

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

December 3, 2025**6:00 P.M. CLOSED SESSION**

The closed session meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Council Members Amparano, Burnworth, Mendoza, Mayor Tucker, City Manager Morita, Assistant to the City Manager Garcia, City Attorney Turner.

Absent: Mayor Pro-Tem Obeso Martinez

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

CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNS INTO CLOSED SESSION

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL: The City Council finds, based on advice from the City Attorney, that discussion in open session of the following described matter(s) will prejudice the position of the City in existing and anticipated litigation.

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNCIL – EXISTING LITIGATION G.C §54956.9
 Novalk, LLC v. City of Imperial et. al, United States District Court for the Southern District of California, 25CV2307 BAS DDL

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNCIL ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
 Initiation of Litigation pursuant to California Government Code §54956.9(c)
 Potential Cases: 1 item.

CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS G.C. §54956.8
 Property APN: 064-433-010
 Agency Negotiator: Dennis H. Morita, City Manager
 Negotiating Parties: Paul Dulai, State Department of General Services (DGS)
 Under Negotiation: Instructions to negotiator regarding 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

7:00 P.M. REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Tucker called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Council Members Amparano, Burnworth, Mendoza, Mayor Tucker, City Manager Morita, Assistant to the City Manager Garcia, City Attorney Turner.

Absent: Mayor Pro-Tem Obeso Martinez

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

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA: There were none.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION City Attorney Turner stated directions were given to staff on existing litigation for Novalk, LLC v. City of Imperial, one case of initiation of litigation, and a conference with real property negotiators regarding price and terms. A conference with labor negotiators was not discussed.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Francisco Leal submitted a two-page public comment by email. The comment regarding the Imperial County data center was read aloud and summarized by City Attorney Turner. The public comment was emailed to the members of the City Council and is available for public viewing upon request.

Maria Carillo Martinez spoke on behalf of Soroptimist International regarding the Read, Dream & Be Merry Event.

Peter Sterenberg from Republic Services spoke to the council regarding their new Electric Vehicle Truck.

Resident Karina Leal expressed concerns about the proposed data center. City Attorney Turner stated this project is not in the city's jurisdiction and encourages concerned residents to reach out to the County Board of Supervisors.

A. CONSENT AGENDA: All items appearing under the "Consent Agenda" will be acted upon by the City Council with one motion without discussion. Should any Council member or other person request that any item be considered separately that item will then be taken up at the time as determined by the mayor.

A-1. Approval of Warrants Report.

A-2. Approve City Council Minutes for the November 19, 2025, Regular Meeting and the November 19, 2025, Special Meeting.

- A-3. Authorization to reject claim CW File Number CJP-3055403 G. Guzman, as recommended by Carl Warren.
- A-4. Receive and file the Q4 Quarterly Budget Report as of June 30, 2025.
- A-5. Approve updated Resolution No. 2025-53, approving the intent to vacate a public right-of-way portion of O Street, changing the public hearing date to January 7, 2026.

Moved by Mendoza, seconded by Burnworth, to approve the Consent Agenda.

AYES: Amparano, Burnworth, Mendoza, Tucker

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Obeso-Martinez

MOTION CARRIES: 4-0

B. ACTION ITEMS (DISCUSSION/ACTION):

- B-1. Adopt the amended Imperial Public Library Collection Development Policy.

Presenter: Ember Haller, Library Manager

Recommendation: Adopt the amended Imperial Public Library Collection Development Policy to include the minimum requirements outlined in AB 1825.

Moved by Burnworth, seconded by Amparano, to adopt the amended Imperial Public Library Collection Development Policy.

AYES: Amparano, Burnworth, Mendoza, Tucker

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Obeso-Martinez

MOTION CARRIES: 4-0

- B-2. Approve Republic Services Cost Price Index (CPI) adjustment of four percent for waste and recycling services.

Presenter: Victor Manriquez, Finance Director

Recommendation: Approve the CPI adjustment of four percent for waste and recycling services with Republic Services, effective January 1, 2026.

Moved by Mendoza, seconded by Amparano, to approve the Republic Services Cost Price Index (CPI) adjustment of four percent for waste and recycling services.

AYES: Amparano, Burnworth, Mendoza, Tucker

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Obeso-Martinez

MOTION CARRIES: 4-0

B-3. Adopt Resolution No. 2025-55, adopting the five-year CIP Budget for FY 2026-2030.

Presenter: Victor Manriquez, Finance Director

Recommendation: Adopt Resolution No. 2025-55, ADOPTING THE FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) BUDGET FOR FY 2026-2030 AND \$28,410,780 SPENDING AUTHORIZATION FOR YEAR ONE OF THE FIVE-YEAR CIP BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2026.

Moved by Amparano, seconded by Burnworth, to Adopt Resolution No. 2025-55, adopting the five-year CIP Budget for FY 2026-2030.

AYES: Amparano, Burnworth, Mendoza, Tucker

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Obeso-Martinez

MOTION CARRIES: 4-0

C. REPORTS:

C-1. Department heads reported on their activities since the last city council meeting.

C-2. City Manager Report: None

C-3. The Mayor and Council members reported on their activities since the last city council meeting and upcoming events.

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Tucker ended the meeting at 7:59 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Imperial City Council will be held on Wednesday, December 17, 2025.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the city of Imperial, California, this 17th day of December 2025.

KRISTINA SHIELDS
City Clerk