

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

**May 20, 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 - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION** Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: 1 Potential Case

**CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION (Gov. Code §54956.9(d)(1).)** i. City of Imperial vs. Imperial Valley Computer Manufacturing LLC, et al, Imperial County Superior Court Case No ECU004457 ii. Imperial Valley Manufacturing, LLC vs. City of Imperial, United States District Court for the Southern District of California Case No 26CV128 JLS BJW. iii. Novalk, LLC v. City of Imperial et. al, United States District Court for the Southern District of California, 25CV2307 BAS DDL

**PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (GC 54954.5(e))** Title: City Manager

**PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT G.C.§54957** Title: City Attorney

**CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS G.C. §54957.6** Agency Representatives: City Manager Employee Organization: Imperial Police Officers Association, Teamsters Local 542 & Employee Organization Management Supervisory, Professional, Confidential, and Police Captain/Unrepresented

**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 Victoria Topete on Chalk the Walk Winners
- A.2. Recognition of outgoing Planning Commission Board Member Ruben Rivera.
- A.3. Introduction of newly appointed Planning Commission Board Member Alejandro Duarte
- A.4. Presentation to recognize Officer Amaya as Officer of the Year.
- A.5. Presentation by Officer Schleyer on Internet Crimes Against Children.

**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.

**C. ACTION ITEMS (DISCUSSION/ACTION):**

- C.1. Discussion and direction to staff regarding implementation of zoning, planning and other tools to balance economic development with environmental safeguards with specific focus on residences and schools.

**Presenter:** Dennis H. Morita, City Manager, and Katherine Turner, City Attorney

**Recommended Action:** Discuss and provide direction to staff regarding implementation of zoning, planning and other tools to balance economic development with environmental safeguards with specific focus on residences and schools.

- C.2. Approve the plans and specifications for "P" Street Rehabilitation between Aten Rd & Rosarito Dr. STPL-5134(032), and authorize staff to seek bids through a competitive bidding process.

**Presenter:** Othon Mora, Community Development Director

**Recommended Action:** 1. Approve the Plans and Specifications for this project.

2. Authorize staff to seek bids through a competitive bidding process for the construction of "P" Street Rehabilitation between Aten Rd. & Rosarito Dr. Project. Stpl-5134(032).

- C.3.** Approve plans and specifications for Phase II and Phase III of the EV Charging Station Installation and EV Purchase Project CRP-5134(033), and authorize staff to seek bids through competitive bidding process.

**Presenter:** Othon Mora, Community Development Director

**Recommended Action:** 1. Approve the plans and specifications for this project  
2. Authorize staff to seek bids through a competitive bidding process for the construction of Phase II and phase III of the EV Charging Station Installation and EV purchase project CRP-5134(033).

- C.4.** Authorize the purchase of two (2) 2026 Ford F-150 Police Responders.

**Presenter:** Aaron Reel, Police Chief

**Recommended Action:** Approve the purchase of two (2) 2026 Ford F-150 Police Responders.

- C.5.** Award of contract to Nicklaus Engineering, Inc. (NEI) for Design and Engineering Services in the amount of \$67,897.00

**Presenter:** Anthony Lopez, Parks & Recreation Director

**Recommended Action:** Authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with Nicklaus Engineering Inc. (NEI) for design and engineering services related to the Kitchen Incubator Project in the amount of \$67,897.00

#### **D. REPORTS:**

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

**ADJOURNMENT:** The next regular meeting of the Imperial City Council will be held on June 3, 2026.