

**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF IMPERIAL
MARCH 17, 2021**

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

TELECONFERENCE NOTICE

Pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20 issued by Governor Gavin Newsom on March 17, 2020 and to the extent applicable Government Code Section 54953(b), this City Council Meeting may have included teleconference participation by the City Council Members and City staff. Consistent with Executive Order N-29-20 teleconference locations utilized by City Council Members shall not be accessible to the public and are not subject to special posting requirements.

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm.

Council members present: Amparano, Burnworth*, Dale, and Eugenio

Council members absent: Tucker

*remote participation

There were no Public Appearances.

A. CITY COUNCIL CONVENED TO CLOSED SESSION AT 6:08 PM.

- A-1. SUBJECT: CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION**
(Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9)
Case Number 18-2
- A-2. SUBJECT: CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-ANTICIPATED LITIGATION.**
Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9
One potential case
- A-3. SUBJECT: CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS (GC 54956.8)**
Property APN: 044-200-012
Agency Negotiators: City Manager
Negotiating Parties: Imperial Irrigation District
Under Negotiation: Pricing and Terms
- A-4. SUBJECT: CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR (GC 54957.6)**
Agency Negotiators: City Manager
Employee Organization: Management, Supervisory, Professional, Confidential, and Police Captain
- A-5. SUBJECT: CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR (54957.6)**
Agency Negotiators: City Manager
Employee Organization: Imperial Police Officers Association

A-6. SUBJECT: CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR (54957.6)

Agency Negotiator: City Manager
Employee Organization: Teamsters Local No. 542

CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNED CLOSED SESSION AT 7:00 PM.

B. CITY COUNCIL CONVENED TO OPEN SESSION

Mayor EUGENIO called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: AMPARANO, BURNWORTH*, DALE, AND
EUGENIO**

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: TUCKER

**OTHERS PRESENT: CITY MANAGER MORITA, ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER
BROWN, CITY CLERK JACKSON, CITY ATTORNEY
HOLBROOK, PUBLIC SERVICES DIRECTOR LOPER*, FIRE
CHIEF ESTRADA*, POLICE CHIEF BARRA, IT DIRECTOR
ESTRADA, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR HALLER*,
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR MORA*,
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIRECTOR GUTIERREZ*, AND
PARK SUPERINTENDENT LOPEZ**

*remote participation

The PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Priscilla Garcia, Administrative Assistant.

ADJUSTMENTS TO THIS AGENDA: None

ANNOUNCEMENT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION:

City Attorney Holbrook announced that no reportable action was taken.

C. PUBLIC APPEARANCES:

C-1. Matters not appearing on the agenda.

Gary Redfern, El Centro resident, requested an update regarding any plans the city may have for a memorial in honor of USMC LCpl. Marcus Cherry.

Assistant City Manager Brown reported that the city will be dedicating the portion of Hwy 86 running through city limits in his honor and the city is in contact with his family regarding the plans.

Amy Bostic, Imperial resident addressed council about the abandoned La Fuente subdivision project on La Brucherie Road. She expressed concerns with squatters and vagrants who are moving into the area. She reported that residents whose fencing backs up to the subdivision are being harassed by these individuals and that they are now wandering the streets within the Sandalwood subdivision. She

C-2. Matters appearing on the agenda.

None.

D. SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

**D-1. PROCLAMATION – DECLARING APRIL 2021 AS AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH
AND APRIL 2, 2021 AS WORLD AUTISM DAY IN THE CITY OF
IMPERIAL**

Gloria Branbila and James Gonzales with Autism support groups were present to accept the proclamation from Mayor Eugenio.

E. CONSENT AGENDA:

- E-1. Approval of claims/warrants report.
- E-2. Approval of Treasurers' Report for month of February 2021.
- E-3. Approval of minutes for regular meeting of March 3, 2021.
- E-4. Continue emergency action for repairs at the Barioni Waterline Improvement Project as declared by Resolution 2021-05.
- E-5. Approve disbursement of funds for Utility Billing Software service from Harris Computer Systems in the amount of \$19,168.62.
- E-6. Russell Court Subdivision Unit 2: Approval and Acceptance of off-site street improvements and authorize bond reduction up to 90% and to keep the remaining 10% for the one-year warranty period.

Motion by AMPARANO, second by DALE to approve items E-1 through E-5 withholding item E-6 for separate action.

AYES: AMPARANO, BURNWORTH, DALE, AND EUGENIO
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
BSENT: TUCKER MOTION CARRIED 4-0

Motion by AMPARANO, second by DALE to approve item E-6.

AYES: AMPARANO, DALE, AND EUGENIO
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: TUCKER AND BURNWORTH (audio difficulties) MOTION CARRIED 3-0

F. ACTION ITEMS:

F-1. SUBJECT: LA BRUCHERIE ROAD WIDENING PROJECT.

1. AUTHORIZATION OF CHANGE ORDER FOR ADDITIONAL ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE LA BRUCHERIE WIDENING PROJECT.

Motion by AMPARANO, second by DALE to approve the change order.

AYES: AMPARANO, BURNWORTH, DALE, AND EUGENIO
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: TUCKER

MOTION CARRIED 4-0

F-2. SUBJECT: STORM DRAIN SYSTEM AND ASPHALT RUBBER COMPOSITE LAYER OVERLAY ALONG 11TH STREET FROM N. "D" STREET TO OLD SR-86. (BID 2019-10).

1. APPROVAL OF BALANCING CHANGE ORDER.

Motion by DALE, second by AMPARANO to approve the balancing change order.

AYES: AMPARANO, BURNWORTH, DALE, AND EUGENIO

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: TUCKER

MOTION CARRIED 4-0

2. ACCEPTANCE OF WORK COMPLETED.

Motion by DALE, second by AMPARANO to accept the work as completed.

AYES: AMPARANO, BURNWORTH, DALE, AND EUGENIO

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: TUCKER

MOTION CARRIED 4-0

3. AUTHORIZE CITY CLERK TO FILE NOTICE OF COMPLETION WITH THE IMPERIAL COUNTY CLERK/RECORDER OFFICE.

Motion by DALE, second by ANPARANO to authorize the filing of the Notice of Completion.

AYES: AMPARANO, BURNWORTH, DALE AND EUGENIO

NOES: NONE

ABSTAI: NONE

ABSENT: TUCKER

MOTION CARRIED 4-0

F-3. SUBJECT: FURNISHINGS FOR LIBRARY CHILDREN'S AREA.

1. AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE FURNISHINGS FOR THE CHILDREN'S AREA IN THE IMPERIAL PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Motion by AMPARANO, second by DALE to approve the purchase of furnishings.

AYES: AMPARANO, BURNWORTH, DALE, AND EUGENIO

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: TUCKER

MOTION CARRIED 4-0

F-4. SUBJECT: IMPERIAL POLICE DEPARTMENT VEHICLES.

1. DECLARATION OF IMPERIAL POLICE DEPARTMENT VEHICLES AS SURPLUS.

Motion by AMPARANO, second by DALE to declare the vehicles as surplus property.

AYES: AMPARANO, BURNWORTH, DALE, AND EUGENIO

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: TUCKER

MOTION CARRIED 4-0

2. AUTHORIZATION OF SALE AND/OR SALVAGE OF ITEMS DECLARED SURPLUS.

Motion by AMPARANO, second by DALE to authorize the sale or salvage of surplus property.

AYES: AMPARANO, BURNWORTH, DALE, AND EUGENIO

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: TUCKER

MOTION CARRIED 4-0

F-5. SUBJECT: ALLOCATION OF ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020/2021 CITIZENS OPTIONS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY (COPS) FUNDING.

1. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2021-06, APPROVING THE ACCEPTANCE OF ADDITIONAL STATE COPS PROGRAM FUNDING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020/2021.

Motion by DALE., second by AMPARANO to approve Resolution 2021-06.

AYES: AMPARANO, BURNWORTH, DALE, AND EUGENIO

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: TUCKER

MOTION CARRIED 4-0

F-6. SUBJECT: COVID-19 UPDATE.

Assistant City Manager Brown reported the city is working with Imperial school district on their phase re-opening plan and that staff is focusing on the re-opening of city facilities.

G. REPORTS:

G-1. SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT REPORTS.

City Clerk Jackson reminded everyone about the upcoming League of California Cities Imperial County Division meeting to be held on March 25th.

Parks Superintendent Lopez invited all to attend the work day Saturday March 20th taking place at the 4th Street baseball field. Help is needed to install fencing improvements.

G-2. SUBJECT: CITY MANAGER REPORT.

None.

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

Amparano reported that he will be taking a tour of the Republic Services recycling facility on March 23rd.

Mayor Eugenio reported that she participated in a horseback ride with the border patrol two weeks ago and it was an educational experience.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:08 PM UNTIL THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7, 2021 AT 7:00 P.M.