

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

# **MINUTES**

# Regular Meeting of the Imperial City Council

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

February 7, 2024

### 5:00 P.M. CLOSED SESSION

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Amparano called the Meeting to Order at 5:08 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** Council Members Burnworth, Mendoza, Obeso-Martinez, Mayor Pro Tem Tucker, Mayor Amparano and City Attorney Turner

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

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

### A. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS – G.C § 54956.8

Property Address:

Old Post Office

(APN# 064-055-005)

Agency Negotiator:

Dennis H. Morita, City Manager

**Negotiating Parties:** 

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Under Negotiation:

Instructions to Negotiator Regarding Price & Terms

### B. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION – G.C § 54956.7 (b)(1)

Title of Position: City Manager

### C. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Significant exposure to litigation - G.C §54956.9 (d)(2) Number of Cases: 1

### D. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - LITIGATION

(Gov. Code section 54956.9(d)(2).)

City of Imperial vs. PCG Mayfield, LP, Imperial County Superior Court Case No. ECU 000568

#### CITY COUNCIL CONVENES TO REGULAR MEETING

## 7:00 P.M. REGULAR MEETING

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Amparano called the Meeting to Order at 7:10 p.m.

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge was led by Jeff Dail.

**ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA: None** 

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS: City Attorney Turner reported that the City Council discussed Conference with Real Property Negotiators, Employee Performance evaluation of the City Manager, Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation and Conference with Legal Counsel - Litigation. Direction was given to staff on all topics.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Public Comment by Jeff Dail regarding graffiti in the neighborhood.

Matters not appearing on the agenda: None

# **A. CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A-1. Approval of Claims and Warrants Report
- **A-2.** Approve Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of November 15, 2023, City Council Meeting Minutes for December 20, 2023 and Regular City Council Meeting Minutes for January 17, 2024
- A-3. Continuation of Emergency of Variable Frequency Drive at the Water Treatment Plant
- A-4. Cease of Emergency at Aten Road and Highway 86 Intersection

Moved by Obeso-Martinez, seconded by Burnworth to approve the consent agenda.

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

NOES: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: None

**MOTION CARRIES: 5-0** 

## **B. ACTION ITEMS (DISCUSSION/ACTION- APPROVE-DISAPPROVE):**

**B-1.** Appointment of two (2) unscheduled vacancies on the Library Board of Trustees.

Staff Report: Dennis H. Morita, City Manager

Recommended Action: Staff recommends appointment of two Library Board of Trustees

to fill unscheduled vacancies.

Moved by Mendoza, seconded by Tucker to approve Ivonne Sotomayor and Alejandra Banda to the Library Board of Trustees.

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

NOES: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: None

**MOTION CARRIES:** 5-0

**B-2.** Authorization to solicit bids for the Townsite Improvement Project at 7<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> Street.

Staff Report: Othon Mora, Community Development Director

**Staff Recommendation:** Authorize staff to solicit bids for the Townsite Improvement Project.

Moved by Obeso-Martinez, seconded by Tucker to approve the authorization to solicit bids for the Townsite Improvement Project at 7<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> Street.

AYES: Obeso-Martinez, Tucker, and Amparano

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Burnworth and Mendoza

ABSENT: None

**MOTION CARRIES: 3-0-2** 

**B-3.** Approve and adopt Resolution No. 2024-04 authorizing a declaration of emergency at the Wastewater Treatment Plant for force main clean out failure in the vicinity of Aten Road and Legakes Avenue.

**Staff Report:** Public Services – Wastewater Collections

**Recommended Action:** Adopt Resolution No. 2024-04, A RESOLUTION DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO TAKE SUCH ACTION AS MAY BE NECESSARY IN RESPONSE THERETO AND RATIFYING ACTION TAKEN TO DATE

Moved by Burnworth, seconded by Tucker to approve and adopt Resolution No. 2024-04 authorizing a declaration of emergency at the Wastewater Treatment Plant for force main clean out failure in the vicinity of Aten Road and Legakes Avenue.

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

NOES: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: None

**B-4.** Approve the purchase of two (2) "Welcome to Imperial" signs.

Staff Report: Tony Lopez, Parks and Recreation Director

#### **Recommended Action:**

- 1. Approve the purchase of two (2) "Welcome to Imperial" signs not to exceed \$25,000.00 with ARPA funding.
- 2. Provide staff with direction on the design.

Moved by Burnworth, seconded by Obeso-Martinez to have item come back with corrected quote.

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

NOES: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: None

**MOTION CARRIES: 5-0** 

**B-5.** Approval of amended Sunset Park Improvements.

Staff Report: Tony Lopez, Parks and Recreation Director

### **Recommended Action:**

- 1. Approve the amended Sunset Park improvements.
- 2. Authorize staff to solicit bids for the Playground Shade Installation project.

Moved by Burnworth, seconded by Tucker to approve the amended Sunset Park improvements.

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

NOES: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: None

**MOTION CARRIES: 5-0** 

Moved by Mendoza, seconded by Tucker to approve and authorize staff to solicit bids for the Playground Shade Installation project.

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

NOES: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: None

**MOTION CARRIES: 5-0** 

**B-6.** Approval and adoption of the City of Imperial 9/80 Work Schedule Policy.

Staff Report: Kristen Smith, Human Resources Manager

**Recommended Action:** Staff recommends approval and adoption of the 9/80 Work Schedule and Policy.

Moved by Burnworth, seconded by Mendoza to approve the adoption of the 9/80 Work Schedule and

Policy.

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

NOES: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: None

**MOTION CARRIES: 5-0** 

**B-7.** Approve request for letter of support from the office of U.S. Senator Padilla regarding the Low-Income Water Assistance Program.

Staff Report: Dennis H. Morita, City Manager

**Recommended Action:** Authorize the Mayor to sign the letter in support of the Low-Income Water Assistance Program.

Moved by Obeso-Martinez, seconded by Burnworth to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the letter in support of the Low-Income Water Assistance Program.

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

NOES: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: None

**MOTION CARRIES: 5-0** 

**B-8.** Authorize the purchase of an 18-door pass-thru locker system for the police department's evidence room.

Staff Report: Max Sheffield, Police Captain

**Recommended Action:** Authorize and approve the purchase of an 18-door pass-thru locker system for the police department's evidence room.

Moved by Tucker, seconded by Mendoza to approve the purchase of an 18-door pass-thru locker system for the police department's evidence room.

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

NOES: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: None

**MOTION CARRIES: 5-0** 

#### C. REPORTS:

- C-1. Department Reports: Staff reported on their activities since last City Council meeting and upcoming events.
- C-2. City Manager Report: None

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Seeing r	no furt	her business before the council, Mayor Amparano adjourned the meeting at 8:03 p.m.
I	IN WI	TNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City
of Imper	rial, Ca	alifornia, this 3rd day of April, 2024.

KRISTINA SHIELDS

City Clerk



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

# **MINUTES**

# Regular Meeting of the Imperial City Council

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

February 21, 2024

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

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Amparano called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT FOR CLOSED SESSION ITEMS ONLY: None

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL:

- **A. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION** G.C § 54956.7 (b)(1) Title of Position: City Manager
- B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL ANTICIPATED LITIGATION Significant exposure to litigation G.C §54956.9 (d)(2) Number of Cases: 1
- C. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL LITIGATION (Gov. Code section 54956.9(d)(2).) City of Imperial vs. PCG Mayfield, LP, Imperial County Superior Court Case No. ECU 000568

#### CITY COUNCIL CONVENES TO REGULAR MEETING

# 7:00 P.M. REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Amparano called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by David Lantzer

**ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:** City Manager, Dennis H. Morita pulled item C-1 from Public Hearing.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS: City Attorney Turner reported that the City Council discussed an Employee Performance Evaluation, Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation, Conference with Legal Counsel – Litigation. Direction was given to staff on both items.

**PUBLIC COMMENT: None** 

Matters not appearing on the agenda: None

# A. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

A-1. The Mayor presented a proclamation to Helen Palomino of the Cancer Resource Center of the Desert for National Cancer Prevention Month.

**B. CONSENT AGENDA:** All items appearing under "Consent Agenda" will be acted upon by the City Council with 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.

- B-1. Approval of Claims and Warrants Report
- B-2. Continuation of Emergency of Variable Frequency Drive at the Water Treatment Plant
- B-3. Continuation of Emergency of Force Main in area of Aten Rd. and Legakes Ave.

Moved by Mendoza, seconded by Burnworth to approve the consent agenda pulling warrant # 115703 for Robert Amparano.

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

NOES: None ABSTAIN: Amparano ABSENT: None

**MOTION CARRIES: 4-0-1** 

Moved by Obeso-Martinez, seconded by Mendoza to approve warrant # 115703 for Robert Amparano.

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

NOES: None
ABSTAIN: Amparano
ABSENT: None

**MOTION CARRIES: 4-0-1** 

### C. PUBLIC HEARING:

C-1. Cancellation of Public Hearing to approve the Zone Change 21-02 and General Plan Amendment changing the land use designation from R-1 single family residential to RA residential apartments for Fonzie Apartments APN 044-200-098, as recommended by the Planning Commission.

This matter will not be heard and action by the City Council will not be taken. Project application was withdrawn by applicant on February 13, 2024.

- C-2. Public Hearing to authorize the Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PLHA) Program and adopt Resolution 2024-06.
  - 1. Open public hearing at 7:12 p.m.
  - 2. Staff report presentation was presented by Assistant to the City Manager Jenell Guerrero
  - 3. Public Comment: None
  - 4. Close public hearing at 7:18 p.m.
  - 5. Council discussion: None

**Recommended Action:** Conduct public hearing and adopt Resolution No. 2024-06, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION AND ADOPTING THE PLHA PLAN FOR THE PERMANENT LOCAL HOUSING ALLOCATION PROGRAM

Moved by Mendoza, seconded by Tucker to approve and adopt Resolution No. 2024-06, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION AND ADOPTING THE PLHA PLAN FOR THE PERMANENT LOCAL HOUSING ALLOCATION PROGRAM

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

NOES: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: None

**MOTION CARRIES: 5-0** 

# D. ACTION ITEMS (DISCUSSION/ACTION- APPROVE-DISAPPROVE):

D-1. Approve the revised site plan for the Highway 86 Beautification Project Phase I

Staff Report: Othon Mora, Community Development Director

Recommended Action: Staff recommends approval of the Phase I sit

**Recommended Action:** Staff recommends approval of the Phase I site plan for Highway 86 Beautification Project.

Moved by Tucker, seconded by Obeso-Maritnez to approve Phase I site plan for Highway 86 Beautification Project.

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

NOES: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: None

#### **MOTION CARRIES: 5-0**

**D-2.** Approve the purchase of two (2) Imperial welcome signs.

Staff Report: Tony Lopez, Parks and Recreation Director Recommended Action:

- 1. Approve the purchase of two (2) "Welcome to City of Imperial" signs not to exceed \$25,000.00 with ARPA funding.
- 2. Provide staff with direction on the design.

Moved by Burnworth, seconded by Tucker to approve the purchase of two (2) "Welcome to City of Imperial" signs not to exceed \$25,000.00 with ARPA funding and Provide staff with direction on the design.

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

NOES: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: None

**MOTION CARRIES: 5-0** 

D-3. Authorize disposal of surplus equipment for the Police Department

Staff Report: Max Sheffield, Police Captain

Staff Recommendation: Declare the attached list of Imperial Police department equipment as surplus and authorize for auction, donation and destruction.

Moved by Tucker, seconded by Burnworth the approval to Declare the attached list of Imperial Police department equipment as surplus and authorize for auction, donation and destruction.

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

NOES: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: None

**MOTION CARRIES: 5-0** 

**D-4.** Approve and adopt the quarterly budget update report for the second quarter (Q2) of fiscal year 2024 ending on December 31, 2023.

Staff Report: Victor Manriquez, Administrative Services Director

Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution No. 2024-05, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF IMPERIAL CALIFORNIA AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET FOR SECOND QUARTER (2) OF THE FISCAL YEAR THAT BEGINS JULY 1, 2023 AND ENDS JUNE 30, 2024 AND CREATING NEW CITY FUNDS IN THE GENERAL LEDGER

Moved by Burnworth, seconded by Obeso-Martinez to approve and adopt Resolution No. 2024-05, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF IMPERIAL CALIFORNIA AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET FOR SECOND QUARTER (2) OF THE FISCAL YEAR THAT BEGINS JULY 1, 2023 AND ENDS JUNE 30, 2024 AND CREATING NEW CITY FUNDS IN THE GENERAL LEDGER

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

NOES: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: None

**MOTION CARRIES: 5-0** 

### E. REPORTS:

- E-1. Department Reports: Staff reported on their activities since last City Council meeting and upcoming events.
- E-2. City Manager Report: None
- E-3. Mayor and Councilmember Reports: Mayor and Council Members reported on their activities since last City Council meeting and upcoming events.

Seeing no further business before the Council, Mayor Amparano Adjourned the meeting at 8:01 p.m.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City of Imperial, California, this 3rd day of April, 2024.

KRISTINA M. SHIELDS City Clerk



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

# **MINUTES**

# Regular Meeting of the Imperial City Council

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

March 6, 2024

## 6:00 P.M. CLOSED SESSION

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Amparano called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** Council Members Burnworth, Obeso-Martinez and Mayor Amparano Council Member Mendoza arrived at 6:04 p.m.

ABSENT: Mayor Pro Tem Tucker

PUBLIC COMMENT FOR CLOSED SESSION ITEMS ONLY: None

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

- **A. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION** G.C § 54956.7 (b)(1) Title of Position: City Manager
- B. 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

### CITY COUNCIL CONVENES TO REGULAR MEETING

## 7:00 P.M. REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Amparano called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Council Members Mendoza, Obeso-Martinez and Mayor Amparano

ABSENT: Council Member Burnworth and Mayor Pro Tem Tucker

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

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA: None

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS: City Attorney Turner reported that the City Council discussed an Employee Performance Evaluation, Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation. Direction was given to staff on both items.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Public comment by Leonard Barra regarding security cameras in the neighborhood.

Public comment by Guillermo Hernandez regarding Re-introduction of himself representing Senator Padilla's office.

Matters not appearing on the agenda: None

A. CONSENT AGENDA: All items appearing under "Consent Agenda" will be acted upon by the City Council with 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.

- A-1. Approval of Claims and Warrants Report
- A-2. Approval of Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of January 3, 2024
- A-3. Continuation of Emergency of Variable Frequency Drive at the Water Treatment Plant
- A-4. Continuation of Emergency of Force Main in area of Aten Rd. and Legakes Ave.

Moved by Obeso-Martinez, seconded by Mendoza to approve the Consent Agenda.

AYES: Mendoza, Obeso-Martinez and Amparano

NOES: None ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Burnworth and Tucker

**MOTION CARRIES: 3-0** 

# B. ACTION ITEMS (DISCUSSION/ACTION- APPROVE-DISAPPROVE):

**B-1.** Adopt Resolution No. 2024-07 approving a 10% stipend for the incoming Public Services Director in recognition of dual expertise and added responsibility.

Staff Report: Kristen Smith, Human Resources Manager Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution No. 2024-07, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IMPERIAL, CALIFORNIA, PROVIDING A 10%

STIPEND FOR THE INCOMING PUBLIC SERVICES DIRECTOR

Moved by Mendoza, seconded by Obeso-Martinez to approve and Adopt Resolution No. 2024 07, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IMPERIAL, CALIFORNIA, PROVIDING A 10% STIPEND FOR THE INCOMING PUBLIC SERVICES DIRECTOR.

AYES:

Mendoza, Obeso-Martinez and Amparano

NOES:

None

ABSTAIN:

None

ABSENT:

Burnworth and Tucker

**MOTION CARRIES: 3-0** 

**B-2.** Approval of the Monterrey Park Subdivision No. 2 Unit 3C Final Map.

Staff Report: Othon Mora, Community Development Director

# **Recommended Action:**

- 1. Approve the Final Map and Subdivision Guarantee for Monterrey Park Subdivision No. 2 Unit 3C
- 2. Authorize the recordation of final map and related documents

Moved by Obeso-Martinez, seconded by Mendoza to approve the Final Map and Subdivision Guarantee for Monterrey Park Subdivision No. 2 Unit 3C and Authorize the recordation of final map and related documents.

AYES:

Mendoza, Obeso-Martinez and Amparano

NOES:

None

ABSTAIN:

None

ABSENT:

Burnworth and Tucker

**MOTION CARRIES: 3-0** 

**B-3.** Approval and acceptance of the Monterrey Park Subdivision No. 2 Unit 3B 0.5 AC 3 Pocket Park.

Staff Report: Othon Mora, Community Development Director

Recommended Action: Approve and accept the Monterrey Park Subdivision No. 2 Unit

3B 0.5 AC 3 Pocket Park

Moved by Obeso-Martinez, seconded by Mendoza to approve and accept the Monterrey Park Subdivision No. 2 Unit 3B 0.5 AC 3 Pocket Park.

AYES:

Mendoza, Obeso-Martinez and Amparano

NOES:

None

ABSTAIN:

None

ABSENT:

Burnworth and Tucker

**MOTION CARRIES: 3-0** 

**B-4.** Approval of New Voting System from DeForest Tech Solutions

Staff Report: Alejandro Estrada, IT Director

Recommended Action: Approve the purchase and configuration of a new voting system

from DeForest Tech Solution in the amount of \$38,756.00

Moved by Obeso-Martinez, seconded by Mendoza to approve the purchase and configuration of a new voting system from DeForest Tech Solution in the amount of \$38,756.00.

AYES: Mendoza, Obeso-Martinez and Amparano

NOES: None ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Burnworth and Tucker

**MOTION CARRIES: 3-0** 

## **C. REPORTS:**

- C-1. Department Reports: Staff reported on their activities since last City Council meeting and upcoming events.
- C-2. City Manager Report: None
- C-3. Mayor and Councilmember Reports: Mayor and Council Members reported on their activities since last City Council meeting and upcoming events.

  Seeing no further business before the Council, Mayor Amparano Adjourned the meeting at 7:29 p.m.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City of Imperial, California, this 3th day of April, 2024.

KRISTINA M. SHIELDS	
City Clerk	





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

# **MINUTES**

# Regular Meeting of the Imperial City Council

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

March 20, 2024

## 6:00 P.M. CLOSED SESSION

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Amparano called the Meeting to Order at 6:05 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** Council Members Burnworth, Mendoza, Obeso-Martinez, Mayor Pro Tem Tucker, Mayor Amparano and City Attorney Turner

PUBLIC COMMENT FOR CLOSED SESSION ITEMS ONLY: None

**CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL:** 

- **A. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION** G.C § 54956.7 (b)(1) Title of Position: City Manager
- B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL EXISTING LITIGATION GC 54956.9(d)(1) Name of Case: Mehdipour v. City of Imperial, Imperial County Superior Court ECU003274

### CITY COUNCIL CONVENES TO REGULAR MEETING

# 7:00 P.M. REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Amparano called the Meeting to Order at 7:05 p.m.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge was led by Chief Aaron Reel.

**ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA**: City Manager Dennis H. Morita added to Consent Agenda Item B-4 Support Letter for El Centro Grant.

Moved by Burnworth, seconded by Mendoza to approve adjustments to the agenda Item B-4.

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

NOES: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: None

**MOTION CARRIES: 5-0** 

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS: City Attorney Turner reported that the City Council discussed an Employee Performance evaluation of the City Manager, Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation. Direction was given to staff on both topics.

**PUBLIC COMMENT: None** 

Matters not appearing on the agenda: None

### **A. PRESENTATIONS:**

- A-1. The Mayor presented a Proclamation to Stacey Amparano for World Down Syndrome Day.
- A-2. The Mayor presented a Proclamation for Women's History Month.
- A-3. Swear-in Ceremony and Badge Pinning for incoming Chief of Police
- A-4. Presentation by David Lantzer, Imperial County Fire Chief, Community Risk Analysis and Standards of Cover Development update. David Lantzer will present at another time.
- A-5. Presentation by Karin Eugenio, Division 5 IID Director

**B. CONSENT AGENDA:** All items appearing under "Consent Agenda" will be acted upon by the City Council with 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.

- B-1. Approval of Claims and Warrants Report
- B-2. Ratify Letter of Support AB 2757 (Garcia, Padilla) Southeast California Economic Region
- B-3. Ratify Letter of Support SB 1309 (Padilla) Lithium Battery Production Council
- **B-4.** Support Letter for City of El Centro Grant

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

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

NOES: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: None

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

C-1. Authorization to seek bids for the Aten Boulevard Rehabilitation Project between Vilore Way and SR-86, Caltrans Project No. STPL-5134(027)

Staff Report: Othon Mora, Community Development Director

**Recommended Action:** Authorize staff to solicit bids for the Aten Boulevard Rehabilitation Project between Vilore Way and SR-86.

Moved by Mendoza, seconded by Burnworth to approve staff to solicit bids for the Aten Boulevard Rehabilitation Project between Vilore Way and SR-86.

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

NOES: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: None

**MOTION CARRIES: 5-0** 

C-2. Authorization to seek bids for the Aten Boulevard Class II Bike Lane project from Vilore Way to Austin Rd., Caltrans Project No. CML-5134(026)

Staff Report: Othon Mora, Community Development Director

Recommended Action: Authorize staff to solicit bids for the Aten Boulevard Class II Bike Lane project from Vilore Way to Austin Rd.

Moved by Obeso-Martinez, seconded by Mendoza to approve and Authorize staff to solicit bids for the Aten Boulevard Class II Bike Lane project from Vilore Way to Austin Rd.

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

NOES: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: None

**MOTION CARRIES: 5-0** 

C-3. Accept Prop 68 Per Capita Grant Projects (5) as complete and authorize staff to record the Deed Restrictions.

Staff Report: Tony Lopez, Parks and Recreation Director

Recommended Action: Accept the grant projects as complete and authorize staff to record the Deed Restrictions with the Imperial County Recorder's Office.

Moved by Burnworth, seconded by Tucker to approve the grant projects as complete and authorize staff to record the Deed Restrictions with the Imperial County Recorder's Office.

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

NOES: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: None

C-4. Approve Resolution No. 2024-08, Accepting the 2022-2023 State Citizen's Option for Public Safety (COPS) Allocation and Expenditure Plan.

Staff Report: Max Sheffield, Police Captain

**Recommended Action:** Approve expenditure plan and Resolution No. 2024-08, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IMPERIAL APPROVING AND ACCEPTANCE OF STATE CITIZENS OPTIONS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY (COPS) PROGRAM FUNDING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023.

Moved by Obeso-Martinez, seconded by Burnworth to approve expenditure plan and Resolution No. 2024-08, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IMPERIAL APPROVING AND ACCEPTANCE OF STATE CITIZENS OPTIONS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY (COPS) PROGRAM FUNDING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023.

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

NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

**MOTION CARRIES: 5-0** 

C-5. Approve and adopt the City's updated Records Retention Policy.

Staff Report: Katherine Turner, City Attorney

Recommended Action: Approve and adopt the updated Records Retention Policy

Moved by Mendoza, seconded by Burnworth to approve and adopt the updated Records Retention

**Policy** 

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

NOES: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: None

**MOTION CARRIES: 5-0** 

C-6. Adopt Resolution No. 2024-09 authorizing the destruction of obsolete city records.

Staff Report: Katherine Turner, City Attorney

**Recommended Action:** Approve and adopt Resolution No. 2024-09 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IMPERIAL AUTHORIZING THE DESTRUCTION OF OBSOLETE CITY RECORDS

Moved by Burnworth, seconded by Tucker to approve and adopt Resolution No. 2024-09 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IMPERIAL AUTHORIZING THE DESTRUCTION OF OBSOLETE CITY RECORDS.

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

NOES: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: None

## **D. REPORTS:**

- **D-1. Department Reports:** Staff reported on their activities since last City Council meeting and upcoming events.
- D-2. City Manager Report: None
- **D-3.** Mayor and Councilmember Reports: Mayor and Council Members reported on their activities since last City Council meeting and upcoming events.

Seeing no further business before the Council, Mayor Amparano Adjourned the meeting at 8:13 p.m.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City of Imperial, California, this 3rd day of April, 2024.

KRISTINA M. SHIELDS City Clerk