



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

May 21, 2025

Closed Session at 06:00 pm

Open Session at 07:00 pm

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

**CALL TO ORDER:** Called the meeting to Order at 6:00 p.m.

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

Council Member Burnworth and Mayor Pro Tem Obeso-Martinez arrived at 6:40 p.m.

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

### CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL:

#### **CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS (SECTION 54956.8)**

Property: APN 063-010-083; 063-010-084; 063-010-085; 063-010-086; 063-010-087;  
063-010-088

Agency Negotiator: Dennis H. Morita, City Manager

Under Negotiation: Instructions to Negotiator Concerning Price and Terms

#### **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**

Significant exposure to litigation - G.C §54956.9 (d)(2)

Number of Cases: 2

#### **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 7:13 p.m.

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Thomas Garcia.

**ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:** None

**CITY ATTORNEY REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION:** The City Attorney, Turner, stated that direction was given on price and terms to Real Property Negotiators and directions were given on Anticipated Litigation and Labor Negotiators.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Andrew Ravch from Novalk, LLC, was present to talk about the properties of LA Fuente, Mayfield, and Gazette Ranch.

**A. PRESENTATIONS:**

- A-1. Jenell Guerrero, Public Works Manager, received the proclamation for Public Works Week.
- A-2. Budget presentation by Victor Manriquez, Administrative Services Director.

**B. CONSENT AGENDA:**

- B-1. Approval of Warrants Report.
- B-2. Approve City Council meeting minutes for the regular meeting of May 7, 2025.
- B-3. Approve an agreement with the Imperial Unified School District for one (1) full-time and one (1) part-time school resource officer for fiscal years 2025-2028.
- B-4. Award RFP #2025-07 for Labor Compliance Services for the Anthony Redondo Memorial Park Improvements to Labor Compliance Consultants of Southern California.
- B-5. Approve Change Order #1 to the Labor Compliance Services agreement for the 7<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 14<sup>th</sup> Street Rehabilitation project (RFP 2024-02, CIP 815).

**Moved by Burnworth, seconded by Amparano, to approve the Consent Agenda.**

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

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** Tucker

**ABSENT:** None

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

**C. ACTION ITEMS (DISCUSSION/ACTION):**

**C-1.** Award a construction contract for the Anthony Redondo Park Improvement project. (Bid 2025-02, CIP 861).

**Presenter:** Tony Lopez, Parks and Recreation Director

**Recommendation:** Award the Anthony Redondo Park Improvement project Bid 2025-02 to Zazueta Contracting in the amount of \$396,730.00 and approve a 15% contingency.

**Moved by Amparano, seconded by Mendoza,** to approve and award the Anthony Redondo Park Improvement project Bid 2025-02 to Zazueta Contracting in the amount of \$396,730.00 and approve a 15% contingency.

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

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**MOTION CARRIES: 5-0**

**C-2.** Award a construction contract for the Aten Boulevard Sidewalk Installation Phase 1 Project (Bid No. 2025-05) and adopt Resolution No. 2025-14 declaring Total Industries Inc. a non-responsive bidder.

**Presenter:** Othon Mora, Community Development Director

**Recommendation:**

1. Approve and adopt Resolution No. 2025-14, A RESOLUTION DECLARING TOTAL INDUSTRIES INC. A NON-RESPONSIVE BIDDER REGARDING BID NO. 2025-05 ATEN BLVD. SIDEWALK INSTALLATION (PHASE 1) BETWEEN PROGRESS TRAIL & OLD SR-86 CML-5134(031).
2. Award the contract to Rove Engineering for \$154,698.00 and authorize a 20% contingency.

**Moved by Mendoza, seconded by Amparano,** to approve Resolution No. 2025-14 and award the contract to Rove Engineering for \$154,698.00 and authorize a 20% contingency.

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

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**MOTION CARRIES: 5-0**

**C-3.** Authorize staff to record the Notice of Completion for the Aten Blvd Class II Bike Lane project (Bid 2024-02).

**Presenter:** Othon Mora, Community Development Director

**Recommendation:** Accept the Aten Blvd Class II Bike Lane from Vilore Way to Austin Road Bid 2024-02 as completed and authorize staff to record the Notice of Completion.

**Moved by Obeso-Martinez, seconded by Burnworth,** to approve and accept the Aten Blvd Class II Bike Lane from Vilore Way to Austin Road Bid 2024-02 as completed and authorize staff to record the Notice of Completion.

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

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**MOTION CARRIES: 5-0**

**C-4.** Award a services contract for Phase 1 of the EV Charging Station Installation Project.

**Presenter:** Othon Mora, Community Development Director

**Recommendation:** Award a services contract to JE Electrical Engineering LLC in the amount of \$7,800 for the EV Charging Station Installation Project Phase 1.

**Moved by Burnworth, seconded by Amparano,** to approve and award a services contract to JE Electrical Engineering LLC in the amount of \$7,800 for the EV Charging Station Installation Project Phase 1.

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

**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.

**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 8:19 p.m. and adjourned until the next council meeting on June 4, 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 18th day of June 2025.

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KRISTINA SHIELDS  
City Clerk



*James Tucker – Mayor  
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#### **6:00 P.M. CLOSED SESSION**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Called the meeting to Order at 6:06 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** Council Members Amparano, Burnworth, Mendoza, Mayor Pro Tem Obeso-Martinez, Mayor Tucker, City Manager Morita, Assistant to the City Manager Garcia, and Attorney Turner.

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

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& 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 7:11 p.m.

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor James Tucker.

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

City Manager Dennis H. Morita moved Item A-1 to a future date.

Council Member Burnworth pulled Item B-4 from the Consent Agenda to an Action Item.

**CITY ATTORNEY REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION:** The City Attorney, Turner, stated that direction was given on Real Property Negotiators, Anticipated Litigation, and Labor Negotiators.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Sher Cowie from Imperial Valley Regional Chambers was present to talk about an upcoming event.

### **A. PRESENTATIONS:**

- A-1. Finance and Accounting Week Appreciation Proclamation.
- A-2. Budget presentation by Victor Manriquez, Administrative Services Director.

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

- B-1. Approval of Warrants Report.
- B-2. Award a Labor Compliance Contract RFP 2025-09 to Labor Compliance Consultants of Southern CA for the CA Irving Parking Lot Project.
- B-3. Declare five (5) Public Services vehicles as surplus and authorize the sale of the vehicles.
- B-4. **(Item moved to Action)**
- B-5. Approve Resolution No. 2025-15, authorizing the extension of Domestic Water Service for 604 W. Murphy Rd (APN 063-020-010)
- B-6. Approve three (3) resolutions for the Imperial Landscape Maintenance District No. 1 (Paseo del Sol and Wildflower Subdivision)
  - 1. Resolution No. 2025-19, Initiating proceedings for the Annual Levy;
  - 2. Resolution No. 2025-18, Preliminary Approval of the Engineer's Report; and,
  - 3. Resolution No. 2025-17, Intention to Conduct a Public Hearing and Order Levy of Assessments
- B-7. Approve three (3) resolutions for the Imperial Landscape Maintenance District No. 2 (Sky Ranch Subdivisions, Zone 2005-03)
  - 1. Resolution No. 2025-22, Initiating Proceeding for the Annual Levy;
  - 2. Resolution No. 2025-21, Preliminary Approval of the Engineer's Report; and
  - 3. Resolution No. 2025-20, Intention to Conduct a Public Hearing and Order Levy of Assessments.

- B-8.** Approve three (3) resolutions for the Imperial Lighting Maintenance District No. 1 (Paseo del Sol and Wildflower Subdivision)
1. Resolution No. 2025-25, Initiating Proceedings for the Annual Levy;
  2. Resolution No. 2025-24, Preliminary Approval of the Engineer's Report; and,
  3. Resolution No. 2025-23, Intention to Conduct a Public Hearing and Order the Levy of Assessments.

**Moved by Mendoza, seconded by Amparano,** to approve the Consent Agenda, not including Item B-4.  
**AYES:** Amparano, Burnworth, Mendoza, Obeso-Martinez, and Tucker  
**NOES:** None  
**ABSTAIN:** None  
**ABSENT:** None  
**MOTION CARRIES: 5-0**

**C. PUBLIC HEARING (PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION):**

- C-1.** Public hearing and presentation regarding local public employee vacancy levels, recruitment and retention efforts, pursuant to AB 2561.

**Presenter:** Kristen Smith, Human Resources Manager  
**Recommendation:** Conduct a public hearing regarding the status of staff vacancies, recruitment, and retention efforts, pursuant to AB 2561. Receive and file the report.

The public hearing was opened at 7:42 p.m.

The report was given by Kristen Smith, Human Resources Manager.

The public hearing was closed at 8:00 p.m.

**D. ACTION ITEMS (DISCUSSION/ACTION):**

- B-4.** Authorize the rejection of all bids for the Shop Tank & Aten Tank Modifications and New Ventilation System Installation Project Bid 2025-03 and authorize re-bidding.

Josh Quintero from Total Industries was present regarding the bid rejection.

**Moved by Amparano, seconded by Mendoza,** to bring this item back to the next City Council Meeting on June 18, 2025.

**AYES:** Amparano, Mendoza, Obeso-Martinez and Tucker  
**NOES:** None  
**ABSTAIN:** Burnworth  
**ABSENT:** None  
**MOTION CARRIES: 4-0-1**

**D-1.** Award construction contract for the CA Irving Parking Lot Project (Bid 2025-04, CIP 864).

**Presenter:** Tony Lopez, Parks and Recreation Director

**Recommendation:** Award construction contract to Pyramid Construction for the CA Irving Parking Lot Project in the amount of \$106,969.17 and authorize a 20% contingency.

**Moved by Amparano, seconded by Mendoza,** to approve and award the construction contract to Pyramid Construction for the CA Irving Parking Lot Project in the amount of \$106,969.17 and authorize a 20% contingency.

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

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** Burnworth

**ABSENT:** None

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

**D-2.** Approve a sidewalk survey proposal from Precision Concrete Cutting through a Master Services Agreement with JPIA.

**Presenter:** David Dale, Public Services Director

**Recommendation:** Approve the sidewalk survey proposal from Precision Concrete Cutting through a Master Services Agreement with JPIA.

**Moved by Burnworth, seconded by Amparano,** to approve the sidewalk survey proposal from Precision Concrete Cutting through a Master Services Agreement with JPIA.

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

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**MOTION CARRIES: 5-0**

**D-3.** Adopt the plans and specifications and authorize public bidding for the 2025 City of Imperial Manhole and Gravity Sewer Collection System CCTV Video Inspection and Inventory project (Bid 2025-08, CIP 853).

**Presenter:** David Dale, Public Services Director

**Recommendation:** Adopt the plans and specifications and authorize public bidding for the 2025 City of Imperial Manhole and Gravity Sewer Collection System CCTV Video Inspection and Inventory project (Bid 2025-08, CIP 853).

**Moved by Obeso-Martinez, seconded by Mendoza,** to approve and adopt the plans and specifications and authorize public bidding for the 2025 City of Imperial Manhole and Gravity Sewer Collection System CCTV Video Inspection and Inventory project (Bid 2025-08, CIP 853).

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

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**MOTION CARRIES: 5-0**

**D-4.** Award a construction contract for the Aten Road Sewer Line Replacement Project Phase II (Bid 2025-06, CIP 848).

**Presenter:** David Dale, Public Services Director

**Recommendation:** Award a construction contract for the Aten Road Sewer Line Replacement Project Phase II (Bid 2025-06, CIP 848) and authorize a 10% contingency.

**Moved by Amparano, seconded by Mendoza,** to approve and award a construction contract for the Aten Road Sewer Line Replacement Project Phase II (Bid 2025-06, CIP 848) and authorize a 10% contingency.

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

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**MOTION CARRIES: 5-0**

**D-5.** Approve the purchase and installation of two screen retrofit sets from Huber Technology for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Headworks.

**Presenter:** David Dale, Public Works Director

**Recommendation:** Approve the purchase and installation of two screen retrofit sets from Huber Technology for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Headworks.

**Moved by Obeso-Martinez, seconded by Burnworth,** to approve the purchase and installation of two screen retrofit sets from Huber Technology for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Headworks.

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

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**MOTION CARRIES: 5-0**

**D-6.** Approval of Resolution No. 2025-16, Adopting the project list for fiscal year 2025-2026 funded by SB 1.

**Presenter:** Othon Mora, Community Development Director

**Recommendation:** Adopt Resolution No. 2025-16, A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A LIST OF PROJECTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 FUNDED BY SB 1: THE ROAD REPAIR AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2017

**Moved by Mendoza, seconded by Burnworth,** to approve Resolution No. 2025-16.

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

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**MOTION CARRIES: 5-0**

**E. REPORTS:**

- E-1.** Departments reported on their activities since the last city council meeting.
- E-2.** City Manager Report: None
- E-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 8:29 p.m. and adjourned until the next council meeting on June 18, 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 18th day of June 2025.

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KRISTINA SHIELDS  
City Clerk