

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF IMPERIAL
DECEMBER 6, 2017

A. CITY COUNCIL CONVENED TO CLOSED SESSION AT 6:00 PM

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: AMPARANO, DALE, PECHTL, SAMPSON, AND TUCKER (IN AT 6:34 PM)

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT: CITY MANAGER CHATWIN AND CITY ATTORNEY MORITA

A-1. SUBJECT: PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT (Government Code Section 54957)

Title: Chief of Police

A-2. SUBJECT: CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956 99 (130 potential cases)

B. CITY COUNCIL RE-CONVENED TO OPEN SESSION

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: AMPARANO, DALE, PECHTL, SAMPSON, AND TUCKER

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT: CITY ATTORNEY MORITA, CITY MANAGER CHATWIN, DEPUTY POLICE CHIEF BARRA, DEPUTY POLICE CHIEF LUNA, PUBLIC SERVICES DIRECTOR LOPER, FIRE CHIEF ROUHOTAS, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR HALLER, FINANCE DIRECTOR GUTIERREZ, ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIRECTOR GADDIS, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR MORA, AND CITY CLERK JACKSON

MAYOR TUCKER called open session to order at 7:05 PM and COUNCIL MEMBER DALE led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITY ATTORNEY MORITA announced that no reportable action was taken in Closed Session.

C. PUBLIC APPEARANCES:

GARY METALSKI, Imperial resident addressed Council in opposition to allowing cannabis dispensaries in the city since the county recently approved allowing them in county areas and also commented the hotel project and its developer.

D. CONSENT AGENDA:

D-1. Approval of claims/warrants report.

D-2. Approval of Treasurers' Report for Month of October 2017.

D-3. Approval of Minutes for Regular Meetings of October 4, 2017 and October 18, 2017

Motion by PECHTL, seconded by AMPARANO to approve the Consent Agenda withholding warrant number 79327 payable to Darrell Pechtl for separate action.

AYES: AMPARANO, DALE, PECHTL, SAMPSON, AND TUCKER
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: NONE MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Motion by AMPARANO, seconded by DALE to approve warrant number 79327 payable to Darrell Pechtl.

AYES: AMPARANO, DALE, SAMPSON, AND TUCKER
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: PECHTL
ABSENT: NONE MOTION CARRIED 4-0

E. NEW BUSINESS:

E-1. SUBJECT: VICTORIA RANCH – FINAL MAP UNIT 5A

1. APPROVE FINAL MAP AND RELATED DOCUMENTS

Motion by PECHTL, seconded by AMPARANO to approve the Final Map and related documents for Victoria Ranch Unit 5A

AYES: AMPARANO, DALE, PECHTL, SAMPSON, AND TUCKER
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: NONE MOTION CARRIED 5-0

2. AUTHORIZE CITY CLERK TO RECORD THE FINAL MAP AND RELATED DOCUMENTS

Motion by PECHTL, seconded by AMPARANO to authorize the City Clerk to record the Final Map and related documents.

AYES: AMPARANO, DALE, PECHTL, SAMPSON, AND TUCKER
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: NONE MOTION CARRIED 5-0

E-2. SUBJECT: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF DECEMBER 20, 2017 AND REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF JANUARY 3, 2018.

- 1. DETERMINE IF QUORUM WILL BE PRESENT FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 20, 2017 AND CANCEL OR POSTPONE MEETING AS NECESSARY.**
- 2. DETERMINE IF QUORUM WILL BE PRESENT FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 3, 2017 AND CANCEL OR POSTPONE MEETING AS NECESSARY.**

After a brief discussion it was determined to hold the regular city council meetings as scheduled.

F. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

F-1. SUBJECT: PUBLIC HEARING/DISCUSSION/ACTION: BUILDING AND PLANNING DEPARTMENT FEES

The Public Hearing was opened at 7:20 PM and continued to December 20, 2017.

F-2. SUBJECT: PUBLIC HEARING/DISCUSSION/ACTION: WATER AND SEWER RATE INCREASE FOR FISCAL YEARS 2017/2018 THROUGH 2021/2022

1. The Public Hearing was opened at 7:33 PM

ERIC HELGESON, FINANCIAL ANALYST WITH BARTLE WELLS ASSOCIATES gave a brief overview of the rate study prepared by his company. Council was informed by staff of the various community outreach efforts made to inform the public of the need for the rate increases.

Comments made by members of the audience included Thomas Lopez, James Alex, Rita Wilson, Rene Sanders, Steve Shaner, Genève Blanchette, Rosie Ramirez, Cecilia Bravo, Miranda Fillmore, Gary Metalski, and Don Simonton. They all spoke in opposition to the rate increases. Questions and concerns were addressed about the effects of rate increase for rental/multi-family/duplexes and customers outside of city limits and options for the city to seek other alternatives to finance the needed improvements instead of raising rates. They also addressed other issues that they have with the city such as traffic concerns in vicinity of Ben Hulse School, CFDs, non-working street lights, and opposition to allowing marijuana dispensaries within the city.

Copies of comments received from those who submitted letters of protest was provided to the council for review. These were all in opposition to the rate increases.

BRIAN KNOWW, WEBB ASSOCIATES addressed the comments made about water quality and spoke about the proposed treatment systems to be installed that will bring the city back in compliance with the state requirement in regards to high levels of TTHM levels.

MAYOR TUCKER asked for anyone in the audience who wished to submit a letter of protest to hand them to the City Clerk prior to closing the Public Hearing.

The Public Hearing was closed at 8:15 PM

A break in session was called at 8:16 PM
Council re-convened in session at 8:27 PM

CITY CLERK JACKSON informed the Council that the number of protest needed to halt the increase in rates is 2,699 for water and 2,674 for sewer. The total number of protests received prior to the close of business is 167. The number received prior to closing of the Public Hearing is 5 and 1 received after the close of the Public Hearing. The total number of protest ballots received being 173.

2. APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2017-47, RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IMPERIAL, CALIFORNIA ADOPTING WATER RATE INCREASE

Motion by PECHTL, seconded by DALE, to approve Resolution No. 2017-47.

AYES: AMPARANO, DALE, PECHTL, SAMPSON, AND TUCKER
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: NONE MOTION CARRIED 5-0

3. APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2017-48, RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IMPERIAL, CALIFORNIA ADOPTING SEWER RATE INCREASE

Motion by PECHTL, seconded by DALE to approve Resolution No. 2017-48.

AYES: AMPARANO, DALE, PECHTL, SAMPSON, AND TUCKER
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: NONE MOTION CARRIED 5-0

G. REPORTS:

G-1. SUBJECT: MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS.

AMPARANO reported on participating in the “Walk to School” event at TL Waggoner earlier in the day.

PECHTL said he was glad to see the improvements being made to Aten Road.

G-2. SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT HEAD AND STAFF REPORTS

DEPUTY CHIEF BARRA reported the department will be participating in the “Shop with a Cop” event on December 9th and the “Walk to School” event was a huge success. Plans are underway to hold walk at Ben Hulse Elementary as well.

FIRE CHIEF ROUHOTAS reported that crews have been assigned to the Los Angeles area fire to assist in fire-fighting efforts there.

COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR LOPER informed council that repairs are on-going for the traffic signal at Barioni and Hwy 86.

SUSAN PARADIS, Chamber of Commerce gave an update on the number of participants signed up for the Parade of Lights and Christmas in a Small Town. The Chamber along with Victoria Homes will host the Jingle and Mingle mixer at Victoria Homes on Thursday night.

G-3. SUBJECT: CITY MANAGER REPORT.

None.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:44 PM UNTIL THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2017 AT 7:00 P.M.