

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

**July 20, 2022
Wednesday
6:34 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
FUENTES**

Dear heavenly Father, we just come before you this evening thanking you so much for your love, your grace, and your mercies. Father God. Dear Lord, we just ask that you would give this Council, this Commission wisdom, along with our Staff, and this whole entire City, dear Lord. I pray for the Commissioners that aren't here, dear Lord, that you give them traveling mercies back home. I pray you be with them and protect them. We ask for your guidance now, in Jesus precious name, Amen.

CHAIR GOMEZ

Roll call.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Commissioners; Robert E. Hartman; David Fuentes; Chair Suzanne Gomez

Absent: Commissioner Richard Chico; Vice Chair Enoch Burrola

Also present: Julian Miranda, City Manager; Jamie Traxler, Assistant City Attorney; Marilyn Simpson, Community Development Director; Brandi Jones, Senior Planner; Lisa Chou, Associate Planner; Martin Romero, Planning Technician; Jesus Hernandez, Administrative Secretary

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHAIR GOMEZ

So now we move on to Announcements. Are there any announcements?

**ADMINISTRATIVE
SECRETARY
HERNANDEZ**

We have no announcements.

SPONTANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

CHAIR GOMEZ

Now we move on to Spontaneous Communication. This time is 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 vote 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 all such communications be made in writing so as to be included on the next agenda for full discussion and action. If a member of the audience feels he or she must proceed tonight, then each speaker will be limited to 3 minutes, unless such time limits are extended. In the hybrid format, both in-person and hybrid audience members will participate in the following order as dictated by Jesus.

ADMINISTRATIVE
SECRETARY
HERNANDEZ

Yes, we first have Tier 1: In-person attendees, now we will move on to Tier 2: Teleconference attendees, after that we will go back to Tier 3: In-person attendees who have not previously provide comments on the matter(s) being discussed by the legislative body, and finally we have Tier 4: Teleconference attendees who have not previously provide comments on the matter(s) being discussed by the legislative body.

CHAIR GOMEZ

Thank you, so let's open it up for in-person attendees for Spontaneous Communications.

ROBERT DIAZ

Robert Diaz, 2408 South Mountain Avenue Irwindale. I did a survey on residents on Morada Street asking about the (unintelligible) property just west of the dog food place. Asked if they felt that land should be industrial or remain residential. Seventeen residents, that I was able to contact, all of them felt that the land should be as it is right now, residential. Unfortunately, the zoning is for manufacturing. That would mean we would have to request of the Planning Commission, that is what I am doing now, to consider rezoning the M-1 designation for the residential use land, directly west of the dog food company to residential use. Those that I asked, not a single person said they liked the idea of the land remaining manufacture use.

COMMISSIONER
FUENTES

Chair, where exactly is this he is talking about? I am sorry, I didn't quite hear.

CHAIR GOMEZ

Morada and, you know, by the mission.

COMMISSIONER
FUENTES

Oh, okay.

CHAIR GOMEZ

Is there anyone else that wishes to speak on Zoom?

ADMINISTRATIVE
SECRETARY
HERNANDEZ

No speakers.

CHAIR GOMEZ

Okay, so we are going to move forward to the Consent Calendar.

CONSENT CALENDAR

CHAIR GOMEZ At this time there is no Minutes for approval, and we are going to move forward to New Business.

NEW BUSINESS

CHAIR GOMEZ As you can see and hear, currently we are missing two Commissioners. They had intended to Zoom in but due to complications on their end of communication and data mobile ability, they are not able to. This time we are going to move to continue the matter. Can we have a Roll Call?

COMMISSIONER
FUENTES Need a motion or second?

CITY ATTORNEY
TRAXLER Yes, you will need a motion and a second to continue. If you want to continue it to the next meeting, or you can just leave it open.

CHAIR GOMEZ Next meeting is fine.

CITY ATTORNEY
TRAXLER So we need a motion to continue this Item for the next meeting.

COMMISSIONER
HARTMAN Motion to continue this Item until or next meeting.

COMMISSIONER
FUENTES Second.

ADMINISTRATIVE
SECRETARY
HERNANDEZ Thank you. Commissioner Chico, is absent. Commissioner Fuentes.

COMMISSIONER
FUENTES Yes.

ADMINISTRATIVE
SECRETARY
HERNANDEZ Commissioner Hartman.

COMMISSIONER
HARTMAN Yes.

ADMINISTRATIVE
SECRETARY
HERNANDEZ Vice-Chair Burrola is absent. Chair Gomez.

CHAIR GOMEZ Yes.

ADMINISTRATIVE
SECRETARY
HERNANDEZ

Thank you.

CITY ATTORNEY
TRAXLER

Just for the record, this is the General Plan and Zoning Map
Inconsistency item.

CHAIR GOMEZ

Yes, thank you.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

CHAIR GOMEZ

We have no Public Hearings this evening.

DISCUSSION ITEMS/ PRESENTATIONS

CHAIR GOMEZ

No Discussion Items or Presentations. Next we move forward to the
Community Development Director Report.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR REPORT

COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT
DIRECTOR
SIMPSON

Thank you Chair and Commissioners, just a couple of items. You'll
notice this was placed on the dais, it's from the Institute for Local
Government, it's the 2022 through 2023 Regional Planning
Commissioner Trainings. There are some that are being offer fairly
locally, the one for San Bernardino and Riverside County, August 26th
of this year, and then LA County is September 12, 2022. If you are
interested in this we will send you the link so you can click on it and
see the material. If you are interested in attending, because you need
to sign up for it, you can contact Jesus Hernandez for that. My
understanding, I am not totally familiar with it, but my understanding is
it is a very valuable training. I wanted to give you that opportunity.

CHAIR GOMEZ

Thank you.

COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT
DIRECTOR
SIMPSON

The next item, you have probably have seen these items in social
media. It's from Caltrans. It's about the closure of the I-10. That's
starting tonight beginning at 10 p.m. through Tuesday July 26th. They
said 4 a.m. that it is going to be open. I just want to make you aware of
that. If you get any calls or anything we have a number for Caltrans for
any information. Just understand that there might be more traffic that is
coming on Irwindale streets for this closure. The 210, I am sorry.

COMMISSIONER
FUENTES

Yeah, the 210.

CHAIR GOMEZ So it is the 210 to the 605 right.

COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT
DIRECTOR
SIMPSON Yes.

CHAIR GOMEZ Thank you.

COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT
DIRECTOR
SIMPSON I guess this is the, is this the west side or the east? This is the east side.

COMMISSIONER
FUENTES It's the east side.

COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT
DIRECTOR
SIMPSON The east side, then later it will be west side that is closed. But there will be plenty of notice. Watch for social media. We will have it posted also on the City's website, as well.

CHAIR GOMEZ That's five days, so that shall go until Tuesday and open up on Wednesday?

COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT
DIRECTOR
SIMPSON Tuesday at 4 a.m. So, any volunteers to be there to make sure?

CHAIR GOMEZ Our City Manager.

COMMISSIONER
HARTMAN I am retired.

COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT
DIRECTOR
SIMPSON You are. Congratulations.

COMMISSIONER
FUENTES So is it just the on ramps that are going to be closed?
Or is the freeway completely closed.

COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT
DIRECTOR
SIMPSON The freeway itself.

COMMISSIONER FUENTES	From where to where?
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR SIMPSON	It's from 605 to...
COMMISSIONER FUENTES	605 going east to where?
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR SIMPSON	To Irwindale.
COMMISSIONER HARTMAN	Basically the bridge covering the river. They are re-supporting it.
CHAIR GOMEZ	So it might start all the way to the 10 because they have to thin it out and dissipate all that traffic, and then both ways. It is going to impact it both ways.
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR SIMPSON	We can email this to you and I can pass it to you if you like to see it. You know the map that they have.
CHAIR GOMEZ	I've seen it on social media.
COMMISSIONER FUENTES	I know if I get on it then I was wrong.
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR SIMPSON	Yeah, it's to Irwindale. On Irwindale Avenue the ramps are closed. People are resourceful, they will find other ways around. What we are hoping that there might be a boost in business in Irwindale from this.
CHAIR GOMEZ	A lot of traffic will be misdirected or redirected.
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR SIMPSON	That's all that I have.
CHAIR GOMEZ	Thank you.

COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT
DIRECTOR
SIMPSON

Thank you.

**LEGAL COUNSEL
COMMENTS**

CHAIR GOMEZ

Any comments from Legal Counsel this evening?

ASSISTANT
CITY ATTORNEY
TRAXLER

No comments from me, thank you. Just nice to see you all and I hope you had a happy Fourth.

CHAIR GOMEZ

Thank you.

**COMMISSIONER
COMMENTS**

CHAIR GOMEZ

And Number 7, any comments from the Commissioners?

COMMISSIONER
HARTMAN

I have a thank you going out to Code Enforcement. For the past few weeks, Ready Pac or as it is now known Bonduelle, has had something going on, on the roof over there. It is a high pitch squeal. It goes right through your bones. It was going on for about three weeks. I contacted them. I contacted Code Enforcement. It continued, apparently Code Enforcement went over there and threatened to fine. It has since almost ceased. I have contacted Jeff. I think it was Monday that I contacted him that it was starting up again. It is something that would drive somebody crazy. It is just a high pitch squeal coming from a motor or something. It was non-stop. It would go through, go ahead.

COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT
DIRECTOR
SIMPSON

Thank you. I really appreciate the call going directly to Code Enforcement because they did jump on it. My understanding is that it was a new piece of equipment and they were testing it. When Code Enforcement went out and did a decibel reading and it did exceed that. They have been cited. They have been speaking back and forth and I believe it has been reported to OSHA because it was exactly a high pitch squeal.

COMMISSIONER
HARTMAN

You couldn't get away from it.

COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT
DIRECTOR
SIMPSON

It wasn't just in Irwindale, the surrounding communities had reached out to Code Enforcement. It's being actively...

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COMMISSIONER
HARTMAN So they were actually cited?

COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT
DIRECTOR
SIMPSON Yes.

COMMISSIONER
HARTMAN Wow.

COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT
DIRECTOR
SIMPSON They gave the Courtesy Warning Notice but they were telling Code Enforcement they were going to stop, and then they said they had to test it. Jeff said it's unacceptable because of the decibel level.

COMMISSIONER
HARTMAN I can understand occasional testing but when they run that thing and it goes 24/7...

COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT
DIRECTOR
SIMPSON My understanding it was pretty ear piercing.

COMMISSIONER
HARTMAN Thank you very much.

CHAIR GOMEZ I have a couple of things to say. As part of the Community, the Planning Commission is honor to serve the City of Irwindale and its residents. This last holiday, Fourth of July, we just want to comment how wonderful all the departments in the City collaborated for a wonderful Fourth of July Weekend. We had an outdoor market on Saturday, community barbeque, and then on Sunday we had the fabulous firework show. It was a time for community to get together and just have a wonderful time. I want to thank all my fellow residents, the Park and Rec Commission, and they did a great job. Thank is all I have. Thank you.

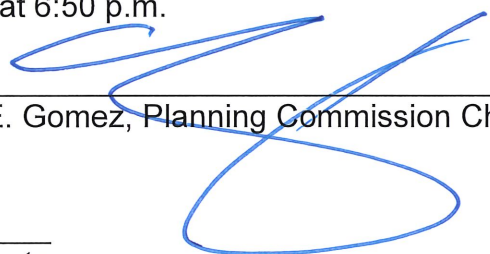
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Attest:



Jesus Hernandez, Administrative Secretary



Suzanne E. Gomez, Planning Commission Chair

Approved as presented at the meeting held September 21, 2022