



**Imperial City Council**

*Katherine Burnworth- Mayor  
Robert Amparano-Mayor Pro Tem  
Ida Obeso-Martinez-Council Member  
Stacy Mendoza- Council Member  
James Tucker-Council Member*

# MINUTES

## Regular Meeting of the Imperial City Council

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

**December 20, 2023**

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

#### **CALL TO ORDER:**

**PUBLIC COMMENT FOR CLOSED SESSION ITEMS ONLY:** The City Council welcomes public input. Members of the public may address the City Council on Closed Session items by contacting the City Clerk's Office at 760-355-3334. Pursuant to State Law, the City Council may not discuss or act on issues not on the meeting agenda (Government Code Section 54954.2). If you are compensated to communicate with City officials, you may be required to register and/or make certain disclosures as a lobbyist. Please see the City Clerk for additional information. There is a time limit of three (3) minutes for anyone wishing to address the City Council on these matters.

**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. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS – 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

#### **B. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION – G.C § 54956.7 (b)(1)**

Title of Position: City Manager

#### **CITY COUNCIL CONVENES TO REGULAR MEETING**

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

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Burnworth called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge was led by Coltin Burnworth.

**ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:** None

**CITY ATTORNEY REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS:** City Attorney, Katherine Turner reported that the City Council had discussed an Employee Performance evaluation of the City Manager and direction was given to Council. Additionally, City Attorney Turner reported that the City Council had a conference regarding real property negotiations on the old Post Office and direction was given.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**Matters not appearing on the agenda:** None

**A. REORGANIZATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR 2024**

**A-1. Recognition of outgoing Mayor Burnworth**

- a. Presentation of Mayor’s Plaque by Mayor Pro-Tem Amparano to outgoing Mayor Burnworth
- b. Presentations to outgoing Mayor Burnworth
- c. Remarks by outgoing Mayor Burnworth and Council Members

The City Council recognized outgoing Mayor Burnworth with a plaque. City staff and the community spoke on behalf of Mayor Burnworth.

**A-2. Selection of the new Mayor**

- a. City Clerk opens nominations for Mayor

**Motion by Burnworth, seconded by Tucker** to nominate Mayor Pro-Tem Amparano as Mayor.

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

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**MOTION CARRIES:** 5-0

- b. Newly selected Mayor assumes Chair and opens nominations for Mayor Pro-Tem.

**Motion by Burnworth, seconded by Mendoza** to nominate Tucker as Mayor Pro-Tem.

**AYES:** Burnworth, Mendoza, Obeso-Martinez, and Amparano

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** Tucker

**ABSENT:** None

**MOTION CARRIES:** 4-0-1

- c. Remarks by incoming Mayor

**A-3. Reorganization of Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency Board for 2024**

**a. City Clerk opens nominations for Chairman**

**Motion by Mendoza, seconded by Burnworth** to nominate Mayor Amparano as Chairman.

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

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**MOTION CARRIES:** 5-0

**b. City Clerk opens nominations for Vice-Chairman**

**Motion by Mendoza, seconded by Burnworth** to nominate Mayor Pro-Tem Tucker as Vice-Chairman.

**AYES:** Burnworth, Mendoza, Obeso-Martinez, Tucker, and Mayor Amparano

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**MOTION CARRIES:** 5-0

**B. CONSENT AGENDA:**

**B-1. Approval of Claims and Warrants Report**

**B-2. Filing of SB 165 Annual Reports for all City issued CFD's for FY 2022-2023**

**B-3. 2nd Reading and Adoption of Ordinance No. 828, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IMPERIAL ADDING RESTRICTIONS TO OUTDOOR SMOKING IN DESIGNATED AREAS, waive reading and adopt by title only**

**B-4. Approve Purchase of one (1) New T350 Transit Van for Community Youth Outreach Cadet Program**

**B-5. Approval of Agreement with the Imperial Unified School District for a Part Time School Resource Police Officer**

**B-6. Continuation of Emergency at Aten Road and Highway 86 Intersection**

**\*Mayor Pro Tem Tucker Pulled items B-4 and B-5 to be added under Action Items as C-2 and C-3.**

**Moved by Obeso-Martinez, seconded by Burnworth** to approve the consent agenda items B-1, B-2, B-3 and B-6.

**AYES:** Burnworth, Mendoza, Obeso-Martinez, Tucker, and Amparano

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**MOTION CARRIES:** 5-0

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

**C-1.** Approval of California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) Form 130

**Staff Report:** Dennis H. Morita, City Manager

**Recommended Action:** Staff recommends approval of Cal OES Form 130 designating the City Manager and Finance Manager as authorized agents for the City of Imperial to be eligible to obtain financial assistance via Federal and State means following a disaster.

**Moved by Burnworth, seconded by Tucker** to approve the California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) Form 130.

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

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**MOTION CARRIES:** 5-0

**C-2. \*(B-4 pulled from Consent Agenda)**

Approve Purchase of one (1) New T350 Transit Van for Community Youth Outreach Cadet Program.

**Moved by Tucker, seconded by Burnworth** to approve the purchase of one (1) New T350 Transit Van for Community Youth Outreach Cadet Program.

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

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**MOTION CARRIES:** 5-0

**C-3. \*(B-5 pulled from Consent Agenda)**

Approval of Agreement with the Imperial Unified School District for a Part Time School Resource Police Officer.

**Moved by Tucker, seconded by Burnworth** to approve the agreement with the Imperial Unified School District for a Part Time School Resource Police Officer.

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

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**MOTION CARRIES:** 5-0

**D. REPORTS:**

**D-1. Department Reports:** Department heads reported on their activities since last City Council meeting upcoming events.


**D-2. City Manager Report:** NONE

**D-3. Mayor and Councilmember Reports:** Mayor and Council Members reported on their activities since last City Council meeting and upcoming events.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Seeing no further business before the Council, Mayor Amparano adjourned the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City of Imperial, California, this 7th day of February, 2024.



KRISTINA SHIELDS  
City Clerk

