



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

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Imperial City Council

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

February 5, 2025

6:00 P.M. CLOSED SESSION

ROLL CALL

Council Member Amparano, Council Member Burnworth, Council Member Mendoza, Mayor Pro-Tem Obeso-Martinez, Mayor Tucker, City Manager Morita, Assistant to the City Manager Thomas Garcia, and City Attorney Turner.

PUBLIC COMMENT FOR CLOSED SESSION ITEMS ONLY: There were none.

City Council adjourned into closed session at 6:01 p.m.

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9
Number of Potential Cases: 1

CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS- G.C. 54956.8

Property Address: APN 061-143-002
Agency Negotiator: Dennis H. Morita, City Manager
Negotiating Parties: LUMAR DEVCO 5 LLC
Under Negotiation: Instructions to negotiator regarding price and terms

Property Address: 307 N. Imperial Avenue, Imperial CA
Agency Negotiator: Dennis H. Morita, City Manager
Negotiating Parties: EAH/Ric Brown
Under Negotiation: Instructions to negotiator regarding lease price and 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

7:00 P.M. REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Tucker called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Aimee Osuna led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA: There were none.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION City Attorney Turner stated direction was given for one item of anticipated litigation and two real property negotiations.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Public comment by resident Kathy Turner, requesting a turn light signal at 15th Street. Public Services Director David Dale informed Ms. Turner that a turn light signal was already in progress and should be installed within the next month.

A. PRESENTATIONS:

- A-1. Certificates of Recognition to 760 Elite Football Teams 11U and 13U.
- A-2. Informational presentation by Marty Coyne regarding proposed new housing development in the City of Imperial.
- A-3. Informational presentation by IID Division 5 Director Karin Eugenio and IID staff.
- A-4. Q2 Budget Report presentation by Administrative Services Director Victor Manriquez.

B. CONSENT AGENDA: All items appearing under the “Consent Agenda” will be acted upon by the City Council with one motion without discussion. Should any Council member or other person request that any item be considered separately, that item will then be taken up at the time as determined by the Mayor.

- B-1. Approval of Warrants Report.
- B-2. Approval of City Council meeting minutes for the Regular Meeting of December 18, 2024.
- B-3. Adoption of Ordinance No. 830, ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IMPERIAL ACTING IN ITS CAPACITY AS THE LEGISLATIVE BODY OF THE CITY OF IMPERIAL COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2024-1, COUNTY OF IMPERIAL, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE LEVY OF A SPECIAL TAX IN SUCH COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT, waive second reading and adopt by title only.

Moved by **Burnworth**, seconded by **Amparano**, to approve the consent agenda.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIES: 5-0

C. PUBLIC HEARING (DISCUSSION/ACTION):

C-1. Adopt Resolution 2025-03 amending the administrative citation schedule related to Police Department fines.

Mayor Tucker opened the Public Hearing at 8:11 p.m. and asked if anyone wished to speak on this topic. City Attorney Turner clarified that this item updates both fees and fines for the Police Department. Seeing no public comments Mayor Tucker closed the Public Hearing at 8:13 p.m. and brought it back to council for discussion and approval.

Presenter: Aaron Reel, Police Chief

Recommendation: Adopt Resolution No. 2025-03, RESOLUTION AMENDING THE ADMINISTRATIVE CITATION SCHEDULE OF FINES TO ESTABLISH AND UPDATE FINES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE CITY OF IMPERIAL MUNICIPAL CODE RELATED TO POLICE DEPARTMENT FINES.

Moved by Amparano, seconded by Obeso-Martinez, to adopt Resolution No. 2025-03 amending the Police Department's fees and citations schedule.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIES: 5-0

D. ACTION ITEMS (DISCUSSION/ACTION):

D-1. Approval to purchase one (1) 2025 Ford Police Interceptor.

Presenter: Aaron Reel, Police Chief

Recommendation: Approve the purchase of a 2025 Ford Police Interceptor to replace Unit #204.

Moved by Mendoza, seconded by Burnworth to approve the purchase of a 2025 Ford Police Interceptor.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIES: 5-0

D-2. Authorize the closure of Imperial Avenue from 4th Street to 5th Street for the Imperial Police Department Kindergarten Tour.

Presenter: Aaron Reel, Police Chief

Recommendation: Authorize the Police Department to close Imperial Avenue from 4th Street to 5th Street on February 27, 2025, to host the Police Department Kindergarten Tour.

Moved by Burnworth, seconded by Amparano to approve the closures on Imperial Avenue for the Police Department Kinder Tour.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION CARRIES: 5-0

D-3. Adopt Resolution No. 2025-04, accepting a one-year scholarship membership from TeamCalifornia.

Presenter: Thomas Garcia, Assistant to the City Manager

Recommendation: Approve Resolution No. 2025-04, A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING TEAMCALIFORNIA ONE-YEAR MEMBERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP AND ACKNOWLEDGING PARTNERSHIP WITH IMPERIAL VALLEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, FHLBANK SAN FRANCISCO AND SUN COMMUNITY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION.

Moved by Burnworth, seconded by Obeso-Martinez, to adopt Resolution No. 2025-04 accepting a one-year membership scholarship with TeamCalifornia.

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

D-4. Adopt Resolution No. 2025-05, authorizing abatement cleanup of property at 407 W. Barioni and collecting abatement costs.

Recommendation: Adopt Resolution No. 2025-05, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ABATEMENT OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 407 W. BARIONI AND AUTHORIZATION TO COLLECT SUCH ABATEMENT COSTS FROM THE OWNER PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE 38773.

Community Development Director Othon Mora presented the staff report and informed the City Council that several attempts were made to contact the property owners, and all were unsuccessful. City staff will conduct the abatement clean-up at an estimated cost of \$8,790.00. The city will recover the cost through a lien on the property. Sylvia Aguirre, who lives next door to the property, spoke to support the abatement cleanup.

Moved by Burnworth, seconded by Amparano, to adopt Resolution No. 2025-05 authorizing the abatement cleanup at 407 W. Barioni and place a lien on the property.

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

D-5. Imperial City Council Committee Appointments by Mayor Tucker for the 2025 calendar year.

Recommended Action: Consider and approve the appointments as recommended by Mayor James Tucker for the calendar year 2025.

Council Member Burnworth requested to pull the appointments for the Friends of Imperial Parks to a later date and requested Parks staff provide a presentation at the next council meeting regarding the Non-Profit's meeting schedule. Council Member Amparano informed the City Council that he will not be able to attend the SCAG conference as a Primary representative. Council Member Mendoza offered to be the Primary representative for SCAG, and Mayor-Pro Tem Obeso-Martinez as an Alternate.

Moved by Burnworth, Seconded by Obeso-Martinez, to approve the following appointments:

Personnel Committee – Primary: Burnworth & Obeso-Martinez, Alternate: Mendoza

Ad Hoc Committee – Primary: Tucker & Obeso-Martinez, Alternate: Mendoza

Friends of Imperial Parks – **Appointment postponed to a later date*

Imperial Art District Advisory Committee – Primary: Burnworth, Alternate: Tucker

Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC) – Primary: Tucker, Alternate: Jenell Guerrero

Citizen Advisory Committee (Centinela) – Primary: Tucker, Alternate: Capt. Sheffield

CJPIA – Primary: Mendoza, Alternate: Dennis H. Morita

IVRCC – Primary: Obeso-Martinez, Alternate: Jenell Guerrero

ICTC – Primary: Amparano, Alternate: Mendoza

SCAG – Primary: Mendoza, Alternate: Obeso-Martinez

E. REPORTS:


E-1. Reports and updates provided by department heads.

E-2. City Manager Report: None

E-3. Reports and updates provided by the City Council.

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Tucker ended the meeting at 8:38 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Imperial City Council will be held on Wednesday, February 19, 2025.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the city of Imperial, California, this 19th day of February 2025.



KRISTINA SHIELDS
City Clerk