

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF IMPERIAL
200 WEST 9TH STREET
IMPERIAL, CA 92251-1637
FEBRUARY 2, 2022

A. CITY COUNCIL CONVENES TO CLOSED SESSION AT 6:30 PM.

MAYOR DALE CONVENED TO CLOSED SESSION AT 6:34 PM.

CITY COUNCIL PRESENT: AMPARANO, EUGENIO, TUCKER, BURNWORTH AND DALE
STAFF PRESENT: MORITA, BROWN, MORA, LOPEZ, CHIEF BARRA AND CAPT. SHEFFIELD

A-1. SUBJECT: CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-ANTICIPATED LITIGATION.
(Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of Subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9).
One (2) potential case.

A-2. SUBJECT: EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (Section 54954.5(e))
Title: City Manager

CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNS CLOSED SESSION AT 7:20 PM.

B. CITY COUNCIL RE-CONVENES TO OPEN SESSION AT 7:00 P.M.

MAYOR DALE CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:23PM.

CITY COUNCIL PRESENT: AMPARANO, EUGENIO, TUCKER, BURNWORTH AND DALE

CITY STAFF PRESENT: MORITA, BROWN, HOLBROOK, GUTIERREZ, MORA, HALLER, ESTRADA JR., ESTRADA, LOPEZ, BARRA AND LOPER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY LOPEZ

ADJUSTMENTS TO THIS AGENDA

NONE

ANNOUNCEMENT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

NONE

C. PUBLIC APPEARANCES:

C-1. Matters not appearing on the agenda.

NONE

C-2. Matters appearing on the agenda.

NONE

D. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

D-1. NAF EI CENTRO

CAPT PERKINS made a presentation re-emphasizing the bases mission. CAPT PERKINS reviewed the young pilots and initiatives that base currently handles. Reviewed local partnerships with El Centro SWAT and REACH. Last year there was virtual airshow. Partnerships with KXO radio made that possibly safely due to the pandemic. Navy Region of the Southwest Small Installation of the Year. Range Safety and Environmental stewardship. The Navy continues to be a good partner of the environment, fiscally responsible with Tax dollars, making sure the public is aware of the boundaries of the base. Studying how the Navy operations impacts the flat-tail horned lizard. CAPT PERKINS asks our assistance in distributing information to locals to be more mindful of base boundaries while recreating out in the desert. The Festival of Flight is upcoming, they are watching what the fairgrounds is going to be doing, the base would like to have as close to a live event as possible. CAPT PERKINS reviewed Fire and EMS partnerships with local agencies in the community. Base is also doing an economic impact study and does so about every five years. CAPT PERKINS is honored to represent the men and women out in town.

COUNCIL expressed their appreciation for the City’s partnership with the base and the men and women who serve and protect our Country. No further discussion or comments from the City Council.

E. CONSENT AGENDA:

All items appearing under “Consent Agenda” will be acted upon by the City Council by 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**

- E-1.** Approval of claims/warrants report.
- E-2.** Approval of Minutes from Regular Meeting of the City Council on January 19, 2022.
- E-3.** Award of Labor Compliance Services for Paseo Del Sol Fitness Project.
- E-4.** Award of Labor Compliance Services for Airport Waterline Loop Construction Project.

TUCKER MOTIONED TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. BURNWORTH SECONDED.

AYES:	AMPARANO, EUGENIO, TUCKER, BURNWORTH AND DALE
NOES:	NONE
ABSTAIN:	NONE
ABSENT:	NONE

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0

F. ACTION ITEMS: (DISCUSSION/ACTION – APPROVE-DISAPPROVE)

F-1. SUBJECT: DISCUSSION ONLY: VANDALISM AT CITY PARKS

DISCUSSION:

MORITA introduced the item to the City Council referencing the request to come from Councilmember EUGENIO as she was noticing an increase in graffiti and vandalism. Morita introduced the item stating that Councilmember Eugenio has requested this item be placed on the agenda as she is noticing an increase in graffiti and vandalism. Morita stated that the issue is in catching people who due this. LOPEZ reviewed the photos

provided focusing on Joshua Tree park and the shattered toilets and urinals. LOPEZ also reviewed Savannah Ranch vandalism. Additionally, images were provided of graffiti on fencing. Vandalism to the whale tale at the splash pad. LOPEZ reviewed the costs to replace the whale tale. The partitions at the Eager restrooms are being replaced for the third time. EUGENIO asked if closing the restrooms would help solve some of the problems? TUCKER responded he didn't think that issues were happening at night, they seemed to be during the day. DALE stated that part of getting this under control involves increasing security cameras and he would like to see the City devote some resources into curbing the issues. AMPARANO stated the monies we could be using to enhance our parks have to now be used to repair and replace features. BURNWORTH expressed her disgust in seeing the photos and referred to how hard the City fought to keep parks open during COVID and now we have kids acting like animals destroying them. EUGENIO asked if perhaps the Police Department could conduct some outreach at the schools to help mitigate the issue. CHIEF BARRA stated that he would work with the SRO and further asked the public to report vandalism and graffiti to the Department, rather than just posting this on social media. No further discussion was held by the City Council.

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN BY THE COUNCIL ON THIS ITEM

F-2. SUBJECT: DISCUSSION/ACTION: REPAIRS TO VFD AT BOOSTER PUMP

DISCUSSION:

LOPER presented the item to the City Council. AMPARANO asked where this was at in the budget (?). LOPER explained that it is listed under maintenance of equipment in the budget. BURNWORTH asked how many of these booster pumps do we have? LOPER stated that we have four (4) booster pumps. No further discussion was held by the City Council. MAYOR DALE called for a motion.

ACTION:

TUCKER MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE REPAIR AND/OR REPLACEMENT TO VFD ON BOOSTER PUMP IN THE AMOUNT (NOT TO EXCEED) \$39,000.00. AMPARANO SECONDED THE MOTION.

AYES: AMPARANO, EUGENIO, TUCKER, BURNWORTH AND DALE
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0

F-3. SUBJECT: DISCUSSION/ACTION: WATER RESERVOIR VALVES

DISCUSSION:

LOPER presented the item to the City Council. No further discussion was held by the Council. MAYOR DALE called for a motion.

MOTION BY TUCKER TO APPROVE THE REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE TO WATER RESERVOIR VALVES NOT TO EXCEED \$11,000.00. SECONDED BY BURNWORTH

AYES: AMPARANO, EUGENIO, TUCKER, BURNWORTH AND DALE
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0

F-4. SUBJECT: DISCUSSION/ACTION: CYBERSECURITY INFRASTRUCTURE

DISCUSSION:

ESTRADA presented the item to the City Council. AMPARANO asked if this was a purchase or lease of equipment(?). ESTRADA clarified that it was a purchase that provided access to the software for five (5) years. No further discussion was held by the City Council. MAYOR DALE called for a motion.

ACTION:

MOTION BY BURNWORTH TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE AND DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS FOR CYBERSECURITY INFRASTRUCTURE ITEMS. SECONDED BY TUCKER.

AYES: AMPARANO, EUGENIO, TUCKER, BURNWORTH AND DALE

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0

MAYOR DALE ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 7:54 PM UNTIL THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2022, AT 7:00 P.M.