

**MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF IMPERIAL  
SEPTEMBER 1, 2021**

**THIS MEETING WAS CONDUCTED PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE GOVERNOR'S  
EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20**

**A. CITY COUNCIL CONVENES TO CLOSED SESSION AT 6:00 PM.**

This is a **CLOSED SESSION** in which the **COUNCIL** discusses matters in closed as opposed to open session. Only those matters authorized by the Brown Act as permissible **CLOSED SESSION** subjects will be discussed. They are as follows:

- A-1. SUBJECT: CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-ANTICIPATED LITIGATION.**  
(Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (D) of Section 54956.9).  
Three (3) potential cases.

MAYOR EUGENIO convened to closed session at 6:00 PM.

CITY COUNCIL PARTICIPATION:

PHYSICAL ATTENDANCE: BURNWORTH, TUCKER, DALE AND EUGENIO

\*VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE: NONE

ABSENT: AMPARANO

CITY STAFF PARTICIPATION:

PHYSICAL ATTENDANCE: MORITA, BROWN, HOLBROOK, MORA, BARRA, SHEFFIELD

\*VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE: NONE

*CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNS CLOSED SESSION*

**B. CITY COUNCIL RE-CONVENES TO OPEN SESSION AT 7:00 P.M.**

**MAYOR EUGENIO RE-CONVENED TO OPEN SESSION AT 7:00 P.M.**

CITY COUNCIL PARTICIPATION

PHYSICAL ATTENDANCE: BURNWORTH, TUCKER, DALE AND EUGENIO

ABSENT: AMPARANO

CITY STAFF PARTICIPATION:

PHYSICAL ATTENDANCE: MORITA, BROWN, HOLBROOK, MORA, GUTIERREZ, BARRA, ESTRADA, JR., ESTRADA, HALLER, LOPEZ, AND SELF.

\*VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE: NONE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS LED BY CHIEF ALFREDO ESTRADA, JR.

**ADJUSTMENTS TO THIS AGENDA**

MORITA REPORTED THERE WERE SEVERAL ADJUSTMENTS TO THE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA. CLAIM 100573 HELD OUT FOR SEPARATE ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA AND ADDITION OF CONTINUATION OF EMERGENCY ITEM AT BOOSTER PUMP STATION TO ACTION CALENDAR AS ITEM F4. BROWN REQUESTED AN ACTION TO ADD ITEM F4 TO THE AGENDA.

**ACTION:**

MOTION BY DALE AND SECOND BY TUCKER TO ADD CONTINUATION OF EMERGENCY ITEM AT BOOSTER PUMP STATION

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**

HOLBROOK STATED NO REPORTABLE ACTION

**C. PUBLIC APPEARANCES:**

**C-1.** MATTERS NOT APPEARING ON THE AGENDA.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES:

GEORGE TAYLOR, THE NEW GENERAL MANAGER OF REPUBLIC SERVICES INTRODUCED HIMSELF TO THE COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY.

**C-2.** Matters appearing on the agenda.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES: NONE

**D. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:**

**D-1.** PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY OF IMPERIAL CITY COUNCIL – ENTERPRISE AND COMMERCE DAY.

EUGENIO PRESENTED DANIEL SOHN OF THE IMPERIAL VALLEY REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WITH A PROCLAMATION CLAIMING SEPTEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup> AS ENTERPRISE AND COMMERCE DAY IN THE CITY OF IMPERIAL. SOHN INTRODUCED JULISSA DURAN AS THE MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR FOR THE CHAMBER. SOHN COMMENTED ON HOW MUCH HE AND THE NEW BOARD ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO THE RENEWED PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE CHAMBER. SOHN STATED HE WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO THE CITY COUNCIL ATTENDING THE GRAND OPENING AND RIBBON CUTTING EVENT ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2021.

**E. CONSENT AGENDA:**

All items appearing under “Consent Agenda” will be acted upon by the City Council by 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**

**E-1.** Approval of claims/warrants report.

**E-2.** Approval of Minutes for August 18, 2021.

**E-3.** Approval of Treasurer’s Report for the month ending in May 31, 2021.

**E-4.** Correction of Range Classification for Parks Crew Leader.

**ACTION #1:**

MOTION BY TUCKER AND SECOND BY DALE TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA WITHHOLDING CLAIM NUMBER 100573 AS PRESENTED

**MOTION CARRIED: 4-0**

**ACTION #2:**

MOTION BY DALE AND SECOND TUCKER TO APPROVE CLAIM #100573 TO ROVE ENGINEERING

**MOTION CARRIED: 3-1**

AYES: DALE, TUCKER, BURNWORTH

NOS:

ABSTAIN: EUGENIO

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

**F-1. SUBJECT: DISCUSSION/ACTION: AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE PURCHASE OF A FORKLIFT FOR PUBLIC SERVICES.**

**DISCUSSION:**

SELF PRESENTED THE ITEM ON BEHALF OF PUBLIC SERVICES. SELF EXPLAINED WHAT THE NEED AND USE OF THE FORKLIFT WILL BE AT THE CITY SHOP AND TO PROVIDE CITY SERVICES. DALE ASKED WHAT IS THE LIFT CAPACITY. SELF STATED 6,000 LBS AND THAT IS SUFFICIENT FOR THE CITY'S NEEDS. SELF FURTHER EXPLAINED THE LEAD TIME DIFFICULTIES WITH PURCHASING THIS PIECE OF EQUIPMENT. BURNWORTH, WHAT IS THE LEAD TIME? SELF STATED 4 TO 6 WEEKS. THERE WAS NO MORE DISCUSSION BY THE CITY COUNCIL. EUGENIO CALLED FOR A MOTION.

**ACTION:**

MOTION BY DALE AND SECOND BY TUCKER TO AUTHORIZE CITY STAFF TO PURCHASE A FORKLIFT FROM SOUTHERN LIFT TRUCKS, NOT TO EXCEED THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000.00.

**MOTION CARRIED: 4-0**

**F-2. SUBJECT: DISCUSSION/ACTION: APPROVAL OF THE NEW FISCAL YEAR 2022 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN THE IMPERIAL POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION.**

**DISCUSSION:**

CAPT. SHEFFIELD PRESENTED THE MOU ON BEHALF OF THE IMPERIAL POLICE DEPARTMENT. NO ADDITIONAL COUNCIL DISCUSSION. EUGENIO CALLED FOR A MOTION.

**ACTION:**

MOTION BY TUCKER AND SECOND BY DALE TO APPROVE THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022 BETWEEN THE IMPERIAL POLICE

DEPARTMENT AND THE SAN DIEGO INTEGRATED NARCOTIC TASK FORCE ALLOWING THE PLACEMENT OF ONE IMPERIAL POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFICER ONTO THE TASK FORCE FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS.

**MOTION CARRIED: 4-0**

**F-3. SUBJECT: DISCUSSION/ACTION: PASEO DEL SOL IMPROVEMENTS FOR A WORKOUT/CIRCUIT FEATURE**

**DISCUSSION:**

LOPEZ PRESENTED THE ITEM FOR THE PARKS DEPARTMENT. LOPEZ STATED THAT ONLY ONE BID PROPOSAL WAS RECEIVED IN RESPONSE TO THE CITY’S RFP. TUCKER ASKED WHAT OUR ESTIMATED COSTS WERE IN COMPARISON TO THE BID RECEIVED. LOPEZ STATED THE COSTS WERE CONSISTENT WITH WHAT WAS PROJECTED BY OUR CITY’S FINANCE DEPARTMENT. EUGENIO ASKED, WHAT AMENITIES WILL BE INCLUDED WITH THE DESIGN? LOPEZ REVIEWED AMENITIES AND CONFIRMED THAT THE FEATURE WILL HAVE A SHADE WITH SUSTAINABLE LIGHTING.

**ACTION#1:**

MOTION BY TUCKER AND SECONDED BURNWORTH TO APPROVE AND THE CONTRACT FOR THE DESIGN AND INSTALLATION SERVICES TO GREAT WESTERN RECREATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$142,639.49.

**MOTION CARRIED: 4-0**

**ACTION #2:**

MOTION BY DALE AND SECOND BY TUCKER TO APPROVE THE FIFTEEN PERCENT (15%) CONTINGENCY FOR PASEO DEL SOL WORKOUT/CIRCUIT FEATURE.

**MOTION CARRIED: 4-0**

**F4: SUBJECT: DISCUSSION/ACTION: CONTINUATION OF EMERGENCY AT BOOSTER PUMP STATION**

**DISCUSSION:**

SELF PRESENTED THE ITEM ON BEHALF OF THE PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT. SELF STATED THAT THE CITY IS CURRENTLY WAITING ON THE EQUIPMENT’S ARRIVAL TO COMPLETE THE REPAIRS AT THE BOOSTER STATION. SELF FURTHER STATED THAT THE VFD’S FAILED AGAIN, HOWEVER STAFF WAS ABLE TO CIRCUMVENT THE FAILURE TEMPORARILY. PUBLIC SERVICES INTENDS TO BRING AN AGENDA ITEM FORWARD AT A FUTURE MEETING FOR UPGRADES TO THE CITY’S WATER PLANT. NO FURTHER DISCUSSION WAS HAD BY THE CITY COUNCIL. EUGENIO CALLED FOR A MOTION.

**ACTION:**

MOTION BY TUCKER AND SECOND BY DALE TO CONTINUE THE EMERGENCY AT THE BOOSTER PUMP STATION.

**MOTION CARRIED: 4-0**

**G. REPORTS:**

**G-1. SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT REPORTS.**

**NO REPORTS**

**G-2. SUBJECT: CITY MANAGER REPORT.**

BROWN REPORTED THAT THE CITY IS CURRENTLY SOLICITING APPLICATIONS FOR THE IMPERIAL PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

**G-3. SUBJECT: MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS.**

DALE: REQUESTED THAT STAFF BRING BACK ORDINANCE NO. 795 TO COUNCIL FOR DISCUSSION AT THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING. RELATING TO CANNABIS WITHIN THE CITY OF IMPERIAL.

**ADJOURNED AT 7:24 PM UNTIL THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 15, 2021, AT 7:00 P.M.**

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