

MINUTES

**CITY OF IMPERIAL BEACH
CITY COUNCIL
PLANNING COMMISSION
PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY
HOUSING AUTHORITY
IMPERIAL BEACH REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY SUCCESSOR AGENCY**

AUGUST 17, 2016

**Council Chambers
825 Imperial Beach Boulevard
Imperial Beach, CA 91932**

REGULAR MEETING - 6:00 P.M.

REGULAR MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Dedina called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers present: Patton, Bragg
Councilmembers absent: Bilbray
Mayor Present: Dedina
Mayor Pro Tem Present: Spriggs
Staff Present: City Manager Hall, City Attorney Lyon, Deputy City Clerk Carballo,
Public Works Director Levien, Fire Chief French, Administrative
Services Director Bradley

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Fernanda Felix from George Nicoloff Elementary School.

AGENDA CHANGES

Mayor ProTem Spriggs clarified that the \$50,000 item on the Warrant Register was for the final payment of the Habitat for Humanity project at 10th and Palm.

MAYOR/COUNCIL REIMBURSEMENT DISCLOSURE/COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS/REPORTS ON ASSIGNMENTS AND COMMITTEES

Councilmember Patton reported on his participation at the South County Economic Development Council, the Seaside Candy reopening and the Kiwanis Fishing Derby. He thanked the Kiwanis Club and Port of San Diego for their support at the event. He reported on his and Mayor ProTem Spriggs' attendance at the Zoning Ad Hoc Committee meeting.

Councilmember Bragg stated there were no meetings in August for MTS or SANDAG.

Mayor ProTem Spriggs reported on the Zoning Ad Hoc Committee meeting stating community turnout was good and there was a lot of input regarding correcting zoning loopholes in Commercial Mixed Use zones. A full report to City Council will be provided in the next month. He announced the International Boundary and Water Commission Citizens Forum will be meeting on September 1 in the Tijuana Estuary at 6:30 p.m. Topics include Scripps Institution of Oceanography Dive Study findings and the Surfrider Foundation will also make a presentation regarding their findings from the watershed on the Tijuana side.

Mayor Dedina reported Imperial Beach Fire Engine 239 responded to the Blue Cut Fire and thanked firefighters for their efforts. He stated he and City Manager Hall met with the Consul of Mexico on a tour of the Tijuana River Valley to speak on water quality issues. They toured the south end of Seacoast, the concrete channel, Goat Canyon and Borderfield State Park where they discussed tangible things that can be done to reduce contamination at our beach. He reported he competed in the National Lifeguard Championships in Hermosa Beach and stated that next year the Cities of Imperial Beach and Coronado will host the California Lifeguard

Championships at Silver Strand State Beach, and Imperial Beach will have a team in the competition.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY STAFF

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Josie Hamada thanked Public Works for a garbage can and doggie waste bags placed at the empty lot on Seacoast Drive. She requested one more trash can at the empty lot on Seacoast Drive, doggie waste bags at the other parks and portable potties at the south end of Seacoast Drive.

Steven Wright from 4 Walls International gave an update on the Lissoy lot and provided handouts to Council.

PRESENTATIONS (1.1-1.2)

1.1 WELCOMING CITIES PROCLAMATION. (0410-30)

The following speakers spoke in support of the Welcoming Cities Proclamation and commended Mayor Dedina and City Council for their efforts in making all citizens feel welcome and a valuable part of the community:

Pedro Rios, Director of the American Friends Service Committee
Megan Afshan of the International Rescue Committee
David Garcias, President of SEIU Local 221
Laura Moreno, Immigrant Coordinator for Unite Here Local 30
Erin Tsurumoto Grassi from Alliance San Diego
Ginger Jacobs of the San Diego Immigrant Rights Consortium

Councilmember Bragg stated this is a proud moment and the City wants people who have moved here or will move here to call Imperial Beach "home".

Mayor Pro Tem Spriggs stated the proclamation speaks for all who are open minded and love Imperial Beach as a diverse and friendly community and he is proud to be an elected official.

Mayor Dedina commented on his parents coming to America as immigrants. He stated that at the beaches people come together to express joy regardless of background, class, ethnicity, etc. He took pride in the fact that the City has an amazingly hospitable beach and an ethnically diverse staff.

Mayor Dedina read a proclamation recognizing immigrants and declaring Imperial Beach as a Welcoming City.

1.2 PRESENTATION FROM INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC STRATEGIES REGARDING DEEMED APPROVED ALCOHOL ESTABLISHMENTS. (0240-07)

Richard E. Preuss, Project Manager for the Institute of Public Strategies, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the item. He spoke on the negative effects of alcohol sales with low performance guidelines. He stated the Deemed Approved Ordinance changes classification and as such performance standards can be set. This ordinance is not to get rid of businesses but improve their performance standards. He shared statistics regarding the reduction of arrests when these ordinances have been in place.

In response to Mayor ProTem Spriggs' question, Mr. Preuss stated El Cajon, Oakland, Ventura County and Fullerton have ordinances that can be used as examples.

Councilmember Patton expressed concern on single malt liquor sales.

Councilmember Bragg suggested looking into grants to provide training/classes for restaurants and bars. She stated alcohol sales to minors are a big concern to the community and asked if the City would have the manpower to enforce the ordinance. She stated conditional use permits are a tool the City should look at, some establishments that take this issue extremely seriously, some problems could be curtailed by the retailer and commented on the social host ordinance and how homeowners should behave in a responsible manner as well.

Mr. Preuss stated having success in all business is desired and having higher standards is good for the entire community. He commended the Sheriff's Department for their great work.

In response to Mayor ProTem Spriggs' question, Mr. Preuss stated training can be provided through the Sheriff's Department. He stated the City already requires the training and the Deemed Approved Ordinance can put performance standards on businesses. Cities can include a fee to help offset the salaries for the trainers.

Mayor Dedina requested suggestions from staff and City Council as to how to move forward with this issue.

City Council discussion ensued. Comments from City Council included looking at some of the implemented ordinances to make sure they are not burdensome on the business, making an effort to improve the crime rate, having the business community weigh in and give input, providing businesses with tools for developing their staff, and working with the Sheriff's Department to get information and statistics.

City Manager Hall reiterated that the City wants businesses and organizations to be involved. He stated certain kinds of liquor sales are of more concern such as the single sales, rather than the businesses themselves. The City needs to talk to the businesses and let them know they are not against legal sales of alcohol to people who can drink responsibly.

Mayor Dedina requested an informational staff report be brought back to City Council where the different options and legal strategies are discussed.

CONSENT CALENDAR (2.1-2.5)

MOTION BY PATTON, SECOND BY SPRIGGS, TO APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR ITEM NOS. 2.1 THROUGH 2.5. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: PATTON, BRAGG, SPRIGGS, DEDINA
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: NONE
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: BILBRAY

2.1 MINUTES.

City Council approved the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 15, 2016 and August 3, 2016.

2.2 RATIFICATION OF WARRANT REGISTER. (0300-25)

City Council ratified the warrant register.

2.3 RECEIVE JUNE 2016 TREASURER'S REPORT. (0300-90)

City Council received the monthly Treasurer's Report.

2.4 RESOLUTION NO. 2016-7730 APPROPRIATING \$80,000 FROM GAS TAX UNDESIGNATED RESERVE TO BIKEWAY VILLAGE- 13TH STREET CLASS 2 BIKEWAY CONSTRUCTION PROJECT CIP PROJECT NO. S15-702. (0680-20)

City Council adopted the resolution.

2.5 RESOLUTION NO. 2016-7732 APPROVING THE THIRD AMENDMENT TO EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND CITY MANAGER, ANDY HALL. (0530-60)

City Council adopted the resolution.

ORDINANCES – INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING (3)

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS (4)

None.

REPORTS (5.1)

5.1 ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2016-7731 APPROPRIATING FUNDS AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF \$524,300.64 FOR THE CITY OF IMPERIAL BEACH SHARE OF THE NEXTGEN REGIONAL COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM FOR THE REPLACEMENT 800 MHZ PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM. (0250-30)

Fire Chief French reported on the item.

In response to Mayor ProTem Spriggs' question, Fire Chief French stated it's a huge system of communication where all public safety agencies communicate on a large scale. If our current outdated system fails, the technology is not there to support it. The new system is more robust and provides for interoperability across all public safety sectors in case of an emergency.

City Manager Hall stated we cannot have this system fail. He commended City Council for their approach to pay actual costs and not finance the system and that City Council had enough foresight a few years ago to put money aside.

In response to Mayor ProTem Spriggs' question, Chief French stated it is a self-contained fail safe system, if part of it goes down it can be picked up in another way through different communications.

In response to Councilmember Patton's question, City Manager Hall stated there is \$800,000 set aside in an account and some funds will need to be re-appropriated in the future. Councilmember Patton commented on the importance of mutual aid and organizations working together. He stated the system also includes cell towers. In response to his question, Fire Chief French stated they are assessed a fee for every radio they have in service.

City Manager Hall stated the fees are to secure the bandwidth exclusively for Public Safety communications.

Mayor Dedina commented that with issues such as wild fires or coastal flooding, being able to communicate with other agencies is critical.

Councilmember Bragg stated the City should continue to set funds aside for when this system needs to be replaced and she reiterated the importance of a capable system.

Mayor Dedina commented that it's always best to do things with the highest professional standards regardless of the size of Imperial Beach. Equipment and training are things the City needs to invest in. No one knows when an emergency will happen and it's best to be prepared to the best of our abilities.

MOTION BY PATTON, SECOND BY SPRIGGS, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2016-7731 APPROPRIATING FUNDS AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF \$524,300.64 FOR THE CITY OF IMPERIAL BEACH SHARE OF THE NEXTGEN REGIONAL COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM FOR THE REPLACEMENT 800 MHZ PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM. MOTION CARRIED BY FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: **COUNCILMEMBERS:** PATTON, BRAGG, SPRIGGS, DEDINA
NOES: **COUNCILMEMBERS:** NONE
ABSENT: **COUNCILMEMBERS:** BILBRAY

I.B. REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY SUCCESSOR AGENCY REPORTS (6)

None.

ITEMS PULLED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR (IF ANY)

None.

ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING

Mayor Dedina adjourned the Regular Meeting at 7:24 p.m.

Signature on file

Sunem Carballo,
Deputy City Clerk

Signature on file

Serge Dedina,
Mayor