

Imperial City Council



*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

October 1, 2025

Closed Session at 06:00 pm

Open Session at 07:00 pm

6:00 P.M. CLOSED SESSION

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Council Members Amparano, Burnworth, Mendoza, Mayor Tucker, City Manager Morita, and Attorney Turner.

Mayor Pro Tem Obeso-Martinez arrived at 6:50 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT FOR CLOSED SESSION ITEMS ONLY:

Public comment received by Flavio Grijalva regarding Teamsters 542.

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL:

CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS- G.C.§ 54956.8

Property Address: Unnumbered parcel of land of approximately 18,730 sq. ft. of vacant land located at the southern tip of South Imperial Avenue where it meets Highway 86

Agency Negotiator: Dennis H. Morita, City Manager

Negotiating Parties: Dr. Tien Vo, Under Negotiation: Price and terms

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

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION G.C §54956.9 (d)(2)

Novalk, LLC v. City of Imperial et. al, United States District Court for the Southern District of California, 25CV2307 BAS DDL and City of Imperial v. Gazette Ranch, Inc., Imperial County Superior Court, ECU00569

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

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

Number of Potential Cases: 1

7:00 P.M. REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Tucker called the meeting to order at 7:17 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 Steel Adkins.

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

City Manager Dennis H. Morita moved Items B-6, B-7, and B-8 from the Consent Agenda to a future meeting. Mayor Tucker moved Action Item C-6 to the next meeting. Council Member Amparano moved Action Item C-2 to the Consent Agenda.

Moved by Amparano, seconded by Burnworth, to approve the changes on Adjustment to the Agenda.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIES: 5-0

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Public Comment received by Allister Lopez and Gustavo Peza regarding the Mayor of the day.

Public Comment received by Michelle Hollinger regarding Victoria Homes' grand opening and the IVRCC Honey Festival.

A. PRESENTATIONS:

A-1. Mayor Tucker presented the proclamation for Fire Prevention Week.

B. CONSENT AGENDA:

B-1. Approval of Warrants Report.

B-2. Approval of City Council Minutes for Regular Meeting of September 3, 2025.

B-3. Authorize the surplus of various non-operational tools and equipment for the Parks Department.

- B-4.** Approve Resolution No. 2025-46B, amending the original resolution approving a ten-year finance agreement with PNC Bank to acquire a fire engine.
- B-5.** Approve and adopt the revisions to the City's Vehicle Use Policy.
- *B-6. Moved to a future meeting** - Approve and implement the recommendations of the classification study as outlined to include reclassifications, title changes, and new and updated job descriptions for positions with Teamsters, and update the salary schedule.
- *B-7. Moved to a future meeting** - Adopt Resolution No. 2025-50 amending the Employee Benefits for MSPC Unrepresented Employees to incorporate new classification titles from the reclassified Teamsters positions.
- *B-8. Moved to a future meeting** - Approve the Side Letter of Agreement with Teamsters Union Local 542, and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement on behalf of the city.
- B-9.** Adopt Resolution No. 2025-51 establishing a ticket policy pursuant to the Fair Political Practices Commission.
- B-10.** Ratification of Support Letters for SB 346, SB 707, SB 454, AB 339, and AB 650.
- *C-2.** Approve street closure request and special event application submitted by Faith Assembly Church for the Annual Harvest Festival.

Moved by Mendoza, seconded by Obeso-Martinez, to approve the Consent Agenda, removing items B-6, B-7, B-8, and adding item C-2.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIES: 5-0

C. ACTION ITEMS (DISCUSSION/ACTION):

- C-1.** Selection of a Mayor for the Day.

Presenter: Dennis H. Morita, City Manager

Recommendation: Select a student from the Imperial Unified School District to be the City of Imperial Mayor for the Day.

Mayor Harper Williams and Council Members Allister Lopez, Ian Leal, and Ethan Lara.

Moved Burnworth, seconded by Amparano, to approve adding Allister Lopez's application to selecting a Mayor for the Day.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIES: 5-0

- *C-2. Moved to Consent Agenda** - Approve street closure request and special event application submitted by Faith Assembly Church for the Annual Harvest Festival.

C-3. Adopt Resolution No. 2025-48, approving an application for the Annexation of APN 063-010-059 located at Neckel Road and La Brucherie Road.

Presenter: Othon Mora, Community Development Director

Recommendation: Adopt Resolution No. 2025-48, INITIATING AN APPLICATION TO THE IMPERIAL COUNTY LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION FOR THE WEST 70 GROUP, LLC, ANNEXATION ON APN 063-010-059 LOCATED AT THE NECKEL ROAD AND LA BRUCHERIE ROAD INTERSECTION.

Moved by Mendoza (I. Leal), seconded by Obeso-Martinez (A. Lopez), to approve Resolution No. 2025-48.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIES: 5-0

C-4. Approve an agreement with Turbodata Systems, Inc for citation processing and collections services for the Police Department.

Presenter: Aaron Reel, Police Chief

Recommendation: Approve a five-year agreement with Turbo Data Systems, Inc., for citation processing and collections services for the Police Department.

Moved by Obeso-Martinez (A. Lopez), seconded by Amparano (E. Lara), to approve a five-year agreement with Turbo Data Systems, Inc., for citation processing and collections services for the Police Department.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIES: 5-0

C-5. Approve a rate adjustment and agreement with HDL Coren & Cone for property tax consulting and audit services.

Presenter: Victor Manriquez, Finance Director

Recommendation: Approve the rate adjustment and a five-year agreement with HDL Coren & Cone for property tax consulting and audit services.

Moved by Amparano (E. Lara), seconded by Mendoza (I. Leal), to approve the rate adjustment and a five-year agreement with HDL Coren & Cone for property tax consulting and audit services.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIES: 5-0

*C-6. Discussion regarding City of Imperial Summer Recreation Program Scheduling for 2026.

Presenter: James Tucker, Mayor

Discussion only.

*Mayor Tucker tabled until the next regular scheduled Council Meeting.

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 (H. Williams) ended this meeting at 8:18 p.m. and adjourned until the next council meeting on October 15, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

The council went back into closed session until 9:00 p.m.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the city of Imperial, California, this 5th day of November 2025.

KRISTINA SHIELDS
City Clerk

Imperial City Council

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Public Comments: Members of the public who wish to speak are encouraged to fill out a Speaker Slip and submit it to the City Clerk before the start of the meeting. Public comments are limited to 3 minutes. Comments may also be submitted by email to CityClerk@imperial.ca.gov no later than 5:00 p.m., the day of the meeting.

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6:00 P.M. CLOSED SESSION

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:09 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Council Members Amparano, Burnworth, Mendoza, City Manager Morita, Assistant to the City Manager Garcia, and Attorney Tuner.

Mayor Pro Tem Obeso-Martinez arrived at 6:18 p.m.

ABSENT: Mayor Tucker

PUBLIC COMMENT FOR CLOSED SESSION ITEMS ONLY:

Public comment received by Flavio Grijalva regarding Teamsters 542.

Public comment received by Andrew Rauch regarding property.

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL:

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7:00 P.M. REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Pro Tem Obeso-Martinez called the meeting to order at 7:14 p.m.

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

ABSENT: Mayor Tucker

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Parker Burnworth.

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA: City Manager Dennis H. Morita asked to table Item C-1 to a future meeting.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION: The City Attorney, Turner, stated that direction was given to the council on Existing Litigation and Anticipated Litigation. There was no discussion of Labor Negotiators.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There were none.

A. PRESENTATIONS:

A-1. Mayor Pro Tem Obeso-Martinez presented the proclamation for National 4-H Week.

A-2. Q1 project status and updates by Alejandro Estrada, DoIt Director.

A-3. Five-Year CIP Budget Update by Victor Manriquez, Finance Director.

B. CONSENT AGENDA:

- B-1.** Approval of Warrants Report.
- B-2.** Approval of City Council Minutes for Regular Meeting of September 17, 2025.
- B-3.** Approval of a three-year renewal with Microsoft Enterprise agreement.
- B-4.** Adopt Resolution No. 2025-52 accepting grant funding from the Office of Traffic Safety.
- B-5.** Authorization to reject claim CW File Number CJP-3055057 as recommended by Carl Warren & Company.

Moved by Amparano, seconded by Burnworth, to approve the Consent Agenda and pulling Warrant Numbers 128110, 128131, 128149, and 128156.

AYES: Amparano, Burnworth, Mendoza, Obeso-Martinez

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Tucker

MOTION CARRIES: 4-0

Moved by Burnworth, seconded by Amparano, to approve Warrant Number 128110 for Obeso-Martinez.

AYES: Amparano, Burnworth, Mendoza

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Obeso-Martinez

ABSENT: Tucker

MOTION CARRIES: 3-0-1

Moved by Amparano, seconded by Mendoza, to approve Warrant Number 128131 for Burnworth.

AYES: Amparano, Mendoza, Obeso-Martinez

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Burnworth

ABSENT: Tucker

MOTION CARRIES: 3-0-1

Moved by Burnworth, seconded by Mendoza, to approve Warrant Number 128149 for Amparano.

AYES: Burnworth, Mendoza, Obeso-Martinez

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Amparano

ABSENT: Tucker

MOTION CARRIES: 3-0-1

Moved by Burnworth, seconded by Amparano, to approve Warrant Number 128156 for Mendoza.

AYES: Amparano, Burnworth, Obeso-Martinez

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Mendoza

ABSENT: Tucker

MOTION CARRIES: 3-0-1

C. ACTION ITEMS (DISCUSSION/ACTION):

***C-1. Tabled to a future meeting** - Appoint two (2) scheduled vacancies to the Library Board of Trustees to fill a three-year term.

C-2. Appoint a City Representative and Alternate to the County of Imperial Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC).

Presenter: Dennis H. Morita, City Manager

Recommendation: Appoint a city representative and alternate to the Imperial Airport Land Use Commission.

Moved by Mendoza, seconded by Amparano, to approve and appoint Yvonne Cordero as a city representative and Tommy Garcia as an alternate to the Imperial Airport Land Use Commission.

AYES: Amparano, Burnworth, Mendoza, Obeso-Martinez

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Tucker

MOTION CARRIES: 4-0

C-3. Discussion regarding City of Imperial Summer Recreation Program Scheduling for 2026.

Presenter: Tony Lopez, Parks & Recreation Director

No action, discussion only.

C-4. Approve and adopt the Code of Conduct and Ethics Policy for the City of Imperial.

Presenter: Kristen Smith, Human Resources & Risk Management Director

Recommendation: Approve and adopt the Code of Conduct and Ethics Policy for the City of Imperial.

Moved by Burnworth, seconded by Amparano, to approve and adopt the Code of Conduct and Ethics Policy for the City of Imperial.

AYES: Amparano, Burnworth, Mendoza, Obeso-Martinez

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Tucker

MOTION CARRIES: 4-0

C-5. Approve the implementation of classification study recommendations for reclassifications, title changes, and new and updated job descriptions for the Teamsters Employees.

Presenter: Dennis H. Morita, City Manager

Recommendation: Approve and implement the recommendations of the classification study as outlined to include reclassifications, title changes, and new and updated job descriptions for all positions within Teamsters and update the city salary schedule to reflect these changes.

Moved by Burnworth, seconded by Mendoza, to approve and implement the recommendations of the classification study as outlined to include reclassifications, title changes, and new and updated job descriptions for all positions within Teamsters and update the city salary schedule to reflect these changes.

AYES: Burnworth, Mendoza, Obeso-Martinez

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Amparano

ABSENT: Tucker

MOTION CARRIES: 3-0--1

C-6. Approve the Side Letter of Agreement by and between the City of Imperial and Teamsters Local Union 542.

Presenter: Dennis H. Morita, City Manager

Recommendation: Approve the Side Letter of Agreement by and between the City of Imperial and Teamsters Local Union 542 and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement on behalf of the city.

Moved by Mendoza, seconded by Burnworth, to approve the Side Letter of Agreement by and between the City of Imperial and Teamsters Local Union 542 and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement on behalf of the city.

AYES: Burnworth, Mendoza, Obeso-Martinez

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Amparano

ABSENT: Tucker

MOTION CARRIES: 3-0--1

C-7. Approve Resolution No. 2025-50, establishing employee benefits for MSPC Unrepresented Employees of the City of Imperial to incorporate new classification titles.

Presenter: Kristen Smith, Human Resources and Risk Management Director

Recommendation: Approve Resolution No. 2025-50, establishing employee benefits for MSPC Unrepresented Employees of the City of Imperial to incorporate new classification titles.

Moved by Burnworth, seconded by Mendoza, to approve Resolution No. 2025-50.

AYES: Burnworth, Mendoza, Obeso-Martinez

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Amparano

ABSENT: Tucker

MOTION CARRIES: 3-0--1

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 Pro Tem Obeso-Martinez ended this meeting and adjourned it back into closed session until 9:30 p.m., the next council meeting being on November 5, 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 5th day of November 2025.

KRISTINA SHIELDS
City Clerk