



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

Minutes

City Council

Special Meeting
City Council Chambers
220 West 9th Street
Imperial, CA 92251

Monday, June 12, 2023, at 4:30 P.M.

A. COUNCIL MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Burnworth called the meeting to order at 5:11 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Council members present: Mayor Burnworth, Mayor Pro-Tem Amparano and Council Member Obeso-Martinez

Council Members not present: Council Member Mendoza and Council Member Tucker

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

City Manager stated no adjustments to the agenda.

B. PUBLIC APPEARANCES

There were no public appearances.

C. CONSENT CALENDAR

There was no consent calendar.

D. Agenda item E-1 was taken out of order inasmuch as a quorum of council was present but the duly noticed public hearing was scheduled for 5:30 and it was approximately 5:15 p.m.

Staff Report: CM Morita stated that Public Services Director Loper would be presenting the item, but that the council should be advised that Eddie Self had graciously offered to appear even though he had assumed his new position with the City of Calipatria.

Mr. Loper reported that on June 1, 2023, the signal pole located at the northeast corner of Aten and Highway 86 was taken out by a truck turning west onto Aten from south bound Highway 86. The pole and associated equipment was damaged beyond repair. The remaining signals were

placed on flashing red light mode. Given the volume of traffic, it was reported that at peak intervals, traffic was backed up to the airport entrance. Such circumstance, among others, raises significant safety concerns and potential for injury and property damage. Staff located a mobile signal which is expected to be delivered and operation in a matter of days. Delivery lead time for a permanent pole is estimated to be several months.

Staff recommends adoption of the resolution declaring an emergency in order to address the handling of the signal repair/replacement on an emergency basis and to further ratify action taken by the City Manager to authorize acquisition of a mobile signal and to take such further action he deems necessary to address the emergency.

Motion by Council Member Amparano to adopt resolution to declare emergency and authorize repair/replacement of the signal pole and related equipment on an emergency basis and to ratify action taken by the City Manager to address the emergency including, but not limited to acquisition of a mobile signal. Second by Council Member Obeso-Martinez

Ayes: Council Member Obeso Martinez, Council Member Amparano and Mayor Burnworth.

Nays: None

Absent: Council Member Mendoza and Council Member Tucker

Council Member Mendoza and Council Member Tucker arrived and were present for the balance of the meeting.

E. PUBLIC HEARING

Council conducted a duly noticed public hearing for the purpose of obtaining public input on City adoption of a resolution. Approval of the resolution would authorize City's participation in a joint powers authority which would facilitate issuance of tax-exempt bonds to finance the construction of a multi-family housing project located East of La Brucherie Road between West 12th Street and West 15th Street.

Anthony Stubbs spoke in favor of the project and City's participation in the joint powers authority. The City's participation as described in the Resolution would not create any financial obligation and could result in a benefit to the City's general fund by way of a portion of the issuance fees.

Public hearing closed.

Motion by Council Member Amparano second by Council Member Tucker to approve resolution and authorize City Manager to execute agreement to execute the joint exercise of posers agreement on behalf of the City.

F. STRATEGIC PLANNING

Jeff Bills continued the discussion from prior meetings regarding the development of a strategic plan. As an initial step, the council visited the current version of the city's vision statement and discussed potential changes. Mayor will appoint an ad hoc committee of two to work on a mission statement to be presented at a future meeting.

G. ADJOURNMENT

G-1. Meeting was adjourned at 5:43 p.m.

NOTE: Any documents produced by the City and distributed to a majority of the Planning Commission regarding any item on this agenda will be made available upon request during normal business hours.