

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

JULY 13, 2022
WEDNESDAY
6:44 P.M.

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

ROLL CALL:

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

Present: Julian A. Miranda, City Manager; Adrian Guerra, City
Attorney; Jamie Traxler, Assistant City Attorney Arsanious Hanna,
Director of Engineering / Building Official; Marilyn Simpson,
Community Development Director; Mary Hull, Human Resources
Manager, Elizabeth Rodriguez, Public Services Director; Iris Espino,
Assistant to the City Manager; Priscilla Zepeda, Recreation Manager;
and Laura Nieto, Chief Deputy City Clerk

**CHANGES TO THE
AGENDA**

**CITY MANAGER
MIRANDA**

City Manager Miranda noted that Item No. 1F would be pulled from
the agenda and will be continued to a future meeting.

**COUNCILMEMBER
TRAVEL REPORTS**

None.

**COUNCILMEMBER
COMMENTS**

**MAYOR PRO TEM
AMBRIZ**

Mayor Pro Tem Ambriz congratulated Recreation Department staff on
the success of the 4th of July activities.

MAYOR BURROLA

Mayor Burrola spoke on the wonderful activities of the Red, White,
and You BBQ and thanked staff and all involved in its success. He
also congratulated the recipients of the scholarships offered by United
Rock: Noemi Torres, Rudy Gallardo Jr., and Jessica Fraijo. He then
requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Joseph Vela.

**COUNCILMEMBER
BRECEDA**

Councilmember Breceda reminded the Council of an open house to
be held tomorrow at 600 Live Oak Avenue.

**INTRODUCTION OF
NEW EMPLOYEES /
PROMOTIONS**

**OATH OF OFFICE
TO IRWINDALE
POLICE OFFICER
LUIS AMESOLA**

**OATH OF OFFICE TO IRWINDALE POLICE OFFICER LUIS
AMESOLA**

Brief background information was provided on Officer Amesola and
Mayor Burrola administered the Oath of Office.

**PROCLAMATIONS /
PRESENTATIONS /
COMMENDATIONS**

PROCLAMATION
PROCLAIMING
PARKS & RECREATION
MONTH

PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING PARKS & RECREATION
MONTH

The proclamation was made.

CERTIFICATE OF
RECOGNITION –
KHALALAH TODD

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION – KHALALAH TODD

The certificate was presented.

**SPONTANEOUS
COMMUNICATIONS**

VERONICA BARBOSA
LARA

Veronica Barbosa Lara submitted a written statement wherein she noted rising costs and ongoing inflation, and requested that the Council consider providing resident seniors with solutions to meet their needs, such as hosting food drives.

DENA ZEPEDA

Dena Zepeda spoke on an incident with the Recreation Department wherein she alleges that a child was not allowed to participate in an activity, and stated that the residents have a right to know the status of the Chief of Police and Police Lieutenant who are away from the office on leave.

CARMEN ROMAN

Carmen Roman agreed with Dena Zepeda and requested that the City Manager and Director Rodriguez address the situation that Dena Zepeda mentioned regarding the Recreation Department. She also asked that the city provide information regarding the status of the Chief of Police and Police Lieutenant.

FRED BARBOSA

Fred Barbosa made claims that the city has breached a contract that it has entered into with him to improve his house. He then spoke on his expenditures in repairing his home, which he felt should be covered by the city. He made allegations of corruption by staff, and noted that the Council previously reimbursed another individual who conducted unpermitted work on the curb fronting his house.

BECKY BARBOSA

Becky Barbosa reiterated Mr. Barbosa's claims and stated that she felt discriminated against as a female resident.

DIRECTOR RODRIGUEZ

Director Rodriguez noted that the Irwindale Educational Foundation has been renamed to "Irwindale Education Fund," and invited all to a Casino Night fundraiser to be held at the Irwindale Brew Yard on July 22.

BECKY BARBOSA	Becky Barbosa commended the Police Department for its patrols on the 4 th of July.
TONY NARANJO	Tony Naranjo thanked Councilmember Ortiz, City Manager Miranda, and representatives of the Police Department for following-up on issues on Morada Street, which resulted from work performed by Panattoni. He noted that the parking lots at the site have conditions that render them unsafe, including the presence of homeless individuals, and requested Council follow-up on his concerns.
TERESA ORTIZ	Teresa Ortiz commended Recreation Department staff for their hard work on the 4 th of July festivities, particularly Manager Zepeda. She also thanked Ms. Khalalah Todd for organizing the non-resident vendor booths and the Parks and Recreation Commission for its participation.
DENA ZEPEDA	Dena Zepeda made allegations against housing staff and stated that she was forced to remove her husband's name from the title of her home. She further alleged that housing funding has gone missing and suggested that staff follow-up on the issues at Morada Street brought up by Mr. Naranjo.
LINDA MAREZ	Linda Marez noted the high turnout of the 4 th of July activities and spoke highly of the event. She also stated that the personnel matters involving the Chief of Police and Police Lieutenant are confidential and that the public is not entitled to know their details.
COUNCILMEMBER BRECEDA	Councilmember Breceda spoke on his efforts to assist in alleviating the concerns of the Morada Street residents.
CITY ATTORNEY GUERRA	City Attorney Guerra stated that the city respects, understands, and appreciates the public's desire for information regarding the Police Department, and noted that the city takes its obligation seriously to ensure transparency and ensure the public's trust in Irwindale and its Police Department. However, for the integrity of employees and internal protocols and procedures relating to personnel matters, information cannot be disclosed at this time, though information will be disclosed at the appropriate time.

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION	A motion was made by Councilmember Breceda, seconded by Councilmember Ortiz, to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion was unanimously approved, with the exception of Item No. 1F, which was removed from the agenda.
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ITEM NO. 1A
MINUTES

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The following minutes were approved:

- 1) Special meeting held June 22, 2022
- 2) Regular meeting held June 22, 2022

ITEM NO. 1B
WARRANTS /
DEMANDS / PAYROLL

WARRANTS / DEMANDS / PAYROLL

The warrants / demands / payroll were approved.

ITEM NO. 1C
PROPOSED END OF
YEAR CLOSURE OF
CITY FACILITIES FOR
2022

PROPOSED END-OF-YEAR CLOSURE OF CITY FACILITIES FOR
2022

The closure of some city facilities during the period of Monday, December 26, 2022, through and including Sunday, January 8, 2023, was approved and the City Manager was authorized to implement said closure.

ITEM NO. 1D
MEASURE A GRANT
FUNDS

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The City Manager, Assistant City Manager, and Public Services Director were appointed as City Representatives and were authorized to apply for, accept, and administer all Measure A grant funds, and,

RESOLUTION NO.
2022-67-3317
ADOPTED

Resolution No. 2022-67-3317, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRWINDALE RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 2020-12-3172 IN ITS ENTIRETY, AND AUTHORIZING CITY STAFF TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND ADMINISTER ANY AND ALL MEASURE A GRANT FUNDS FOR THE CITY OF IRWINDALE," was adopted.

ITEM NO. 1E
CLAIMS TIME
TOLLING POLICY

CLAIMS TIME TOLLING POLICY

RESOLUTION NO.
2022-71-3321
ADOPTED

Resolution No. 2022-71-3321, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRWINDALE, DELEGATING JOINT AUTHORITY TO THE CITY MANAGER AND THE CITY ATTORNEY TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS TO TOLL THE TIME FOR RESPONSE TO CLAIMS UNDER THE GOVERNMENT CLAIMS ACT," was adopted.

ITEM NO. 1F
RELEASE OF BONDS
FOR PARCEL MAP
72864 – 16203-16233
ARROW HIGHWAY

RELEASE OF BONDS FOR PARCEL MAP 72864 – 16203-16233
ARROW HIGHWAY

This item was removed from the agenda.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

NEW BUSINESS

ITEM NO. 2A
CONSIDERATION OF
RESOLUTION
APPROVING THE
HIRING OF A RETIRED
ANNUITANT AS
INTERIM CHIEF OF
POLICE FOR A
LIMITED DURATION
OF TIME

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OF A RETIRED ANNUITANT AS INTERIM CHIEF OF POLICE FOR
A LIMITED DURATION OF TIME

CITY MANAGER
MIRANDA

City Manager Miranda presented the report.

COUNCILMEMBER
ORTIZ

Councilmember Ortiz stated that, after reviewing the staff report and
in speaking with Mr. Robert Castro, he felt comfortable in approving
the contract.

MAYOR PRO TEM
AMBRIZ

Mayor Pro Tem Ambriz spoke in favor of approving the contract.

DENA ZEPEDA
AND CARMEN ROMAN

Dena Zepeda and Carmen Roman spoke in support of approving the
contract.

RESOLUTION NO.
2022-70-3320
ADOPTED

Resolution No. 2022-70-3320, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
IRWINDALE APPROVING THE HIRING OF A RETIRED
ANNUITANT AS INTERIM CHIEF OF POLICE FOR A LIMITED
DURATION UNDER GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 7522.56(C)
AND 21221(G)," was adopted on the motion of Councilmember Ortiz,
seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ambriz, and approved, with
Councilmember Breceda opposed, Councilmember Garcia
abstaining, and Mayor Burrola in favor.

ITEM NO. 2B
POTENTIAL HOUSING
SITES AND DENSITIES
FOR COMPLIANCE
WITH THE 2021-2029
SCAG 6TH CYCLE
REGIONAL HOUSING
NEEDS ASSESSMENT
FOR THE HOUSING
ELEMENT & GENERAL
PLAN UPDATE

POTENTIAL HOUSING SITES AND DENSITIES FOR
COMPLIANCE WITH THE 2021-2029 SCAG 6TH CYCLE REGIONAL
HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT FOR THE HOUSING ELEMENT
& GENERAL PLAN UPDATE (Joint Housing Authority Item)

CITY ATTORNEY GUERRA	City Attorney Guerra advised that staff will make an overall presentation regarding all sites, and once individual sites are considered, those Councilmembers that have conflicts of interest with those specific sites may exit the Council Chambers and refrain from participating in discussing said properties.
DIRECTOR SIMPSON	Director Simpson presented the staff report and made a PowerPoint presentation. She added that the owner of the Mt. Olive Storage property would like to comment that they are satisfied with the site's current use but would like to have a residential zoning overlay considered at the site as well. Director Simpson then noted that she would begin presenting information relating to the Allen Drive site.
CITY ATTORNEY GUERRA	City Attorney Guerra asked that Councilmember Breceda and City Manager Miranda exit the Council Chambers since they have conflicts of interest with this specific site. He added that the site will be discussed, after which the Council and members of the public will have the opportunity to discuss it, and once direction on the site is provided, Councilmember Breceda and City Manager Miranda may return to the Council Chambers.
COUNCILMEMBER BRECEDA AND CITY MANAGER MIRANDA	Councilmember Breceda and City Manager Miranda declared potential conflicts of interest with this site and exited the Council Chambers at 7:59 p.m.
DIRECTOR SIMPSON	Director Simpson then began discussing the Allen Drive site, and spoke on its density capacity.
MAYOR PRO TEM AMBRIZ	Mayor Pro Tem Ambriz recommended constructing 12 homes per acre on seven of the 10 available acres. He recommended designating the remaining three acres as a buffer, a small park, or some other future use. He noted that the seven houses built at Ambriz Street will factor into the 119 RHNA numbers, and further suggested the possibility of constructing senior apartments or 28 homes near Avenida Padilla due to its proximity to the Gold Line station.
DIRECTOR SIMPSON	Director Simpson noted that the city has already committed in the 5 th Cycle RHNA to designate three acres of the Allen Drive site for the construction of 21 units per acre.
COUNCILMEMBER ORTIZ	Councilmember Ortiz suggested using eight acres of the site for housing. After Director Simpson responded to several clarifying questions from Councilmember Ortiz, he expressed his preference for the development of 12 units per acre.
DIRECTOR SIMPSON	Director Simpson reiterated that the city has already committed to designating three acres, with 21 units per acre. She added that HCD has already adopted the proposal, and as such, the city would need to

identify another four or five acres, for a total of eight acres to be used, to which Councilmember Ortiz suggested building single-family residences at the remaining four or five acres. He noted that residents are not interested in apartments, with the exception of senior apartments, and suggested potentially locating the 63 units that the city already committed to at the Mt. Olive Storage site, to which Director Simpson said that staff would need to contact the HCD to inquire whether the location could be changed as requested.

MAYOR BURROLA

Responding to a question by Mayor Burrola, Director Simpson indicated that the Council does not necessarily have to determine the type of housing that should be developed at this time. Rather, the Council needs to determine the housing density for the sites.

CITY ATTORNEY
GUERRA

City Attorney Guerra noted that it is not necessary to accommodate all 119 homes on one property. He suggested that the Council first identify how many acres they would like to utilize, recognizing that three of the 10 acres on Allen Drive have already been designated. Of those remaining seven acres, the Council should determine how many to use for housing and how many for future use.

MAYOR BURROLA

Mayor Burrola suggested utilizing six acres for housing and leaving the remaining four acres for future use. He added that condominiums are not desired, and noted that in-fill housing may also be developed throughout the city.

COUNCILMEMBER
GARCIA

Councilmember Garcia concurred, noting that consideration should also be given to the amount of space needed for open spaces, walkways, streets, etc.

DIRECTOR SIMPSON

Director Simpson indicated that the vacant lots throughout town would be considered for moderate-income level homes since they are individual parcels. She also spoke on the need to identify other sites in addition to Allen Drive, since the HCD may decide that some of the acreage may not be suitable for development.

MAYOR BURROLA

Mayor Burrola suggested focusing on Allen Drive. He then asked whether the previous allocation already dedicated in the 5th cycle RHNA numbers could be modified, to which Director Simpson advised that it would be difficult at this point since the city has already committed to them.

MAYOR PRO TEM
AMBRIZ

Mayor Pro Tem Ambriz stated that the community does not want apartments.

CITY ATTORNEY
GUERRA

City Attorney Guerra reiterated that staff would reach out to HCD to see if the three acres previously designated could be modified.

VERONICA BARBOSA LARA	Veronica Barbosa Lara urged the Council to address the needs of local seniors by dedicating a portion of Allen Drive for the development of senior housing.
TONY NARANJO	Tony Naranjo expressed concern that the state may impose its preferences on housing issues if the Council fails to act quickly.
SUZANNE GOMEZ	Suzanne Gomez spoke on Irwindale's uniqueness and encouraged the Council to "stay the course." She stated that many local cities are also struggling to fulfill their RHNA obligation, which the Governor acknowledges. She urged the Council to stand up for what the city represents, and encouraged the development of apartments near the Gold Line station.
MAYOR PRO TEM AMBRIZ	Mayor Pro Tem Ambriz disagreed with the comment that the Council is not acting quickly enough, and stated that the Council is doing its best to make sure the residents' needs are met.
COUNCILMEMBER GARCIA	Councilmember Garcia expressed his understanding that the three acres on Allen Drive that have already been committed were designated for mixed use and senior housing. He stated that this likely remains the best use for the acreage.
MAYOR PRO TEM AMBRIZ	Replying to a question by Mayor Pro Tem Ambriz, Director Simpson indicated that high-density apartments or condominiums would typically be what is developed at the three acres. However, a developer may suggest something else.
MAYOR BURROLA	Mayor Burrola spoke against townhouses and condominiums, noting that these types of developments typically require their homeowners to pay home association fees, which may be too difficult for low-income residents to pay.
CITY ATTORNEY GUERRA	City Attorney Guerra repeated that staff would reach out to HCD regarding the three acres the city has already designated. Additionally, per the input received by the Council, three additional acres at Allen Drive will be zoned R1, and the remaining four units would be reserved for potential future use. Since the discussion on this item completed, he stated that Councilmember Breceda and City Manager Miranda may return to the Council Chambers to resume discussing the remaining properties.
COUNCILMEMBER BRECEDA AND CITY MANAGER MIRANDA	Councilmember Breceda and City Manager Miranda then returned to the Council Chambers at 9:08 p.m.
DIRECTOR SIMPSON	Director Simpson then discussed the characteristics of 12861 Schabarum Avenue. She proposed R3 zoning, heavy residential, with apartments or condominiums, with a capacity of approximately 21 units for the acre of land. She noted that it is located near a medical

	facility, financial institutions, college, schools, grocery stores, and transit.
MAYOR PRO TEM AMBRIZ	Mayor Pro Tem Ambriz suggested against utilizing this site for housing.
COUNCILMEMBER ORTIZ	Councilmember Ortiz concurred with Mayor Pro Tem Ambriz.
COUNCIL CONSENSUS	Council consensus was reached to reject the Schabarum site for housing.
DIRECTOR SIMPSON	Director Simpson then began discussing the Irwindale Avenue & Avenida Padilla site and provided site characteristics. She advised there is a capacity for about 33 units on two acres. She added that staff has spoken to a property owner in the area who expressed interest in a zoning overlay to allow for the development of housing at the site.
COUNCIL CONSENSUS	Council consensus was reached to agree with staff's recommendations regarding this site.
DIRECTOR SIMPSON	Director Simpson then discussed the Gold Line Reliance II / 15990 Foothill Boulevard site and provided site characteristics. She noted that this site has an adopted, applicable Specific Plan. Staff recommended zoning that would allow for mixed density units, potentially developing 23 units at one acre of the site. The site is near the Gold Line.
MAYOR PRO TEM AMBRIZ	Responding to a questions by Mayor Pro Tem Ambriz, Director Simpson advised that the family that owns Mt. Olive Storage had expressed concern over the city's eminent domain powers. However, after discussing the concerns with staff, the family is happy that the city is under consideration. She noted that the family is not considering scrapping their business, but is happy with the possibility of a zoning overlay at the site to allow for the development of housing.
DOMINIC BEA	Dominic Bea, who identified himself as the son of Mt. Olive Storage's founder, provided brief background information on the business, and noted his family's willingness for a zoning overlay to be used at the site.
DIRECTOR SIMPSON	Director Simpson stated that, although the site is over 20 acres in size, staff proposes a density of 57 units over 10 acres. She then discussed 13201 Ramona Boulevard and its four acres. Staff proposes zoning this site as R1 and R2, mixed commercial and residential uses. She noted that if mixed use is approved for the site, it could potentially hold more than 27 units.

Director Simpson then spoke on 12881 Ramona Boulevard and described its characteristics. Staff proposes developing 21 R3 units.

COUNCILMEMBER
ORTIZ

Responding to a comment by Councilmember Ortiz, Director Simpson reminded the Council that the HCD may still reject some of the sites proposed for housing. However, she advised that she would continue working with the consultants to put the information together and present the package to the Council.

MAYOR BURROLA

Mayor Burrola asked about the deadline to submit the information to HCD, to which Director Simpson acknowledged that the original deadline has since passed, though October 15 has been marked as the new deadline. She added that, although the HCD may reject some of the properties, it would provide a justification for the rejection and would provide the city the opportunity to respond.

ITEM NO. 2C
RECAP ON 4TH OF JULY
ACTIVITIES –
VERBAL UPDATE

RECAP ON 4TH OF JULY ACTIVITIES – VERBAL UPDATE

MANAGER ZEPEDA

Manager Zepeda made a PowerPoint presentation on the 4th of July activities, which included a “Red, White, and You BBQ”, a fireworks show, music, games, food, vendors, photo opportunities, information booths, and crafts. She thanked Ms. Khalalah Todd for setting up non-resident vendor booths, and thanked staff, the Council, and the Parks and Recreation Commission for their participation.

COUNCILMEMBER
ORTIZ, MAYOR PRO
TEM AMBRIZ,
COUNCILMEMBER
BRECEDA, AND
MAYOR BURROLA

Councilmember Ortiz, Mayor Pro Tem Ambriz, Councilmember Breceda, and Mayor Burrola all congratulated Recreation staff and all the participants for such wonderful and well-attended activities.

SUZANNE GOMEZ

Suzanne Gomez thanked staff, seniors, and the Police Department for their help. She also complained about illegal fireworks.

KHALALAH TODD

Khalalah Todd thanked the city for allowing her “Make Magic Happen” Market occur at the Park, and stated her joy to see so many people enjoying it. She thanked everyone that participated in it.

LINDA MAREZ

Linda Marez praised the Recreation Department for the event and noted that a large number of people were using illegal fireworks throughout the city, and hoped the Police Department can determine a way to eliminate their use.

PAT GONZALEZ

Pat Gonzalez also thanked the Recreation Department for the event and concurred about the use of illegal fireworks. She suggested increasing police patrols to discourage their use.

CITY MANAGER
MIRANDA

City Manager Miranda read the Police Department's narrative on patrol efforts for the 4th of July, wherein it was noted that this 4th of July's activities were split over several days, and many officers took the day off to enjoy it with their families. Officers seized a large amount of illegal fireworks from individuals attempting to use them inside the park. About 26 calls of disturbances were made. Additionally, detectives conducted undercover operations and seized about 100 pounds of illegal fireworks. In the future, staff will prepare to address those concerns expressed tonight.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

**CITY MANAGER'S
REPORT**

CITY MANAGER
MIRANDA

City Manager Miranda reported the following:

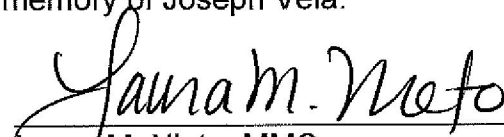
- 1) The nomination period for the upcoming General Municipal Election begins July 18 and closes August 12.
- 2) The CA Dept. of Transportation updated its westbound I-210 closure, which is scheduled for July 20-July 26. The second closure is scheduled for August 10 - August 16.
- 3) The city is hosting a blood drive with the American Red Cross on August 2.
- 4) The SGV Mosquito Vector Control District detected mosquitos carrying the West Nile virus in Irwindale. He provided tips to reduce the presence of mosquitos.
- 5) Recruitment for Community Development Office Specialist opens on July 18 and closes July 31 or until 50 qualified applications are received.
- 6) Recruitment for a part-time tutor is now open. The deadline to apply is July 28.
- 7) The Irwindale Police Officers Association will be hosting a "Menudo with a Cop" event on July 17 at Irwindale Park.
- 8) National Night Out will be held August 2.
- 9) No parking signs on Azusa Canyon Road have been revised to prohibit parking on Wednesdays due to scheduled trash pickup from Baldwin Park.
- 10) The Sunset Cinema and Music in the Park activities will continue this week.
- 11) The Mighty Coyotes will resume soccer games next week at Irwindale Park. Game location and dates are subject to change.

**AGENDA ITEMS
REQUESTED BY
COUNCILMEMBERS**

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 9:57 p.m., in memory of Joseph Vela.



Laura M. Nieto, MMC
Chief Deputy City Clerk

Approved as submitted at the meeting held July 27, 2022.