



MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Imperial City Council

City Council Chambers
220 West 9th Street
Imperial, CA 92251-1637

September 6, 2023

Closed Session at 06:00 pm

Open Session at 07:00 pm

6:00 P.M. CLOSED SESSION

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Burnworth Called the Meeting to Order at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Council: Mendoza, Amparano, Burnworth, Tucker, Obeso-Martinez
City Clerk Shields, City Manager Morita, City Attorney Turner

ABSENT: None

PUBLIC COMMENT FOR CLOSED SESSION ITEMS ONLY: None

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.

A. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION – G.C § 54956.7 (b)(1)

Title of Position: City Manager

B. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR – G.C § 54956.8

Property Address: Old Post Office
(APN# 064-055-005)
Agency Negotiator: Dennis H. Morita, City Manager
Negotiating Parties: AT & T
Under Negotiation: Instructions to Negotiator Regarding Price & Terms

C. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR – G.C § 54956.8

Property Address: Vacant Parcel North of Belford Road & West of State Route
Highway 86 (SR-86)
(APN# 063-054-038)
Agency Negotiator: Dennis H. Morita, City Manager
Negotiating Parties: 5th Street Development Imperial, LLC
Under Negotiation: Instructions to Negotiator Regarding Price & Terms

D. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION – G.C § 54956.9 (d)(2) Number of Cases: (1)

CITY COUNCIL CONVENES TO REGULAR MEETING

7:00 P.M. REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Burnworth called the meeting to order at 7:22 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Council Members, Mendoza, Obeso-Martinez, Tucker, Amparano & Mayor Burnworth

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge was led by Mayor Burnworth.

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

There were no adjustments to the agenda.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS:

City Attorney, Katherine Turner, reported that discussion was held with respect to the City Manager’s evaluation; in relation to the property negotiation items, direction was given to the City Manager; and with respect to the anticipated litigation case, direction was given to the City Attorney.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

City Clerk, Kristina Shield reported that three public comments had been received, two from Mr. Carlos Martinez and one from Ms. Jessica Garcia.

A. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

A-1. Presentation by Alan Phillips, Chief Executive Officer, regarding the 45th District Agricultural Association Expansion to the California Mid-Winter.

Alan Phillips, Chief Executive Officer, made a presentation to the City Council regarding potentially expanding the California Mid-Winter fair dates beginning in 2025 and discussed recent updates made to the fairground facilities.

B. CONSENT AGENDA:

B-1. Approval of Claims and Warrants Report.

B-2. Approval of Special Meeting Minutes of March 1, 2023, Special Meeting Minutes of April 8, 2023, Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of August 16, 2023 and Special City Council Meeting Minutes of August 25, 2023.

B-3. Continue Emergency Action as Declared by Resolution No. 2023-21 for Repairs to Aten Road & Highway 86 Intersection.

- B-4.** Continue Emergency Actions as Declared by Resolution No. 2023-51 for Manhole in Area of 13th Street and C Street. (PULLED FOR SEPARATE DISCUSSION)

Director of Public Services, Jackie Loper presented the staff report and answered council's questions.

Mayor Pro Tem Amparano Moved to Approve. Motion Seconded by Council Member Obeso-Martinez.

AYES: Mendoza, Obeso-Martinez, Tucker, Amparano & Mayor Burnworth
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

MOTION CARRIES 5-0

- B-5.** Continue Emergency Actions as Declared by Resolution No. 2023-53 at Aten & Cross Lift Station. (PULLED FOR SEPARATE DISCUSSION)

Director of Public Services, Jackie Loper presented videos and pictures of the Aten and Cross lift station conditions to the City Council.

Mayor Pro Tem Amparano Moved to Approve. Motion Seconded by Council Member Mendoza.

AYES: Mendoza, Obeso-Martinez, Tucker, Amparano & Mayor Burnworth
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

MOTION CARRIES 5-0

C. ACTION ITEMS (DISCUSSION/ACTION- APPROVE-DISAPPROVE):

- C-1.** Approval of Contract with Imperial County Assessor for GIS Services.

Recommended Action: Staff recommends approval of contract

Alejandro Estrada, Director of Information Technology presented the staff report and answered council's questions.

Council Member Mendoza Moved to Approve as presented. Motion Seconded by Council Member Tucker.

AYES: Mendoza, Obeso-Martinez Tucker, Amparano & Mayor Burnworth
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

MOTION CARRIES 5-0

- C-2. Monterrey Park Subdivision No. 2 Unit 3B – Vista Del Valle -Authorize Partial Reconveyance to Jupiter Ventures I, LP.

Recommended Action: Staff recommends authorization of partial reconveyance to Juniper Ventures I, LP for Lots, 7-1, 12-14, 342-355, & 394-504 Per FM 28/1-3.

Community Development Director, Othon Mora presented the staff report and was on hand to answer council’s questions.

Council Member Obeso-Martinez Moved to Approve as presented. Motion Seconded by Council Member Mendoza.

- AYES:** Mendoza, Obeso-Martinez, Tucker, Amparano & Mayor Burnworth
- NOES:** NONE
- ABSTAIN:** NONE
- ABSENT:** NONE

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- C-3. Domestic Water Service to Properties Outside City Boundaries – 669 W. Murphy Road, Imperial, California.

Recommended Action: Approve and Adopt Resolution No. 2023-54, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Imperial, California, Authorizing Domestic Water Service Connection to 669 W. Murphy Road.

Community Development Director, Othon Mora presented the staff report and confirmed there would be no cost to the City for domestic water service connection to 669 W. Murphy Road.

Mayor Pro Tem Amparano Moved to Approve as presented. Motion Seconded by Council Member Tucker.

- AYES:** Mendoza, Obeso-Martinez, Tucker, Amparano & Mayor Burnworth
- NOES:** NONE
- ABSTAIN:** NONE
- ABSENT:** NONE

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- C-4. Authorization to Seek Bids for the Library Flooring Improvement Project.

Recommended Action: Approve as presented

Interim Library Manager, **Denise Ulett** presented the staff report in regard to the Library flooring improvements project.

Mayor Pro Tem Amparano Moved to Approve as presented. Motion Seconded by Council Member Tucker.

AYES: Mendoza, Obeso-Martinez, Tucker, Amparano & Mayor Burnworth
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

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D. REPORTS:

D-1. Department Reports:

Director of Human Resources, Kristen Smith provided an update in regard to the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Imperial and Teamsters Union 542.

Director of Parks and Recreation, Tony Lopez provided an update on upcoming events for the month of October.

Interim Chief of Police, Michael Crankshaw provided an update on Police Department operations.

D-2. City Manager Report:

City Manager, Dennis Morita informed the council about his attendance to the CJPIA Risk Management Conference.

D-3. Mayor and Councilmember Reports:

Council Member Mendoza reported on the appointment of Planning Commissioner, Lisa Winkler. Ms. Mendoza acknowledged the contributions of outgoing Planning Commissioner Hammerness during his time on the Planning Commission.

Council Member Obeso-Martinez reported on AB 918.

Mayor Burnworth reported on the amendments to AB918; and the CJPIA Risk Management Conference.

Mayor Pro Tem Amparano reported on the IV Stair Climb Event.

ADJOURNMENT:

Seeing no further business before the Council, Mayor Burnworth adjourned the meeting to the Next Regularly Scheduled City Council Meeting to be held on Wednesday, September 20, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Burnworth Adjourned the Regular Meeting of the City Council at **8:14 p.m.**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City of Imperial, California, this 18th day of October, 2023.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kristina Shields", is written over a faint circular official seal of the City of Imperial, California.

KRISTINA M. SHIELDS,
City Clerk
City of Imperial