

**MINUTES
CITY OF IMPERIAL
CITY COUNCIL
JANUARY 3, 2018**

A. CITY COUNCIL CONVENED TO OPEN SESSION

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: AMPARANO, PECHTL, SAMPSON, TUCKER, AND DALE

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT: CITY ATTORNEY MORITA, CITY MANAGER CHATWIN, PUBLIC SERVICES DIRECTOR LOPER, FIRE CHIEF ESTRADA, POLICE CHIEF BARRA, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR HALLER, FINANCE DIRECTOR GUTIERREZ, HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR GADDIS, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR MORA, AND CITY CLERK JACKSON

MAYOR DALE called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Finance Director Gutierrez.

B. PUBLIC APPEARANCES:

KRIS HAUGH, PAO, NAF EL CENTRO informed the Council that the Blue Angels flight team arrived earlier in the day at NAF to begin their annual winter training.

GARY METELSKI, Imperial Resident congratulated Barra on his appointment as Police Chief and commented on the hotel project and the Visas granted for employees. He questioned if the visas issued can be revoked due to the lack of completion of the project.

C. CONSENT AGENDA:

C-1. Approval of claims/warrants report.

C-2. Approval of Minutes for Regular Meetings of November 1, 2017 and November 15, 2017.

Motion by PECHTL, seconded by AMPARANO to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

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

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE MOTION CARRIED 5-0

D. NEW BUSINESS:

D-1. SUBJECT: ORDINANCE NO. 795 – REGARDING MEDICAL CANNABIS DISPENSARIES

1. 2ND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 795, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF IMPERIAL AMENDING THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO PROVIDE FOR MEDICINAL CANNABIS DISPENSARIES – WAIVE READING AND ADOPT BY TITLE ONLY.

Motion by PECHTL, seconded by TUCKER to adopt Ordinance No. 795 and hold the 2nd reading by title only.

AYES: PECHTL, TUCKER, AND DALE

NOES: AMPARANO AND SAMPSON

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE MOTION CARRIED 5-0

D-2. SUBJECT: GAC TREATMENT SYSTEM FOR REMOVAL OF TTHM LEVELS IN CITY WATER FACILITIES.

1. APPROVAL TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT LIST AND WATER CAPACITY TO BE USED FOR TTHM COMPLIANCE MANDATES SET BY CALIFORNIA STATE RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD.

Motion by TUCKER, seconded by SAMPSON to approve the transfer of funds as requested.

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

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE MOTION CARRIED 5-0

D-3. SUBJECT: TRAFFIC SIGNAL LIGHT AND INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT SR-86 AND NECKEL ROAD

1. APPROVE CONSTRUCTION CHANGE ORDERS #1, #3, #4, AND #7 RELATED TO INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS – FEDERAL AID PROJECT #HSIP 5134(013) AS REQUESTED BY HAL HAYS CONSTRUCTION, INC.

Motion by TUCKER, seconded by SAMPSON to approve the Change Orders #1, #3, #4, and #7 as requested.

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

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE MOTION CARRIED 5-0

D-4. SUBJECT: MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL MEMBERS TO VARIOUS COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES.

1. CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT TO VARIOUS COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES BY THE MAYOR.
2. DETERMINATION OF METHOD OF APPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER TO THE CENTINELA STATE PRISON CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

After discussion, it was determined to review the current list of commissions and committees and bring back a revised list for action.

E. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

E-1. SUBJECT: PUBLIC HEARING/DISCUSSION/ACTION: AMENDMENT TO ZONING ORDINANCE RELATED TO CONDITIONAL USES IN COMMERCIAL ZONES TO ALLOW MEDICAL CANNABIS DISPENSARIES AND USES.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED AT 7:20 PM

There being no comments from members of public the Hearing was closed at 7:21 P.M.

1. INTRODUCTION AND 1ST READING BY TITLE ONLY OF ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 24.05 OF THE ZONING CODE WITH REGARDS TO COMMERCIAL ZONING DISTRICTS TO ALLOW MEDICAL CANNABIS DISPENSARIES AND USES

Motion by TUCKER, seconded by PECHTL to hold the first reading of Ordinance No. 796 by title only, An Ordinance of the City of Imperial, California, Amending the Zoning Code Related to Medical Cannabis Dispensaries.

AYES: PECHTL, TUCKER, AND DALE
NOES: AMPARANO AND SAMPSON
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: NONE MOTION CARRIED 3-2

F. REPORTS:

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

Council members AMPARANO, PECHTL, AND DALE wished everyone a Happy New Year.

F-2. SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT HEAD AND STAFF REPORTS

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR MORA provided an update on the Aten Phase IV project.

COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR HALLER informed the council of three events coming up: 5K on the Runway on January 6, 2018; Market Day on January 20, 2018, and Tri-tip Cook-off on February 24, 2018.

CITY CLERK JACKSON provided information about the upcoming MAG Coalition event up and invited Council members to attend.

FIRE CHIEF ESTRADA reported that city crew will be participating in Aviation Day event.

F-3. SUBJECT: CITY MANAGER REPORT.

Welcomed new Fire Chief Estrada.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:30 PM UNTIL THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2018 AT 7:00 P.M.