of December 2017.
- D-3.** Approval of Minutes for Regular Meeting December 6, 2017.

Motion by AMPARANO, seconded by PECHTL to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

AYES: AMPARANO, PECHTL, SAMPSON, TUCKER, AND DALE  
NOES: NONE  
ABSTAIN: NONE  
ABSENT: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

**E. NEW BUSINESS:**

**E-1. SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR TIME EXTENSION ON TENTATIVE MAP FOR MORNINGSTAR SUBDIVISION.**

RAY ROBEN, developer of the project was present.

1. APPROVE A THREE (3) YEAR TIME EXTENSION ON THE TENTATIVE MAP FOR THE MORNINGSTAR SUBDIVISION.

Motion by PECHTL, seconded by AMPARANO to extend map for 12 months with option for extension of additional two years if the water line is installed within one year.

AYES: AMPARANO, PECHTL, SAMPSON, TUCKER, AND DALE

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE MOTION CARRIED 5-0

**E-2. SUBJECT: TRAFFIC SIGNAL LIGHT AND INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT SR-86 AND NECKEL ROAD-FEDERAL AID PROJECT #HSIP-5134(013)**

1. APPROVE CHANGE ORDER APPROVAL PROCESS REGARDIING CONSTRUCTION SERVICES RELATED TO THE NEW TRAFFIC SIGNAL LIGHT AND INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS.

Motion by PECHTL, seconded by AMPARANO to give the City Manager discretionary approval of change orders for this project not to exceed 15% of original bid amount.

AYES: AMPARANO, PECHTL, SAMPSON, AND TUCKER

NOES: DALE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE MOTION CARRIED 4-1

**E-3. SUBJECT: AMENDMENT TO ZONING CODE RELATED TO CONDITIONAL USES IN COMMERCIAL ZONES TO ALLOW MEDICAL CANNABIS DISPENSARIES AND USES.**

1. 2<sup>ND</sup> READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 796, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF IMPERIAL AMENDING THE ZONING CODE RELATED TO MEDICAL CANNABIS DISPENSARIES AND USES – WAIVE READING AND ADOPT BY TITLE ONLY.

Motion by PECHTL, seconded by DALE to adopt Ordinance No. 706 by title only, waiving 2<sup>nd</sup> reading in its entirety.

AYES: PECHTL, TUCKER, AND DALE

NOES: AMPARANO AND SAMPSON

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE MOTION CARRIED 3-2

**E-4. SUBJECT: CTY COUNCIL LIAISONS, BOARDS AND/OR COMMISSIONS**

1. DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION TO THE CITY MANAGER REGARDING CITY COUNCIL LIAISONS, BOARDS, AND/OR COMMISSIONS.

Discussion only. Staff to review the necessity of some of these committees and determine the ones that are needed and remove from list is no longer needed.

**F. SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE FORMER REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY.**

**F-1. SUBJECT: SUCCESSOR AGENCY LAST AND FINAL RECOGNIZED OBLIGATION PAYMENT SCHEDULE (ROPS) FOR FY 18/19.**

1. APPROVE THE LAST AND FINAL RECOGNIZED OBLIGATION PAYMENT SCHEDULE FOR TIME PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2018 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2019 FOR SUBMITTAL TO THE OVERSIGHT BOARD FOR FURTHER ACTION.

Motion by PECHTL, seconded by TUCKER to approve the ROPS for FY 18/19 and forward to the Oversight Board.

AYES: AMPARANO, PECHTL, SAMPSON, AND TUCKER  
NOES: DALE  
ABSTAIN: NONE  
ABSENT: NONE MOTION CARRIED 5-0

**G. REPORTS:**

**G-1. SUBJECT: MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS.**

AMPARANO reported on attending the MAG Coalition event and presenting a proclamation from the city to them. Also reported on the Aviation Day event.

PECHTL thanked Sam Ross and Steve Honse for their service to the city as members of the Planning Commission.

**G-2. SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT HEAD AND STAFF REPORTS**

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR MORA gave an update of the Aten Sidewalk project and reported that staff is working on a procedure for processing applications for medical cannabis dispensaries which should be presented to them at the February 7, 2018 meeting.

HR DIRECTOR GADDIS updated the council on various staffing changes.

COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR HALLER reported that there were 55 participants in the 5K on the runway held as part of the Aviation Day activities.

FIRE CHIEF ESTRADA reported he attended the city's department leadership meeting earlier in the day.

**G-3. SUBJECT: CITY MANAGER REPORT.**

CHATWIN announced that this years' state of the city address will be held in conjunction with the Tri-Tip cook-off on February 24<sup>th</sup>.

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:00 P.M. UNTIL THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2018 AT 7:00 P.M.**

# MINUTES

## CITY COUNCIL CITY OF IMPERIAL FEBRUARY 7, 2018

### A. CITY COUNCIL CONVENED IN CLOSED SESSION AT 6:00 PM

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: AMPARANO, PECHTL (IN AT 6:15), SAMPSON, TUCKER, AND DALE

OTHERS PRESENT: CITY MANAGER CHATWIN AND CITY ATTORNEY MORITA

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

### B. CITY COUNCIL RE-CONVENED IN OPEN SESSION

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: AMPARANO, PECHTL, SAMPSON, TUCKER, AND DALE

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT: CITY ATTORNEY MORITA, CITY MANAGER CHATWIN, PUBLIC SERVICES DIRECTOR LOPER, FIRE CHIEF ESTRADA, POLICE CHIEF BARRA, HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR GADDIS, FINANCE DIRECTOR GUTIERREZ, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR MORA, AND CITY CLERK JACKSON

MAYOR DALE called Open Session to order at 7:00 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Othon Mora.

#### **ADJUSTMENTS TO THIS AGENDA:**

It was requested by staff to pull Item D-2 and Item E-1 from the agenda.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION:**

There was no action taken in Closed Session

### C. PUBLIC APPEARANCES:

RAY DERMA, owner Derma's Flooring, informed Council of the upcoming 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his company in the city. He is planning a celebration and Chamber mixer on March 15, 2018 and would like to block off portion of the streets on the west and north side of the business for the event.

MARVIN MUNSON, Imperial resident addressed Council on the Aten/La Brucherie intersection and inquired as to the timeline for installation of additional sidewalks. Glad to see this work being done.

CATHY TURNER, Imperial resident spoke about the road noise due to type of pavement on Hwy 86 on the west side of the Sunset Ranch condos. Concerns with how loud it is compared to the road noise just to the south of the condos. She asked if an overlay of additional pavement could be installed; inquired about status of hotel and Neckel/86 traffic signal project. Staff informed her that Hwy. 86 pavement was installed per Cal trans specs and an overlay is not included in this years' budget and also provided an update on the hotel and traffic signal projects.

### D. CONSENT AGENDA:

**D-1.** Approval of claims/warrants report.

**D-2.** Approval of Minutes for Regular Meetings of December 20, 2017 and January 3, 2018.

Motion by AMPARANO, seconded by PECHTL to approve item D-1.

AYES: AMPARANO, PECHTL, SAMPSON, TUCKER, AND DALE

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE MOTION CARRIED 5-0

**E. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**E-1. SUBJECT: PUBLIC HEARING – DISCUSSION/ACTION: ZONE CHANGE FROM R-1 (RESIDENTIAL SINGLE FAMILY) TO C-2 (COMMERCIAL GENERAL) FOR PARCEL AT HWY 86 EAST OF NORTH IMPERIAL AVENUE, NORTH OF 15<sup>TH</sup> STREET.**

1. INTRODUCTION/1<sup>ST</sup> READING BY TITLE ONLY OF ORDINANCE NO. 797, AMENDING THE IMPERIAL CITY CODE TO CHANGE THE ZONING DESIGNATION OF A SPECIFIED PARCEL FROM R-1 (RESIDENTIAL, SINGLE FAMILY) TO C-2 (COMMERCIAL GENERAL).

This item was pulled from the agenda. No discussion or action taken.

**F. NEW BUSINESS:**

**F-1. SUBJECT: CAMBRIA PARK SITE CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPMENT (VICTORIA RANCH SUBDIVISION).**

1. APPROVAL TO TERMINATE CAMBRIA PARK SITE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH VR CAMBRIA INC.

Motion by PECHTL, seconded by TUCKER to terminate the contract with VR Cambria, Inc.

AYES: AMPARANO, PECHTL, SAMPSON, TUCKER, AND DALE

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE MOTION CARRIED 5-0

2. AUTHORIZATION TO SEEK BIDS

Motion by AMPARANO, seconded by TUCKER to authorize staff to seek bids.

AYES: AMPARANO, PECHTL, SAMPSON, TUCKER, AND DALE

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE MOTION CARRIED 5-0

**F-2. SUBJECT: TRAFFIC SIGNAL LIGHT AND INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT SR-86 AND NECKEL ROAD-FEDERAL AID PROJECT #HSIP-5134(013)**

1. APPROVE CHANGE ORDER #8, #9, #10, #11, #12, #13, #16, and #17 AS SUBMITTED FOR THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$94,624.40.

Motion by TUCKER, seconded by SAMPSON to approve Change Orders #8, #9, #10, #11, #12, #13, #16, and #17.

AYES: AMPARANO, SAMPSON, TUCKER, AND DALE

NOES: PECHTL

ABSTAIN: NONE  
ABSENT: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 4-1

**F-3. SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SELECTION FOR IMPERIAL COUNTY ESSENTIAL AIR SERVICE (EAS) PROVIDER**

1. APPROVAL TO PROVIDE LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR MOKULELE AIRLINES TO U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE SELECTION OF THE IMPERIAL COUNTY AIRPORT EAS PROVIDER.

Motion by AMPARANO, seconded by SAMPSON to authorize the City Manager to submit a letter of support for Mokulele Airlines to the Department of Transportation.

AYES: AMPARANO, PECHTL, SAMPSON, TUCKER, AND DALE

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

**F-4. SUBJECT: STREET AND SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS FOR “F” AND “G” STREETS BETWEEN BARIONI BOULEVARD AND 15<sup>TH</sup> STREET. 15-CDBG-10577**

1. AUTHORIZATION TO SEEK BIDS

Motion by PECHTL, seconded by AMPARANO to authorize staff to seek bids.

AYES: AMPARANO, PECHTL, SAMPSON, TUCKER, AND DALE

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

**F-5. SUBJECT: DOGWOOD ROAD PAVEMENT REHABILITATION FROM ATEN BOULEVARD TO SOUTHEAST CITY LIMIT – FEDERAL AID PROJECT #RSTP-5134(019) – CITY OF IMPERIAL BID NO. 2017-03.**

1. APPROVAL OF BALANCING CHANGE ORDER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,255.30

Motion by TUCKER, seconded by AMPARANO to approve the balancing change order in the amount of \$15,255.30.

AYES: AMPARANO, SAMPSON, TUCKER, AND DALE

NOES: PECHTL

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 4-1

2. ACCEPTANCE OF PROJECT AS COMPLETED BY AGGREGATE PRODUCTS, INC. (API) AND AUTHORIZE FILING OF NOTICE OF COMPLETION.

Motion by AMPARANO, seconded by TUCKER to accept the project as completed and authorize the filing of Notice of Completion.

AYES: AMPARANO, SAMPSON, TUCKER, AND DALE

NOES: PECHTL

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 4-1

**F-6. SUBJECT: REVIEW OF EXISTING CITY OF IMPERIAL ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE SALE OF FIREWORKS.**

**1. REVIEW AND PROVIDE DIRECTION REGARDING THE PROHIBITION OF SALE OF FIREWORKS WITHIN THE CITY OF IMPERIAL**

Direction was given to staff to prepare an ordinance that will allow the sale of safe and sane fireworks and the allowance to discharge of same in city limits.

**F-7. SUBJECT: POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR PERMIT APPLICATION FOR MEDICAL CANNABIS DISPENSARIES**

- 1. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2018-01, ADOPTING APPLICATION PROCESS AND POLICIES AND PROCEDURES REGARDING MEDICAL CANNABIS DISPENSARIES OUTLINED IN ORDINANCE 795.**

Motion by PECHTL, seconded by TUCKER to approve Resolution 2018-01.

AYES: PECHTL, TUCKER, AND DALE  
NOES: AMPARANO AND SAMPSON  
ABSTAIN: NONE  
ABSENT: NONE MOTION CARRIED 3-2

**F-8. SUBJECT: CITY COUNCIL LIAISONS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS APPOINTMENTS**

CITY MANAGER CHATWIN made the recommendation to eliminate the Development/Design Review Committee, Economic Development & Marketing, Finance & Administration, Library, Parks & Recreation, Public Services liaisons.

- 1. APPROVAL TO REMOVE/DISSOLVE CITY COUNCIL LIAISON POSITIONS FOR THE INTERNAL AND/OR INACTIVE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES.**

Motion by PECHTL, seconded by TUCKER to remove and or dissolve liaison positions as recommended.

AYES: AMPARANO, PECHTL, SAMPSON, TUCKER, AND DALE  
NOES: NONE  
ABSTAIN: NONE  
ABSENT: NONE MOTION CARRIED 5-0

- 2. APPOINTMENT OF CITY COUNCIL LIAISONS TO REMAINING BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

Public Safety (Fire & Police):	Robert Amparano
Airport Advisory Board:	Geoff Dale
Airport Land Use Commission:	Charles Lucas
Air Pollution Control Advisory Board:	James Tucker
Association of California Cities Allied with Public Safety:	Vacant
Centinela Citizens Advisory Board:	Vacant
California Joint Powers Insurance Authority:	Betty Sampson
Imperial Chamber of Commerce:	Robert Amparano
Imperial County Film Commission:	Betty Sampson
Imperial County Transportation Commission: (ICTC/LTA/SAFE)	Robert Amparano
North County Coalition of the Arts (NoCCA)/I.C Arts Council:	Darrell Pechtl

**G. REPORTS:**

**G-1. SUBJECT: MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS.**

AMPARANO reported that he attended the ribbon cutting for the Ricochet RC center last week.

PECHTL inquired as to the timeline for Aten sidewalk Phase II project. Also inquired as to when the block walls in the Sky Ranch and Wildflower Subdivisions will be repaired.

**G-2. SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT HEAD AND STAFF REPORTS**

CHIEF BARRA informed Council he will be meeting with IV Expo CEO to discuss this upcoming fair and fiesta.

**G-3. SUBJECT: CITY MANAGER REPORT.**

Asked Council to confirm with his office as to the best date to schedule a council retreat. Also reminded everyone about the next market day event which will be the Tri-tip Cook-off contest on February 24, 2018.

**G-4. SUBJECT: CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT.**

Chamber Executive Director PARADIS reported on the Economic Development luncheon meeting held on January 17, 2018, the Richochet RC center ribbon cutting; and the labor law seminar on January 31, 2018. Upcoming events are a Mega Mixer on February 8<sup>th</sup>; a ribbon cutting for Odds & Ends on February 17<sup>th</sup> and the Chamber is planning to hold a tax law seminar in the near future. Also announced that nominations are open for three Board of Director seats.

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:38 PM UNTIL THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2018 AT 7:00 P.M.**