



*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

**July 17, 2024**

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

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Pro-Tem called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** Council Members Burnworth, Mendoza, Obeso-Martinez, Mayor Pro-Tem Tucker, City Attorney Turner and City Manager Morita.

**ABSENT:** Mayor Amparano

**PUBLIC COMMENT FOR CLOSED SESSION ITEMS ONLY:** None

#### **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL:**

##### **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

##### **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS – G.C.5957.6**

Agency Designated Representatives: City Manager  
  
Employee Organization: Imperial Police Officers Association, Teamsters Local No. 542 and Employee Organization Management, Supervisory, Professional, Confidential, and Police Captain/Unrepresented

#### **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL:**

##### **EXISTING LITIGATION G.C §54959.9(d)(1)**

Name of Case: Arreola et al vs. City of Imperial  
Imperial County Superior Court Case No. ECU002355

##### **ANTICIPATED LITIGATION Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to G.C§54956.9(d)(2)**

Number of Potential Cases: 1

**CITY COUNCIL CONVENES TO OPEN SESSION**

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

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Pro-Tem Tucker called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

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

**ABSENT:** Mayor Amparano

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by councilmember Stacy Mendoza.

**ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:** None

**CITY ATTORNEY REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS:**

City Attorney Turner Stated that Direction was given to council on three topics and negotiations were given to the city manager on one topic.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**A. PRESENTATIONS:**

- A-1. Mayor Pro-Tem Tucker presented a plaque to outgoing Planning Commissioner, Veronica Harvey.
- A-2. Presentation by Darlene Cossio, Director of Marketing and Community Relations, regarding Goodwill partnerships in the Imperial Valley.

**B. CONSENT AGENDA:**

- B-1. Approval of Claims and Warrants Report
- B-2. Authorization to reject claim CW File No. CJP-3051898 by Tanya Cruz (1 of 3)
- B-3. Authorization to reject claim CW File No. CJP-3051898 by Tanya Cruz (2 of 3)
- B-4. Authorization to reject claim CW File No. CJP-3051898 by Tanya Cruz (3 of 3)

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

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

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** Amparano

**MOTION CARRIES: 4-0**

**C. PUBLIC HEARING:**

- C-1.** Public hearing for the purpose of adopting the Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) and CEQA Thresholds Study as recommended by the Planning Commission.

The public hearing was opened at 7:20 p.m.

A Power Point presentation was presented by Fred Minigar from Minigar and Associates Inc.

The public hearing was closed at 7:56 p.m.

**Recommended Action:** Adopt Resolution No. 2024-50, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY IMPERIAL APPROVING THE VEHICLE MILES TRAVELED (VMT) & CEQA THRESHOLDS STUDY

**Moved by Burnworth, seconded by Obeso-Martinez** to approve Resolution No. 2024-50

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

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** Amparano

**MOTION CARRIES: 4-0**

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

- D-1.** Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Imperial and the Imperial Unified School District (IUSD) for one (1) full-time and one (1) part-time School Resource Officer.

**Presenter:** Aaron Reel, Chief of Police

**Recommended Action:** Approve the MOU between the City of Imperial and IUSD for a full-time and part-time School Resource Officer.

**Moved by Mendoza, seconded by Burnworth** to approve the MOU between the City of Imperial and the Imperial Unified School District (IUSD) for one (1) full-time and one (1) part-time School Resource Officer.

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

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** Amparano

**MOTION CARRIES: 4-0**

- D-2.** Adoption of Resolution No. 2024-49, adopting plans and specifications and authorizing public bidding for the Pavement Rehabilitation of Various Roads Bid No. 2024-06.

**Presenter:** David Dale, Public Services Director

**Recommended Action:** Adopt Resolution No. 2024-49, RESOLUTION OF THE IMPERIAL CITY COUNCIL ADOPTING PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND AUTHORIZING THE PUBLIC SERVICES DIRECTOR TO PROCEED TO BID FOR CITY PROJECT; BID NO. 2024-06

**Moved by Burnworth, seconded by Mendoza** to approve Resolution No. 2024-49.

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

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** Amparano

**MOTION CARRIES: 4-0**

**E. REPORTS:**

**E-1.** Departments reported on their activities since last city council meeting.

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

**E-3.** Mayor and Councilmembers reported on their activities since last city council meeting and upcoming events.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Seeing no further business before the Council, Mayor Pro-Tem Tucker ended this meeting at 8:12 p.m. and adjourned until the next council meeting on August 7, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the city of Imperial, California, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2024.



KRISTINA SHIELDS

City Clerk