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

JULY 24, 2024
WEDNESDAY
5:32 P.M.

The Irwindale **CITY COUNCIL and HOUSING AUTHORITY** met in a special joint meeting at the above time and place.

ROLL CALL: Present: Councilmembers Mark A. Breceda, Manuel R. Garcia, H. Manuel Ortiz; Mayor Pro Tem Larry G. Burrola; Mayor Albert F. Ambriz

Also Present: Julian A. Miranda, City Manager; Adrian Guerra, City Attorney; Theresa Olivares, Assistant City Manager; and Laura Nieto, Chief Deputy City Clerk

AB 2449 DISCLOSURES None.

SPONTANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS There were no speakers.

CONSENT CALENDAR

ITEM NO. 5A
REJECT THE BID PROTEST RECEIVED FROM NATIONAL POOLS INC. FOR IRWINDALE AQUATIC CENTER – MAIN SWIMMING POOL RENOVATION PROJECT; P-1062

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SUZANNE GOMEZ: Suzanne Gomez noticed negative Yelp reviews for the proposed contractor for the project and a complaint to the Better Business Bureau. Asked the Council to hold off.

DIRECTOR CHAN: Director Chan advised that staff has thoroughly vetted the qualifications of the proposed contractor and has found no deficiencies. Rather, they have good references. He encouraged the Council to proceed with the recommended contractor.

BLAKE FERRIS: Blake Ferris, representing Blue Star Pools, Inc., the proposed contractor, stated that the complaints that Ms. Gomez viewed on Yelp likely relate to a separate, unrelated contractor.

DIRECTOR CHAN: Director Chan indicated that the negative online reviews are for a business in Orange County, but that the proposed contractor is from Los Angeles.

COUNCILMEMBER ORTIZ	Responding to a question by Councilmember Ortiz, City Manager Miranda advised that the protest letter was presented to the Council to ensure that the City responded to it.
MAYOR PRO TEM BURROLA	In answer to several questions by Mayor Pro Tem Burrola, Director Chan advised that full bid information was sent to all prospective bidders and all received the same information. He also noted that the Yelp complaint was for a separate, unaffiliated company with a similar-sounding name.
COUNCILMEMBER GARCIA	Councilmember Garcia asked about the performance bond, to which Director Chan indicated that, when the City and contractor enter into a contract, the contractor must submit their insurance along with workers' compensation and performance bond information. The performance bond would guarantee their work for a year and the workers' compensation will insure their workers at the site during construction. Councilmember Garcia asked whether the City should reject the top two bids and hire the third, to which City Attorney Guerra instead suggested rejecting all bids and rebidding the project.
COUNCILMEMBER BRECEDA	Councilmember Breceda asked about the start of the project, to which Director Chan stated that construction would begin just after the current pool programs end. However, the design phase would take approximately three months. He advised that, though the project would currently meet the projected timeline, it would not if it were sent out for rebidding.
MAYOR PRO TEM BURROLA	Mayor Pro Tem Burrola asked about the potential for additional work orders once the project commenced, to which Director Chan stated that staff does not anticipate change orders at this point. However, if there were, the contractor and city staff would work to resolve the issues without increasing the costs to the change order.
MOTION	A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Burrola, seconded by Councilmember Ortiz, to reject the bid protest received from National Pools Inc. for the Irwindale Aquatics Center – Main Swimming Pool Renovation Project; P-1062. The motion was unanimously approved.
SUZANNE GOMEZ	Suzanne Gomez thanked Director Chan and his staff for their hard work on the project.
RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION	At 5:55 p.m., the City Council met in Closed Session to discuss the following:

Conference with Labor Negotiator
Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957.6

Agency Designated Representatives: Julian A. Miranda, City Manager; Adrian Guerra, Legal Counsel; Mary Hull, Human Resources Manager

Employee Organizations: IMEA, ICEA, IPOA, and Unrepresented Employees

ACTION: Updates provided, direction provided to staff; no reportable action

Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation
Pursuant to Government Code Sections 54954.5(c)

Name of Case: Five Points, LP vs. City of Irwindale
Case Number: 22STCV01394

ACTION: This item was pulled from the agenda and was not discussed.

Conference with Real Property Negotiator
Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.8

Property: 16154 Arrow Highway (APNS 8417-029-024 and 025)
Agency Negotiator: Fernando Lopez, Housing Coordinator
Negotiating Parties: Rudolfo A. Dominguez, Trustee
Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment

ACTION: Update provided, direction provided to staff Board Member Breceda did not participate in this item due to a potential conflict of interest.

Property: 14905 Los Angeles Street, Irwindale, CA
Agency Negotiator: Julian A. Miranda, Executive Director
Negotiating Parties: Marianna Diaz
Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment

Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation
Significant Exposure to Litigation
Pursuant to Government Code Section 94956.9(d)(2), (e)(1)

A point has been reached where, in the opinion of the City Council, upon the advice of its legal counsel based on existing facts and circumstances, that there is significant exposure to litigation against the City. The facts and circumstances are those that might result in litigation against the City but which the City believes are not yet known to a potential plaintiff or plaintiffs, which facts and circumstances need not be disclosed.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

At 6:47 p.m., the City Council reconvened in Open Session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Laura M. Nieto

Laura M. Nieto, MMC
Chief Deputy City Clerk

Approved as submitted at the meeting held August 28, 2024.

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JULY 24, 2024
WEDNESDAY
6:49 P.M.

The Irwindale **CITY COUNCIL** met in regular session at the above time and place.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmembers Manuel R. Garcia, H. Manuel Ortiz; Mayor Pro Tem Larry G. Burrola; Mayor Albert F. Ambriz

Also Present: Julian A. Miranda, City Manager; Adrian Guerra, City Attorney; Theresa Olivares, Assistant City Manager; Christopher Hofford, Chief of Police; Kambiz Borhani, Director of Finance / City Treasurer; Eddie Chan, Director of Engineering / Building Official; Elizabeth Rodriguez, Public Services Director; Mary Hull, Human Resources Manager, and Laura Nieto, Chief Deputy City Clerk

AB 2449 DISCLOSURES

None.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None.

COUNCILMEMBER TRAVEL REPORTS

COUNCILMEMBER GARCIA

Councilmember Garcia spoke on his attendance at the Independent Cities Association ("ICA") conference in San Diego County where he discussed various matters with an attorney at Aleshire & Wynder. He encouraged staff to work with a lobbyist to assist with the city's housing program issues.

COUNCILMEMBER BRECEDA

Councilmember Breceda also reported on his ICA conference attendance.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

None.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES / PROMOTIONS

ITEM NO. 19A
IRWINDALE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUSINESSES OF THE MONTH

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The following businesses were recognized:

1) May 2024 – Royal Coaches
2) June 2024 – Dave's Auto & Truck Dismantling
3) July 2024 – Martin Marietta

PROCLAMATIONS / PRESENTATIONS / COMMENDATIONS

ITEM NO. 19B IRWINDALE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE QUARTERLY UPDATE	IRWINDALE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE QUARTERLY UPDATE Irwindale Chamber of Commerce CEO / President Lily Phan presented the update.
COUNCILMEMBER ORTIZ	Councilmember Ortiz asked whether the Chamber is informed about the level of success of their job fairs, to which Chamber President Phan indicated that their staff conducts follow-ups with each exhibitor at the fair. She further stated that additional information will be provided to City staff shortly.

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION	A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Burrola, seconded by Councilmember Ortiz, to approve the Consent Calendar, reading by title only and waiving further reading thereof. The motion was unanimously approved; Councilmembers Breceda and Garcia abstaining on Item No. 20F due to potential conflicts of interest.
ITEM NO. 20A MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD JUNE 26, 2024	MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD JUNE 26, 2024 (JOINT MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL AND REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AND THE REGULAR SUCCESSOR AGENCY AND HOUSING AUTHORITY MEETING) The minutes were approved.
ITEM NO. 20B WARRANTS / DEMANDS / PAYROLL	WARRANTS / DEMANDS / PAYROLL The warrants / demands / payroll were approved.
ITEM NO. 20C CITY OF IRWINDALE SECURITY CAMERA AND REMOTE MONITORING SYSTEM POLICY AND PROCEDURES	CITY OF IRWINDALE SECURITY CAMERA AND REMOTE MONITORING SYSTEM POLICY AND PROCEDURES The City of Irwindale Security Camera and Remote Monitoring System Policy and Procedures was approved.
ITEM NO. 20D CLAIM REJECTION – SILVIA SHEEHAN V. CITY OF IRWINDALE	CLAIM REJECTION – SILVIA SHEEHAN V. CITY OF IRWINDALE The claim of Silvia Sheehan v. City of Irwindale was rejected and staff was directed to send a standard letter of rejection.
ITEM NO. 20E INVESTMENT QUARTERLY REPORT FOR FISCAL QUARTER ENDING JUNE 30, 2024	INVESTMENT QUARTERLY REPORT FOR FISCAL QUARTER ENDING JUNE 30, 2024 (Joint item for all agencies) The Investment Quarterly Report for the fiscal quarter ending June 30, 2024, was received and filed.

ITEM NO. 20F AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE AQUATIC CENTER SWIMMING POOL RENOVATION PROJECT; P-1062	AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE AQUATIC CENTER SWIMMING POOL RENOVATION PROJECT; P-1062 The City Council authorized the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Blue Star Pools, inc. in the amount of $611,886.69 for the Aquatic Center Swimming Pool Renovation Project and approved a 10% construction contingency on the City of Irwindale's portion of the project in the amount of $61,188.67 to cover any unforeseeable conditions that may arise during construction, was approved; Councilmembers Breceda and Garcia abstained.
ITEM NO. 20G RECEIVE AND APPROPRIATE GRANT FUNDS FROM THE US DEPT OF JUSTICE, BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE, SMALL, RURAL, AND TRIBAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY BODY-WORN CAMERA POLICY AND IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM	RECEIVE AND APPROPRIATE GRANT FUNDS FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE, SMALL, RURAL, AND TRIBAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY BODY-WORN CAMERA POLICY AND IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM
RESOLUTION NO. 2024-60-3537 ADOPTED	**Resolution No. 2024-60-3537**, entitled: "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRWINDALE APPROVING RECEIPT OF AND APPROPRIATING FEDERAL GRANT FUNDS FOR USE BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND APPROPRIATING A MATCH OF FUNDS," was adopted.
ITEM NO. 20H AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR PURCHASE OF BODY-WORN AND IN-CAR CAMERA SYSTEMS AND RELATED SERVICES	AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR PURCHASE OF BODY-WORN AND IN-CAR CAMERA SYSTEMS AND RELATED SERVICES The City Council approved and authorized the City Manager to enter into a five-year agreement with LensLock for the purchase of body-worn and in-car cameras, related equipment and services.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

SPONTANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

DENA ZEPEDA	Dena Zepeda thanked the Chamber of Commerce for the recent job fair and asked to speak on Item No. 25B.

FRED BARBOSA	Fred Barbosa spoke on the issues he has experienced relating to the City's housing rehabilitation loan program agreement that he entered into with the Housing Authority.
CARMEN ROMAN	Carmen Roman made suggestions to the contract for the pool rehabilitation project and stated her opinion that the policy proposed in Item 22E was too harsh for seniors.
SUZANNE GOMEZ	Suzanne Gomez suggested a change in the state constitution that would allow the City to exert more autonomy over its housing programs. She also stated her eagerness for the completion of the pool rehabilitation project and expressed her support of Director Chan for leading the project.
THERESA ORTIZ	Theresa Ortiz thanked City officials and staff for its Rockabilities program and the hard work behind the program that positively affects the lives of so many. She also commended Parks & Recreation Commissioner Kelly for his contributions to the Commission.
DENA ZEPEDA	Dena Zepeda made allegations of theft of housing funds by City staff. She also spoke against housing program covenants.

NEW BUSINESS

ITEM NO. 22A CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT OF ICF BOARD MEMBERS	CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT OF ICF BOARD MEMBERS
CHIEF DEPUTY CITY CLERK NIETO	Chief Deputy City Clerk Nieto presented the staff report.
RESOLUTION NO. 2024-50-3527 ADOPTED	**Resolution No. 2024-50-3527**, entitled: "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRWINDALE APPOINTING TWO RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE MEMBERS AND ONE CITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE TO THE IRWINDALE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOR TERMS EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2026," was adopted, thereby appointing Nathan Romero and Vanessa Duran as the resident representatives and Mayor Ambriz as the Council representative on the Irwindale Community Foundation, and
RESOLUTION NO. 2024-51-3528 ADOPTED	**Resolution No. 2024-51-3528**, entitled: "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRWINDALE APPOINTING TWO IRWINDALE BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVES TO THE IRWINDALE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOR ONE YEAR TERMS ENDING JUNE 30, 2025," was adopted, thereby appointing Steven Hillgren and George Silva

as the business representatives to the Irwindale Community Foundation, on the motion of Councilmember Garcia, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Burrola, and unanimously approved.

ITEM NO. 22B
AMEND FY 24/25 ADOPTED BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE $1,500,000 TO TRANSFER TO CA EMPLOYERS' RETIREE BENEFIT TRUST

AMEND FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 ADOPTED BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE $1,500,000 TO TRANSFER TO CALIFORNIA EMPLOYERS' RETIREE BENEFIT TRUST FOR OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS UNFUNDED ACCRUED LIABILITY

DIRECTOR BORHANI

Director Borhani introduced Actuarial Consultant Will Kane, of Total Compensation Systems Inc., who presented the report.

FRED BARBOSA

In reply to a question by Fred Barbosa, Director Borhani advised that 80% of the requested $1.5 million would come from the General Fund while the other 20% would come from Mining Impact Funds.

SUZANNE GOMEZ

Suzanne Gomez commended the City for the proposed action and encouraged the Council to be visionary in spending funds in the future.

FRED BARBOSA

Fred Barbosa opposed the retirement vesting requirements for City employees.

COUNCILMEMBER ORTIZ

Councilmember Ortiz asked whether the $1.5 million payment would be an annual requirement, to which Director Borhan stated that it would not be. He stated that staff would like to ideally budget at least $600,000, though staff is not sure what will be required next year.

Councilmember Ortiz also asked about fund accounts, to which Director Borhani advised that the City has two trust funds set up with CalPERS, one of them being the CERBT fund which is just for retiree health benefits. He added that the fund has grown substantially and it is staff's hope that it continues growing so that it could be used in the future to pay down premiums. The same could be said for the fund that has been set up for pension benefits, though this fund has not received as much funding.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-55-3532 ADOPTED

Resolution No. 2024-55-3532, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRWINDALE APPROVING A BUDGET AMENDMENT TO THE FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2024-2025 ADOPTED BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE $1,50,000 AND TRANSFERRING IT TO CALIFORNIA EMPLOYERS' RETIREE BENEFIT TRUST (CERBT) FUND HELD WITH CALIFORNIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES'

RETIREMENT SYSTEM (CALPERS) FOR OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) UNFUNDED ACCRUED LIABILITY (UAL) CONTRIBUTIONS," was adopted, on the motion of Councilmember Ortiz, seconded by Councilmember Breceda, and unanimously approved.

ITEM NO. 22C
RECEIVE UPDATE ON CITY OF IRWINDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AND PROVIDE DIRECTION TO STAFF TO PROCEED WITH FINALIZING THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE PROJECT

RECEIVE UPDATE ON CITY OF IRWINDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (PROJECT) AND PROVIDE DIRECTION TO STAFF TO PROCEED WITH FINALIZING THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE PROJECT

COUNCILMEMBERS BRECEDA AND GARCIA

Councilmembers Breceda and Garcia and City Manager Miranda declared potential conflicts of interest with this item and exited the Council Chambers at 7:53 p.m.

LIBRARIAN BALLI

Librarian Balli presented the report and made a PowerPoint presentation.

MAYOR PRO TEM BURROLA

Responding to several questions and comments by Mayor Pro Tem Burrola, Librarian Balli stated that: 1) the new Library's historical room would be situated to the left of the main entry room, 2) discussed the features of the teen space and the availability of technology for teens, 3) input regarding the space needed for the janitorial area was received from both the Public Services Director and the Public Works Supervisor to ensure sufficient space is allotted, 4) the proposed artwork that will be displayed at the Library and planned activities for the grand opening, 5) the proposed location of artwork to honor the City's "founding mothers", and 6) availability of outdoor seating.

DENA ZEPEDA

Dena Zepeda expressed concern over the availability of parking spaces, to which Librarian Balli indicated that the project would include 40 parking spaces.

SUZANNE GOMEZ

Suzanne Gomez commended Librarian Balli for her hard work on this project and for continuously seeking community input. She also requested the inclusion of "mission style" chairs with cushions as well as incorporating artwork similar to the community art at the Gold Line station. She also requested consideration be given to expanding the historical room, potentially by eliminating the custodial closet and the teen room. She also requested a tile setting with the City emblem near the Library entrance.

MAYOR AMBRIZ

Mayor Ambriz asked whether the oak trees scheduled for removal would be replaced, to which Librarian Balli advised that two trees will be removed and will be replaced with five.

Mayor Ambriz requested that the City logo be prominently displayed at the Library's entrance and asked whether the historical room could be enlarged.

MOTION

A motion was made by Councilmember Ortiz to proceed with finalizing the Library plans including the comments made by the Council and the public.

LIBRARIAN BALLI

Librarian Balli noted that consideration is being given to create a conference table out of the wood from the oak trees that are scheduled for removal. She added that seating will include pictures on the backs of local historical buildings and residents. Also, staff will see if the City logo could be incorporated into the Library entrance as requested. She noted that the local history room was enlarged and will be more than double the existing meeting space size, though staff can request that the design team review its plans to determine whether the historical room could be expanded.

MAYOR AMBRIZ

Mayor Ambriz stated that he would not want to cause delays in the project by requesting changes and stressed the need to complete the project as soon as possible.

MAYOR PRO TEM BURROLA

Mayor Pro Tem Burrola asked about the size of the historical room, to which Assistant Engineer Pimentel advised that it will be approximately 20.5 x 12 ½ feet.

MAYOR AMBRIZ

Mayor Ambriz stated that many people are interested in the historical room and that he would like to see if it could be enlarged, to which Assistant Engineer Pimentel advised that the project plans are currently in the plan-check phase with the County and cautioned that changes to the plans would delay the plan-check and could delay the start of the project.

ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER OLIVARES

Assistant City Manager Olivares requested that the motion be clarified.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-58-3535 ADOPTED

Resolution No. 2024-58-3535, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRWINDALE APPROVING A BUDGET AMENDMENT TO THE FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2024-2025 ADOPTED BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE $1,500,000 AND TRANSFERRING IT TO THE CITY OF IRWINDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT," to include looking into the following: 1) incorporating art elements similar to those found at the Gold Line Station, 2) extending the size of the historical room, 3) that the tile work on the floor at the entryway include the City emblem, 4) that "Mexican-style" furniture be included in the historical room, incorporating pictures on the back of the chairs, 5) include sepia-colored photos on the walls of the historical room, on the motion of Councilmember Ortiz, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Burrola, and unanimously approved; Councilmembers Breceda and Garcia absent.

ITEM NO. 22D
AMEND FY 24/25 ADOPTED BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE $1,500,000 TO TRANSFER TO CITY OF IRWINDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

AMEND FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 ADOPTED BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE $1,500,000 TO TRANSFER TO CITY OF IRWINDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

COUNCILMEMBERS BRECEDA AND GARCIA

Councilmembers Breceda and Garcia and City Manager Miranda declared potential conflicts of interest with this item and remained outside the Council Chambers.

ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER OLIVARES

Assistant City Manager Olivares presented the staff report.

MAYOR PRO TEM BURROLA

In response to a question by Mayor Pro Tem Burrola, Assistant City Manager Olivares advised that staff continues seeking new funding opportunities as grants become available. She noted that the $6.1 million received in funding is limited to the construction of the new Library building. As funding is drawn down, staff needs to show that the City is matching these expenditures with its own funding. She added that Congresswoman Napolitano has appropriated $500,000 for furniture, parking, and landscaping, and spoke on environmental processes that must also be followed. Staff is also looking into a broadband access grant as well as any other available funding.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-58-3535 ADOPTED

Resolution No. 2024-58-3535, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRWINDALE APPROVING A BUDGET AMENDMENT TO THE FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2024-2025 ADOPTED BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE $1,500,000 AND TRANSFERRING IT TO THE CITY OF IRWINDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT," was adopted on the motion of Mayor Pro Tem Burrola, seconded by Councilmember Ortiz, and unanimously approved; Councilmembers Breceda and Garcia absent.

ITEM NO. 22E ADOPTION OF A FIELD TRIP POLICY FOR THE DAN DIAZ RECREATION CENTER, IRWINDALE AQUATICS CENTER, AND IRWINDALE SENIOR CENTER	ADOPTION OF A FIELD TRIP POLICY FOR THE DAN DIAZ RECREATION CENTER, IRWINDALE AQUATICS CENTER, AND IRWINDALE SENIOR CENTER
COUNCILMEMBERS BRECEDA AND GARCIA AND CITY MANAGER MIRANDA	Councilmembers Breceda and Garcia and City Manager Miranda returned to the Council Chambers at 8:43 p.m.
DIRECTOR RODRIGUEZ	Director Rodriguez presented the report.
DENA ZEPEDA	Dena Zepeda stated that too much money is being wasted on unused tickets and that parents should be held accountable.
MAYOR PRO TEM BURROLA	In response to several questions by Mayor Pro Tem Burrola, Director Rodriguez advised that: 1) rules for Senior Center trips are included in this policy, though they may differ from those for the Aquatics and Recreation divisions, 2) the senior community requested rules for Senior Center trips, though the choice to implement them lies with the Council, 3) she detailed the amount of funding provided for trips by the Irwindale Community Foundation, 4) the current policy does not allow for individuals to purchase unused tickets, but the draft policy does, and 5) flyers for the Summer Day Camp program show all six trips, though parents could select which of the six they would like their children to attend when they sign them up. Mayor Pro Tem Burrola stated that the Senior Center trips should continue to be governed by existing rules and that the draft policy should not apply to them.
JUSTIN KELLY	Justin Kelly stated that the Recreation Department is using an app to send messages out to families the day before a trip to ask whether their child will attend, which helps to ensure that the tickets are used.
DIRECTOR RODRIGUEZ	Director Rodriguez stated that staff is aware of the wasted funding and is working on strategies to avoid unused tickets in the future. She noted that parents can sign up their children for those trips that they would like to attend instead of signing up for all trips, but some children still do not attend.

MAYOR AMBRIZ	Responding to a question by Mayor Ambriz, Director Rodriguez advised that staff typically purchases 30 tickets per event, though some are increased to 40 tickets depending on demand and costs. Mayor Ambriz stated that the policy should show leniency toward seniors.
COUNCILMEMBER BRECEDA	Councilmember Breceda agreed that the current policy for the Senior Center should remain the same. Responding to a question by Councilmember Breceda, Director Rodriguez stated that staff can monitor which of the registrants tend to fail to attend the trips that they register for.
RESOLUTION NO. 2024-56-3533	A motion was made by Councilmember Garcia, seconded by Councilmember Ortiz, to adopt **Resolution No. 2024-56-3533**, entitled: "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRWINDALE ADOPTING A FIELD TRIP POLICY FOR THE DAN DIAZ RECREATION CENTER, IRWINDALE AQUATICS CENTER, AND THE IRWINDALE SENIOR CENTER," thereby adopting the Field Trip Policy as presented by staff in the staff report.
COUNCILMEMBER BRECEDA	Councilmember Breceda asked whether the desire is for the policy to also cover Senior Center trips, to which Director Rodriguez advised that the Council would decide whether the policy would apply to the Senior Center trips.
DENA ZEPEDA	Dena Zepeda stated that lots of seniors sign up for trips but do not attend, which also takes away the opportunity to attend from other seniors. She concurred with Councilmember Garcia's intent to adopt the policy as-is.
FRED BARBOSA	Fred Barbosa stated that everybody should be responsible and spoke in favor of the policy applying to all trips.
LINDA MAREZ	Linda Marez agreed that the policy should apply to all, including seniors.
CITY ATTORNEY GUERRA	City Attorney Guerra made a small correction to a typographical error in the draft policy.
ROLL CALL	The above-mentioned motion was approved with all Councilmembers in favor except for Mayor Pro Tem Burrola, who voted against.
<u>ITEM NO. 22F</u> PROPOSED SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE PROGRAMS	PROPOSED SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE PROGRAMS FOR THE HOUSING & GENERAL PLAN UPDATE

FOR THE HOUSING & GENERAL PLAN UPDATE

RECESS	At 9:38 p.m., the Council took a short recess.
RECONVENE	At 9:44 p.m., the Council reconvened with all members present.
DIRECTOR SIMPSON	Director Simpson introduced the staff report and introduced Shannon Wages and Vanessa Ramirez from ESA, the consultant that is preparing the Safety and Environmental Justice elements. She noted that these elements are being coordinated with the Housing Element and spoke on the extensive outreach efforts held over the past few years to gain the public's input.
SHANNON WAGES	Shannon Wages made a PowerPoint presentation and spoke about each of the implementation programs for the Safety Element and the Environmental Justice Element. She noted that documents are available for review on the website and advised that this item would focus on actions that implement the goals and policies of each element and how they would improve safety and environmental justice within Irwindale.
COUNCILMEMBER ORTIZ	Councilmember Ortiz asked about landscaping that could improve air quality, to which Ms. Wages advised that drought-tolerant plants that can sequester carbon and improve air quality are available. There are also CA native plants that support biodiversity and other climate initiatives that can improve air quality and provide shade.
SUZANNE GOMEZ	Suzanne Gomez suggested implementing the elements into the General Plan and asked how the goals would be achieved, to which Ms. Wages advised that the full and detailed text of the proposed actions are in the General Plan element.
FRED BARBOSA	Responding to a question by Fred Barbosa, City Manager Miranda advised that the Recreation Center is designated as a shelter for earthquakes.
DENA ZEPEDA	Dena Zepeda questioned why this item is being discussed at length when many individuals in attendance of the meeting wish to discuss housing matters.
MAYOR AMBRIZ	Mayor Ambriz stated that he did not realize that this matter would be discussed extensively and requested that it be tabled for further discussion at another time.

CITY MANAGER MIRANDA	City Manager Miranda noted that the points Ms. Wages is discussing were all included in the staff report and suggested that the discussion continue tonight.
MOTION	A motion was made by Mayor Ambriz, seconded by Councilmember Ortiz, to continue this matter to a future meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.
ITEM NO. 22G AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO URP CORP. SETTLEMENT AGMT. AND MUTUAL RELEASE AND AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO URP CORP. SMARA OPERATION RIGHTS TRANSFER AND CONVEYANCE AGMT.	AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO UNITED ROCK PRODUCTS CORPORATION SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND MUTUAL RELEASE AND AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO UNITED ROCK PRODUCTS CORPORATION SMARA OPERATION RIGHTS TRANSFER AND CONVEYANCE AGREEMENT
COUNCILMEMBER BRECEDA	Councilmember Breceda declared a potential conflict of interest with this item and exited the Council Chambers at 10:40 p.m.
DIRECTOR CHAN	Director Chan presented the staff report.
SUZANNE GOMEZ	Responding to a question by Suzanne Gomez, Director Chan indicated that this item would allow United Rock to backfill any of their pits in the order that they wish.
MOTION	A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Burrola, seconded by Councilmember Ortiz, to approve Amendment No. 1 to United Rock Products Corporation Settlement Agreement and Mutual Release and Amendment No. 2 to United Rock Products Corporation SMARA Operation Rights Transfer and Conveyance Agreement. The motion was unanimously approved; Councilmember Breceda absent.
PUBLIC HEARINGS	None.
CITY MANAGER'S REPORT	
COUNCILMEMBER BRECEDA	Councilmember Breceda returned to the Council Chambers at 10:49 p.m.
CITY MANAGER MIRANDA	City Manager Miranda presented the following report:

1) As of noon July 24, no one has requested nomination papers for the upcoming Council election.
2) The Irwindale Educational Foundation Casino Night Fundraiser has been scheduled for August 2.
3) The City has partnered with the American Red Cross to host a

blood drive on August 6.

4) The City is hiring full time Assistant Engineer, Communications and Records Supervisor, Police Administrative Clerk, as well as part time Senior Center Aide, Library Tutor, and permanent part time Senior Center Leader.
5) The Irwindale Police Department is inviting the community to attend its National Night Out activities scheduled for August 6.
6) The Police Department has received preliminary approval for two grants from the CA Office of Traffic and Safety, which will help fund extra shifts for traffic enforcement.
7) He also provided details on upcoming Recreation events.
8) Assistant City Manager Olivares provided information on an upcoming Community Emergency Preparedness Fair scheduled for September 7.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS REQUESTED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

ITEM NO. 25A CITY PARKWAYS	CITY PARKWAYS – Requested by Mayor Pro Tem Burrola
MAYOR PRO TEM BURROLA	Mayor Pro Tem Burrola stated that he requested this item due to the concern expressed by a resident regarding the responsibility to repair sprinklers that have been damaged due to a tree located in a parkway.
DIRECTOR RODRIGUEZ	Director Rodriguez noted that the subject area is covered in the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions and Reservation of Easements that was approved and accepted by the homeowner, which states that the parkway is the homeowner's responsibility to maintain.
FRED BARBOSA	Fred Barbosa asked whether the homeowner, as the person responsible for the area, could simply remove the tree.
MOTION	A motion was made by Councilmember Ortiz, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ambriz, to add this matter to a future agenda for discussion. The motion was unanimously approved.
ITEM NO. 25B REZONING 10-ACRE SITE	REZONING 10-ACRE SITE – REQUESTED BY MAYOR AMBRIZ & MAYOR PRO TEM BURROLA
COUNCILMEMBER BRECEDA AND CITY MANAGER MIRANDA	Councilmember Breceda and City Manager Miranda declared potential conflicts of interest with this item and exited the Council Chambers at 11:02 p.m.

DIRECTOR SIMPSON	Director Simpson provided the update. She advised that six acres of the Allen Drive site have been listed as inventories in the City's Housing Element. Currently, the entire 10 acres of the site are zoned M2 with a "residential" designation in the General Plan. She advised that rezoning the site would be a two-step process: the first would involve rezoning three parcels, with the second portion including the engineering subdivision. She advised that the Council would need to identify the six acres that they would like to reserve for housing, after which the Council could decide the housing density for the site as well as what they would like to place at the remaining four acres.
FRED BARBOSA	Fred Barbosa suggested that the entire site be rezoned as R2.
MOTION	A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Burrola, seconded by Councilmember Ortiz, to place this matter on the agenda for further discussion at a future meeting. The motion was unanimously approved; Councilmember Breceda absent.
<u>ITEM NO. 25C</u> UNITED ROCK PRODUCTS' OLIVE PIT	UNITED ROCK PRODUCTS' OLIVE PIT (effects of water to operations)
COUNCILMEMBER BRECEDA AND CITY MANAGER MIRANDA	Councilmember Breceda and City Manager Miranda returned to the Council Chambers at 11:06 p.m.
MAYOR PRO TEM BURROLA	Responding to questions by Mayor Pro Tem Burrola, Director Chan advised that the Olive Pit is currently between 60-80% covered in water. They would need to eventually dredge the site to continue mining there. United Rock currently has a dredge at Pit No. 3 and they have submitted a plan to build a platform until the dredge is relocated from the site. The slope will also be rebuilt at the same time. The plans submitted will be reviewed this week to ensure it meets all SMARA regulations. Based on staff's estimate, the process of relocating the dredge will take approximately six to 12 months. Mayor Pro Tem Burrola requested that Director Chan keep the Council informed on this matter.
FRED BARBOSA	Fred Barbosa claimed that he was the one to inform the City about the situation.
<u>ITEM NO. 25D</u> ILLEGAL FIREWORKS	ILLEGAL FIREWORKS – REQUESTED BY COUNCILMEMBER ORTIZ
CHIEF HOFFORD	Chief Hofford noted that six local cities have adopted ordinances with restrictions on illegal fireworks. Some of the additional penalties that the Council could consider, in addition to the fees previously suggested by Councilmember Ortiz, include: 1) citations for

individuals lighting illegal fireworks as well as citations for the person in charge of the property where they are being utilized; 2) fees to cover the expenses incurred in destroying illegal fireworks, 3) fees for responding to service calls for illegal fireworks, and 4) additional fees for fines that are paid late. He also noted that the Police Department has recently conducted a destruction of illegal fireworks that have been confiscated.

MOTION

A motion was made by Councilmember Ortiz, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Burrola, to add this matter to a future agenda for further discussion. The motion was unanimously approved.

DENA ZEPEDA

Dena Zepeda suggested that laws be applied fairly to all.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 11:16 p.m.

Laura M. Nieto

Laura M. Nieto, MMC
Chief Deputy City Clerk

Approved as submitted at the meeting held August 28, 2024.

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

JULY 24, 2024
WEDNESDAY
11:16 P.M.

The Irwindale **SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE IRWINDALE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY** met in regular session at the above time and place.

ROLL CALL: Present: Councilmembers Mark A. Breceda, Manuel R. Garcia, H. Manuel Ortiz; Mayor Pro Tem Larry G. Burrola; Mayor Albert F. Ambriz

Also Present: Julian A. Miranda, City Manager; Adrian Guerra, City Attorney; Theresa Olivares, Assistant City Manager; Christopher Hofford, Chief of Police; Kambiz Borhani, Director of Finance / City Treasurer; Marilyn Simpson, Community Development Director; Eddie Chan, Director of Engineering / Building Official; Elizabeth Rodriguez, Public Services Director; Mary Hull, Human Resources Manager, and Laura Nieto, Chief Deputy City Clerk

AB 2449 DISCLOSURES None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION

A motion was made by Councilmember Breceda, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Burrola, to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion was unanimously approved.

ITEM NO. 28A
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD JUNE 26, 2024

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD JUNE 26, 2024 (Joint Minutes of the Special and Regular Council Meeting and the Regular Successor Agency and Housing Authority Meeting)

The minutes were approved.

ITEM NO. 28B
INVESTMENT QUARTERLY REPORT FOR FISCAL QUARTER ENDING JUNE 30, 2024

INVESTMENT QUARTERLY REPORT FOR FISCAL QUARTER ENDING JUNE 30, 2024 (Joint for all agencies)

The Investment Quarterly Report for Fiscal Quarter ending June 30, 2024, were approved.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

SPONTANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

FRED BARBOSA

Fred Barbosa asked whether Five Points is in violation of their specific plan and, if so, whether code enforcement action would be taken against them.

ADJOURNMENT There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 11:18 p.m.

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JULY 24, 2024
WEDNESDAY
11:18 P.M.

The Irwindale **HOUSING AUTHORITY** met in regular session at the above time and place.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Board Members Mark A. Breceda; Manuel R. Garcia, H. Manuel Ortiz; Vice Chair Larry G. Burrola; Chair Albert F. Ambriz

Also present: Julian A. Miranda, Executive Director; Adrian Guerra, General Counsel; Theresa Olivares, Assistant Executive Director; Christopher Hofford, Chief of Police; Kambiz Borhani, Director of Finance / City Treasurer; Marilyn Simpson, Community Development Director; Elizabeth Rodriguez, Public Services Director; Eddie Chan, Director of Engineering / Building Official; Mary Hull, Human Resources Manager, and Laura Nieto, Chief Deputy City Clerk

AB 2449 DISCLOSURES None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION

A motion was made by Board Member Breceda, seconded by Board Member Ortiz, to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion was unanimously approved.

ITEM NO. 34A
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD JUNE 26, 2024

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD JUNE 26, 2024 (Joint Minutes of the Special and Regular Council Meeting and the Regular Successor Agency and Housing Authority Meeting)

The minutes were approved.

ITEM NO. 34B
INVESTMENT QUARTERLY REPORT FOR FISCAL QUARTER ENDING JUNE 30, 2024

INVESTMENT QUARTERLY REPORT FOR FISCAL QUARTER ENDING JUNE 30, 2024 (Joint for all agencies)

The Investment Quarterly Report for Fiscal Quarter ending June 30, 2024, were approved.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

SPONTANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

DENA ZEPEDA

Dena Zepeda requested that housing matters be discussed at community workshops rather than at the meetings of the Housing Authority.

NEW BUSINESS

ITEM NO. 36A
PRESENTATION ON POLICY CHANGE

PRESENTATION ON POLICY CHANGE REGARDING THE REGULATORY AGREEMENT FOR THE SUBSTANTIAL HOME REHABILITATION LOAN & FIRST TIME HOMEBUYER PROGRAMS

REGARDING THE REGULATORY AGREEMENT FOR THE SUBSTANTIAL HOME REHAB LOAN & FIRST TIME HOMEBUYER PROGRAMS

HOUSING COORDINATOR LOPEZ	Housing Coordinator Lopez presented the staff report.
DENA ZEPEDA	Dena Zepeda expressed her preference for option 2 as delineated in the presentation.
RUTH QUEJIA	Ruth Quejia spoke on the difficulties that the Aguayo family has experienced during their efforts to sell their home, which has an active covenant on it.
FRED BARBOSA	Fred Barbosa questioned the fairness of the program requirements.
VICE CHAIR BURROLA	Vice Chair Burrola expressed his encouragement in that the California Department of Housing and Community Development ("HCD") has reviewed the City's housing program policies and only found two issues. He noted that the City is striving to follow all laws and expressed his preference for approving option 2 from the presentation so that homeowners receive more of the proceeds from the sale of their homes.
COORDINATOR LOPEZ	Coordinator Lopez stated that the recommendation to "open a case" with HCD would be done with the intent of receiving a letter of support from the agency which would essentially confirm that the City is taking the right path. He noted that the agreement that the Aguayo family has with the City already includes a mechanism by which they could sell their home, though a sale of the property at a market-rate price would not be allowed.
BOARD MEMBER BRECEDA	Board Member Breceda stated that he is in favor opening a case with HCD and reminded staff of the Board's previous request to work with a housing consultant apart from RSG. Responding to a question by Board Member Breceda, Coordinator Lopez advised that he could ask HCD staff about a timeline for their review of the program policy and, hopefully, when they would submit a letter of support.

Board Member Breceda expressed concern over the repercussions with other homeowners / program participants should the Aguayo family be permitted to sell their home

CHAIR AMBRIZ

Chair Ambriz expressed hesitation in seeking further input from the HCD since he felt it would erode local authority, to which Coordinator Lopez advised that the HCD would take notice should the City's number of affordable units were to drop.

BOARD MEMBER BRECEDA

Board Member Breceda stated that he would rather obtain HCD's input rather than risk going against law.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MIRANDA

Executive Director Miranda noted that the HCD essentially serves as a watchdog to ensure the proper disbursement of low and moderate Funds. He added that the contact that Coordinator Lopez has had with the HCD has so far been favorable.

BOARD MEMBER BRECEDA

Board Member Breceda stated that he agrees with the need to retain local control, but that there are certain matters that the state has superseding control.

COORDINATOR LOPEZ

Coordinator Lopez noted that low and mod funds have restrictions on how they are used.

VICE CHAIR BURROLA

Vice Chair Burrola stated his belief that proceeding without the express input from the HCD would potentially cause more issues down the road, which he does not want to risk.

BOARD MEMBER ORTIZ

Board Member Ortiz asked how the information presented tonight was compiled, to which Coordinator Lopez indicated that option 1 is what is included in the program agreement, and that staff created option 2. He added that the letter to be requested from HCD would address the issue with the substantial rehabilitation program, though this would probably serve as a bridge for the first-time homebuyer program also.

Board Member Ortiz stated that it seems that the Council has consensus to pursue option 2, though he requested to hear from members of the public before deciding.

RUTH QUEJIA

Ruth Quejia stated her belief that the HCD contact information should have been included in the City's housing program documents and stated that her clients, the Aguayo family, would accept the penalties if allowed to sell the home under the restrictions outlined in their agreement.

DENA ZEPEDA

Dena Zepeda stated that she has expressed concerns over housing programs for years but that the Board has not offered any solutions, which Chair Ambriz disagreed with.

BOARD MEMBER BRECEDA	Board Member Breceda spoke about his desire to move quickly to address the Aguayo family's concerns, though he noted that the best option would likely require additional time.
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MIRANDA	Executive Director Miranda noted that whichever decision the Board makes would be applied across the board to all program participants. He cautioned the Board about potentially acting without further input from the HCD, especially since the comments received from HCD so far have been favorable.
BOARD MEMBER GARCIA	Board Member Garcia stated his belief that option 2 seems to be the best and suggested that, should the Aguayo family wish to proceed immediately, the Board should give them permission per the terms of their agreement.
CHAIR AMBRIZ	Responding to a question by Chair Ambriz, General Counsel Guerra recommended going through the process to gain their support. He stated that the HCD's willingness to fully analyze the situation and provide guidance would be beneficial if the City is ever challenged. Regarding the Aguayo family, General Counsel Guerra noted that their issues is not on the agenda tonight for action but suggested that a policy be developed that is fair to all program participants, not just the Aguayo family.
VICE CHAIR BURROLA	Vice Chair Burrola stated that he was uncomfortable with opening a case with HCD.
CHAIR AMBRIZ	Responding to a question by Chair Ambriz, Executive Director Miranda reiterated that the decision on how to proceed lies with the Board, though he cautioned against acting without further input from the HCD. Chair Ambriz asked how long it would take the HCD to provide input, to which Coordinator Lopez stated that he could call and ask.
DENA ZEPEDA	In response to a question by Dena Zepeda, General Counsel Guerra stated that, should the Board direct staff to move forward with option 2, staff would prepare a policy for discussion at the next meeting, while simultaneously write to the HCD to seek their input.
BOARD MEMBER BRECEDA	Board Member Breceda asked whether staff would also ask HCD about the existing 45-year covenant, to which General Counsel Guerra said that staff would explain exactly what the Board wishes to accomplish. Also, with the Board's consent, staff would work on an amendment to the agreement so that, should the Board approve it, staff could immediately prepare the documents to proceed with the sale of the Aguayo property.

MOTION

A motion was made by Vice Chair Burrola, seconded by Board Member Breceda, to direct staff to prepare a policy incorporating option 2 and direct staff to immediately reach out to HCD to request their letter of support in utilizing option 2, and for the draft policy be returned to the Board for consideration at its August 28 meeting, where an update on communication with HCD could be provided. The motion was unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 12:08 a.m., July 25.

Laura M. Nieto

Laura M. Nieto, MMC
Chief Assistant Authority Secretary

Approved as submitted at the meeting held August 28, 2024.