



Imperial City Council

*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

**April 2, 2025**

**Closed Session at 06:00 pm**

**Open Session at 07:00 pm**

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

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Tucker called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

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

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

**CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL:** The City Council finds, based on advice from the City Attorney, that discussion in open session of the following described matter(s) will prejudice the position of the City in existing and anticipated litigation.

#### **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**

**Significant Exposure of Litigation - G.C §54956.9 (d)(2)**

Number of Potential Cases: 1

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

Title of Position: City Attorney

#### **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS – G.C. 54957.6**

Agency Representatives: City Manager

Employee Organization: Imperial Police Officers Association, Teamsters Local 542  
& 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 7:13 pm.

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor James Tucker.

**ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:** None

**CITY ATTORNEY REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION:** City Attorney Turner stated that direction was given for Anticipated Litigation and Conference with Labor Negotiators. No report on Public Employee Performance Evaluation.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**A. PRESENTATIONS:**

- A-1. James Gonzalez, Autism Support of Imperial County, received the proclamation presentation for Autism Acceptance Month.
- A-2. Ember Haller, Library Service Administrator, received the proclamation presentation for National Library Week.

**B. CONSENT AGENDA:**

- B-1. Approval of Warrants Report.
- B-2. Approval of City Council Minutes for the Regular Meeting of March 19, 2025.
- B-3. Approval of Claim Rejection No. CJP-3053766 as recommended by Carl Warren and Company.
- B-4. Approval to declare various DoIT servers, switches and firewalls as surplus.

**Moved by Burnworth, seconded by Obeso-Martinez to approve the Consent Agenda.**

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

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**MOTION CARRIES: 5-0**

**C. ACTION ITEMS (DISCUSSION/ACTION):**

- C-1. Appointment of a non-voting primary and alternate council member to the Friends of Imperial Parks committee for the 2025 calendar year.

**Presenter:** Dennis H. Morita, City Manager

**Recommendation:** Appoint a non-voting primary and alternate council member to the Friends of Imperial Parks committee for the 2025 calendar year.

**Moved by Burnworth, seconded by Mendoza** to approve Ida Obeso-Martinez as a non-voting primary and Katie Burnworth as an Alternate council member to the Friends of Imperial Parks committee for the 2025 calendar year.

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

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**MOTION CARRIES: 5-0**

**C-2.** Adopt the plans and specifications and authorize public bidding for the Shop Tank & Aten Tank Modifications and New Ventilation System Installation project, Bid No. 2025-03.

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

**Recommendation:** Adopt the plans and specifications and authorize public bidding for the Shop Tank & Aten Tank Modifications and New Ventilation System Installation project, Bid No. 2025-03.

**Moved by Burnworth, seconded by Amparano,** to approve and adopt the plans and specifications and authorize public bidding for the Shop Tank & Aten Tank Modifications and New Ventilation System Installation project, Bid No. 2025-03.

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

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**MOTION CARRIES: 5-0**

**C-3.** Approve the reimbursement of development park impact fees for the Monterrey Subdivision Park.

**Presenter:** Othon Mora, Community Development Director

**Recommendation:** Approve reimbursement of development park impact fees for the Monterrey Subdivision Park.

**Moved by Mendoza, seconded by Obeso-Martinez,** to approve reimbursement of development park impact fees for the Monterrey Subdivision Park.

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

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**MOTION CARRIES: 5-0**

**C-4.** Approval and adoption of the Body Worn Cameras Policy.

**Presenter:** Kristen Smith, Human Resources Manager

**Recommendation:** Approval and adoption of the Body Worn Cameras Policy for the Community Development staff.

**Moved by Obeso-Martinez, seconded by Mendoza,** to approve the adoption of the Body Worn Cameras Policy for the Community Development staff.

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

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**MOTION CARRIES: 5-0**

**C-5.** Approve a third amendment to the Imperial Police Officer's Association Memorandum of Understanding (IPOA MOU).

**Presenter:** Kristen Smith, Human Resources Manager

**Recommendation:** Approve a third amendment to the IPOA MOU.

**Moved by Burnworth, seconded by Obeso-Martinez,** to approve a third amendment to the IPOA MOU.

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

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**MOTION CARRIES: 5-0**

**C-6.** Approval and adoption of the Sidewalk Inspection and Maintenance Program.

**Presenter:** Kristen Smith, Human Resources Manager

**Recommendation:** Approval and adoption of the Sidewalk Inspection and Maintenance Program.

**Moved by Burnworth, seconded by Obeso-Martinez,** to approve the adoption of the Sidewalk Inspection and Maintenance Program.

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

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**MOTION CARRIES: 5-0**

**C-7.** Approval and adoption of the Outside Employment Policy.

**Presenter:** Kristen Smith, Human Resources Manager

**Recommendation:** Approval and adoption of the Outside Employment Policy.

**Moved by Obeso-Martinez, seconded by Burnworth,** to approve the adoption of the Outside Employment Policy.

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

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**MOTION CARRIES: 5-0**

**D. REPORTS:**

- D-1.** Departments reported on their activities since the last city council meeting.
- D-2.** City Manager Dennis H. Morita thanked the City for all their hard work.
- D-3.** The mayor and council members have reported on their activities since the last city council meeting and upcoming events.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Seeing no further business before the Council, Mayor Tucker ended this meeting at 8:24 p.m. and adjourned until the next council meeting on April 16, 2025, 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 16th day of April 2025.



KRISTINA SHIELDS  
City Clerk