

**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF IMPERIAL  
AUGUST 5, 2015**

**A. CITY COUNCIL CONVENED TO CLOSED SESSION AT 6:30 P.M.**

- A-1. SUBJECT: CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**  
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9:

Two potential cases

There was no action taken.

**\*CITY COUNCIL RE-CONVENED TO OPEN SESSION\***

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: COX, DALE, SAMPSON, TUCKER, AND GRAN**

**OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT: CITY MANAGER BEST, FINANCE DIRECTOR GUTIERREZ,  
PLANNING DIRECTOR GALVAN, PUBLIC SERVICES  
DIRECTOR LOPER, HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGER  
GADDIS, CITY ATTORNEY MORITA, CITY CLERK JACKSON,  
FIRE CHIEF ROUHOTAS, AND PARKS & RECREATION  
PROGRAM MANAGER HALLER**

MAYOR GRAN called Open Session to order at 7:00 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by United Way Board Member Greg Siota.

**B. PUBLIC APPEARANCES:**

MARVIN MUNSON, IMPERIAL RESIDENT, addressed council with his concerns with the La Brucherie/Aten Blvd. intersection and the lack of safe pedestrian crossings.

**C. CONSENT AGENDA:**

- C-1.** Approval of claims/warrants report.  
**C-2.** Approval of minutes of Regular Meetings of May 6, 2015, May 20, 2015 and June 3, 2015.

Motion by COX seconded by SAMPSON to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.  
MOTION CARRIED 5-0 (AYES: COX, DALE, SAMPSON, TUCKER, AND GRAN)

**D. NEW BUSINESS:**

- D-1. SUBJECT: PRESENTATION: COUNTY OF IMPERIAL ASSESSOR'S OFFICE –  
PROPERTY TAX INCREASES FOR THE CITY OF IMPERIAL.**

ROBERT MENVIELLE, IMPERIAL COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR gave a presentation on the 2015/2015 property tax bills scheduled to be mailed out mid-August. He informed Council that residential property owners will receive notice that their property taxes will increase by more than 2 percent. During the recession, property taxes were reduced as property values dropped. New assessments and taxes will be brought up to the level that they would have been had there not been a recession.

**D-2. SUBJECT: DISCUSSION/ACTION: FISCAL YEAR 2015/2016 MUNICIPAL BUDGET – CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT LISTING.**

1. APPROVAL OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (CIP) LISTING.

Motion by COX, second by DALE to approve the Capital Improvement Plan.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0 (AYES: COX, DALE, SAMPSON, TUCKER, AND GRAN)

**D-3. SUBJECT: DISCUSSION/ACTION: ANNUAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE FUNDING REPORT.**

1. ADOPT RESOLUTION 2015-51, MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 66001.
2. APPROVE CHANGES TO THE 2010, 2011, 2012, AND 2013 DIF REPORTS.

Motion by COX, second by DALE to adopt Resolution No. 2015-51.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0 (AYES: COX, DALE, SAMPSON, TUCKER, AND GRAN)

**D-4. SUBJECT: DISCUSSION/ACTION: STORMWATER ORDINANCE**

1. INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING BY TITLE ONLY OF ORDINANCE NO. 786, STORMWATER ORDINANCE

Motion by COX, second by SAMPSON to hold the first reading by title only.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0 (AYES: COX, DALE, SAMPSON, TUCKER, AND GRAN)

City Clerk Jackson read Ordinance No. 786 by title only.

2. AUTHORIZE STAFF TO PREPARE SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 786 FOR PUBLICATION.

Motion by DALE, second by COX to have staff prepare a summary of Ordinance 786 for publication.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0 (AYES: COX, DALE, SAMPSON, TUCKER, AND GRAN)

**D-5. SUBJECT: DISCUSSION/ACTION: UNITED WAY OF IMPERIAL COUNTY SPONSORSHIP**

GREG SIOTA, BOARD OF DIRECTOR MEMBER AND KEY WUYTENS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR informed Council of the United Way activities here in the valley. There are seventeen charities that are funded locally.

1. APPROVAL OF SPONSORSHIP FOR UNITED WAY OF IMPERIAL COUNTY'S SIXTH ANNUAL KICK-OFF BREAKFAST.

Motion by DALE, second by COX to sponsor the United Way of Imperial County in the amount of \$500.00.

AYES: COX, DALE, SAMPSON, TUCKER, AND GRAN

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE MOTION CARRIED 5-0

**E. REPORTS:**

**E-1. SUBJECT: MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS.**

**DALE** commented on receiving a citizen request for curbs/gutter in the 700 block of North G Street.

**GRAN** reported on the Dog Park Committee meeting.

**E-2. SUBJECT: CITY MANAGER REPORT.**

**BEST** informed Council that staff is finalizing the fall events and activities calendar.

**E-3. SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT HEAD AND STAFF REPORTS.**

**FINANCE DIRECTOR GUTIERREZ** let the Council know that residents will receive the new format for their utility bills recently mailed out.

**PLANNING DIRECTOR GALVAN** reported that Planning Commissioner Darrell Pechtl has accepted a new position with the San Pasqual School District and that he will continue to sit on the Planning Commission. Mr. Pechtl plans to commute daily to his work; reported the plans for the Coyne project have been approved and permits will be processed; and LAFCO will consider the Regional Park Annexation and Tax Sharing Agreement at their meeting on August 11, 2015.

**PARKS & RECREATION PROGRAM MANAGER HALLER** thanked Council for taking the time to cook for the community at the annual luau and that the summer activities programs are winding down.

**E-4. SUBJECT: CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT.**

**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CEO BLAKEMORE** reported that the Chamber gained seven new members during the month of July; Freedom Fest was a great event with over 40 vendors participating; and the Chamber Board of Directors will meet on August 11, 2015.

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:05 PM UNTIL THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2015 AT 7:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES FOR A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF IMPERIAL  
AUGUST 19, 2015**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: COX, SAMPSON, AND TUCKER**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: DALE AND GRAN**

**OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT: CITY MANAGER BEST, POLICE CHIEF COLON, FINANCE DIRECTOR GUTIERREZ, PLANNING DIRECTOR GALVAN, PUBLIC SERVICES DIRECTOR LOPER, LIBRARY ADMINISTRATOR CARTER, PARKS & RECREATION PROGRAM MANAGER HALLER, CITY ATTORNEY MORITA, AND CITY CLERK JACKSON**

MAYOR PRO-TEM COX called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM and City Clerk Jackson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**A. SPECIAL PRESENTATION:**

**A-1. PRESENTATION: HIGHLIGHTS OF SUMMER PROGRAMS**

PROGRAM MANAGER HALLER presented a video of the various summer activities.

**A-2. PRESENTATION: RECOGNITION OF DALLANA GOMEZ FOR SERVICE AS RECREATION SPECIALIST.**

Mayor Pro-tem COX presented a Certificate to Dallana Gomez thanking her for her service the past two years.

**B. PUBLIC APPEARANCES:**

CATHY TURNER, IMPERIAL RESIDENT addressed Council regarding the traffic signal that is to be installed at Highway 86 and Neckel Road and hopes that the proposed regional park will not be a project that will take as much time to complete as the unfinished hotel has.

**C. CONSENT AGENDA:**

- C-1. Approval of claims/warrants report.
- C-2. Approval of minutes of Regular Meetings of June 17, 2015 and July 1, 2015 and Special Meeting of June 29, 2015.
- C-3. Waive 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and adopt Ordinance No. 786, An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Imperial Regarding Stormwater Regulations.
- C-4. Approval of New and Revised Job Descriptions for the following positions: *Accounting Technician, Administrative Analyst, General Maintenance Worker I, II and III, Project Coordinator, Project Manager, Recreation Services Manager, and Recreation Specialist* and approval of updated Position Allocation/Class List.

Motion by SAMPSON, second by TUCKER to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.  
MOTION CARRIED 3-0 (AYES: COX, SAMPSON, AND TUCKER)

**D. NEW BUSINESS:**

**D-1. SUBJECT: DISCUSSION/ACTION: AUSTIN & BREWER UPDATE.**

**1. SUPPORT EXTENSION OF CENTER MEDIAN.**

Staff presented several options that have been proposed by a sub-committee established to review and recommend improvements to the Austin & Brewer Roads. Discussion was held amongst Council members and staff with pros and cons voiced for each of the options.

Motion by TUCKER, to approve Option 5.

MOTION DIED FOR A LACK OF A SECOND.

**D-2. SUBJECT: DISCUSSION/ACTION: SKY RANCH UNIT 4 BOND RELEASE.**

1. APPROVE PAYMENT METHOD FOR REMAINING WORK
2. APPROVE BOND RELEASE

Motion by TUCKER, second by SAMPSON to approve payment method for remaining work and approve bond release.

AYES: COX, SAMPSON, AND TUCKER  
NOES: NONE  
ABSTAIN: NONE  
ABSENT: DALE AND GRAN

MOTION CARRIED 3-0

**D-3. SUBJECT: DISCUSSION/ACTION: "B" STREET (LA BRUCHERIE) LIFT STATION IMPROVEMENTS.**

1. APPROVE ADDITIONAL CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AND INSPECTION SERVICES BY WEBB ASSOCIATES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$60,800.00

Motion by TUCKER, second by SAMPSON to approve additional services.

AYES: COX, SAMPSON, AND TUCKER  
NOES: NONE  
ABSTAIN: NONE  
ABSENT: DALE AND GRAN

MOTION CARRIED 3-0

**D-4. SUBJECT: DISCUSSION/ACTION: RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION FUNDING IN DEVELOPMENT OF NEW STATE TRANSPORTATION FUNDING PACKAGE.**

1. APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2015-52, A RESOLUTION URGING THE STATE TO PROVIDE NEW SUSTAINABLE FUNDING FOR STATE AND LOCAL TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE.

Motion by SAMPSON, second by TUCKER to approve Resolution No. 2015-52.

AYES: COX, SAMPSON, AND TUCKER  
NOES: NONE  
ABSTAIN: NONE  
ABSENT: DALE AND GRAN

MOTION CARRIED 3-0

**D-5. SUBJECT: DISCUSSION/ACTION: IMPERIAL REGIONAL PARK FINAL MAP**

1. APPROVE FINAL MAP.

Motion by TUCKER, second by SAMPSON to approve the Imperial Regional Park Final Map.

AYES: COX, SAMPSON, AND TUCKER

NOES: NONE  
ABSTAIN: NONE  
ABSENT: DALE AND GRAN

MOTION CARRIED 3-0

**E. REPORTS:**

**E-1. SUBJECT: MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS.**

TUCKER thanked the Chamber of Commerce for putting together the Annual Welcome Back Teachers Luncheon.

**E-2. SUBJECT: CITY MANAGER REPORT.**

Reported the summer edition of the Imperialite is out; suggested name for the sculpture park is "Imagination Garden"; and that Mayor Gran was attending the ACCAP meeting today.

**E-3. SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT HEAD AND STAFF REPORTS.**

FINANCE DIRECTOR GUTIERREZ informed council that mixed review has been received regarding the new utility bill format.

PLANNING DIRECTOR GALVAN reported that Auto Zone building permit is being processed; Dollar General Store project still needs final release by the Regional Board; and the Water and Wastewater lines in the vicinity of the hotel are in final design phase.

RECREATION MANAGER HALLER reported the first Market Day is scheduled for October 17, 2015 and is hoping to get a Parks & Recreation Committee meeting scheduled in the near future.

LIBRARY ADMINISTRATOR CARTER reported on summer library activities and staff is preparing for the annual Halloween party.

**E-4. SUBJECT: CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT.**

CHAMBER CEO BLAKEMORE thanked the City for being a sponsor of the Teachers Luncheon and the Chamber is gearing up for the winter events.

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:30 PM UNTIL THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2015 AT 7:00 P.M.**