

**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF IMPERIAL
OCTOBER 20, 2021
OPEN SESSION 7:00 PM**

A. CITY COUNCIL CONVENES TO OPEN SESSION AT 7:00 P.M.

MAYOR EUGENIO Called the meeting to Order at 7:05pm

CITY COUNCIL PARTICIPATION

PHYSICAL ATTENDANCE: AMPARANO, BURNWORTH, TUCKER, AND EUGENIO

ABSENT: DALE

CITY STAFF PARTICIPATION:

PHYSICAL ATTENDANCE: MORITA, BROWN, HOLBROOK, MORA, GUTIERREZ, SHEFFIELD, ESTRADA, JR., ESTRADA, HALLER, LOPEZ, AND SELF.

***VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE: NONE**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Captain M. Sheffield

ADJUSTMENTS TO THIS AGENDA

MORITA reported that on the C-1 of the Consent Agenda, Warrant number 101185 for EUGENIO would require a separate action.

B. PUBLIC APPEARANCES:

B-1. Matters not appearing on the agenda.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES: NONE

B-2. Matters appearing on the agenda.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES: NONE

C. CONSENT AGENDA:

All items appearing under "Consent Agenda" will be acted upon by the City Council by 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**

C-1. Approval of claims/warrants report.

C-2. Approval of the continuation of emergency declared by Resolution No. 2021-51.

C-3. Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes for September 15, 2021 and October 6, 2021.

C-4. Ratification of Letter of Support for the Imperial Valley Advanced Battery Manufacturing Hub Concept Paper being submitted by the San Diego State University – Imperial Valley.

C-5. Approval of Resolution No. 2021-57 for the Imperial County Air Pollution Control District Rule 310 Grant Application.

C-6. Approval of disbursement of funds for the Sensus Analytics Customer Portal in the amount of \$34,178.13.

ACTION#1

MOTION BY AMPARANO AND SECOND BY BURNWORTH to approve the Consent Agenda as presented withholding warrant #101185 for EUGENIO as separate action.

M/C: 4-0

ACTION#2

MOTION BY AMPARANO AND SECOND BY BURNWORTH to approve warrant #101185 for EUGENIO.

M/C: 3-1

AYES: AMPARANO, BURNWORTH AND TUCKER

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: EUGENIO

D. ACTION ITEMS: (DISCUSSION/ACTION – APPROVE-DISAPPROVE)

D-1. SUBJECT: DISCUSSION/ACTION: TRAFFIC CONCERNS AT THE INTERSECTION OF 4TH STREET AND “G” STREET

DISCUSSION:

MAYOR EUGENIO RECUSED HERSELF FROM THE MEETING DUE TO A CONFLICT OF REAL PROPERTY INTEREST ON THIS ITEM. COUNCILMEMBER TUCKER PRESIDED OVER THE MEETING IN HER ABSENCE.

MORA presented the item on behalf of the Community Development Department. MORA stated that following a traffic survey conducted by the Imperial Police Department, it is staff's recommendation that no physical change be made to the intersection. AMPARANO voiced his concerns for the area, and asked what other measures could be taken if no physical change is recommended. SHEFFIELD stated that the speeding observed is much like other areas of the City, and that the recommended mitigation measure is enforcement. No other discussion was held by the City Council.

ACTION:

AMPARANO made a MOTION to bring the item back in February for review with a report on how effective the recommended mitigation measure was. BURNWORTH SECONDED.

M/C: 3-0

MAYOR EUGENIO REJOINED THE MEETING

D-2. SUBJECT: DISCUSSION/ACTION: ESSENTIAL AIR SERVICE AT IMPERIAL COUNTY AIRPORT (IPL)

DISCUSSION:

BROWN presented the item on behalf of the City Manager's Office and reviewed the purpose of the EAS program and the three proposals received for service at the Imperial County Airport. COUNCIL reviewed the proposals and considered the various plane options presented in the three bids. BURNWORTH stated that the fact Boutique Airlines flew to both Phoenix and Los Angeles gives travelers more options. EUGENIO stated that she liked that Boutique had a pressurized cabin and restroom onboard the plane. No further discussion was had by the City Council. EUGENIO called for a motion.

MOTION BY AMPARANO AND SECOND BY BURNWORTH to recommend BOUTIQUE AIRLINES as Imperial's choice to the Department of Transportation for Essential Air Service to Imperial County Airport.

M/C: 4-0

E. REPORTS:

E-1. SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT REPORTS.

HALLER – Reported on the upcoming Imperial Market Days Event Fiesta De Los Muertos

SHEFFIELD – reported on the Imperial Police Department's involvement in Breast Cancer Awareness Month and further stated that the Department would be participating in No Shave November. All proceeds are provided to Cancer Resource Center of the Desert.

LOPEZ- Reported that the City would be hosting and participating in the First Annual Charity Softball Tournament in memory of Fallen Officer Anthony Redondo. The Tournament would take place on November 6th at 4th Street Park and 14th Street Park.

E-2. SUBJECT: CITY MANAGER REPORT.

No Report from BROWN OR MORITA

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

AMPARANO reported on his attendance at the City's WWTP Grand Opening and expressed his appreciation for the Public Services Department.

EUGENIO – wished a Happy Birthday to Assistant City Manager Brown and reported on her attendance at the WWTP Opening.

MAYOR EUGENIO ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 7:46 P.M. UNTIL THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2021 AT 7:00 P.M.