

# MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF IMPERIAL  
FEBRUARY 1, 2023

**A. CITY COUNCIL CONVENES TO CLOSED SESSION AT 6:00 PM.**

This is a CLOSED SESSION in which their COUNCIL discusses matters in closed as opposed to open session. Only those matters authorized by the Brown Act as permissible CLOSED SESSION subjects will be discussed. They are as follows:

**B. CITY COUNCIL CONVENES TO OPEN SESSION AT 7:00 PM.**

**MAYOR BURNWORTH CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:20 PM.**

**ROLL CALL OF CITY COUNCIL:**

**PHYSICAL ATTENDANCE:** TUCKER, AMPARANO AND BURNWORTH  
**REMOTELY:** MENDOZA AND OBESO-MARTINEZ

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY TUCKER**

**ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:**

MORITA PULLED E-3 FOR FUTURE AGENDA.

**ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION:**

TURNER - NO REPORTABLE ACTION.

**C. PUBLIC APPEARANCES:**

**C-1. MATTERS NOT APPEARING ON THE AGENDA.**

SHIELDS – NOTHING FOR TONIGHT’S MEETING.

**D. SPECIAL PRESENTATION:**

**D-1. NATIONAL CANCER PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH.**

MELISSA CUIREL FROM THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY WAS PRESENT TO RAISE AWARENESS AND TALK ABOUT CANCER PREVENTION MONTH. MAYOR BURNWORTH READ A PROCLAMATION FOR THE CITY OF IMPERIAL. THE CITY OF IMPERIAL COUNCIL RECOGNIZES EARLY SCREENINGS AND DETECTION CAN SAVE LIVES. THE CITY OF IMPERIAL IS COMMITTED TO HELP OUR CITIZENS LIVE A HEALTHIER LIFE BY PROVIDING ACCESS TO HEALTH EDUCATION. I MAYOR CATHERINE BURNWORTH ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF IMPERIAL HEREBY PROCLAIMS THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY AS NATIONAL CANCER PREVENTION MONTH.

**E. CONSENT AGENDA:**

**E-1. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS AND WARRANTS REPORT.**

**E-2. CONTINUED EMERGENCY ACTION OF RESOLUTION 2022-60 (SANDALWOOD GLEN, SKY RANCH, CROSS AND COLONIA PUMP / LIFT STATIONS.)**

**E-3. AMENDMENT OF THE PARKS DIRECTOR JOB DESCRIPTION TO PARKS AND JOB DESCRIPTION RECREATION.**

**E-4. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 21, 2022, AND JANUARY 4, 2023.**

**ACTION:** E-3 WAS PULLED PER MORITA.

MOTIONED BY AMPARANO AND SECONDED BY OBESO-MARTINEZ TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA EXCLUDING E-3.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** AMPARANO - YES, OBESO-MARTINEZ - YES, MENDOZA - YES, TUCKER – YES, BURNWORTH - YES

**MOTION CARRIES:** 5-0

**F. PUBLIC HEARING: (DISCUSSION / ACTION – RECOMMEND / DENY)**

**F-1. SUBJECT: PUBLIC HEARING OF THE CITY COUNCIL TO DISCUSS THE VACATION OF A PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY**

**PORTION OF O STREET BETWEEN 12TH STREET AND 13TH STREET WITHIN THE CITY OF IMPERIAL.**

**1. OPEN PUBLIC HEARING:** 7:31 PM

**2. STAFF PORT – PUBLIC COMMENT:**

APPLICANT MR. QUINTERO IS REQUESTING A PORTION OF O STREET BETWEEN 12TH AND 13TH STREET TO BE VACATED TO ALLOW SPACE FOR A PROPOSED INDUSTRIAL PARK. A PUBLIC HEARING WITH THE PLANNING COMMISSION WAS HELD ON OCT. 26, 2022. THE NEXT PUBLIC HEARING IS SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 1, 2023.

**3. CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING:** 7:34 PM

**4. COUNCIL DISCUSSION:**

TUCKER – DENNIS WAS RESEARCHING WITH THE CITY ATTORNEY ABOUT PROPERTY.

LONG AS THE UTILITIES ARE NOT MESSED WITH.

**5. RECOMMENDED ACTION:** ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 2023-02, APPROVING THE VACATION OF A PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY PORTION OF O STREET, BETWEEN 12TH STREET AND 13TH STREET WITHIN THE CITY OF IMPERIAL.

MOTIONED BY AMPARANO AND SECONDED BY TUCKER TO APPROVE THIS RESOLUTION.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** AMPARANO - YES, OBESO-MARTINEZ - YES, MENDOZA - YES, TUCKER – YES, BURNWORTH - YES.

**MOTION CARRIES:** 5-0

**G. ACTION ITEMS: (DISCUSSION / ACTION – APPROVE – DISAPPROVE)**

**G-1. SUBJECT: DECLARATION OF THE IMPERIAL POLICE DEPARTMENT MOTORCYCLE AS SURPLUS.**

**1. DECLARATION OF THE IMPERIAL POLICE DEPARTMENT MOTORCYCLE AS SURPLUS.**

**2. AUTHORIZATION OF SALE AND / OR SALVAGE OF ITEMS DECLARED SURPLUS.**

**ACTION:**

RUBIO - THE POLICE DEPARTMENT WOULD LIKE TO DECLARE THEIR 2006 BMW POLICE MOTORCYCLE AS SURPLUS. IF DECLARED THE MOTORCYCLE WILL BE AUCTIONED AND MONIES WILL GO TOWARD THE TRAFFIC SAFETY PROGRAM.

AMPARANO - ON GENERAL FUND DO YOU RECALL HOW WE RECEIVED THAT? AS FOR THE TRAFFIC PLANS AND SAFETY PLAN DO WE HAVE SOMETHING DRAFTED?

MORITA - RECOMMENDED WE LOOK BACK ON HOW THE MOTORCYCLE WAS ACQUIRED DUE TO A PRIOR ISSUE. BURNWORTH ASK IF WE SHOULD TABLE THIS ITEM FOR THE NEXT MEETING. MORITA SAID ITS AN OPTION BUT IF YOU MOVE FORWARD, WE WILL MAKE SURE THE ACTION BE INLINE WITH ANY RESTRICTIONS.

MOTIONED BY TUCKER AND SECONDED BY AMPARANO TO APPROVE IMPERIAL POLICE DEPARTMENT MOTORCYCLE AS SURPLUS.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** AMPARANO - YES, OBESO-MARTINEZ - YES, MENDOZA - YES, TUCKER – YES, BURNWORTH - YES.

**MOTION CARRIES:** 5-0

**G-2. SUBJECT: MORNING STAR SUBDIVISION UNIT 1A.**

- 1. APPROVAL AND ACCEPTANCE OF OFF-SITE STREET IMPROVEMENTS.**
- 2. AUTHORIZE BOND REDUCTION UP TO 90% AND TO KEEP THE REMAINING 10% FOR THE ONE-YEAR WARRANTY PERIOD.**

**ACTION:**

JANUARY 23, 2023, FINAL WALK WAS COMPLETED AND IMPROVEMENTS WERE COMPLETED. STAFF IS ASKING FOR APPROVAL AND ACCEPTANCE OF IMPROVEMENTS AND WOULD LIKE BOND REDUCTION UP TO 90% AND KEEP 10% FOR ONE-YEAR WARRANTY.

MOTIONED BY TUCKER AND SECONDED BY MENDOZA TO APPROVE MORNING STAR SUBDIVISION UNIT 1A.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** AMPARANO - YES, OBESO-MARTINEZ - YES, MENDOZA - YES, TUCKER – YES, BURNWORTH - YES.

**MOTION CARRIES:** 5-0

**G-3. SUBJECT: REPUBLIC SERVICES ANNUAL RATE ADJUSTMENT.**

- 1. APPROVAL OF REPUBLIC SERVICES COST PRICE INDEX (CPI) ADJUSTMENT OF FOUR PERCENT (4%) FOR WASTE AND RECYCLING SERVICES IN THE CITY OF IMPERIAL.**

**ACTION:**

THE CITY OF IMPERIAL HAS HAD A SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH REPUBLIC SERVICES FOR MANY YEARS. IN THE AGREEMENT THERE IS AN ANNUAL RATE INCREASE.

TUCKER - DIDN'T THE CITIES HAVE A MEETING AND REPUBLIC SERVICES WANT MORE AT ONE TIME? MORITA – THERE ARE TWO ASPECTS TO THE ADJUSTMENT. THE ONE BEFORE YOU IS AN INCREASE BASED UPON THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX. WE RECOMMEND YOU GO FORWARD WITH THE INCREASES.

AMPARANO - HOW MANY MORE YEARS WITH CONTRACT? BROWN REPLIED THAT THE CITY HAS 26 MORE YEARS. AMPARANO ASKED IF THIS INCREASE ALSO INCLUDE THE STREET SWEEPER? MORITA ANSWERED THIS INCREASE IS FOR SOLID WASTE ONLY. MORITA IS NOT AWARE OF ANY IMPACT WITH THE STREET SWEEPER. WE ONLY HAVE CONTRACT AND WE DO HAVE AMENDMENTS TO THE ORIGINAL CONTRACT.

BURNWORTH ASKED IF WE WILL SEE ANY MORE INCREASE IN THE NEXT THREE YEARS. MORITA - I BELIEVE THE CPI IS AN ANNUAL

INCREASE. THERE CAN BE AN UNEXPECTED EXTRAORDINARY SORT OF INCREASE BUT THAT CAN BE TURNED DOWN BY THE COUNCIL.

OBESO-MARTINEZ - CAN WE REMIND THE CITY OF WHAT SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE TO THEM? BROWN - THE CITY IS PUTTING OUT SOCIAL MEDIA CAMPAIGN OF REMINDERS.

MOTIONED BY TUCKER AND SECONDED BY OBESO-MARTINEZ TO APPROVE REPUBLIC SERVICES' ANNUAL RATE ADJUSTMENT.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** AMPARANO - YES, OBESO-MARTINEZ - YES, MENDOZA - YES, TUCKER – YES, BURNWORTH - YES.

**MOTION CARRIES:** 5-0

**G-4. SUBJECT: FUTURE OF HEALTHCARE IN IMPERIAL COUNTY DISCUSSION.**

**ACTION:**

BURNWORTH ATTENDED THE ROUND TABLE. ONE THING MISSING WAS IMPERIAL NOT HAVING A VOICE AT THE TABLE. THE FACT THAT THE CITY IS SANDWICHED BETWEEN THE TWO HOSPITALS I LET THEM KNOW THAT I WAS UNHAPPY THAT IMPERIAL IS NOT INCLUDED TO VOICE THEIR OPTIONS.

MENDOZA ASKED WHAT WAS THEIR RESPONSE? BURNWORTH STATED THAT MOVING FORWARD WE WILL BE INCLUDED.

AMPARANO HAD TALKED WITH OUR LOCAL EMS PROVIDER WHO SAID THAT OUR IMPERIAL RESIDENTS HAVE BEEN GOING TO PMH. THE ROUTE WAS SHORTER BACK IN THE DAYS TO TAKE THEM TO EL CENTRO REGIONAL BUT NOW WITH TRAFFIC ITS FASTER TO GO TO BRAWLEY. THERE IS A PLAN IN PLACE FOR ALL IMPERIAL RESIDENTS TO GO TO PMH.

OBESO-MARTÍNEZ - AS A CITY WE DO NEED TO BE AT THE TABLE SINCE WE ARE BETWEEN THE TWO HOSPITALS?

BURNWORTH REQUESTED STAFF SEND A LETTER TO HAVE COUNCIL IN THOSE DISCUSSIONS.

**H. REPORTS:**

**H-1. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

RUBIO - THE MOTORCYCLE WAS PURCHASED THROUGH THE OTS BACK IN 06 AND ONLY LIMITATION IS THAT THE MONEY FROM THE SALE NEEDS TO GO BACK TO THAT TYPE OF PROGRAM.

LOPEZ - THE TRI-TIP COOK OFF IS COMING UP AND THE CITY STILL HAS SPACES OPEN FOR COMPETING. THE DEADLINE TO SIGN UP IS THIS FRIDAY END OF DAY. THE EVENT IS FEB. 25TH. SUNRUNNERS CAR SHOW IS COMING UP MARCH 18TH.

**H-2. CITY MANAGER REPORTS: NONE**

**H-3. MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS:**

OBESO-MARTINEZ - I SIT ON THE FRIENDS OF IMPERIAL PARKS BOARD. THEY WILL BE HAVING A BOOTH SERVING ADULT BEVERAGES AT THE MARKET DAYS SO COME OUT AND HELP RAISE FUNDS. NEXT WEEK THEY WILL HAVE APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE FOR FRIENDS OF IMPERIAL BOARD.

MENDOZA - I GOT TO SIT IN ON THE ICTC AND LTA MEETING AND I HOPE I GET TO ATTEND MORE OF THOSE MEETINGS. OBESO-MARTINEZ AND I ARE CURRENTLY AT UNIVERSAL CITY PARTICIPATING IN CALIFORNIA LEAGUE OF CITIES. THIS IS FOR NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS AND MAYORS. WE HAVE ONE DAY DOWN AND ITS A LOT OF INFORMATION BUT LOOKING FORWARD TO THE NEXT TWO DAYS.

AMPARANO - I DID ATTEND THE ICTC MEETING IT WAS JUST BUSINESS AS NORMAL. IT WAS INTERESTING AND WE HAVE MORE THINGS TO COVER THIS MONTH AND I'LL TRY TO REPORT THAT IN MARCH.

**I. ADJOURNMENT:**

**BURNWORTH ADJOURNED MEETING AT 8:04 PM UNTIL THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2023, AT 7:00 PM.**

