



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

November 19, 2025
Closed Session at 06:00 pm
Open Session at 07:00 pm

6:00 P.M. CLOSED SESSION

CALLED TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

Council Member Mendoza arrived at 6:24 p.m.

ABSENT: Council Member Burnworth

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

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL:

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION G.C §54956.9 (d)(1)

Number of Cases: 2

- i. Novalk, LLC v. City of Imperial et. al, United States District Court for the Southern District of California, 25CV2307 BAS DDL
- ii. Arreola et al vs. City of Imperial, Imperial County Superior Court Case No. ECU002355

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Initiation of Litigation pursuant to California Government Code section 54956.9(c)

Potential Cases: 1item.

7:00 P.M. REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Tucker called the meeting to order at 7:18 p.m.

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

ABSENT: Council Member Burnworth

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Damon Harmon.

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA: There are none.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION: The City Attorney, Turner, stated that the Council was given direction on Anticipated Litigation.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There were none.

A. PRESENTATIONS:

A-1. Q4 (2025) Budget Report presentation by Administrative Services Director Victor Manriquez.

B. CONSENT AGENDA:

B-1. Approval of Warrants Report.

B-2. Approve City Council Minutes for the November 5, 2025 meeting.

B-3. Approval to waive the 2nd reading in full and adopt ORDINANCE NO. 831, REENACTING CHAPTER 6 RELATING TO BUILDING REGULATIONS, amending the Imperial Municipal Code Chapter 6 to adopt the 2025 California Building Codes.

B-4. Authorization to reject claim CW File Number CJP-3055279 as recommended by Carl Warren.

B-5. Approve and adopt the Personal Protective Equipment Guidelines Policy.

B-6. Approve a contract for Professional Services with Senior Labor Relations Consultant Peter Q. Nguyen.

B-7. Approve Resolution No. 2025-54, adopting the updated records retention schedule.

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

AYES: Amparano, Mendoza, Obeso-Martínez, Tucker

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Burnworth

MOTION CARRIES: 4-0

C. PUBLIC HEARING (DISCUSSION/ACTION):

C-1. Public hearing for the purpose of vacating a public right-of-way portion of O Street between 1st Street and 2nd Street and adopting Resolution No. 2025-53. Continued public hearing from November 5, 2025 regular meeting of the Imperial City Council.

Mayor Tucker continued the public hearing at 7:35 p.m. Othon Mora, Director of Community Development, provided the Council with three options, as requested, regarding this matter. The property owners, Alba Soliz and Daniel Ramos, agreed with the options provided to the council, and the council went with option A. Mayor Tucker closed the public hearing at 7:35 p.m.

Presenter: Othon Mora, Community Development Director

Recommendation: Adopt Resolution No. 2025-53, RESOLUTION OF INTENTION TO VACATE A PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY.

Moved by Amparano, seconded by Obeso-Martinez, to approve and adopt Resolution No. 2025-53.

AYES: Amparano, Mendoza, Obeso-Martinez, Tucker

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Burnworth

MOTION CARRIES: 4-0

D. ACTION ITEMS (DISCUSSION/ACTION):

D-1. Approve the Special Event Application for 40th Annual Carne Asada Run, submitted by the Sunrunners Car Club of Imperial Valley.

Presenter: Tony Lopez, Parks & Recreation Director

Recommendation: Approve special event application submitted by Sunrunners Car Club.

Moved by Obeso-Martinez, seconded by Amparano, to approve the special event application submitted by Sunrunners Car Club.

AYES: Amparano, Mendoza, Obeso-Martinez, Tucker

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Burnworth

MOTION CARRIES: 4-0

D-2. Approve the Special Event Application for the 2nd annual Festival of Lights, submitted by the Imperial Irrigation District.

Presenter: Tony Lopez, Parks & Recreation Director

Recommendation: Approve special event application submitted by Imperial Irrigation District.

Moved by Obeso-Martinez, seconded by Amparano, to approve the special event application submitted by the Imperial Irrigation District.

AYES: Amparano, Mendoza, Obeso-Martinez, Tucker

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Burnworth

MOTION CARRIES: 4-0


E. REPORTS:

- E-1. Departments reported on their activities since the last city council meeting.
- E-2. City Manager Report: None
- E-3. The mayor and council members have reported on their activities since the last city council Meeting and upcoming events.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Tucker ended the meeting at 8:14 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Imperial City Council will be on Wednesday, December 3, 2025.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the city of Imperial, California, this 3rd day of December 2025.



KRISTINA SHIELDS
City Clerk