



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

May 7, 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 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Council Members Amparano, Burnworth, Mayor Tucker, City Manager Morita, Assistant to the City Manager Garcia, and Attorney Turner.

Council Member Mendoza arrived at 6:40 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT FOR CLOSED SESSION ITEMS ONLY: None

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION

Existing Litigation - G.C §54956.9 (d)(2)

Name of Case: Haller v. City of Imperial; Imperial County Superior Court Case No. ECU003506

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

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION – GC 54956.7 (b) (1)

Title of Position: City Manager

7:00 P.M. REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Tucker called the meeting to order at 7:19 p.m.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Molar.

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA: None

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION: The City Attorney, Turner, stated that direction was given for Existing Litigation and no reportable action on Labor Negotiators and Employee Performance Evaluation.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Fernando Zavala from Quechan Casino and Resort was present to let the City know about the resources they offer.

Public Comment received by A. Molar regarding some streets in the city of Imperial.

A. PRESENTATIONS:

- A-1. Kristina Shields, City Clerk, received the proclamation for Professional Municipal Clerks Week
- A-2. Aaron Reel, Police Chief, received the proclamation for National Police Week
- A-3. Community Development Department's Transportation Project: Recent, Past, Under Construction, and Upcoming.
- A-4. Budget presentation by Victor Manriquez, Administrative Services Director

B. CONSENT AGENDA:

- B-1. Approval of Warrants Report.
- B-2. Approve the Regular City Council meeting minutes of April 16, 2025.
- B-3. Authorize electronic submittal of support letters for AB 762 and SB 45.
- B-4. Approval to declare Mitel phone system equipment as surplus.

Moved by Burnworth, seconded by Amparano, to approve the Consent Agenda.

AYES: Amparano, Burnworth, and Tucker

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Mendoza & Obeso-Martinez

ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIES: 3-0-2

C. ACTION ITEMS (DISCUSSION/ACTION):

- C-1. Approve and adopt Resolution No. 2025-12 and Resolution No. 2025-13, designating two (2) parcels as surplus land.

Presenter: Dennis H. Morita, City Manager

Recommendation: Adopt Resolution No. 2025-12 (APN 063-054-038) and Resolution No. 2025-13 (APN 063-121-004), RESOLUTIONS OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF IMPERIAL DECLARING CERTAIN PROPERTY AS SURPLUS LAND UNDER THE SURPLUS LAND ACT.

Moved by Amparano, seconded by Obeso-Martinez, to approve Resolution No. 2025-12 and Resolution No. 2025-13.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIES: 5-0

C-2. Adopt City of Imperial procedures for the public hearing regarding AB 2561 on city vacancies, recruitment, and retention efforts.

Presenter: Kristen Smith, Human Resources Manager

Recommendation: Adopt procedures for the City of Imperial public hearing regarding AB 2561 on city vacancies, recruitment, and retention efforts.

Moved by Mendoza, seconded by Burnworth, to approve and adopt procedures for the City of Imperial public hearing regarding AB2561 on city vacancies, recruitment, and retention efforts.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIES: 5-0

C-3. Approval of the Public Services Supervisor description and related allocation changes.

Presenter: Kristen Smith, Human Resources Manager

Recommendation:

1. Authorization to delete one (1) vacant full-time allocation of Public Services Foreman
2. Approve budget amendment to add and fund one (1) full-time Engineering Technician/Inspector, Salary Range 74.
3. Approve and adopt the job description for Public Services Supervisor.
4. Approve a budget amendment to add and fund one (1) full-time allocation of Public Services Supervisor, Salary Range 85.

Moved by Burnworth, seconded by Obeso-Martinez, to approve the Public Services Supervisor description and related allocation changes.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIES: 5-0

C-4. Approve contract award to Rove Engineering for the Manhole and Lift Station Rehabilitation and New Manhole Installation project in the City of Imperial; Bid No. 2025-01 and authorize a 10% contingency.

Presenter: David Dale, Public Services Director

Recommendation: Approve contract award to Rove Engineering for the Manhole and Lift Station Rehabilitation and New Manhole Installation project; Bid No. 2025-01 and authorize 10% contingency.

Moved by Obeso-Martinez, seconded by Amparano, to approve Bid No. 2025-01.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIES: 5-0

C-5. Approve and adopt Resolution No. 2025-11, declaring an emergency for foundation repairs at City Hall.

Presenter: David Dale, Public Services Director

Recommendation: Approve and adopt Resolution No. 2025-11, RESOLUTION DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, RATIFYING ACTION TAKEN BY THE CITY MANAGER TO ADDRESS THE EMERGENCY AND AUTHORIZING REPAIRS ON AN EMERGENCY BASIS.

Moved by Burnworth, seconded by Amparano, to approve Resolution No. 2025-11.

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 Report: None

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 8:11 p.m. and adjourned until the next council meeting on May 21, 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 21st day of May 2025.


KRISTINA SHIELDS
City Clerk