



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

January 3, 2024

6:00 P.M. CLOSED SESSION

CALL TO ORDER:

PUBLIC COMMENT FOR CLOSED SESSION ITEMS ONLY:

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL:

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

Title of Position: City Manager

B. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS (Gov. Code section 54957.6.)

Agency Designated Representatives: Dennis H. Morita, City Manager

Kristen Smith, Human Resources Manager

Employee Organizations:

Teamsters Local Union No. 542

Imperial Police Officers Association

CITY COUNCIL CONVENES TO REGULAR MEETING

7:00 P.M. REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Amparano Called the Meeting to Order at 7:07 p.m.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Michael Crankshaw

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA: None

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS: City Attorney, Turner reported that the City Council discussed an Employee Performance evaluation of the City Manager, Conference with Labor Negotiators. Direction was given to staff on both items.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Matters not appearing on the agenda: None

A. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A-1. Approval of Claims and Warrants Report
- A-2. Continuation of Emergency at Aten Road and Highway 86 Intersection
- A-3. Approval of Regular City Council Meeting Minutes November 1, 2023 and Regular City Council Meeting Minutes December 6, 2023

Moved by Burnworth, seconded by Mendoza 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. Approval to Submit Grant Applications to the Imperial County Community Benefit Program

Staff Report: Dennis H. Morita, City Manager

Recommended Action: Approval to submit grant applications to the Imperial County Community Benefit Program

Moved by Burnworth, seconded by Mendoza to approve submittal of Grant Applications to the Imperial County Community Benefit Program.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIES: 5-0

- B-2. Approval of Community Facilities District (CFD) Partial Disbursement of Funds for Request No. 1-2018 from Monterrey CFD 2006-1

Staff Report: Victor Manriquez, Administrative Services Director

Recommended Action: Approve 8th payment in the amount of \$70,000 to Jupiter Ventures, LP.

Moved by Tucker, seconded by Mendoza to approve 8th payment in the amount of \$70,000 to Jupiter Ventures, LP.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None
MOTION CARRIES: 5-0

- B-3.** Approval of Community Facilities District (CFD) Partial Disbursement of Funds for Request No. 1-2018 from Bratton CFD 2004-3

Staff Report: Victor Manriquez, Administrative Services Director
Recommended Action: Approve 4th payment in the amount of \$40,000 to Imperial Bratton, LP.

Moved by Burnworth, seconded by Tucker to approve 4th payment in the amount of \$40,000 to Imperial Bratton, LP.

AYES: Burnworth, Mendoza, Obeso-Martinez, Tucker, and Amparano
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION CARRIES: 5-0

- B-4.** Declaration of Emergency of Variable Frequency Drive at the Water Treatment Plant

Staff Report: Robert Emmett, Water Plant Chief Operator
Recommended Action: Approve Resolution No. 2024-01, 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 Obeso-Martinez, seconded by Tucker to Approve Resolution No. 2024-01.

AYES: Burnworth, Mendoza, Obeso-Martinez, Tucker, and Amparano
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION CARRIES: 5-0

- B-5.** Authorization to Purchase Decorative Gravel for Sunset Park Improvements

Staff Report: Tony Lopez, Parks and Recreation Director
Recommended Action: Authorize American Rescue Plan Act ARPA funding to purchase decorative gravel for Sunset Park improvements in the amount not to exceed \$120,000.00

Moved by Tucker, seconded by Mendoza to bring this item back with an overview of the project plan.

AYES: Burnworth, Mendoza, Obeso-Martinez, Tucker, and Amparano
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION CARRIES: 5-0

B-6. Authorization to Remove Crosswalk on North Imperial Avenue

Staff Report: Othon Mora, Community Development Director

Recommended Action: Authorize removal of the crosswalk on N. Imperial Avenue between Barioni Boulevard and 9th Street

Moved by Tucker, seconded by Burnworth to approve the removal of the crosswalk on N. Imperial Avenue between Barioni Boulevard and 9th Street.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIES: 5-0

B-7. Rejection of Bids for the Highway 86 Fence Replacement Project and Adopt Resolution No. 2024-02 Authorizing the City Manager to Proceed with Day Labor

Staff Report: Othon Mora, Community Development Director

Recommended Action: Reject all bids for the Highway 86 Fence Replacement Project and adopt Resolution No. 2024-02, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IMPERIAL, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO PROCEED BY DAY LABOR WITH CONSIDERATION IN REDUCTION IN SCOPE FOR HWY 86 FENCE REPLACEMENT PROJECT FROM 2ND STREET TO MARSHALL AVENUE BID NO. P2023-04

Moved by Burnworth, seconded by Obeso-Martinez to reject all bids.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIES: 5-0

Moved by Mendoza, seconded by Burnworth to approve Resolution No. 2024-02.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIES: 5-0

B-8. Approval to Purchase In-Field Narcotics Analyzer for the Police Department

Staff Report: Michael Crankshaw, Interim Police Chief

Recommended Action: Approve the purchase of one (1) TruNarc Handheld Narcotic Analyzer T-12 with a five-year warranty and one (1) 100pk Solution Kit in the amount not to exceed \$38,400.00

Moved by Obeso-Martinez, seconded by Mendoza to approve the purchase of one (1) TruNarc Handheld Narcotic Analyzer T-12 with a five-year warranty and one (1) 100pk Solution Kit in the amount not to exceed \$38,400.00.

AYES: Burnworth, Mendoza, Obeso-Martinez, Tucker, and Mayor 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.

Seeing no further business before the Council, Mayor Amparano Adjourned the meeting at 7:59 p.m.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City of Imperial, California, this 6th day of March, 2024.

KRISTINA M. SHIELDS
City Clerk