

**IRWINDALE COUNCIL CHAMBER
5050 N. IRWINDALE AVENUE
IRWINDALE, CALIFORNIA 91706**

**April 19, 2023
Wednesday
6:32 P.M.**

The Irwindale **PLANNING COMMISSION** met in regular session at the above time and place.

**PLEDGE OF
ALLEGIANCE**

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

**INVOCATION
COMMISSIONER
FUNTES**

Dear heavenly Father, we do come before you this evening. Thank you so much for your love, Father, your grace, and your mercies. Dear Lord, I just pray that you would give us wisdom, dear Lord. Although there is not much to talk about today, I just pray you would give us wisdom for upcoming, new things that will be going on here in the City. Father God, I pray for this nation, dear Lord, and I pray for this State, pray for the City, dear Lord, that you would just bless it in Jesus name. Amen.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Commissioners; David Fuentes; Maricela Frymark; Richard Chico; Vice Chair Enoch Burrola; Chair Suzanne Gomez

Also present: Jamie Traxler, Assistant City Attorney; Marilyn Simpson, Community Development Director; Brandi Jones, Senior Planner; Jesus Hernandez, Administrative Secretary

**AB 2449
DISCLOSURES**

CHAIR GOMEZ

Any AB 2449 disclosures?

**ADMINISTRATIVE
SECRETARY
HERNANDEZ**

We do not have any disclosures today.

CHAIR GOMEZ

Thank you.

**SPONTANEOUS
COMMUNICATIONS**

CHAIR GOMEZ

We move on to Spontaneous Communications and Mr. Hernandez will review the procedure for Spontaneous Communications.

**ADMINISTRATIVE
SECRETARY
HERNANDEZ**

This is the time set aside for members of the audience to speak on items not on this agenda. State law prohibits any Commission discussion or action on such communications unless 1) the Commission by majority votes finds that a catastrophe or emergency exists; or 2) the Commission by at least four votes finds that the matter (and need for action thereon) arose within the last five days. Since the Commission cannot (except as stated) participate it is requested that communications be made in writing so as to be included on the next agenda for full discussion and action. Any public member addressing the Commission shall limit his or her address to three (3) minutes

regarding the subject under discussion. If a member of the public wishes to donate their time to another speaker, both persons must be physically present and in attendance of the meeting. In no event shall any donations of time exceed six minutes of total speaking time per person on any one item. The Presiding Officer may, in his or her discretion, extend the 3-minute time limitation for the particular subject under discussion for all speakers. In no event shall the total amount of speaking time exceed 6 minutes per person for the subject under discussion. Organized group of persons wishing to address the Board on the same subject matter, should select a spokesperson to represent the group, so as to avoid unnecessary repetition. The Commission may regulate a speaker who is speaking too long, being unduly repetitious, or extending discussion of irrelevancies. In the hybrid format, both in-person and hybrid audience members will participate in the following order: Tier 1: In-person attendees, Tier 2: Teleconference attendees, and Tier 3: In-person and teleconference attendees who have not previously provide comments on the matter(s) being discussed by the legislative body.

CHAIR GOMEZ

Thank you very much, Mr. Hernandez. At this time let's start with Tier 1: In-person attendees. Anybody, at this time, wishing to speak during Spontaneous Communication as to the Planning Commission? No, it doesn't look like any. How about Tier 2: Teleconference attendees? No. Then we will go to Tier 3: In-person and teleconference attendees. Is there anybody there for that discussion for Spontaneous Communication at this time?

ADMINISTRATIVE
SECRETARY
HERNANDEZ

There is none.

CHAIR GOMEZ

Okay. So now we will move forward to the Consent Calendar.

CONSENT CALENDAR

CHAIR GOMEZ

At this time, we are going to be reviewing the minutes and we're going to take each minute, one by one. So number one, the Adjourned Meeting held May 18, 2022. At this meeting, I will abstain from the vote.

ADMINISTRATIVE
SECRETARY
HERNANDEZ

We do can have a correction on that one. It's not an adjourned meeting instead it's a Regular Meeting held May 18, 2022.

COMMISSIONER
GOMEZ

Okay, we will uphold that the Regular Meeting held May 18, 2022. So we're going to open up for any public comments at this time. Anybody for Tier 1? No. Anybody for Tier 2?

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ADMINISTRATIVE
SECRETARY
HERNANDEZ

No.

COMMISSIONER
GOMEZ

And anybody for Tier 3?

ADMINISTRATIVE
SECRETARY
HERNANDEZ

We do not.

COMMISSIONER
GOMEZ

Thank you. So can I have a motion for approval?

COMMISSIONER
FUENTES

Motion.

COMMISSIONER
GOMEZ

Second?

COMMISSIONER
CHICO

Second.

COMMISSIONER
GOMEZ

Thank you. Roll Call.

ADMINISTRATIVE
SECRETARY
HERNANDEZ

We have a motion from Commissioner Fuentes and a second from Commissioner Chico. Commissioner Chico.

COMMISSIONER
CHICO

Yes.

ADMINISTRATIVE
SECRETARY
HERNANDEZ

Commissioner Frymark.

COMMISSIONER
FRYMARK

Abstain.

ADMINISTRATIVE
SECRETARY
HERNANDEZ

Commissioner Fuentes.

COMMISSIONER
FUENTES

Yes.

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ADMINISTRATIVE
SECRETARY
HERNANDEZ Vice-Chair Burrola.

VICE-CHAIR
BURROLA Yes.

ADMINISTRATIVE
SECRETARY
HERNANDEZ Chair Gomez.

CHAIR GOMEZ I abstain.

ADMINISTRATIVE
SECRETARY
HERNANDEZ Thank you.

COMMISSIONER
GOMEZ Thank you, now we'll move on to the second meeting, Special Meeting of August 31, 2022. At this time, we'll open it for public comment. As to Tier 1, no persons. As to Tier 2.

ADMINISTRATIVE
SECRETARY
HERNANDEZ We have no one.

COMMISSIONER
GOMEZ And as to Tier 3. That would be no.

ADMINISTRATIVE
SECRETARY
HERNANDEZ That would be no, yes.

COMMISSIONER
GOMEZ Thank you. Can I have a motion?

VICE-CHAIR
BURROLA Motion to approve.

COMMISSIONER
CHICO Second.

COMMISSIONER
GOMEZ Roll Call.

ADMINISTRATIVE
SECRETARY
HERNANDEZ Commissioner Chico.

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COMMISSIONER
CHICO Yes.

ADMINISTRATIVE
SECRETARY
HERNANDEZ Commissioner Frymark.

COMMISSIONER
FRYMARK I abstain.

ADMINISTRATIVE
SECRETARY
HERNANDEZ Commissioner Fuentes.

COMMISSIONER
FUENTES Yes.

ADMINISTRATIVE
SECRETARY
HERNANDEZ Vice-Chair Burrola.

VICE-CHAIR
BURROLA Yes.

ADMINISTRATIVE
SECRETARY
HERNANDEZ Chair Gomez.

CHAIR GOMEZ Yes.

ADMINISTRATIVE
HERNANDEZ Thank you.

CHAIR GOMEZ Thank you. Moving forward to the Regular Meeting held November 16, 2022 Minutes. And this time we'll open it for public comment, we will see that if there's anybody interested as to Tier 1. This time there is not. Tier 2?

ADMINISTRATIVE
SECRETARY
HERNANDEZ We have no one.

CHAIR GOMEZ And Tier 3?

ADMINISTRATIVE
HERNANDEZ That's a no.

CHAIR GOMEZ No as well, at this time we'll close public comment, and we will ask for a motion.

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VICE-CHAIR BURROLA	Motion to approve.
COMMISSIONER FUENTES	Second.
COMMISSIONER GOMEZ	Roll Call.
ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY HERNANDEZ	Commissioner Chico.
COMMISSIONER CHICO	Yes.
ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY HERNANDEZ	Commissioner Frymark.
COMMISSIONER FRYMARK	I abstain.
ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY HERNANDEZ	Commissioner Fuentes.
COMMISSIONER FUENTES	Yes.
ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY HERNANDEZ	Vice-Chair Burrola.
VICE-CHAIR BURROLA	Yes.
ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY HERNANDEZ	Chair Gomez.
CHAIR GOMEZ	Yes.
ADMINISTRATIVE HERNANDEZ	Thank you.
CHAIR GOMEZ	Thank you, now we are on the Regular Meeting held December 21, 2022. We'll open that for public comments as to Tier 1: In-person attendees. There's no one here at this time so we'll move on to Tier 2.

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ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY HERNANDEZ	We have no one for Tier 2.
CHAIR GOMEZ	And Tier 3?
ADMINISTRATIVE HERNANDEZ	That's a no.
CHAIR GOMEZ	Now, as the Regular Meeting held December 21, 2022, I make a motion for approval.
COMMISSIONER CHICO	Second.
COMMISSIONER GOMEZ	Roll Call.
ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY HERNANDEZ	Commissioner Chico.
COMMISSIONER CHICO	Yes.
ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY HERNANDEZ	Commissioner Frymark.
COMMISSIONER FRYMARK	Abstain.
ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY HERNANDEZ	Commissioner Fuentes.
COMMISSIONER FUENTES	Yes.
ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY HERNANDEZ	Vice-Chair Burrola.
VICE-CHAIR BURROLA	Yes.
ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY	Chair Gomez.

HERNANDEZ

CHAIR GOMEZ Yes.

ADMINISTRATIVE
SECRETARY
HERNANDEZ Thank you.

CHAIR GOMEZ Thank you. The next meeting, the minutes for approval for January 18, 2023, will open up the public comment. Is there's any comments as to in-person attendees at this time? No, there is not. We move on to Tier 2.

ADMINISTRATIVE
SECRETARY
HERNANDEZ We have no one.

CHAIR GOMEZ Thank you and Tier 3?

ADMINISTRATIVE
SECRETARY
HERNANDEZ We have no one as well.

CHAIR GOMEZ Thank you so much and so we will close the public comment and I need a motion.

VICE-CHAIR
BURROLA Motion to approve.

COMMISSIONER
CHICO Second.

COMMISSIONER
GOMEZ Roll Call.

ADMINISTRATIVE
SECRETARY
HERNANDEZ Commissioner Chico.

COMMISSIONER
CHICO Yes.

ADMINISTRATIVE
SECRETARY
HERNANDEZ Commissioner Frymark.

COMMISSIONER
FRYMARK Yes.

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ADMINISTRATIVE
SECRETARY
HERNANDEZ Commissioner Fuentes.

COMMISSIONER
FUENTES Yes.

ADMINISTRATIVE
SECRETARY
HERNANDEZ Vice-Chair Burrola.

VICE-CHAIR
BURROLA Yes.

ADMINISTRATIVE
SECRETARY
HERNANDEZ Chair Gomez.

CHAIR GOMEZ Yes.

ADMINISTRATIVE
SECRETARY
HERNANDEZ Thank you.

CHAIR GOMEZ That concludes our Consent Calendar, and we will move on to New Business.

NEW BUSINESS

CHAIR GOMEZ At this time, there is no New Business?

ADMINISTRATIVE
SECRETARY
HERNANDEZ That is correct.

CHAIR GOMEZ Secondly, we'll move...next we will move on to Public Hearing.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

CHAIR GOMEZ At this time there is no Public Hearing. We move on to our next Agenda Item, Discussion Items and Presentations.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS/
PRESENTATIONS**

COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT
DIRECTOR
SIMPSON Thank you, Chair and Commission. There are no presentations or discussion items.

CHAIR GOMEZ

Thank you, and now we will move on to the Community Development Director Report.

**COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT
DIRECTOR REPORT**

COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT
DIRECTOR
SIMPSON

Thank you, Chair and Commission, so we wanted to give you an update on the Comprehensive Zoning Code Update. So Staff is putting the finishing touches on that, and we will be scheduling a Joint Study Session with the City Council and Planning Commission for that. We will be releasing it; you know as soon as Staff is finished with all the latest. We'll give at least 30 days' worth of public review of the document. We'll make sure everybody has a paper copy of it, as well as posting it. So we're looking at the calendar right now. So if there's anyone who has dates at the end of May and the first weeks of June that are in conflict please let Jesus know. And then the second thing I wanted to bring up are tours of approved projects. So if anyone on the Commission is interested in seeing sort of the fruits of your labor, please let Jesus know and we can schedule tours. Now, again, at that time Staff will be driving and we can only take two Commissioners at a time for that. We would be looking at projects that have been approved and are in various stages, either completion or construction.

COMMISSIONER
FUENTES

Could you give us a list of what the projects are?

COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT
DIRECTOR
SIMPSON

Yes, I will send that to you. That's good. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER
FUENTES

Do you know offhand what they are?

COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT
DIRECTOR
SIMPSON

We would be looking at the Park at Live Oak, that was a specific plan. They do have buildings that are going vertical now. The 13131 Los Angeles, the Home Depot building, which is occupied and if we can get on the grounds you can at least go in and see the site, with that. 4416 Azusa Canyon Road, maybe 5010 Azusa Canyon Road would be one.

COMMISSIONER
FUENTES

Thank you.

COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT
DIRECTOR
SIMPSON

Thank you.

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COMMISSIONER
FRYMARK I have a question. Is there a specific window in time when you would like these tours to take place or is it at our availability?

COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT
DIRECTOR
SIMPSON I think it we would like to know your availability for that.

COMMISSIONER
FRYMARK Thank you.

COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT
DIRECTOR
SIMPSON We went through a safe driving course here, so you are in good hands, very good hands. The last thing is our State of the City is tomorrow evening. So it starts at 5:30, doors open at 5:30, but 6 o'clock is the kick off time so hope to see you all.

COMMISSIONER
FUENTES Where is that being held, I am sorry?

CHAIR GOMEZ The gym.

COMMISSIONER
FUENTES The gym?

COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT
DIRECTOR
SIMPSON Yes, the Dan Diaz Recreation Center. And then...

ADMINISTRATIVE
SECRETARY
HERNANDEZ We do have Contract Cities coming up. Berlyn will be contacting you, so just keep an eye out on that.

CHAIR GOMEZ Thank you.

COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT
DIRECTOR
SIMPSON That is it, thank you.

LEGAL COUNSEL
COMMENTS

CHAIR GOMEZ Legal Counsel Comments, anything today?

ASSISTANT
CITY ATTORNEY
TRAXLER No comments, thank you Madame Chair.

CHAIR GOMEZ Thank you.

COMMISSIONER
COMMENTS

CHAIR GOMEZ And Commissioner Comments, anything from you fellows?

COMMISSIONER
FRYMARK I do have a couple of comments I would like to make, thank you Madame Chair. So I just wanted to thank everybody on the Commission for your warm welcome. I really appreciate your hospitality, and everyone being so kind and gracious as I've joined this team. I am excited to be working alongside you guys and I didn't have the opportunity, or I didn't take the opportunity to thank you at our last meeting. I wanted to just say thank you to you all now. The second thing is, I wanted to also thank the Planning Department for their support, specifically Jesus in coordinating my attendance at the Planning Commissioner Academy. I was able to attend that on March 29th through the 31st. There was a lot learned. A lot of new acronyms that I learned. A lot of people. I really enjoyed my time there, so thank you Jesus for answering my questions at the random hours that I asked, and providing me with the itinerary and making sure that all the things were covered. I really appreciate your support. I'd also like to thank the City Staff's for putting together the Legal Guidance for Public Officials. I did participate in that webinar, I believe it was like last week, where we learned about our impact on social media and what we should and should not be posting. Maybe Council is happy to hear that some of us participated in that. It was very affirming, and it was a reminder of how critical it is to be mindful of the things that we do post, and kind of the public image that we put out there. I want to take a moment to thank Staff for putting that together. Lastly, I do want to just make note that I did have the wonderful opportunity to visit, I believe it is the MRF, the Athens Center out in Sun Valley. That was quite an experience, never had I done that before. I was able to see where trash goes and be able to see all the recycling that happens behind the scenes. It was important for me to see firsthand what our own facility may look like when it opens up here. I took a lot of pictures and just appreciated their hospitality as well. I just wanted to take a few moments and say thank you to all of those involved for making all of those things happen. It has been two short months since I joined this team, but I am hitting the ground running and I am very excited. Thank you.

CHAIR GOMEZ Thank you. Any other comments at this time?

COMMISSIONER
FUENTES

Yeah, I got a question and I guess it would be for Public Works. Maybe you can pass it on or maybe you guys know something about what is going on. In the last several months or longer, coming out of the 605 freeway, you don't have to be coming out of the freeway, if you are heading eastbound on Live Oak right at Rivergrade Road, that turn lane has been closed off for quite some time. There is no warning signs, you know, construction ahead or road work ahead. There is no lane closed sign or anything. There is some cones there, I don't know whose they are, but some say City of Irwindale, some have different marking. There is two barricades. And it has been like that for quite some time, and I noticed that there seems to be a steel plate on there. I would say it is probably a 4 by 6 or 4 by 8 steel plate, one inch thick. I am wondering what is under there first of all. Who is in charge of that? Why has the City not looked into that a little closer? I don't want to wait for a month to find out what is going on, I want to know by the end of the week. That has been closed off for quite some time. If I was the Shell owner I would be pretty upset with the City or whoever is doing that work, because that is the only entrance heading eastbound into the Shell gas station. I do know that I do a lot of work in public streets and other municipalities, and that plate first of all is the wrong plate to have there due to the truck traffic and the weight. Normally what is done in most cities is that the area around the steel plate is ground down an inch, an inch and a half, so that steel plate is flushed with the ground and temporarily asphalt to put around so you can open up to traffic. With the heavy traffic that should be an inch and a half plate. First of all I believe that that plate, if they open that lane up, the trucks or the cars are going to hit it and it is just going to roll off and you will have an open hole, probably underneath. I would like some feedback on that because I don't know why is it like that? Do you know?

COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT
DIRECTOR
SIMPSON

Thank you Chair and Commission, no I am not aware of it but I will convey this to Public Works...

COMMISSIONER
FUENTES

Today is Wednesday; I would like to know by Friday what is going on there because there is a lot of liability there for the City. There are City cones there and I would just like to know what is going on there, and why it hasn't been addressed, and why has it been like this for so long.

COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT
DIRECTOR
SIMPSON

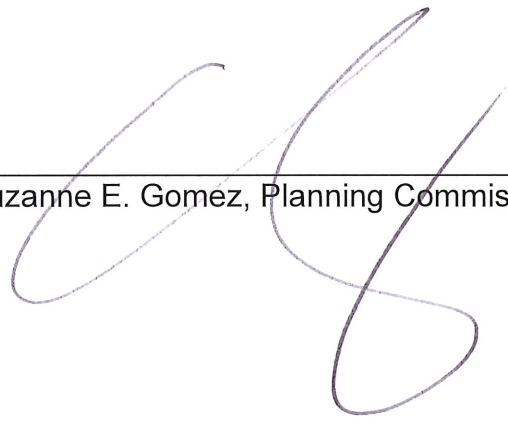
I will convey your comments.

CHAIR GOMEZ

Thank you Commissioner Fuentes. My last comment, I appreciate that Mr. Fuentes especially since as a Commission as we move forward in our City, we must be cognizant of the resources and the plans for the future of our City (Unintelligible). That is why I think that it is important that we take these tours, we take the time to open our schedule to participate in tours. We have a safe driver so that shouldn't be an issue. I would like them to happen at least in this year since we are already in April, twice. I think that...different projects were approved with a different Commission at different times. Different projects are moving at a different pace. I think it would be really a good opportunity for us to know what is going on in the City especially if we weren't here during those projects. So, I would like you to consider to open up your calendar. I know some of you, you are all, very busy working hard I get it. Secondly, the thing that is going on in the City right now, we are all cognizant of it, is the trash transfer. We are doing a whole new set up. We are just encouraging that because it is different, but it is to save our City and to save our environment in the long term. So, I just wanted to encourage everybody and continue on our way. I know that it is a learning curve. Alright anything else? Okay then we will adjourn this meeting for tonight, thank you very much.

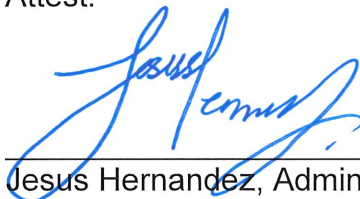
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 6:51 p.m.



Suzanne E. Gomez, Planning Commission Chair

Attest:



Jesus Hernandez, Administrative Secretary

Approved as presented at the meeting held June 21, 2023