



Imperial City Council

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

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Imperial City Council

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

February 7, 2024

5:00 P.M. CLOSED SESSION

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Amparano called the Meeting to Order at 5:08 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Council Members Burnworth, Mendoza, Obeso-Martinez, Mayor Pro Tem Tucker, Mayor Amparano and City Attorney Turner

PUBLIC COMMENT FOR CLOSED SESSION ITEMS ONLY: None

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL:

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

C. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Significant exposure to litigation - G.C §54956.9 (d)(2) Number of Cases: 1

D. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – LITIGATION

(Gov. Code section 54956.9(d)(2).)
City of Imperial vs. PCG Mayfield, LP, Imperial County Superior Court Case No. ECU 000568

CITY COUNCIL CONVENES TO REGULAR MEETING

7:00 P.M. REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Amparano called the Meeting to Order at 7:10 p.m.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge was led by Jeff Dail.

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA: None

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS: City Attorney Turner reported that the City Council discussed Conference with Real Property Negotiators, Employee Performance evaluation of the City Manager, Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation and Conference with Legal Counsel – Litigation. Direction was given to staff on all topics.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Public Comment by Jeff Dail regarding graffiti in the neighborhood.

Matters not appearing on the agenda: None

A. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A-1. Approval of Claims and Warrants Report
- A-2. Approve Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of November 15, 2023, City Council Meeting Minutes for December 20, 2023 and Regular City Council Meeting Minutes for January 17, 2024
- A-3. Continuation of Emergency of Variable Frequency Drive at the Water Treatment Plant
- A-4. Cease of Emergency at Aten Road and Highway 86 Intersection

Moved by Obeso-Martinez, seconded by Burnworth to approve the consent agenda.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIES: 5-0

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

- B-1. Appointment of two (2) unscheduled vacancies on the Library Board of Trustees.

Staff Report: Dennis H. Morita, City Manager

Recommended Action: Staff recommends appointment of two Library Board of Trustees to fill unscheduled vacancies.

Moved by Mendoza, seconded by Tucker to approve Ivonne Sotomayor and Alejandra Banda to the Library Board of Trustees.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIES: 5-0

B-2. Authorization to solicit bids for the Townsite Improvement Project at 7th, 10th and 14th Street.

Staff Report: Othon Mora, Community Development Director

Staff Recommendation: Authorize staff to solicit bids for the Townsite Improvement Project.

Moved by Obeso-Martinez, seconded by Tucker to approve the authorization to solicit bids for the Townsite Improvement Project at 7th, 10th and 14th Street.

AYES: Obeso-Martinez, Tucker, and Amparano

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Burnworth and Mendoza

ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIES: 3-0-2

B-3. Approve and adopt Resolution No. 2024-04 authorizing a declaration of emergency at the Wastewater Treatment Plant for force main clean out failure in the vicinity of Aten Road and Legakes Avenue.

Staff Report: Public Services – Wastewater Collections

Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution No. 2024-04, A RESOLUTION DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO TAKE SUCH ACTION AS MAY BE NECESSARY IN RESPONSE THERETO AND RATIFYING ACTION TAKEN TO DATE

Moved by Burnworth, seconded by Tucker to approve and adopt Resolution No. 2024-04 authorizing a declaration of emergency at the Wastewater Treatment Plant for force main clean out failure in the vicinity of Aten Road and Legakes Avenue.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIES: 5-0

B-4. Approve the purchase of two (2) “Welcome to Imperial” signs.

Staff Report: Tony Lopez, Parks and Recreation Director

Recommended Action:

1. Approve the purchase of two (2) “Welcome to Imperial” signs not to exceed \$25,000.00 with ARPA funding.
2. Provide staff with direction on the design.

Moved by Burnworth, seconded by Obeso-Martinez to have item come back with corrected quote.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIES: 5-0

B-5. Approval of amended Sunset Park Improvements.

Staff Report: Tony Lopez, Parks and Recreation Director

Recommended Action:

1. Approve the amended Sunset Park improvements.
2. Authorize staff to solicit bids for the Playground Shade Installation project.

Moved by Burnworth, seconded by Tucker to approve the amended Sunset Park improvements.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIES: 5-0

Moved by Mendoza, seconded by Tucker to approve and authorize staff to solicit bids for the Playground Shade Installation project.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIES: 5-0

B-6. Approval and adoption of the City of Imperial 9/80 Work Schedule Policy.

Staff Report: Kristen Smith, Human Resources Manager

Recommended Action: Staff recommends approval and adoption of the 9/80 Work Schedule and Policy.

Moved by Burnworth, seconded by Mendoza to approve the adoption of the 9/80 Work Schedule and Policy.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIES: 5-0

- B-7.** Approve request for letter of support from the office of U.S. Senator Padilla regarding the Low-Income Water Assistance Program.

Staff Report: Dennis H. Morita, City Manager

Recommended Action: Authorize the Mayor to sign the letter in support of the Low-Income Water Assistance Program.

Moved by Obeso-Martinez, seconded by Burnworth to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the letter in support of the Low-Income Water Assistance Program.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIES: 5-0

- B-8.** Authorize the purchase of an 18-door pass-thru locker system for the police department's evidence room.

Staff Report: Max Sheffield, Police Captain

Recommended Action: Authorize and approve the purchase of an 18-door pass-thru locker system for the police department's evidence room.

Moved by Tucker, seconded by Mendoza to approve the purchase of an 18-door pass-thru locker system for the police department's evidence room.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIES: 5-0

C. REPORTS:

- C-1.** Department Reports: Staff reported on their activities since last City Council meeting and upcoming events.


- C-2.** City Manager Report: None

C-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 8:03 p.m.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City of Imperial, California, this 3rd day of April, 2024.



KRISTINA SHIELDS
City Clerk

