



*Robert Amparano – Mayor  
James Tucker – Mayor Pro-Tem  
Ida Obeso-Martinez – Council Member  
Stacy Mendoza – Council Member  
Katherine Burnworth – Council Member*

## MINUTES

### Regular Meeting of the Imperial City Council

City Council Chambers  
220 West 9th Street  
Imperial, CA 92251-1637

**October 2, 2024**

**Closed Session at 06:00 pm**

**Open Session at 07:00 pm**

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

**CALLED TO ORDER:** Mayor Amparano called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

**ABSENT:** Council Member Obeso-Martinez.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT FOR CLOSED SESSION ITEMS ONLY:**

None

#### **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL:**

##### **PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION – G.C § 54956.7 (b)(1)**

Title of Position: City Attorney

##### **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

#### **CITY COUNCIL CONVENES TO OPEN SESSION**

#### **7:00 P.M. REGULAR MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Amparano called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** Council Members Burnworth, Mendoza, Mayor Pro-Tem Tucker, Mayor Amparano.

**ABSENT:** Council Member Obeso-Martinez.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Pro-Tem Tucker.

**ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:**

City Manager Dennis H. Morita moved items C-5 to a future meeting.

**CITY ATTORNEY REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS:**

City Attorney Turner Stated that the Council was given direction on three items: public Employee Performance Evaluation and Anticipated Litigation.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Public comment by Alan Phillips regarding the Imperial Valley Fairgrounds.

**A. PRESENTATIONS:**

- A-1. The Mayor presented a Proclamation for International Credit Union Day.
- A-2. The Mayor presented a Proclamation for Domestic Violence Awareness Month.
- A-3. The Mayor presented a Proclamation for National Fire Prevention Week.
- A-4. The Mayor presented a Proclamation for Code Enforcement Month.
- A-5. The Mayor presented a Proclamation for National Planning Month.
- A-6. Automatic aid presentation by Imperial County Fire Chief David Lantzer.
- A-7. 2024 Summer Program overview presentation by Tony Lopez, Parks and Recreation Director.

**B. CONSENT AGENDA:** All items appearing under the “Consent Agenda” will be acted upon by the City Council with 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.

- B-1. Approval of Claims and Warrants Report.
- B-2. Approval of City Council minutes for the Regular Meeting of September 18, 2024.
- B-3. Approve an annual technical and operational support subscription for the Wastewater Treatment Plant membrane system with Veolia Water Technologies & Solutions.
- B-4. Ratify the letter of support for San Diego State University’s proposal for the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) grant.

- B-5.** Approval of the Certificate of Acceptance to purchase property located at 116 N. Imperial Avenue and authorize the City Manager to execute all purchasing documents.

**Moved by Mendoza, seconded by Burnworth** to approve the consent agenda minus warrant numbers 120446 and 120468.

**AYES:** Burnworth, Mendoza, Tucker and Amparano

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** Obeso-Martinez

**MOTION CARRIES: 4-0**

**Moved by Burnworth, seconded by Mendoza** to approve warrant number 120446.

**AYES:** Burnworth, Mendoza and Amparano

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** Tucker

**ABSENT:** Obeso-Martinez

**MOTION CARRIES: 3-0-1**

**Moved by Mendoza, seconded by Tucker** to approve warrant number 120468.

**AYES:** Burnworth, Mendoza and Tucker

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** Amparano

**ABSENT:** Obeso-Martinez

**MOTION CARRIES: 3-0-1**

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

- C-1.** Purchase of a pre-fabricated kennel facility for the city's Animal Control Shelter.

**Presenter:** Aaron Reel, Chief of Police

**Recommended Action:** Approve the purchase of a pre-fabricated kennel facility for the Animal Control Shelter.

**Moved by Burnworth, seconded by Tucker** to approve the purchase of a pre-fabricated kennel facility for the Animal Control Shelter.

**AYES:** Burnworth, Mendoza, Tucker and Amparano

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** Obeso-Martinez

**MOTION CARRIES: 4-0**

- C-2.** Approve and accept the 2022-2023 State Citizen's Option for Public Safety (COPS) allocation funding and adopt Resolution No. 2024-53.

**Presenter:** Aaron Reel, Chief of Police

**Recommended Action:** Accept the 2022-2023 State Citizen's Option for Public Safety and adopt Resolution No. 2024-53, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF

THE CITY OF IMPERIAL APPROVING THE ACCEPTANCE OF STATE CITIZENS  
OPTIONS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY (COPS) PROGRAM FUNDING FOR FISCAL  
YEAR 2022-2023.

**Moved by Mendoza, seconded by Burnworth** to approve Resolution No. 2024-53.

**AYES:** Burnworth, Mendoza, Tucker and Amparano

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** Obeso-Martinez

**MOTION CARRIES: 4-0**

- C-3.** Award a construction contract for the Aten Boulevard Rehabilitation project between Vilore Way and old SR-86, Project No. Bid 2024-03.

**Presenter:** Othon Mora, Community Development Director

**Recommended Action:** Award a contract for the Aten Boulevard Rehabilitation project Bid. No 2024-03 to Rove Engineering in the amount of \$1,878,883.11 and authorize a 15% contingency.

**Moved by Burnworth, seconded by Tucker** to approve and award a contract for the Aten Boulevard Rehabilitation project Bid. No 2024-03 to Rove Engineering in the amount of \$1,878,883 and authorize a 15% contingency.

**AYES:** Burnworth, Mendoza, Tucker and Amparano

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** Obeso-Martinez

**MOTION CARRIES: 4-0**

- C-4.** Award a construction contract for the Aten Boulevard Class II Bike Lane project from Vilore Way to Austin Road, Project No. Bid 2024-02.

**Presenter:** Othon Mora, Community Development Director

**Recommended Action:** Award contract to Sterndahl Enterprises, LLC in the amount of \$678,459.76 and authorize a 10% contingency.

**Moved by Burnworth, seconded by Tucker** to approve and award contract to Sterndahl Enterprises, LLC in the amount of \$678,459.76 and authorize a 10% contingency.

**AYES:** Burnworth, Mendoza, Tucker and Amparano

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** Obeso-Martinez

**MOTION CARRIES: 4-0**

- C-5.** Discuss and adopt the five-year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for fiscal year 2025-2029 budget.

**Presenter:** Victor Manriquez, Administrative Services Director

**Staff Recommendation:** Adopt Resolution No. 2024-52, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IMPERIAL CALIFORNIA ADOPTING THE FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) BUDGET FOR FY 2025-2029 AND \$22,974,600 SPENDING AUTHORIZATION FOR YEAR ONE OF THE FIVE-YEAR CIP BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR THAT BEGINS ON JULY 1, 2024 AND ENDS ON JUNE 30, 2025.

City Manager Dennis H. Morita moved items C-5 to a future meeting.

**D. REPORTS:**

- D-1.** Departments reported on their activities since the last city council meeting.
- D-2.** City Manager Report: None
- D-3.** Mayor and Councilmembers reported on their activities since the last city council meeting and upcoming events.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Seeing no further business before the Council, Mayor Amparano ended this meeting at 8:48 p.m. and adjourned until the next council meeting on October 16, 2024 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 4<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2024.

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KRISTINA SHIELDS  
City Clerk



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### Regular Meeting of the Imperial City Council

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**October 16, 2024**

**Closed Session at 06:00 pm**

**Open Session at 07:00 pm**

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

**CALLED TO ORDER:** Mayor Pro-Tem Tucker called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** Council Members Burnworth, Mendoza, Mayor Pro-Tem Tucker and City Attorney Turner.

**ABSENT:** Council Member Obeso-Martinez, Mayor Amparano and City Manager Morita

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT FOR CLOSED SESSION ITEMS ONLY:**

None

#### **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL:**

##### **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**

**Significant exposure to litigation - G.C §54956.9 (d)(2)**

Number of Cases: 1

##### **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION GC 54956.9(d)(1)**

Name of Case: Gutierrez v. City of Imperial; Imperial County Superior Court Case No. ECU003168,

Name of Case: Mehdipour v. City of Imperial, Imperial County Superior Court ECU003274,

Name of Case: Menjivar-Karty et al. v. City of Imperial et al.; Imperial County Superior Court Case No. ECU003274

Name of Case: Arreola et al. v. City of Imperial

#### **CITY COUNCIL CONVENES TO OPEN SESSION**

**7:00 P.M. REGULAR MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Pro-Tem Tucker called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** Council Members Burnworth, Mendoza and Mayor Pro-Tem Tucker.

**ABSENT:** Council Member Obeso- Martinez and Mayor Amparano.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Pro-Tem Tucker.

**ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:** None

**CITY ATTORNEY REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS:**

City Attorney Turner Stated that the Council was given direction on one item of Anticipated Litigation and three items of Existing Litigations and one Case Arreola et al. v. City of Imperial.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**A. PRESENTATIONS:**

A-1. Mayor Pro-Tem Tucker presented a Proclamation presentation for Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

A-2. Mayor Pro-Tem Tucker presented a Proclamation presentation for Hispanic Heritage Month.

**B. CONSENT AGENDA:**

B-1. Approval of Claims and Warrants Report.

**Moved by Mendoza, seconded by Burnworth** to approve the consent agenda.

**AYES:** Burnworth, Mendoza, and Tucker

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** Obeso-Martinez and Amparano

**MOTION CARRIES: 3-0**

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

C-1. Operational agreement between Sure Helpline and the Imperial Police Department.

**Presenter:** Aaron Reel, Police Chief

**Recommended Action:** Approve the agreement between Sure Helpline and the Imperial Police Department.

**Moved by Burnworth, seconded by Mendoza** to approve the agreement between Sure Helpline and the Imperial Police Department.

**AYES:** Burnworth, Mendoza, and Tucker

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** Obeso-Martinez and Amparano

**MOTION CARRIES: 3-0**

**C-2.** Operational agreement between WomanHaven and the Imperial Police Department.

**Presenter:** Aaron Reel, Police Chief

**Recommended Action:** Approve the agreement between WomanHaven and the Imperial Police Department.

**Moved by Mendoza, seconded by Burnworth** to approve the agreement between WomanHaven and the Imperial Police Department.

**AYES:** Burnworth, Mendoza, and Tucker

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** Obeso-Martinez and Amparano

**MOTION CARRIES: 3-0**

**C-3.** Accept the Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership grant award.

**Presenter:** Aaron Reel, Police Chief

**Recommended Action:** Accept the Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership grant award in the amount of \$6,012.64.

**Moved by Burnworth, seconded by Mendoza** to approve the Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership grant award in the amount of \$6,012.64.

**AYES:** Burnworth, Mendoza, and Tucker

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** Obeso-Martinez and Amparano

**MOTION CARRIES: 3-0**

#### **D. REPORTS:**

**D-1.** Departments reported on their activities since the last city council meeting.

**D-2.** City Manager Report: None

**D-3.** Mayor and Councilmembers reported on their activities since the last city council meeting and upcoming events.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Seeing no further business before the Council, Mayor Amparano ended this meeting at 7:24 p.m. and adjourned until the next council meeting on November 6, 2024 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 4<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2024.

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## MINUTES

### Special Meeting of the Imperial City Council

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**November 6, 2024**  
**Work-Study Session**  
**5:00 pm**

#### 5:00 P.M. WORK-STUDY SESSION

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Pro-Tem Tucker called the meeting to order at 5:12 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** Council Members Burnworth, Mendoza, Obeso-Martinez, Mayor Pro-Tem Tucker and City Manager Morita.

**ABSENT:** Mayor Amparano

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

#### **A. WORK-STUDY SESSION: (DISCUSSION/DIRECTION ONLY)**

A-1. Strategic Planning Session of the Imperial City Council with Consultant Jeff Bills.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Seeing no further business before the Council, Mayor Pro-Tem Tucker adjourned this meeting at 6:00 p.m.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the city of Imperial, California, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2024.

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