

**CITY OF IMPERIAL BEACH
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**November 6, 2024, 6:00 p.m.
Council Chambers
825 Imperial Beach Boulevard
Imperial Beach, CA 91932**

Present: Mayor Aguirre, Mayor Pro Tem McKay, Councilmember Seabury,
Councilmember Fisher, Councilmember Leyba-Gonzalez,

Staff: City Manager Foltz, Chief Administrative Officer Cortez-Martinez, City
Attorney Lyon, City Clerk Kelly, Public Works Director Larios,
Community Development Director Openshaw, Associate Planner Pua

**The City Council also sits as the Imperial Beach Planning Commission, Public Financing
Authority, and Imperial Beach Redevelopment Agency Successor Agency.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL

City Clerk Kelly took roll.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

John Haythe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. REIMBURSEMENT DISCLOSURES/REPORTS ON ASSIGNMENTS AND COMMITTEES

Mayor Aguirre

- Fire Station Open House
- Lead a tour of the Tijuana River Valley for California Treasurer Fiona Ma
- California Coastal Commission meeting
- South County Economic Development Council (SCEDC) meeting
- Hosted a tour of the Tijuana River Valley for California Controller Malia Cohen
- Participated on a panel about the risks of climate change at the San Diego Climate Summit
- Joined a bi-national delegation to Mexico City, organized by the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce, where she:
 - participated in a press conference for additional funding for wastewater infrastructure from both sides of the border
 - moderated a panel to discuss the need to reuse and recycle wastewater in Tijuana to prevent unnatural year-round flow in the Tijuana River

- participated in discussions hosted by the Mexican Senate and other business leaders on several different topics one being the USMCA update, where she expressed the need to put the sewage crisis, front and center and to prioritize funding for it
- participated in discussions on energy, bi-national tourism and border efficiency
- San Diego Community Power Board of Directors meeting
- Trunk or Treat event
- IB Arts Mural Tour
- Announced Governor Newsom visited the International Wastewater Treatment Plant and the San Antonio de los Buenos Wastewater Treatment Plant, however none of the South Bay Mayors were invited to participate
- The launch of the International Wastewater Treatment Plants Rehabilitation and Expansion project
- Dia de Los Muertos event
- The U.S. Marine Corps Flag Raising Ceremony

Mayor Pro Tem McKay

- Metro Wastewater JPA meeting
- He spoke before the County Board of Supervisors regarding the air filters/air purifiers
- CalCities Annual Conference in Long Beach
- IB Arts Mural Tour
- U.S. IBWC meeting
- The U.S. Marine Corps Flag Raising Ceremony

Councilmember Seabury

- Tour of the Tijuana River Valley with California Treasurer Fiona Ma
- SANDAG Mobility meeting
- San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce meeting
- CalCities Annual Conference in Long Beach
- Announced the Kiwanis Student of the Month
- IB Arts Mural Tour
- City Employee Quarterly Lunch
- U.S. Marine Corps Flag Raising Ceremony
- SCEDC meeting

Councilmember Fisher

- South Bay Union School District Board meeting
- Trunk or Treat event
- IB Arts Mural Tour
- SANDAG Board of Directors meeting
- Announced that at the upcoming SANDAG meeting there will be a discussion on the City's request for toll revenues to offset the environmental impacts and mitigation of the Tijuana River Valley

Councilmember Leyba-Gonzalez

- IBAC OTL Tournament
- MTS Board of Directors meeting
- Trunk or Treat event

5. COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY STAFF

Community Development Director Openshaw announced the community meeting for the Border to Bayshore Bikeway project is scheduled for November 12, 2024.

City Manager Foltz announced the Imperial Beach Pier will undergo maintenance work starting Monday, November 18, 2024 and he displayed the pier closure schedule.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

A written comment was submitted by Suzanne Judd in support of the new Wellness Center.

In Person Comments:

Daniel Loza asked for help to prevent renters from being displaced due to remodeling of their apartments.

Rosalinna Perez complained about the high cost of rent and expressed concern about the possibility of having to move out of Imperial Beach.

Robert Lucas asked to put a stop to no-fault evictions and substantial remodel evictions.

Brenda Bautista requested a ban on substantial remodel evictions.

Nerea Urtasun-Whitworth was opposed to rent control and noted that Proposition 33 was rejected by the voters. She suggested the City subsidize the cost of living for all residents in need.

Robert Lopo complained about the high cost of rent.

Truth provided many reasons why the sewage crisis cannot be solved by designating the area as an EPA Superfund site. She noted that real change will come from sanctioning Mexico, boycotting Mexican products and withholding their toll money.

Olivia Fernandez spoke about having to leave her childhood home where she has fond memories. She expressed a sense of loss, fear and stress with having to find a new home.

Alberto Fernandez expressed concern about displacing long-standing residents without protections. He urged City Council to consider legislation that limits evictions related to renovations and to incentivize developers to work with tenants to find viable, affordable alternatives.

Joshua Lopez said that tenants have requested maintenance when the living conditions did not meet the standards of the United States. Now they are being evicted on the grounds of extensive remodeling, which he finds hypocritical. He implored the City Council to look beyond financial considerations and focus on the diverse range of community members who are being uprooted from their homes.

John Becker commented that there are already rent control procedures in the State of California. He stressed to the City Council that living in California is expensive and second only to Hawaii. He also noted that the overall high cost of living in the area is a reality that everyone must face.

Giovanni Cespedes asked City Council for a helping hand for him, his family and his neighbors.

Rachel Orozco spoke in support for helping community neighbors who are facing eviction due to renovations.

Fabian Nevarez spoke in support of having laws that protect tenants.

Chis Wright expressed concern about no fault evictions that are displacing families and the elderly. He spoke in support of stronger tenant protection laws.

Sandra del Rio spoke about receiving an eviction notice and expressed concern about having a limited income and the difficulty with paying bills and higher rent.

Philip del Rio complained about higher water bills and increased rent. He asked City Council for help.

Jose Lopez complained about landlords displacing tenants and was opposed to increased rent.

Maria Cerda asked to put a stop to increasing rent.

Nicole Le, ACCE Organizer, said that after speaking with more than a dozen families, the number one concern for families is the rising cost of rent and eviction.

Sandra Lopez indicated support for the issues raised at the Hawaiian Gardens Apartments (did not speak).

Diana Avendano spoke in support for the tenants at Hawaiian Gardens Apartments and asked for tenant protections.

Chrisitan Cosio asked City Council to help the renters from becoming homeless.

7. PRESENTATIONS

7.a LEGAL AID - PRESENTATION OF SERVICES. (0660-90)

Gil Vera, Deputy Director of the Legal Aid Society of San Diego, Inc. gave a PowerPoint presentation on the item. He responded to questions of City Council about the process for seeking guidance from the Legal Aid Society, the screening process, eligibility criteria, qualifications for substantial remodels, and ordinances implemented by other cities.

No public comments.

Mayor Aguirre called a recess at 8:10 p.m. and called the meeting back to order at 8:17 p.m. with all Councilmembers present.

7.b PROCLAMATION VETERANS APPRECIATION DAY. (0410-30)

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem McKay

Seconded by Councilmember Fisher

To approve the Proclamation.

AYES (5): Mayor Aguirre, Mayor Pro Tem McKay, Councilmember Seabury, Councilmember Fisher, Councilmember Leyba-Gonzalez

Motion Carried (5 to 0)

Councilmember Leyba-Gonzalez read the proclamation.

Truth spoke about her experience as a child of parents who were in the military, stressed that military service also impacts the families of military personnel, spoke about benefits veterans can enjoy on November 11th, and announced the Veterans Day Parade in Downtown San Diego.

Mayor Aguirre announced the Veterans Appreciation Day event that will be held in Imperial Beach.

7.c PROCLAMATION INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY 2024. (0410-30)

Motion by Councilmember Seabury
Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem McKay

To approve the Proclamation.

AYES (5): Mayor Aguirre, Mayor Pro Tem McKay, Councilmember Seabury, Councilmember Fisher, Councilmember Leyba-Gonzalez

Motion Carried (5 to 0)

Mayor Aguirre read the proclamation.

Truth questioned some of the statements in the proclamation. She shared that she has Cherokee ancestry, spoke about where the term "Indian" came from, and talked about the complex history of indigenous peoples.

7.d PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH. (0410-30)

Motion by Councilmember Seabury
Seconded by Councilmember Fisher

To approve the Proclamation.

AYES (5): Mayor Aguirre, Mayor Pro Tem McKay, Councilmember Seabury, Councilmember Fisher, Councilmember Leyba-Gonzalez

Motion Carried (5 to 0)

Councilmember Fisher read the proclamation.

Mayor Aguirre reminded everyone to do their screenings and stressed the importance of prevention.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

For Item No. 8.h.: A revised Resolution No. 2024-073 was submitted as Last Minute Agenda Information.

Public Comment for Item 8.f: Truth announced that the City of Lemon Grove got a fire engine on a 10-year loan from the California Office of Emergency Services.

Motion by Councilmember Fisher

Seconded by Councilmember Leyba-Gonzalez

To approve Consent Calendar Item Nos. 8.a through 8.j.

AYES (5): Mayor Aguirre, Mayor Pro Tem McKay, Councilmember Seabury, Councilmember Fisher, Councilmember Leyba-Gonzalez

Motion Carried (5 to 0)

8.a APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES.

City Council approved the Regular Meeting Minutes of October 2, 2024.

8.b RATIFICATION OF WARRANT REGISTER FOR THE PERIOD FROM SEPTEMBER 21, 2024 TO OCTOBER 4, 2024. (0300-25)

City Council ratified and filed the Warrant Register Report.

8.c RATIFICATION OF WARRANT REGISTER FOR THE PERIOD FROM OCTOBER 5, 2024 TO OCTOBER 25, 2024. (0300-25)

City Council ratified and filed the Warrant Register Report.

8.d RECEIVE TREASURER'S REPORT FOR AUGUST 2024. (0300-90)

City Council received and filed the August 2024 Treasurer's Report.

8.e RECEIVE TREASURER'S REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2024. (0300-90)

City Council received and filed the September 2024 Treasurer's Report.

8.f RESOLUTION 2024-78 TO AUTHORIZE SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS. (0650-33)

Adopted Resolution 2024-78, a Resolution of the City of Imperial Beach, California Authorizing the Submittal of an Application for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Community Development Block Grant Funds.

8.g ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NUMBER 2024-79 ACCEPTING THE 2023 STATE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT (SHSG) ALLOCATION OF \$14,031 IN THE FORM OF REIMBURSEMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF SIX BALLISTIC VESTS AND SIX BAILOUT ESCAPE SYSTEMS. (0390-88)

City Council adopted Resolution No. 2024-79 accepting the State Homeland Security Grant allocation of \$14,031 in the form of reimbursement for the purchase of six ballistic vests and six bailout escape systems.

8.h RESOLUTION 2024-073 AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH CHANDLER ASSET MANAGEMENT FOR INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT AND OTHER FINANCIAL SERVICES. (0350-10)

City Council adopted Resolution No. 2024-073 authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with Chandler Asset Management for investment management and other financial services through June 30, 2029.

8.i APPROVE FINAL MAP (TM-23-0001) FOR NEW MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENT WITH 2,212 SQUARE FEET OF COMMERCIAL SPACE AND FOURTEEN (14) RESIDENTIAL UNITS, WHICH ARE INCLUSIVE OF TWO AFFORDABLE UNITS AT 236 PALM AVE. (APN 625-023-07-00) MF 1380/USE-22-0077. (0600-20)

City Council approved the Final Map for recordation.

8.j RESOLUTION 2024-074 AUTHORIZING AN ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH MISSION SQUARE RETIREMENT FOR MANAGEMENT OF CITY'S 457(B) DEFERRED COMPENSATION RETIREMENT PLAN. (0520-30)

City Council adopted Resolution No. 2024-074 authorizing the City Manager or designee to execute an agreement with Mission Square Retirement for management and administration of City's 457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan.

9. ORDINANCES/INTRODUCTION & FIRST READING/PUBLIC HEARING

9.a PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2024-1251 AMENDING TITLE 19 TO UPDATE THE CITY'S ZONING ORDINANCE FOR BY-RIGHT HOUSING DEVELOPMENT APPROVAL TO MEET STATE LAW & APPROVING THE LCP AMENDMENT & EXEMPTION PER CEQA GUIDELINES

Mayor Aguirre declared the public hearing open.

Community Development Director Openshaw gave a PowerPoint presentation.

Truth quoted AB 1397 stating that the City is required to amend the zoning ordinance to require by-right approval of housing developments with 20% affordable units for lower income households, as well as changes to the density bonus law. She expressed concern that this will eliminate public input for future projects, benefit corporate developers building expensive luxury units, and take away land for affordable single-family homes. She believed cities need to start saying no to these state mandates and be willing to engage in lawsuits, rather than surrender in a way that destroys the city.

Mayor Aguirre closed the public hearing.

Director Openshaw responded to questions of City Council about the parcels that are in the cycle, and she confirmed that to meet the requirements of State law, the parcels are not citywide and it does not take up the whole beachfront. She also explained what "by right approval" is.

Mayor Pro Tem McKay wanted to ensure there is still meaningful Council and community oversight, rather than just one person making decisions, even within the constraints of the State's by-right approval requirements.

In response to Mayor Pro Tem McKay's comment about oversight, City Manager Foltz stated that the City could say oversight where possible, but the City would have to look at what's occurring throughout the rest of the State, case law, and make sure that we follow all procedures to be consistent with our Housing Element.

Councilmember Fisher commented on how HCD is a failed system, and he expressed his frustration with State mandates that fail to account for the realities and needs of small cities.

Councilmember Seabury spoke in opposition to State mandates.

Mayor Aguirre was hopeful that legislative avenues can be explored by CalCities to address the issues and concerns with State mandates.

City Clerk Kelly read the title of Ordinance No. 2024-1251, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IMPERIAL BEACH, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING TITLE 19 (ZONING) OF THE IMPERIAL BEACH MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROVIDE FOR BY RIGHT APPROVAL OF CERTAIN SITES DESIGNATED FOR LOWER INCOME HOUSING AND TO UPDATE THE CITY'S DENSITY BONUS ORDINANCE TO REFLECT CHANGES IN STATE LAW."

Motion by Councilmember Fisher
Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem McKay

To introduce Ordinance No. 2024-1251 by title only, waive further reading of the ordinance and set the matter for its second reading and adoption at the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting.

AYES (5): Mayor Aguirre, Mayor Pro Tem McKay, Councilmember Seabury, Councilmember Fisher, Councilmember Leyba-Gonzalez

Motion Carried (5 to 0)

Motion by Councilmember Leyba-Gonzalez
Seconded by Mayor Aguirre

To adopt Resolution No. 2024-082 approving the proposed Local Coastal Program Amendment (LCPA-23-0001), finding and certifying that the proposed zoning amendment (Ordinance 2024-1251) is consistent with the Coastal Act and finding an exemption pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) (the common sense exemption).

AYES (5): Mayor Aguirre, Mayor Pro Tem McKay, Councilmember Seabury, Councilmember Fisher, Councilmember Leyba-Gonzalez

Motion Carried (5 to 0)

10. PUBLIC HEARINGS**10.a TIM P. JONES (APPLICANT); CONSTRUCTION OF ONE NEW THREE-STORY FOUR-PLEX RESIDENTIAL TOWNHOME BUILDING, WITH A TWO-CAR GARAGE PROVIDED FOR EACH DWELLING UNIT AT 745 13TH STREET (APN 627-011-05-00) USE-22-0119/MF 1493. (0600-20)**

Mayor Aguirre declared the public hearing open.

Associate Planner Pua gave a PowerPoint presentation. He responded to questions of Councilmember Fisher regarding the DRB recommendation process and why some of the DRB recommendations were not implemented. He addressed Councilmember Seabury's question about the section of the fence that is lower in height.

In response to Mayor Aguirre's question about the units being up for sale or for rent, Rodrigo Leal, property owner, stated that they have not done a condo map for the property so the units would be for rent with the possibility that they may be sold. He said that it would ultimately depend on market conditions.

Mayor Aguirre closed the public hearing.

Motion by Councilmember Seabury
Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem McKay

To adopt Resolution 2024-076, approving Site Plan Review (SPR-22-0034), Design Review Case (DRC-22-0033), and categorical exemption pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines 15332 Class 32 (In-Fill Development Projects) at 745 13th Street (APN 627-011-05-00) in the C/MU-1 (General Commercial and Mixed-Use) Zone subject to the conditions as specified in the resolution.

AYES (5): Mayor Aguirre, Mayor Pro Tem McKay, Councilmember Seabury, Councilmember Fisher, Councilmember Leyba-Gonzalez

Motion Carried (5 to 0)

10.b PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF (1) AFFORDABLE HOUSING AGREEMENT WITH HOUSING ASSET FUND LOAN (\$625,000); (2) CITY FEE DEFERRAL; AND (3) DEVELOPMENT ENTITLEMENT EXTENSION FOR 50 UNIT AFF. SENIOR HOUSING & NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER AT 455 PALM AVENUE

A corrected Attachment 4 – Affordable Housing Agreement was submitted as Last Minute Agenda Information.

Mayor Aguirre declared the public hearing open.

Community Development Director Openshaw gave a PowerPoint presentation on the item.

Written comments in opposition to the item submitted by: Joel Vigil-Vado, Pierre Clement, Laney Plum, Chrissy Kohler, Brian Duncan, Evan Kersting, Cheryl Porter, Gabby Whitler, Szilvia Dosa, Rebecka Garcia, Michael A. DePompeo, Susan Sounders, Maria Garcia Vigil, Juan Vigil, Richard and Betty Sorensen, Jessica Flores, Faux Mahan, Lauren Allen, Ken Noonan, Ellipse-Flip-0e, Julie Pendergraft, Natalia De la Cerda.

Written comments in support of the item submitted by: Debra Benson, Denyse Barnes, Shaun Schofield, Jose Griffin-Atil, Eliana Loyo-Ross, Carol Tennebaum, Barbara Elliott-Sanders, Patsy Brown, David Hubert, Nancy Stone, Brian A. Barreto, Lyle Pavuk, Theresa Reel, Tracy Spears, Kate Harrell,

In person public comments:

Jody Latu, neighboring homeowner, requested access to her yard through the backside of the project.

Rebeca Garcia spoke in opposition to the project. She suggested the money allocated for this project be used instead for housing assistance for residents of IB.

Allen Wisely spoke in opposition to the project. He said that the project will negatively affect those closest to it and it will attract transients and vagrants to the neighborhood.

Martin Mattes emphasized that if the project is for senior housing, the verbiage in the documents should clearly state that the housing is strictly for senior housing.

Michael Wilson spoke in support of the project, and he also shared positive comments about St. Paul Senior Services and the PACE Program.

John Becker spoke against the project and shared negative impacts to the community because of homeless people visiting the church. He suggested using the money for other needs in the community.

Councilmember Leyba-Gonzalez complimented Wakeland and said the City should be honored to partner with them. He supported the item.

Mayor Pro Tem McKay asked to see information on Wakeland's progress on funding, rather than just granting a two-year extension without ongoing oversight.

John Sugden, Project Manager, said that with this commitment, they will be ready to pursue tax credit funding, which is a critical piece of securing the financing needed to move the affordable housing project forward.

Peter Armstrong, Vice President of Real Estate Development, spoke about the time it has taken to put the project together and noted that they have consistently worked with City staff, and they will continue to demonstrate their good faith in their efforts to bring the project to fruition.

Discussion ensued regarding the request for a 2-year extension and why it is necessary versus a shorter timeframe, why the agreement is necessary to pursue funding, and the fiduciary responsibility of City Council to have oversight.

Mayor Pro Tem McKay requested a report back in one year.

Councilmember Seabury requested a tour of one of Wakeland's properties.

Motion by Councilmember Fisher to amend the recommendation to a 1-year extension with a review at that time.

Mayor Aguirre spoke about the importance of City Council's fiduciary responsibility to have oversight; she stressed the need for a 2-year extension and supported having an update in one year.

Mayor Pro Tem McKay agreed with Mayor Aguirre's suggestion.

Councilmember Fisher rescinded his motion.

Motion by Councilmember Fisher

Seconded by Councilmember Leyba-Gonzalez

To adopt Resolution of the Imperial Beach Housing Authority Resolution HA-24-21 (I) approving the Affordable Housing Agreement by and between the Imperial Beach Housing Authority and Wakeland IBNCA LP, including attachments, for the Imperial Beach Neighborhood Center Apartments located at 455 Palm Avenue, Imperial Beach, California, (II) authorizing and establishing the terms and conditions for the deferral of certain City fees for the development of the Imperial Beach Neighborhood Center Apartments as an affordable residential rental project for senior lower income households; and (III) approving and authorizing other related actions.

AYES (5): Mayor Aguirre, Mayor Pro Tem McKay, Councilmember Seabury, Councilmember Fisher, Councilmember Leyba-Gonzalez

Motion Carried (5 to 0)

Motion by Mayor Aguirre

Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem McKay

To adopt Resolution 2024-081 (I) approving the Affordable Housing Agreement by and between the Imperial Beach Housing Authority and Wakeland IBNCA LP, including attachments, for the Imperial Beach Neighborhood Center Apartments located at 455 Palm Avenue, Imperial Beach, California, (II) authorizing and establishing the terms and conditions for the deferral of certain City fees for the development of the Imperial Beach Neighborhood Center Apartments as an affordable residential rental project for senior lower income households; and (III) approving and authorizing other related actions.

AYES (5): Mayor Aguirre, Mayor Pro Tem McKay, Councilmember Seabury, Councilmember Fisher, Councilmember Leyba-Gonzalez

Motion Carried (5 to 0)

Motion by Councilmember Leyba-Gonzalez
Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem McKay

To adopt Resolution 2024-080 approving a time extension for Regular Coastal Development Permit (CP-22-0013), Conditional Use Permit (CUP-22-0013), Design Review Case (DRC-22-0025), Site Plan Review (SPR-22-0026) and Categorical Exemption pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15332 (In-Fill Development Projects) for the demolition of the existing structures and construction of a new 50-unit affordable senior housing and neighborhood center project at 455 Palm Ave. and the developer shall provide an update to the City Council in one year.

AYES (5): Mayor Aguirre, Mayor Pro Tem McKay, Councilmember Seabury, Councilmember Fisher, Councilmember Leyba-Gonzalez

Motion Carried (5 to 0)

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem McKay
Seconded by Councilmember Fisher

To extend the City Council meeting past 10:00 p.m.

AYES (4): Mayor Aguirre, Mayor Pro Tem McKay, Councilmember Seabury, and Councilmember Fisher

ABSTAINED (1): Councilmember Leyba-Gonzalez

Motion Carried (4 to 0)

11. REPORTS

11.a APPROVAL OF SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION FOR THE MILITARY APPRECIATION DAY EVENT ON VETERANS DAY AND RESERVATION OF DUNES PARK ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2024. (1040-10)

CAO Cortez Martinez gave a PowerPoint presentation.

No public comments.

Councilmember Leyba-Gonzalez and Mayor Aguirre both spoke about attending last year's event and shared positive feedback.

Motion by Mayor Aguirre
Seconded by Councilmember Seabury

To approve the special event application, including a request to serve alcohol and activate Dunes Park as a special event venue for the 2024 Military Appreciation Veterans Day on Monday, November 11, 2024. City Council also approved the associated fee waiver request.

AYES (5): Mayor Aguirre, Mayor Pro Tem McKay, Councilmember Seabury, Councilmember Fisher, Councilmember Leyba-Gonzalez

Motion Carried (5 to 0)

11.b REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF THE 2024 SUN & SEA FESTIVAL EVENT PRESENTATION, FINANCIAL REPORT, AND CITY'S SPONSORSHIP. (1040-10)

A list of 2024 Sun & Sea Festival Sponsors/Donations and the Sun & Sea Festival General Ledger were submitted as Last Minute Agenda Information.

CAO Cortez Martinez gave a PowerPoint presentation on the City's sponsorship of the event, showed the financial report, a list of the vendors, and the sponsors/donations.

Don Brennan, representing Sun & Sea Festival LLC, gave a PowerPoint presentation in review of the event. In response to Councilmember Fisher's question about the estimated amount of attendance, he said approximately 40,000 people.

Mayor Aguirre appreciated having the general ledger as it is helpful to the public. She also mentioned the need to quantify the number of people in attendance, to place the City's Logo front and center next year since the City contributed a significant amount of funds, and said they did a fantastic job with media coverage.

11.c PRESENTATION AND FINANCIAL REPORT BY MIKE HESS BREWING COMPANY FOR THE 2024 HESSFEST XIV EVENT. (1040-10)

CAO Cortez-Martinez introduced the item.

Jane Dennis, representing Hess Fest, gave a PowerPoint presentation in review of the event.

No public comments.

Councilmembers Fisher and Seabury shared positive feedback on the event.

Mayor Aguirre appreciated the presentation and said it was exactly what City Council was hoping for. She liked the personal stories and the statistics of how well the event benefited the children. She also liked the promotion of local bands and welcomed her to come back to give next year's presentation.

11.d RESOLUTION NO. 2024-083 TO AWARD A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO CR ASSOCIATES FOR THE PROJECT APPROVAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION PHASE OF THE PALM AVENUE COMPLETE MULTIMODAL CORRIDOR PROJECT (S22109). (0720-25)

Public Works Director Larios gave a PowerPoint presentation on the item. He responded to questions of City Council about the landscaping plans, removal of trees, landscaping maintenance, and drainage.

No public comments.

City Manager Foltz clarified that City Council is only considering the award of the contract to a consultant. There will be public outreach and then ultimately approval of the project that will include parking, landscaping, where the bike lanes will be, and all the different features that will be incorporated into the project.

City Council suggested consideration of a big entry sign and to slow speed down

In response to Mayor Aguirre's question about public outreach, Roberto Ruiz-Salas, Project Manager, stated that they will prepare a planning document for outreach.

Motion by Councilmember Seabury
Seconded by Mayor Aguirre

To adopt Resolution No. 2024-083 to award a consultant contract for professional services up to \$1,150,000 to CR Associates to complete the Project Approval & Environmental Documentation Phase of the Palm Avenue Complete Multimodal Corridor Project.

AYES (5): Mayor Aguirre, Mayor Pro Tem McKay, Councilmember Seabury, Councilmember Fisher, Councilmember Leyba-Gonzalez

Motion Carried (5 to 0)

12. I.B. REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY SUCCESSOR AGENCY REPORTS

None.

13. ITEMS PULLED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR (IF ANY)

None.

14. CITY COUNCIL FUTURE AGENDA REQUESTS

Councilmember Leyba-Gonzalez requested a survey on possibly installing a four-way stop at 13th Street and Donax Avenue and at Elm Avenue and Donax Avenue.

City Manager Foltz responded that this can be analyzed by staff, and he also said that the City is working on the 13th Street Corridor Project which will address some of this.

Councilmember Seabury mentioned that there were some residents on Cypress and Calla who requested speed bumps.

Mayor Aguirre commented that this has been an ongoing concern especially at the four-way stop on Calla and 9th Street.

15. ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING

Mayor Aguirre adjourned the Regular Meeting at 10:59 p.m.

Jacqueline M. Kelly, MMC
City Clerk

Paloma Aguirre
Mayor