

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

**November 19, 2025**  
**Closed Session at 06:00 pm**  
**Open Session at 07:00 pm**

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

**CALLED TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

Council Member Mendoza arrived at 6:24 p.m.

**ABSENT:** Council Member Burnworth

**PUBLIC COMMENT FOR CLOSED SESSION ITEMS ONLY:** There were none.

### CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL:

#### **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION G.C §54956.9 (d)(1)**

Number of Cases: 2

- i. Novalk, LLC v. City of Imperial et. al, United States District Court for the Southern District of California, 25CV2307 BAS DDL
- ii. Arreola et al vs. City of Imperial, Imperial County Superior Court Case No. ECU002355

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

Initiation of Litigation pursuant to California Government Code section 54956.9(c)

Potential Cases: 1item.

**7:00 P.M. REGULAR MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Tucker called the meeting to order at 7:18 p.m.

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

**ABSENT:** Council Member Burnworth

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Damon Harmon.

**ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:** There are none.

**CITY ATTORNEY REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION:** The City Attorney, Turner, stated that the Council was given direction on Anticipated Litigation.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** There were none.

**A. PRESENTATIONS:**

A-1. Q4 (2025) Budget Report presentation by Administrative Services Director Victor Manriquez.

**B. CONSENT AGENDA:**

B-1. Approval of Warrants Report.

B-2. Approve City Council Minutes for the November 5, 2025 meeting.

B-3. Approval to waive the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading in full and adopt ORDINANCE NO. 831, REENACTING CHAPTER 6 RELATING TO BUILDING REGULATIONS, amending the Imperial Municipal Code Chapter 6 to adopt the 2025 California Building Codes.

B-4. Authorization to reject claim CW File Number CJP-3055279 as recommended by Carl Warren.

B-5. Approve and adopt the Personal Protective Equipment Guidelines Policy.

B-6. Approve a contract for Professional Services with Senior Labor Relations Consultant Peter Q. Nguyen.

B-7. Approve Resolution No. 2025-54, adopting the updated records retention schedule.

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

AYES: Amparano, Mendoza, Obeso-Martínez, Tucker

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Burnworth

**MOTION CARRIES: 4-0**

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

C-1. Public hearing for the purpose of vacating a public right-of-way portion of O Street between 1<sup>st</sup> Street and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and adopting Resolution No. 2025-53. Continued public hearing from November 5, 2025 regular meeting of the Imperial City Council.

Mayor Tucker continued the public hearing at 7:35 p.m. Othon Mora, Director of Community Development, provided the Council with three options, as requested, regarding this matter. The property owners, Alba Soliz and Daniel Ramos, agreed with the options provided to the council, and the council went with option A. Mayor Tucker closed the public hearing at 7:35 p.m.

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

**Recommendation:** Adopt Resolution No. 2025-53, RESOLUTION OF INTENTION TO VACATE A PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY.

**Moved by Amparano, seconded by Obeso-Martinez,** to approve and adopt Resolution No. 2025-53.

AYES: Amparano, Mendoza, Obeso-Martínez, Tucker

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Burnworth

**MOTION CARRIES: 4-0**

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

**D-1.** Approve the Special Event Application for 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Carne Asada Run, submitted by the Sunrunners Car Club of Imperial Valley.

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

**Recommendation:** Approve special event application submitted by Sunrunners Car Club.

**Moved by Obeso-Martinez, seconded by Amparano,** to approve the special event application submitted by Sunrunners Car Club.

AYES: Amparano, Mendoza, Obeso-Martínez, Tucker

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Burnworth

**MOTION CARRIES: 4-0**

**D-2.** Approve the Special Event Application for the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Festival of Lights, submitted by the Imperial Irrigation District.

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

**Recommendation:** Approve special event application submitted by Imperial Irrigation District.

**Moved by Obeso-Martinez, seconded by Amparano,** to approve the special event application submitted by the Imperial Irrigation District.

AYES: Amparano, Mendoza, Obeso-Martínez, Tucker

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Burnworth

**MOTION CARRIES: 4-0**

**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:**

Mayor Tucker ended the meeting at 8:14 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Imperial City Council will be on Wednesday, December 3, 2025.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the city of Imperial, California, this 3rd day of December 2025.

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KRISTINA SHIELDS  
City Clerk



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**7:00 P.M. SPECIAL MEETING**

**CITY COUNCIL CONVENES TO OPEN SESSION**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Tucker called the meeting to order at 7:18 p.m.

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

**ABSENT:** Council Member Burnworth

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Damon Harmon.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** There were none.

**A. ACTION ITEM: (DISCUSSION/DIRECTION ONLY)**

- A-1.** Appoint a representative and an alternate to the Air Pollution Control District's Advisory Board Committee.

**Moved by Mendoza, seconded by Obeso-Martinez,** to approve Mayor Tucker as the representative and Council Member Amparano as the alternate for the Air Pollution Control District's Advisory Board Committee.

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

**NOES:** Amparano

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** Burnworth

**MOTION CARRIES: 3-1**

**ADJOURNMENT** Adjourn the Special Meeting and immediately convene the City of Imperial City Council Regular Meeting scheduled for November 19, 2025, at 7:00 p.m., in the same location.