



*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 19, 2025**

**Closed Session at 06:00 pm**

**Open Session at 07:00 pm**

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

**CALLED TO ORDER:** Mayor Tucker called the meeting to order at 6:13 p.m.

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

Mayor Pro-Tem Obeso-Martinez arrived at 6:20 p.m., and Council Member Mendoza arrived at 6:43 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT FOR CLOSED SESSION ITEMS ONLY:** Flavio Grijalva, Jr., was present for public comment regarding Teamsters 542—Labor Negotiations.

**CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNS INTO CLOSED SESSION:**  
Moved by Amparano, seconded by Burnworth to adjourn into closed session.

### CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL:

**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

Significant exposure to litigation - G.C §54956.9 (d)(2)  
Number of Cases: 1

### **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 7:03 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 Council Member Amparano.

**ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:** The City Manager noted that item A-4 will be moved to a future date.

Council Member Amparano noted that action items C-2, C-4, C-6, and C-7 will be moved to the consent agenda.

**Moved by Amparano, seconded by Obeso-Martinez** to approve action items C-2, C-4, C-6, and C-7 be moved to the consent agenda.

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

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** Burnworth

**MOTION CARRIES: 4-0**

**CITY ATTORNEY REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION:** City Attorney Turner stated that direction was given for one item of anticipated litigation, which has significant exposure to litigation and labor negotiators.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**A. PRESENTATIONS:**

- A-1. Certificate of Recognition for Dakar 2025 Champions.
- A-2. Presentation of National FFA Week Proclamation.
- A-3. Legislative updates from JCG Government Affairs.
- A-4. Friends of Imperial Parks presentation by Tony Lopez, Parks & Recreation Director

**B. CONSENT AGENDA:**

- B-1. Approval of Warrants Report.
- B-2. Approval of City Council meeting minutes for the Regular Meeting of January 15, 2025, and February 5, 2025.
- B-3. Receive and file the Q2 Quarterly Budget Report ending December 31, 2024.
- B-4. Authorize the donation or disposal of surplus Library items/furniture as recommended by the Library Board of Trustees.

**Moved by Mendoza, seconded by Obeso-Martinez** to approve the Consent Agenda, including action items C-2, C-4, C-6, and C-7.

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

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** Burnworth

**MOTION CARRIES: 4-0**

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

**C-1.** Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Imperial, San Diego State University (SDSU) and SDSU Imperial Valley Campus.

**Presenter:** Ember Haller, Library Administrator

**Recommendation:** Approve the MOU with SDSU and SDSU Imperial Valley Campus and authorize the Mayor to sign.

**Moved by Amparano, seconded by Obeso-Martinez** to approve the MOU with SDSU and SDSU Imperial Valley Campus and authorize the Mayor to Sign.

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

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** Burnworth

**MOTION CARRIES: 4-0**

**C-2.** Declare a 1999 Ford F350 crane truck as surplus and authorize the Public Services Department to sell or auction the vehicle.

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

**Recommendation:** Approve the declaration of a 1999 Ford F350 Crane Truck vehicle as surplus and authorize the Public Services Department to sell or auction.

Action item C-2 was moved to the consent agenda per Council Member Amparano.

**C-3.** Adopt Resolution No. 2025-06, authorizing the replacement of the Grit Washer Tank for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Headworks.

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

**Recommendation:** Adopt Resolution No. 2025-06, FINDING THAT SOLE SOURCE IS NECESSARY FOR REPLACEMENT OF THE GRIT WASHER TANK RoSF4 FOR THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT HEADWORKS

**Moved by Obeso-Martinez, seconded by Amparano** to approve Resolution No. 2025-06.

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

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None



**ABSENT:** Burnworth  
**MOTION CARRIES: 4-0**

**C-4.** Adopt Resolution No. 2025-07, authorizing the repair of the Wastewater Treatment Plant Headworks Fine Screen.

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

**Recommendation:** Adopt Resolution No. 2025-07, FINDING THAT SOLE SOURCE IS NECESSARY FOR THE REPAIR OF THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT HEADWORKS FINE SCREEN.

Action Item C-4 was moved to the consent agenda per Council Member Amparano.

**C-5.** Adopt Resolution No. 2025-08, approving the purchase of valve exercise equipment for the Water Treatment Plant.

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

**Recommendation:** Adopt Resolution No. 2025-08, FINDING THAT SOLE SOURCE IS NECESSARY FOR THE PURCHASE OF WACHS VALVE EXERCISE EQUIPMENT FOR THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT

**Moved by Mendoza, seconded by Obeso-Martinez** to approve Resolution No. 2025-08.

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

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** Burnworth

**MOTION CARRIES: 4-0**

**C-6.** Approve the property transfer and accept ownership of parcels 063-064-001 and 063-064-022 through Grant Deeds for retention basin purposes.

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

**Recommendation:** Approve the property transfer and accept ownership of parcels 063-064-001 and 063-064-022 through Grant Deeds for retention basin purposes.

Action item C-6 was moved to the consent agenda per Council Member Amparano.

**C-7.** Approve the property transfer and accept ownership of parcel number 044-602-018 through a Grant Deed for retention basin purposes.

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

**Recommendation:** Approve the property transfer and accept ownership of parcel number 044-602-018 through a Grant Deed for retention purposes.

Action item C-7 was moved to the consent agenda per Council Member Amparano.

**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 8:20 p.m. and adjourned until the next council meeting on March 5, 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 5th day of March 2025.

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KRISTINA SHIELDS  
City Clerk