



*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

March 5, 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, Burnworth, Mendoza, City Manager Morita, Assistant to the City Manager Garcia, and City Attorney Turner.

Mayor Tucker arrived at 6:34 p.m.

ABSENT: Mayor Pro Tem Obeso-Martinez

PUBLIC COMMENT FOR CLOSED SESSION ITEMS ONLY: None

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL:

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION (Section 54956.9)

Case Name: R. Collado

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

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

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 7:04 p.m.

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

ABSENT: Mayor Pro Tem Obeso-Martinez

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Othon Mora.

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA: The City Manager noted that item A-3 will be moved to a future date, and item B-4 will be transferred to action items as C-4.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION: City Attorney Turner stated that direction was given for two items of anticipated litigation.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Public comment received by Peter Martinez about educational pathways at Imperial Valley College.

Public comments received by Rigoberto, Gerald Robinson, Sean Arviso, Kelly Moreno, Elizabeth Warner, and Maryann Jarvis regarding a halfway house in the city of Imperial.

Mayor Tucker called for a recess at 7:39 p.m. to collect contact information from the public regarding the halfway house. Mayor Tucker resumed the meeting at 7:51 p.m.

A. PRESENTATIONS:

- A-1. Proclamation presentation for Women’s History Month
- A-2. Proclamation presentation for Engineer’s Week
- A-3. 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 February 19, 2025.
- B-3. Receive and file the independent city audit report for fiscal year 2023.
- B-4. Declare Public Services equipment as surplus and authorize the sale and disposal.

Consent agenda B-4 was moved to action item C-4.

Moved by Mendoza, seconded by Amparano to approve action items B-1 to B-3.

AYES: Amparano, Burnworth, Mendoza, and Tucker

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Obeso-Martinez

MOTION CARRIES: 4-0

C. ACTION ITEMS (DISCUSSION/ACTION):

C-4. Declare Public Services equipment as surplus and authorize the sale and disposal.

Mayor Tucker asked for a motion on C-4 before starting C-1.

Moved by Mendoza, seconded by Amparano to approve Public Services equipment as surplus and authorize the sale and disposal.

AYES: Amparano, Burnworth, Mendoza, and Tucker

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Obeso-Martinez

MOTION CARRIES: 4-0

C-1. Approve the purchase of two (2) new 2024 Ford F250 service trucks for the Water Treatment Plant.

Presenter: David Dale, Public Services Director

Recommendation: Approve the purchase of two (2) new 2024 Ford service trucks for the Water Treatment Plant.

Moved by Amparano, seconded by Burnworth to approve the purchase of two new 2024 Ford service trucks for the Water Treatment Plant.

AYES: Amparano, Burnworth, Mendoza, and Tucker

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Obeso-Martinez

MOTION CARRIES: 4-0

C-2. Approve an agreement between the City of Imperial and the Imperial Irrigation District (IID) for an IID Pole Attachment Program.

Presenter: R. Alejandro Estrada, DoIT Director

Recommendation: Approve an agreement between the City of Imperial and the Imperial Irrigation District (IID) for an IID Pole Attachment Program.

Moved by Burnworth, seconded by Amparano to approve an agreement between the City of Imperial and the Imperial Irrigation District for an IID Pole Attachment Program.

AYES: Amparano, Burnworth, Mendoza, and Tucker

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Obeso-Martinez

MOTION CARRIES: 4-0

C-3. Approval and adoption of the City of Imperial’s Vacancy, Recruitment, and Retention Efforts Policy.

Presenter: Kristen Smith, Human Resources Manager

Recommendation: Approval and adoption of the City of Imperial’s Vacancy, Recruitment, and Retention Efforts Policy.

Moved by Burnworth, seconded by Mendoza to approve and adopt the City of Imperial’s Vacancy, Recruitment, and Retention Efforts Policy.

AYES: Amparano, Burnworth, Mendoza, and Tucker

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Obeso-Martinez

MOTION CARRIES: 4-0

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 8:29 p.m. and adjourned until the next council meeting on March 19, 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 19th day of March 2025.

KRISTINA SHIELDS
City Clerk