

IRWINDALE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
5050 N. IRWINDALE AVENUE
IRWINDALE, CALIFORNIA 91706

MAY 8, 2023
MONDAY
5:00 P.M.

The Irwindale **CITY COUNCIL, HOUSING AUTHORITY, and RECLAMATION AUTHORITY** met in special joint session at the above time and place.

ROLL CALL: Present: Council/Board Members Mark A. Breceda (arrived at 5:16 p.m.) Larry G. Burrola, Manuel R. Garcia; Mayor Pro Tem / Vice Chair Albert F. Ambriz; Mayor / Chair H. Manuel Ortiz

Also Present: Julian A. Miranda, City Manager / Executive Director; Adrian Guerra, City Attorney / General Counsel; Christopher Hofford, Chief of Police; Theresa Olivares, Assistant City Manager / Assistant Executive Director; Kambiz Borhani, Director of Finance / City Treasurer; Marilyn Simpson, Community Development Director; Mary Hull, Human Resources Manager, and Laura Nieto, Chief Deputy City Clerk / Chief Assistant Authority Secretary

ANNOUNCEMENT

**CHIEF DEPUTY
CITY CLERK NIETO**

Chief Deputy City Clerk Nieto announced the following:

"As required by Government Code Section 54954.3, members of the City Council are also members of the Reclamation Authority, which is concurrently convening with the City Council this evening and each Council Member is paid an additional stipend of \$300 for attending the Reclamation Authority meeting."

AB 2449 DISCLOSURES None.

**SPONTANEOUS
COMMUNICATIONS** None.

NEW BUSINESS

ITEM NO. 1
FISCAL YEAR 23-24
BUDGET WORKSHOP

FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 BUDGET WORKSHOP

**CITY MANAGER
MIRANDA**

City Manager Miranda introduced the report, provided a general overview of the budget, and thanked all staff, particularly in the Finance Department, for their hard work in preparing the budget workbooks and presentations.

DIRECTOR BORHANI

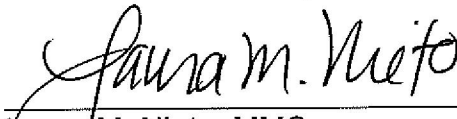
Director Borhani presented the budget, made a PowerPoint presentation, and discussed the Finance Department's budget requests and one request by the Human Resources Department.

**COUNCILMEMBER
BURROLA**

Councilmember Burrola asked about PARS expenses, to which Director Borhani indicated that city's current PARS liability is approximately \$3.7 million in retirement health benefits. He added that staff is not proposing any contributions toward PARS.

ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER OLIVARES	Assistant City Manager Olivares presented the budget requests for the City Council, City Manager's Office, Information Technology, and the Library.
MAYOR ORTIZ	Responding to a question by Mayor Ortiz, Assistant City Manager Olivares advised that Police Department staff would elaborate further regarding the request to purchase a dispatch console and indicated that the PA system that is being requested would cost approximately \$100k. Mayor Ortiz also asked about grants and the effectiveness of the Gonsalves & Sons lobbying firm, to which Assistant City Manager Olivares indicated that the city has retained the services of the California Consulting Group to assist in seeking out and applying for grants, whereas Gonsalves & Sons provides legislative assistance to the city. She noted the myriad of legislative bills being introduced covering a wide variety of matters and indicated that Gonsalves & Sons provides city staff a great deal of assistance and communicates with staff on a weekly basis in supporting or opposing legislation and informs the city with regard to pending legislation that would likely be of great interest to the city.
ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER OLIVARES	Assistant City Manager Olivares indicated that staff will continue to seek out available grants for the Recreation, Senior Center, Library, and Aquatics Departments, and that funding requests presented by staff to the Irwindale Community Foundation have tentatively been approved.
COUNCILMEMBER BURROLA	Councilmember Burrola asked about the proposed IT Technician costs, to which Assistant City Manager Olivares indicated that it would cost a total of \$82,000.
DIRECTOR SIMPSON	Director Simpson presented the budget requests from the Community Development Department
MAYOR ORTIZ	In reply to a question by Mayor Ortiz, Director Simpson indicated that a grant could potentially cover the entire cost for the preparation of a Hazard Mitigation Plan.
CHIEF HOFFORD	Chief Hofford presented the budget requests for the Police Department.
COUNCILMEMBER GARCIA	Responding to a question by Councilmember Garcia, Chief Hofford indicated that leasing the new dispatch console is not an option, although pricing plans are available.
COUNCILMEMBER BRECEDA	Councilmember Breceda asked about the life expectancy of the dispatch console, to which Chief Hofford advised that they typically last approximately ten years.

COUNCILMEMBER BURROLA	Councilmember Burrola asked whether the technology used in police vehicles is current, to which Chief Hofford advised that new vehicles are being equipped with new technology, and that the city would eventually need to equip all police vehicles with the new encryption technology required for radio dispatch.
DIRECTOR RODRIGUEZ	Director Rodriguez presented the budget requests for Public Services.
MAYOR PRO TEM AMBRIZ	Responding to a question by Mayor Pro Tem Ambriz, Director Rodriguez confirmed that food-handling training is included the department's budget requests.
MAYOR ORTIZ	Mayor Ortiz asked whether the items sold at the proposed Snack Bar would generate funds, to which Director Rodriguez indicated that staff is primarily looking to sell items at a low cost without making a profit.
COUNCILMEMBER GARCIA	Councilmember Garcia expressed his disappointment since the LED streetlights have not generated more energy cost savings, to which Director Borhani advised that this is partly due to Edison's increased rates.
COUNCILMEMBER BURROLA	Responding to several questions by Councilmember Burrola, Director Rodriguez indicated that: 1) \$98k has been allocated to street repairs due to an increase in damage to infrastructure by motorists as well as bridge maintenance costs, 2) the need to continue pest control measures and their related expenses, 3) ongoing animal control costs, and 4) the state of the city bus shelters and their ongoing maintenance costs.
DIRECTOR TAM	Director Tam presented the Engineering Department's budget requests.
DIRECTOR BORHANI	Director Borhani then detailed the next steps in the budget approval process.
<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>	There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.



Laura M. Nieto, MMC
Chief Deputy City Clerk

Approved as submitted at the meeting held May 24, 2023.