

**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF IMPERIAL
JULY 15, 2020**

**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 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 were not accessible to the public and were not subject to special posting requirements.

A. CITY COUNCIL CONVENED TO CLOSED SESSION AT 6:00 PM

A-1. SUBJECT: PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION 54954.5 (e)
TITLE: City Manager

CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNED CLOSED SESSION

B. CITY COUNCIL CONVENED TO OPEN SESSION AT 7:00

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: AMPARANO, DALE, EUGENIO*, TUCKER, AND
PECHTL**

**OTHERS PRESENT: CITY MANAGER MORITA, CITY CLERK JACKSON,
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIRECTOR GUTIERREZ,
ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER BROWN, POLICE SGT
SHEFFIELD, IT DIRECTOR ESTRADA, PARKS
SUPERINTENDENT LOPEZ*, COMMUNITY SERVICES
DIRECTOR HALLER*, POLICE CAPT., LUNA*, COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR MORA*, AND PUBLIC SERVICES
DIRECTOR LOPER***

***remote participation**

MAYOR PECHTL called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Amparano.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

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.

Item E-2: Spencer Andrews was present to answer any question that council may have had.

D. CONSENT AGENDA:

D-1. Approval of claims/warrants report.

D-2. Approval of minutes of regular and special city council meetings for May 20, 2020, May 29, 2020, June 3, 2020, and June 12, 2020.

D-3. Approval of job description and range reclassification for the Parks Superintendent position.

Motion by DALE, second by AMPARANO to approve the consent agenda as presented.

AYES: AMPARANO, DALE, EUGENIO, TUCKER, AND PECHTL

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

E. ACTION ITEMS:

E-1. SUBJECT: AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 3 AND CHAPTER 24 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO SIGNS.

1. APPROVAL TO WAIVE READING IN FULL AND ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 806, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF IMPERIAL AMENDING SECTION 24.15.030 DEFINITIONS, SECTION 24.15.050 PROHIBITED SIGNS, SECTION 24.15.080 PERMITTED SIGNS, AND REPEALING SECTION 3-2 OF CHAPTER 3 POLITICAL SIGNS.

Motion by AMPARANO, second by DALE to waive reading in full and adopt Ordinance No. 806.

AYES: AMPARANO, DALE, EUGENIO, TUCKER, AND PECHTL

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

E-2. SUBJECT: ADULT-USE CANNABIS DISPENSARY ORDINANCE AND ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT.

1. APPROVAL TO WAIVE READING IN FULL AND ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 807, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF IMPERIAL AMENDING THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO PROVIDE FOR SPECIFIED COMMERCIAL CANNABIS ACTIVITY.

Motion by DALE, second by TUCKER to waive reading in full and adopt Ordinance No. 807.

AYES: DALE, EUGENIO, TUCKER, AND PECHTL

NOES: AMPARANO

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 4-1

2. APPROVAL TO WAIVE READING IN FULL AND ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 808 AMENDING THE ZONING TEXT SECTION IN SECTION 24.05.120 WITHIN THE COMMERCIAL ZONING ORDINANCE CONDITIONALLY

ALLOWING FOR ADULT USE CANNABIS DISPENSARY WITHIN A C-2 ZONE.

Motion by TUCKER, second by DALE to waive reading in full and adopt Ordinance No. 808.

AYES: DALE, EUGENIO, TUCKER, AND PECHTL

NOES: AMPARANO

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 4-1

E-3. SUBJECT: STATUS OF EMERGENCY AT NANCE & WORTHINGTON AREA MANHOLE.

1. SUSPEND THE EMERGENCY FOR THE REPAIRS TO THE SINKHOLE-MANHOLE.

Motion by AMPARANO, second by DALE to suspend the emergency.

AYES: AMPARANO, DALE, EUGENIO, TUCKER, AND PECHTL

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

E-4. SUBJECT: DECLARE EMERGENCY AT INTERSECTION OF HWY 86 & NECKEL ROAD.

1. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2020-46 DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO TAKE SUCH ACTION AS MAY BE NECESSARY IN RESPONSE THERETO.

Motion by AMPARANO, second by TUCKER to approve Resolution No, 2020-46.

AYES: AMPARANO, DALE, EUGENIO, TUCKER, AND PECHTL

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

E-5. SUBJECT: LABOR COMPLIANCE SERVICES FOR THE PLATE SETTLER PROJECT – WATER TREATMENT PLANT.

COUNCIL MEMBER DALE left the meeting.

1. AWARD CONTRACT TO LABOR COMPLIANCE CONSULTANTS OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,980.00.

Motion by TUCKER, second by AMPARANO to award the contract to Labor Compliance Consultants of Southern California.

AYES: AMPARANO, EUGENIO, TUCKER, AND PECHTL

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: DALE

MOTION CARRIED 4-0

Councilmember DALE returned to the meeting.

E-6. SUBJECT: SKY RANCH BLOCK WALL PROJECT – BID NO. 2020-01.

1. ACCEPT PROJECT AS COMPLETED BY PYRAMID CONSTRUCTION.
2. APPROVAL TO FILE THE NOTICE OF COMPLETION.

Motion by TUCKER, second by AMPARANO to accept the project as complete and file the Notice of Completion.

AYES: AMPARANO, EUGENIO, TUCKER, AND PECHTL

NOES: DALE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 4-1

E-7. SUBJECT: RECREATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE REVENUE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM GRANT FUNDS.

1. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2020-47 TO AUTHORIZE CITY OF IMPERIAL'S APPLICATION FOR PER CAPITA GRANT FUNDS TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATION.

Motion by DALE, second by AMPARANO to approve Resolution No. 2020-47

AYES: AMPARANO, DALE, EUGENIO, TUCKER, AND PECHTL

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

E-8. SUBJECT: AMENDMENT TO EXECUTIVE LANDSCAPE, INC. AGREEMENT.

1. AUTHORIZE THE REMOVAL OF EAGER, FREDDIE WHITE, JOSHUA TREE, IMPERIAL TRANSIT PARK, CA IRVING PARK, EVANS, AND SUNSET PARKS FROM SCOPE OF SERVICES.

Motion by TUCKER, second by DALE to approve the amendment to the agreement.

AYES: AMPARANO, DALE, EUGENIO, TUCKER, AND PECHTL

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

E-9. SUBJECT: UPDATE OF COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

Assistant City Manager BROWN informed the council that locally, the number of positive cases is still on the rise. The County Health Department dashboard now has case information based by zip codes. Under the CARES Act funding, the city is expected to receive \$244,822.00. Staff is working on a plan for use of funds to assist local businesses.

F. REPORTS:

F-1. SUBJECT: MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS.

Mayor Pechtl commented on the negative news of the county being reported by national media and the need to look for and get the word out on the positives of living here.

F-2. SUBJECT: CITY MANAGER REPORT

None.

F-3. SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT REPORTS.

City Clerk Jackson reported that nominations for city offices opened on July 13th, with three nomination packets having been issued to date.

Assistant City Manager Brown reported that funding has been approved for the Imperial Senior Apartments and Worthington La Luna Apartments.

Sgt. Sheffield informed Council that 4 new patrol units have been received and are being outfitted with equipment.

Public Services Director Loper reported on the damage to the 86/Neckel traffic signals caused by a hit and run accident.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:16 P.M. UNTIL THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2020 AT 7:00 P.M.