

**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF IMPERIAL
April 7, 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 include 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.

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

*remote participation

A. CITY COUNCIL CONVENED TO CLOSED SESSION AT 5:30 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 LEGAL COUNSEL-ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

(Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) or (3) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9)

Two Potential Cases

A-4. 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-5. SUBJECT: CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR (GC 54957.6)

Agency Negotiators: City Manager

Employee Organization: Management, Supervisory, Professional, Confidential, and Police Captain

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

Agency Negotiators: City Manager

Employee Organization: Imperial Police Officers Association

A-7. SUBJECT: CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR (GC 54957.6)

Agency Negotiators: City Manager

Employee Organization: Teamsters Local No. 542

A-8. SUBJECT: PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION 54954.5 (e)

TITLE: City Manager

CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNED CLOSED SESSION at 7:03 pm.

B. CITY COUNCIL CONVENED TO OPEN SESSION

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

Council members absent: Dale

Others present: City Manager Morita, Assistant City Manager Brown, City Clerk Jackson, City Attorney Holbrook, IT Director Estrada, Police Chief Barra, Public Services Director Loper*, Community Services Director Haller, Community Development Director Mora*, and Park Superintendent Lopez

Mayor Eugenio called the meeting to order at 7:14 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADJUSTMENTS TO THIS AGENDA

It was announced that an item needing immediate action arose subsequent to the posting of the agenda and was requested to be added to the agenda.

Motion by AMPARANO, second by TUCKER to add to the agenda the item regarding an emergency at the intersection of Cross Road and Aten Road as item number E-6.

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

ANNOUNCEMENT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

City attorney Holbrook announced that there was no reportable action taken in closed session.

C. PUBLIC APPEARANCES:

C-1. Matters not appearing on the agenda.

None.

C-2. Matters appearing on the agenda.

None.

D. CONSENT AGENDA:

D-1. Approval of Claims/Warrants Report.

D-2. Continue Emergency Action for Repairs at The Barioni Waterline Improvement Project as Declared by Resolution 2021-05.

D-3. Declaration of Public Services Vehicles as Surplus Equipment

D-4. Approval of Final Map and Subdivision Agreement for Morning Star Subdivision Unit 1A, And Authorization for City Clerk to Record Final Maps and Related Documents.

Motion by AMPARANO, second by TUCKER to approve the consent agenda withholding warrants 97661 and 97665 for separate action.

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

Motion by AMPARAMO, second by EUGENIO to approve warrant 97661 payable to JT Towing.

AYES: AMPARANO, BURNWORTH, AND EUGENIO
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: TUCKER
ABSENT: DALE MOTION CARRIED 3-0-1

Motion by AMPARANO, second by TUCKER to approve warrant 97665 payable to Rove Engineering.

AYES: AMPARANO, BURNWORTJ, AND TUCKER
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: EUGENIO
ABSENT: DALE MOTION CARRIED 3-0-1

E. ACTION ITEMS:

E-1. SUBJECT: CORONAVIRUS RELIEF UTILITY BILL DELINQUENCY GRANT PROGRAM

1. APPROVAL TO FORGIVE PENALTY FEES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,301.04.

Motion by AMPARANO, second by TUCKER to approve the forgiveness of penalty fees.

AYES: AMPARANO, BURNWORTH, TUCKER, AND EUGENIO

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: DALE

MOTION CARRIED 4-0

E-2. SUBJECT: IMPERIAL VALLEY LAW ENFORCEMENT RELAY RUN

1. AUTHORIZATION FOR EL CENTRO SECTOR US CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION TO HOLD ITS ANNUAL IMPERIAL VALLEY LAW ENFORCEMENT RELAY RUN WITHIN CITY LIMITS.

Motion by AMPARANO, second by TUCKER to approve the request.

AYES: AMPARANO, BURNWORTH, TUCKER, AND EUGENIO

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: DALE

MOTION CARRIED 4-0

E-3. SUBJECT: ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 1021

1. SUPPORT/OPPOSE ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 1021, AN ACT TO ADD SECTION 56378.2 AND 21562.6 TO THE GOVERNMENT CODE RELATING TO IRRIGATION DISTRICTS.

Motion by AMPARANO, second by TUCKER to oppose AB 1021.

AYES: AMPARANO, BURNWORTH, TUCKER, AND EUGENIO

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: DALE

MOTION CARRIED 4-0

E-4. SUBJECT: FURNISHINGS FOR IMPERIAL PUBLIC LIBRARY

1. AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE FURNISHINGS FOR THE IMPERIAL PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

AYES: AMPARANO, BURNWORTH, TUCKER, AND EUGENIO

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: DALE

MOTION CARRIED 4-0

E-5. SUBJECT: COVID-19 UPDATE

Brown reported the city facilities will re-open to the public on April 12th.

E-6. SUBJECT: EMERGENCY REPAIRS TO DAMAGED POWER PEDESTAL AND CONTROLS FOR THE TRAFFIC SIGNAL LIGHT AT THE INTERSECTION OF CROSS AND ATEN ROADS.

1. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2021-07, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO TAKE SUCH ACTION AS MAY BE NECESSARY IN RESPONSE THERETO AND RATIFYING ACTION TAKEN TO DATE.

Motion by TUCKER, second by AMPARANO to approve Resolution 2021-07.

AYES: AMPARANO, BURNWORTH, TUCKER, AND EUGENIO

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: DALE

MOTION CARRIED 4-0

F. REPORTS:

F-1. SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT REPORTS.

Community Services Director Haller gave a report on the “Hop-by Drive-by” with the Easter Bunny at the library on April 2nd and Movies in the Park are scheduled to resume with the first one taking place at Eager Park on April 23rd.

Park Superintendent Lopez reported on the fencing improvements taking place. The next work day is scheduled for April 17th at Joshua Tree park.

F-2. SUBJECT: CITY MANAGER REPORT.

None.

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

Amparano reported on the tour of the recycling sorting center.

Burnworth thanked the police department for their services.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:06 PM UNTIL THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21, 2021 AT 7:00 P.M.