



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

April 16, 2025

Closed Session at 06:00 pm

Open Session at 07:00 pm

6:00 P.M. CLOSED SESSION

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Tucker called the meeting to order at 6:20 pm.

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

Council Member Mendoza arrived at 6:49 p.m.

ABSENT: Mayor Pro Tem Obeso-Martinez.

PUBLIC COMMENT FOR CLOSED SESSION ITEMS ONLY: None

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL:

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Significant Exposure of Litigation - G.C §54956.9 (d)(2)

Number of Potential Cases: 1

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 Tucker called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

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 Council Member Amparano.

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA: Council Member Amparano asked to move items C-4 and C-5 to the Consent Agenda.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION: City Attorney Turner stated that direction was given for Anticipated Litigation and Labor Negotiators.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Public Comment received by Jess Nunez concerning the traffic on Aten and Austin using the dirt ditch bank.

A. PRESENTATIONS:

- A-1. Othon Mora, Director of Community Development, received the Proclamation for National Community Development Week.
- A-2. Imperial County Sheriff's Department Dispatchers received the National Public Safety Telecommunications Week Proclamation.

B. CONSENT AGENDA:

- B-1. Approval of Warrants Report.
- B-2. Ratify Letter of Support regarding Imperial Valley Nursing Expansion.
- B-3. Authorization to reject Claim No. CJP 3053299 Collado, as recommended by Carl Warren & Co.
- B-4. Approve the Regular City Council meeting minutes of April 2, 2025.
- B-5. Authorize Letter of Opposition for proposed CSU/SDSU Budget Cuts

Moved by Amparano, seconded by Burnworth to approve the Consent Agenda, including action items C-4 and C-5.

AYES: Amparano, Burnworth, Mendoza, and Tucker

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Obeso-Martinez

MOTION CARRIES: 4-0

C. ACTION ITEMS (DISCUSSION/ACTION):

- C-1. Adopt Resolution No. 2025-09 authorizing the Community Development Director to execute an agreement for Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) Grant Program of 2021.

Presenter: Othon Mora, Community Development Director

Recommendation: Adopt Resolution No. 2025-09, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF IMPERIAL APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT TO RECEIVE FUNDING FROM THE REGIONAL EARLY ACTION PLANNING GRANT PROGRAM OF 2021.

Moved by Amparano, seconded by Burnworth to approve Resolution No. 2025-09.

AYES: Amparano, Burnworth, Mendoza, and Tucker

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Obeso-Martinez

MOTION CARRIES: 4-0

C-2. Approve a partnership and funding match of \$35,000 for developing an Environmental Justice Element to the General Plan.

Presenter: Othon Mora, Community Development Director

Recommendation: Approve a partnership and funding match of \$35,000 for developing an Environmental Justice Element to the General Plan.

Moved by Burnworth, seconded by Mendoza, to approve a partnership and funding match of \$35,000 for developing an Environmental Justice Element to the General Plan.

AYES: Amparano, Burnworth, Mendoza, and Tucker

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Obeso-Martinez

MOTION CARRIES: 4-0

C-3. Adopt the Plans and Specifications and authorize public bidding for CMAQ Aten Blvd. Sidewalk Installation Phase 1 project, Bid No. 2025-05.

Presenter: Othon Mora,

Recommendation: Adopt the plans and specifications and authorize public bidding for the CMAQ Aten Blvd. Sidewalk Installation Phase 1 project between Progress Trail and old SR-86, Bid No. 2025-05 CML-5134(031).

Moved by Mendoza, seconded by Amparano, to approve and adopt the plans and specifications and authorize public bidding for the CMAQ Aten Blvd. Sidewalk Installation Phase 1 project between Progress Trail and old SR-86, Bid No. 2025-05 CML-5134(031).

AYES: Amparano, Burnworth, Mendoza, and Tucker

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Obeso-Martinez

MOTION CARRIES: 4-0

- C-4.** Approval of a special event application submitted by the U.S. Border Patrol for their Imperial Valley Law Enforcement Relay Run.

Presenter: Tony Lopez, Parks and Recreation Director

Recommendation: Approve the special event application submitted by the U.S. Border Patrol for their Imperial Valley Law Enforcement Relay Run.

Action Item C-4 was moved to the consent agenda per Council Member Amparano.

- C-5.** Approve the classification, salary range, and job description for the position of Information Technology Analyst and authorize the reclassification of the full-time vacant Management Analyst, Salary Range 80, to Information Technology Analyst, Salary Range 78.

Presenter: Kristen Smith, Human Resources Manager

Recommendation: Approve the classification, salary range, and job description for the position of Information Technology Analyst and authorize the reclassification of one full-time vacant funded allocation for a Management Analyst, Salary Range 80 to Information Technology Analyst, Salary Range 78.

Action Item C-5 was moved to the consent agenda per Council Member Amparano.

- C-6.** Adopt the Plans and Specifications and authorize public bidding for the Aten Rd Sewer Line Replacement Project Phase II from Preble Rd. to the Claypool Pump Station, Bid No. 2025-06.

Presenter: David Dale, Public Services Director

Recommendation: Adopt the Plans and Specifications and authorize public bidding for the Aten Rd Sewer Line Replacement Project Phase II, project Bid No. 2025-06.

Moved by Amparano, seconded by Burnworth, to approve and adopt the Plans and Specifications and authorize public bidding for the Aten Rd Sewer Line Replacement Project Phase II, project Bid No. 2025-06.

AYES: Amparano, Burnworth, Mendoza, and Tucker

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Obeso-Martinez

MOTION CARRIES: 4-0

- C-7.** Approve the Notice of Completion for the Pavement Rehabilitation project Bid. No 2024-08 and authorize release and payment of 5% retention.

Presenter: David Dale, Public Services Director

Recommendation: Approve the Notice of Completion for the Pavement Rehabilitation project Bid. No 2024-08 and authorize release and payment of 5% retention.

Moved by Amparano, seconded by Burnworth, to approve the Notice of Completion for the Pavement Rehabilitation project Bid. No 2024-08 and authorize the release and payment of 5% retention.

AYES: Amparano, Burnworth, Mendoza, and Tucker

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Obeso-Martinez

MOTION CARRIES: 4-0

C-8. Approve the purchase of a Caterpillar D400GC Genset and Automatic Transfer Switch for the Water Treatment Plant through Empire Power Systems.

Presenter: David Dale, Public Services Director

Recommendation: Approve the purchase of a Caterpillar D400GC Genset and Automatic Transfer Switch for the Water Treatment Plant through Empire Power Systems.

Moved by Burnworth, seconded by Mendoza, to approve the purchase of a Caterpillar D400GC Genset and Automatic Transfer Switch for the Water Treatment Plant through Empire Power Systems.

AYES: Amparano, Burnworth, Mendoza, and Tucker

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Obeso-Martinez

MOTION CARRIES: 4-0

C-9. Approve the Q3 Budget Report ending March 31, 2025 and adopt Resolution No. 2025-10 amending the CIP project funds.

Presenter: Victor Manriquez, Administrative Services Director

Recommendation: Approve the Q3 Budget Report ending March 31, 2025 and adopt Resolution No. 2025-10, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF IMPERIAL, AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET FOR 3RD QUARTER (Q3) OF FISCAL YEAR THAT BEGINS JULY 1, 2024 AND ENDS JUNE 30, 2025.

Moved by Amparano, seconded by Burnworth, to approve Resolution No. 2025-10.

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 8:11 p.m. and adjourned until the next council meeting on May 7, 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 7th day of May 2025.

KRISTINA SHIELDS
City Clerk