



City Council

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

AGENDA

Regular Meeting of the Imperial City Council

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

July 15, 2026

Closed Session at 06:00 pm

Open Session at 07:00 pm

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6:00 P.M. CLOSED SESSION

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENT FOR CLOSED SESSION ITEMS ONLY: At this time, members of the public may address the City Council on Closed Session items. Pursuant to State Law, the City Council may not discuss or take action on issues not on the meeting agenda (Government Code Section 54954.2). If you are compensated to communicate with City officials, you may be required to register and/or make certain disclosures as a lobbyist. Please see the City Clerk for additional information. There is a time limit of three (3) minutes for anyone wishing to address the City Council on these matters.

CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNS INTO CLOSED SESSION

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL: The City Council finds, based on advice from the City Attorney, that discussion in open session of the following described matter(s) will prejudice the position of the City in existing and anticipated litigation.

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION G.C §54956.9 (d)(1)

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION Initiation of Litigation pursuant to California Government Code section 54956.9(c)

7:00 P.M. REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA: The City Council may amend the order, add urgency items, note abstentions or “no” votes on consent calendar items, and request consent calendar items be removed from the consent calendar for discussion. The City Council may also remove items from the consent calendar before that portion of the agenda. The City Council may address these issues by entertaining a formal motion.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

PUBLIC COMMENT: If you wish to address the City Council concerning any item within the City Council’s jurisdiction, please raise your hand and be acknowledged by the mayor. At that time, state your name and address for the record. The mayor reserves the right to place a time limit of three (3) minutes on each person’s presentation.

A. PRESENTATIONS:

A.1. Presentation by the Imperial Valley 9/11 Stair Climb Committee.

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 Warrants Report.

- B.2.** Approve City Council Minutes for the Special Meetings of March 25, 2026, December 11, 2025, November 5, 2026, and Regular meetings of April 1, 2026, April 15, 2026, May 20, 2026, and June 3, 2026.
- B.3.** Acceptance of Cannabis Tax Fund Grant Program Award
- B.4.** Recommendation to return late Claim CJP 3056823 Bonillas, as recommended by Athens.

C. PUBLIC HEARING (DISCUSSION/ACTION):

- C.1.** Approve Urgency Ordinance No. 835 extending Interim Urgency Ordinance No. 834, approving a Temporary Moratorium.

Presenter: Othon Mora, Community Development Director

Recommended Action: Approve Urgency Ordinance No. 835, AN URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IMPERIAL EXTENDING INTERIM URGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 834 ESTABLISHING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON APPROVAL, ESTABLISHMENT, OR OPERATION OF CERTAIN HIGH-ENERGY INDUSTRIAL, TECHNOLOGY, AND UTILITY-SUPPORTING USES WITHIN THE CITY OF IMPERIAL PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 65858 and extending Interim Urgency Ordinance No. 834 for an additional ten (10) months and fifteen (15) days pursuant to California Government Code Section 65858, while the City studies potential zoning regulations and development standards.

D. ACTION ITEMS (DISCUSSION/ACTION):

- D.1.** Approval of Resolution 2026-53, adopting the project list for Fiscal Year 2026-27 funded by SB1.

Presenter: Othon Mora, Community Development Director

Recommended Action: Approve Resolution 2026-53, RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IMPERIAL, CALIFORNIA ADOPTING A LIST OF PROJECTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-53 FUNDED BY SB1: THE ROAD REPAIR AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2017.

- D.2.** Review and Approve Revised by-laws of the Library Board of Trustees for Imperial Public Library

Presenter: Ember Haller, Library Manager

Recommended Action: Staff recommends that the City Council review and approve the revised changes to the Library Board bylaws.

- D.3.** Approval of Agreement Between City of Imperial and Aleshire & Wynder, LLP for City Attorney Legal Services.

Presenter: Dennis H. Morita, City Manager

Recommended Action: Staff recommends the City Council approve the agreement between City of Imperial and Aleshire & Wynder, LLP for City Attorney Legal Services.

- D.4.** Appointment to the Library Board of Trustees to fill an unscheduled vacancy.

Presenter: Dennis H. Morita, City Manager

Recommended Action: Reappoint Magdalena Altamirano to a three-year term and appoint one of the two applicants to fill an unscheduled vacancy with a term ending on June 30, 2027.

E. REPORTS:

- Department Reports
- City Manager Report
- Mayor and Councilmember Reports

ADJOURNMENT: The next regular meeting of the Imperial City Council will be held on August 5, 2026.