



Imperial City Council

*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

May 15, 2024

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

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Amparano called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

**C. 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: AT & T

Under Negotiation: Instructions to Negotiator Regarding Price & Terms

**D. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – G.C § 54956.9(d)(2)**

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

**E. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of section 54956.1

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 7:02 p.m.

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Police Chief Aaron Reel.

### **ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:**

None

### **CITY ATTORNEY REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS:**

City Attorney Turner stated that City Council discussed the Public Employee Performance Evaluation for the City Manager, no report to give. Conference with legal counsel – Anticipated Litigation, direction given to Council. Conference with Real Property Negotiators, price and terms given to negotiator. Conference with Legal Counsel, direction given to Council.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Public Comments by Liliana Canez, Lisa Sotelo, Azaria Taylor, Gabby Nixon, Skyy Hatch, Angel Yopez, Matthew Mincher, Jimmy Gomez and Blake Moreno all spoke positive of School Resource Officer Ayala and are all opposed to a new SRO for the Imperial Unified School District.

Public Comment received via email by Edward Morales in required to SRO Ayala.

### **A. PRESENTATIONS:**

- A-1. The Mayor presented a proclamation to David Dale for National Public Works Week.
- A-2. The Mayor presented a proclamation to Othon Mora for National Building Safety Month.
- A-3. The Mayor presented a proclamation to Aaron Reel for National Police Week.

### **B. CONSENT AGENDA:**

- B-1. Claims and Warrants Report

**Moved by Mendoza, seconded by Burnworth** to approve the consent agenda except for warrant numbers 117470 & 117567.

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

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**MOTION CARRIES:** 5-0

**Moved by Obeso-Martinez, seconded by Tucker to approve warrant numbers 117470 & 117567.**

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

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** Mendoza and Amparano

**ABSENT:** None

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

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

**C-1.** Declaration of Imperial Police Department vehicle as surplus.

**Staff Report:** Aaron Reel, Chief of Police

**Recommended Action:** Approve declaration of the Police Department's Chevrolet Tahoe as surplus.

**Moved by Burnworth, seconded by Mendoza to approve the declaration of the Police Department's Chevrolet Tahoe as surplus.**

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

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**MOTION CARRIES:** 5-0

**C-2.** Approval of Resolution No. 2024-21, adopting the project list for fiscal year 2024-2025 funded by SB1.

**Staff Report:** Othon Mora, Community Development Director

**Recommended Action:** Adopt Resolution No. 2024-21, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF IMPERIAL, CALIFORNIA ADOPTING A LIST OF PROJECTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 FUNDED BY SB1: THE ROAD TO REPAIR AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2017.

**Moved by Burnworth, seconded by Tucker to approve Resolution No. 2024-21.**

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

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**MOTION CARRIES:** 5-0

**C-3.** Authorization to solicit bids for the 7<sup>th</sup> Street Rehabilitation & Pedestrian Improvements project from South "D" Street to South "E" Street.

**Staff Report:** Othon Mora, Community Development Director

**Recommended Action:** Authorize staff to solicit bids through a competitive bidding process for construction of 7<sup>th</sup> Street Rehabilitation & Pedestrian Improvements project.

**Moved by Burnworth, seconded by Obeso-Martinez** to approve and authorize staff to solicit bids through a competitive bidding process for construction of 7<sup>th</sup> Street Rehabilitation & Pedestrian Improvements project.

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

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**MOTION CARRIES:** 5-0

- C-4.** Approval of a service agreement between the City of Imperial and the Imperial Valley Food Bank for reimbursement of the installation of a delivery truck liftgate.

**Staff Report:** Othon Mora, Community Development Director

**Recommended Action:** Approval of the service agreement between the City of Imperial and the IV Food Bank.

**Moved by Mendoza, seconded by Tucker** to approve the service agreement between the City of Imperial and the IV Food Bank.

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

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**MOTION CARRIES:** 5-0

- C-5.** Approval of three (3) Resolutions for the upcoming 2024 General Municipal Election.

**Staff Report:** Dennis Morita, City Manager

**Recommended Action:** Staff recommends approval and adoption of the following:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 2024-22, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IMPERIAL, CALIFORNIA, CALLING FOR THE HOLDING OF A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2024 FOR THE ELCTION OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AS REQUIRED BY THE PROVISIONS OF THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA RELATING TO GENERAL LAW CITIES
2. Adopt Resolution No. 2024-23, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IMPERIAL, CALIFORNIA, REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF IMPERIAL TO CONSOLIDATE A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 5, 2024, WITH THE STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE DATE PURSUANT TO § 10403 OF THE ELECTIONS CODE

3. Adopt Resolution No. 2024-24, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IMPERIAL, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING REGULATIONS FOR CANDIDATES FOR ELECTIVE OFFICE PERTAINING TO CANDIDATES STATEMENTS SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS AT AN ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2024

**Moved by Mendoza, seconded by Burnworth** to approve Resolution No. 2024-22, Resolution No. 2024-23 and Resolution No. 2024-24.

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

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**MOTION CARRIES:** 5-0

**D. REPORTS:**

- D-1.** Departments reported on their activities since the last city council meeting. Public Service Director, David Dale, informed the Council and Public about the month-long road closer on Nickel Road and several other ongoing projects throughout the city.
- D-2.** City Manager Reports: None
- D-3.** Mayor and Councilmembers reported on their activities since the last city council meeting and upcoming events.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Seeing no further business before the Council, Mayor Amparano adjourned the meeting at 8:14 p.m.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the city of Imperial, California, this 5<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024.

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KRISTINA SHIELDS  
City Clerk