

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

**JANUARY 11, 2023
WEDNESDAY
6:40 P.M.**

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

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

Also Present: Julian A. Miranda, City Manager; Adrian Guerra, City Attorney; Robert Castro, Interim Chief of Police; Theresa Olivares, Assistant City Manager; Kambiz Borhani, Director of Finance / City Treasurer; Arsanious Hanna, Director of Engineering / Building Official; Marilyn Simpson, Community Development Director; Mary Hull, Human Resources Manager, and Laura Nieto, Chief Deputy City Clerk

AB 2449 DISCLOSURES None.

**CHANGES TO THE
AGENDA** None.

**COUNCILMEMBER
TRAVEL REPORT** None.

**COUNCILMEMBER
COMMENTS**

COUNCILMEMBER BURROLA Councilmember Burrola reflected on the city's accomplishments in 2022 and wished everyone a happy new year.

**INTRODUCTION OF
NEW EMPLOYEES /
PROMOTIONS**

INTRODUCTION OF KAREN RUIZ, OFFICE SPECIALIST, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
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The introduction was made.

PROMOTION OF IRWINDALE POLICE SGT. DIEGO CORNEJO
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**PROCLAMATIONS /
PRESENTATIONS /
COMMENDATIONS**

ADMINISTRATION OF
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The administration of oaths of office were conducted with Commissioners Carmen Roman, Maricela Frymark, Suzanne Gomez, and Christina Fraijo; Commissioner Michelle Duran was not in attendance.

RECOGNITION OF
OUTGOING
COMMISSIONERS

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Outgoing Senior Citizen Commissioner Virginia Diaz, who was in attendance, was recognized. Mayor Ortiz read the certificates for outgoing Parks & Recreation Commissioner Marguerite S. Sapien and Planning Commissioner Robert Hartman.

**SPONTANEOUS
COMMUNICATIONS**

PAT GONZALES

Pat Gonzales noted water pooling near the speed bump in front of the Dan Diaz Recreation Center and stated that the existing drain pipe is not large enough to drain all the water from the recent storms.

DENA ZEPEDA

Dena Zepeda congratulated the newly reappointed commissioners and thanked outgoing commissioners for their service. She also addressed allegations of misconduct occurring at the Police Department and questioned how employees can engage in such acts during work hours, and recommended that the accused individuals be disciplined.

FRED BARBOSA

Fred Barbosa complained about receiving meeting agendas late, and questioned the actions that the City has taken thus far with regard to the Five Points lawsuit. He stated that the residents do not want any type of development that would impact their lives, and threatened to recall the Councilmembers.

CARMEN ROMAN

Carmen Roman concurred with Mr. Barbosa and stated that residents oppose big buildings and pollution. She also stated that the residents want 10 acres reserved for housing. She also concurred with Mrs. Zepeda's comments regarding the Police Department.

DENA ZEPEDA

Dena Zepeda stated that the City needs a new law firm to represent its interests.

FRED BARBOSA

Fred Barbosa stated his belief that Five Points is suing the City since the City changed their property's zoning.

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION

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

ITEM NO. 1A
MINUTES

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The following minutes were approved:

- 1) Special meeting held December 7, 2022

ITEM NO. 1B
WARRANTS

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The warrants were approved.

ITEM NO. 1C
AWARD OF
CONTRACT FOR
DEVELOPMENT OF
A FEASIBILITY STUDY
FOR THE ARROW HWY
BEAUTIFICATION
PROJECT; P-1040

AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF A FEASIBILITY
STUDY FOR THE ARROW HIGHWAY BEAUTIFICATION
PROJECT; P-1040

- 1) The City Manager was authorized to enter into an agreement with Craftwater Engineering, Inc., in the amount of \$106,314 to develop a feasibility study for the Arrow Highway Beautification Project, and 2) a 20% project contingency in the amount of \$21,263 was approved to cover any unforeseeable changes that may arise during design.

ITEM NO. 1D
AMENDMENT NO. 1
TO CONTRACT
SERVICES AGMT.
WITH COORY
ENGINEERING

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO CONTRACT SERVICES AGREEMENT
WITH COORY ENGINEERING FOR PROFESSIONAL DESIGN
SERVICES FOR THE PREPARATION OF PLANS,
SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATE OF A VITRIFIED CLAY PIPE
SEWER LINE EXTENSION ON ARROW HIGHWAY; P-1035

Amendment No. 1 to Contract Services Agreement with Coory Engineering was approved and the City Manager was authorized to execute Amendment No. 1 to Contract Services Agreement with Coory Engineering for Professional Design Services for the preparation of Plans, Specifications, and Estimate (PS&E) of a Vitrified Clay Pipe (VCP) Sewer Line Extension on Arrow Highway (P-1035) to increase the contract amount from \$50,800 to \$78,000, an increase of \$27,200.

ITEM NO. 1E
DECLARATION OF
SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

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RESOLUTION NO.
2023-03-3381
ADOPTED

Resolution No. 2023-03-3381, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINDALE DECLARING CERTAIN VEHICLES AS SURPLUS, AUTHORIZING DISPOSITION OF THE SURPLUS VEHICLES, AND CREDITING AND APPROPRIATING PROCEEDS," was adopted.

ITEM NO. 1F
AMENDED AND
RESTATED CALTRANS

AMENDED AND RESTATED CALTRANS LANDSCAPE
MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

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MAINTENANCE
AGREEMENT

The Mayor and City Manager were authorized to execute an Amended and Restated Landscape Maintenance Agreement between the City of Irwindale and the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans).

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

NEW BUSINESS

ITEM NO. 2A
VERBAL UPDATE ON
CALLE DE PASEO
RED CURB

VERBAL UPDATE ON CALLE DE PASEO RED CURB

DIRECTOR HANNA

Director Hanna presented the report. He advised that the study that was presented to the Council on November 17, 2022 consisted of an line of sight analysis for drivers and a speed survey for the street. The study suggested locations along Calle de Paseo to be removed and for red curbs to be installed. Another study would determine whether the crosswalk would be removed, along with a few of the red curbs. He noted that the speed hump was requested due to the new school bus stop. He also addressed the comment made during Spontaneous Communications regarding the curb level, and advised that it remained low due to accessibility issues; there was no accessible path between south and north to head toward the Recreation Center. The speed bump was designed to be at the level of the curb so that individuals with limited mobility can cross safely. He indicated that the existing pipe that transfers water has limits, but noted that they will install a second pipe. Another study will be done to see if the crosswalk could be eliminated, though it may not be initiated until next week.

MAYOR PRO TEM
AMBRIZ

Responding to a question by Mayor Pro Tem Ambriz, Director Hanna advised that he has not submitted a request to the Public Works Services Department to repaint the curbs.

CITY MANAGER
MIRANDA

City Manager Miranda added that the curbs along Calle de Paseo appear exactly as they did prior to the first red curb installation.

FRED BARBOSA

Fred Barbosa stated that "red curbs are the only handicap parking" some have, to which Director Hanna advised that staff will check with the consultant to determine if blue curbs could be installed.

ITEM NO. 2B
VERBAL UPDATE ON
MORADA WALL
UPDATE

VERBAL UPDATE ON MORADA WALL UPDATE (Joint with Housing Authority)

DIRECTOR HANNA

Director Hanna advised that Assistant to the City Manager Espino has arranged for him and City Manager Miranda to meet with residents to

discuss the location of the walls as well as the structure plans before proceeding with the construction of the walls.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ITEM NO. 3A
PROPOSED USE OF
COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT
BLOCK GRANT
ALLOCATION FOR
FISCAL YEAR
2023-2024

PROPOSED USE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK
GRANT ALLOCATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024

FINANCE ANALYST
CARLOS

Finance Analyst Carlos presented the staff report.

OPEN
PUBLIC HEARING

At 7:30 p.m., Mayor Ortiz opened the public hearing.

FRED BARBOSA

Responding to a question by Fred Barbosa, Finance Manager Duran advised that the Community Development Block Grant is federal money that the City would receive to perform specific projects. She noted that the city may accumulate up to three years' worth of the funding.

PATSY GONZALES

Patsy Gonzales noted her experience working with CDBG funding during her employment at another city, and concurred that the funding should be used to purchase meals for seniors, if it falls within CDBG guidelines.

CLOSE
PUBLIC HEARING

There being no additional speakers, Mayor Ortiz closed the public hearing at 7:32 p.m.

RESOLUTION NO.
2023-01-3379
ADOPTED

Resolution No. 2023-01-3379, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRWINDALE APPROVING THE PROPOSED USE OF THE CITY'S FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 LOS ANGELES URBAN COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ALLOCATION," was adopted on the motion of Mayor Pro Tem Ambriz, seconded by Councilmember Breceda, and unanimously approved.

ITEM NO. 3B
PUBLIC HEARING AND
SECOND READING OF
ORDINANCE NO. 764

PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 764, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRWINDALE REPEALING ORDINANCE NOS. 709 AND 743 IN THEIR ENTIRETY, AMENDING TITLE 15 OF THE IRWINDALE MUNICIPAL CODE BY ADDING CHAPTER 15.07 – "EXISTING BUILDING CODE," AND ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BUILDING CODE (2023 EDITION) WITH

IRWINDALE AMENDMENTS, LOS ANGELES COUNTY ELECTRICAL CODE (2023 EDITION), LOS ANGELES COUNTY PLUMBING CODE (2023 EDITION), LOS ANGELES COUNTY MECHANICAL CODE (2023 EDITION), LOS ANGELES COUNTY GREEN BUILDING STANDARDS CODE (2023 EDITION), LOS ANGELES COUNTY RESIDENTIAL CODE (2023 EDITION), EXISTING BUILDING CODE (2023 EDITION), AND ADOPTING LOCAL AMENDMENTS THERETO, PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 50022.2 ET SEQ.”

DIRECTOR HANNA

Director Hanna presented the staff report.

OPEN
PUBLIC HEARING

At 7:35 p.m., Mayor Ortiz opened the public hearing.

CLOSE
PUBLIC HEARING

There being no speakers, Mayor Ortiz closed the public hearing at 7:36 p.m.

ORDINANCE NO. 764
ADOPTED ON
SECOND READING

Ordinance No. 764, entitled:

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CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

CITY MANAGER
MIRANDA

City Manager Miranda reported the following:

- 1) The Finance Department has achieved the Government Finance Officers Association award for the 12th consecutive year for its annual Comprehensive Financial Report for FY ending June 30, 2021.
- 2) A visioning workshop for the new Library has been scheduled for January 19.

- 3) Over 40 children participated in the Cookies and Milk with Santa event. He thanked all volunteers and donors.
- 4) He briefly reviewed upcoming events and activities of the Senior Center and Recreation Departments.

AGENDA ITEMS
REQUESTED BY
COUNCILMEMBERS

ITEM NO. 5A
REQUEST BY
COUNCILMEMBER
BURROLA REGARDING
THE INSTALLATION OF
A DIGITAL BILLBOARD
IN FRONT OF CITY HALL

REQUEST BY COUNCILMEMBER BURROLA REGARDING THE
INSTALLATION OF A DIGITAL BILLBOARD IN FRONT OF CITY
HALL

COUNCILMEMBER
BURROLA

Councilmember Burrola stated that he was approached by several residents who have inquired about installing a digital billboard in front of City Hall, and said that the current digital sign is the type mostly commonly used to inform motorists about traffic or road conditions. He then requested that a report be prepared detailing the condition of the existing fountain at the front of City Hall, and whether it could be removed to install a digital billboard.

FRED BARBOSA

Fred Barbosa said that the fountain has not worked for many years and putting an electrical sign near it would not be a good idea.

COUNCILMEMBER
BRECEDA

Councilmember Breceda agreed with Councilmember Burrola. He stated that the cities of Baldwin Park and West Covina have digital signs that may work for Irwindale. He also wondered whether a water feature could be installed at the site of the existing fountain.

MAYOR ORTIZ

Mayor Ortiz concurred that a permanent digital sign should be installed, to which City Manager Miranda stated that staff would look into the available options and present ideas in a future report.

PAT GONZALES

Pat Gonzales agreed that a digital sign would be nice and agreed with the ideas presented by the Council.

MAYOR ORTIZ

Mayor Ortiz reminded that he has previously requested the installation of speed limit signs with radar on Irwindale Avenue, similar to the one installed at Cypress and Azusa Canyon Road, as well as illuminated crosswalks and a bump on the street at Rivergrade Road near Live Oak Avenue, and reiterated his request that staff look into the requests.

Mayor Ortiz asked whether Michelle Duran would be able to continue serving on the Irwindale Community Foundation now that she has been appointed to the Parks & Recreation Commission, to which City

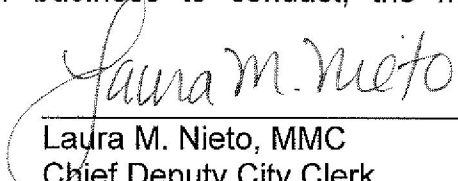
Manager Miranda advised that she would not continue serving on the Foundation, and added that staff is preparing to accept applications for the Foundation.

ASSISTANT CITY
MANAGER OLIVARES

Assistant City Manager Olivares added that a flyer would be mailed to residents notifying them of the vacancy on the Foundation's Board and will encourage residents to apply. The applications received will be forwarded to the Council for consideration.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.



Laura M. Nieto, MMC
Chief Deputy City Clerk

Approved as submitted at the meeting held February 8, 2023.