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

DECEMBER 19, 2024
THURSDAY
11:30 A.M.

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

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION	A motion was made by Councilmember Ambriz, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ortiz, to approve the Consent Calendar, except for Item Nos. 6A and 6F, which were removed for separate consideration. The motion was unanimously approved; Councilmember Breceda abstaining on Item No. 6B and Councilmember Garcia absent.
ITEM NO. 6B AWARD A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT TO LEONIDA BUILDERS, INC. FOR THE MORADA STREET – CMU BLOCK WALL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, 5239 MORADA STREET	AWARD A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT TO LEONIDA BUILDERS, INC. FOR THE MORADA STREET – CMU BLOCK WALL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, 5239 MORADA STREET The City Manager was authorized to enter into an agreement with Leonida Builders, Inc. in the amount of $118,200 for the Morada St. CMU Block Wall Improvement Project, 5239 Morada Street, and a 10% project contingency in the amount of $11,820 was approved to cover any unforeseeable conditions that may arise during construction; Councilmember Breceda abstaining.
ITEM NO. 6C AWARD A CONTRACT TO CITYTECH SOLUTIONS FOR PERMIT TRACKING, DIGITAL PLAN CHECK, AND BUILDING & SAFETY INSPECTION SOFTWARE PROGRAM SYSTEM	AWARD A CONTRACT TO CITYTECH SOLUTIONS FOR PERMIT TRACKING, DIGITAL PLAN CHECK, AND BUILDING & SAFETY INSPECTION SOFTWARE PROGRAM SYSTEM The City Manager was authorized to enter into an agreement with CityTech Solutions, Inc. for Permit Tracking, Digital Plan Check, and Building & Safety Inspection Software System in the amount of $73,000.00, a 20% contingency in the amount of $14,600.00 was approved to cover any additional custom programming fees/ costs associated with the new software during the contract, and
RESOLUTION NO. 2024-115-3592 ADOPTED	**Resolution No. 2024-115-3592**, entitled: "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRWINDALE APPROVING AMENDING FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 ADOPTED BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE $87,600 AND

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH CITYTECH SOLUTIONS, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF SOFTWARE LICENSE AND SUBSCRIPTION FOR PERMIT TRACKING, DIGITAL PLAN CHECK, AND BUILDING SAFETY INSPECTION SYSTEM," was adopted.

ITEM NO. 6D
AWARD OF AS-NEEDED BUILDING AND SAFETY SERVICES

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The City Council of the City of Irwindale authorized the City Manager to execute an agreement with Transtech Engineers, Inc. and JAS Pacific for As-Needed Building and Safety Division Plan Check and Inspection Services.

ITEM NO. 6E
RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON BUILDING & SAFETY DIVISION TRANSITION AND AWARD OF CONTRACT TO TRANSTECH ENGINEERS, INC. FOR BUILDING & SAFETY SERVICES

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The update on the City of Irwindale Building and Safety Division transition was received and filed, and:

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-112-3589 ADOPTED

Resolution No. 2024-112-3589, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRWINDALE WAIVING THE FORMAL BIDDING PROCEDURES PURSUANT TO IRWINDALE MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 3.44.080(H) AND APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH TRANSTECH ENGINEERING, INC. FOR BUILDING AND SAFETY SERVICES," was adopted.

ITEM NO. 6G
AMEND THE EXPENDITURE PLAN FOR THE USE OF THE REMAINING AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDING

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RESOLUTION NO. 2024-113-3590 ADOPTED

Resolution No. 2024-113-3590, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRWINDALE APPROVING THE REALOCATION OF THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN (ARPA) FUNDS FOR VARIOUS CITY NEEDS," was adopted.

ITEM NO. 6H

CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED PERSONNEL ADJUSTMENT

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RESOLUTION NO. 2024-114-3591 ADOPTED

Resolution No. 2024-114-3591, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRWINDALE REPEALING AND REPLACING RESOLUTION NO. 2024-90-3567, AND ESTABLISHING THE NUMBER OF POSITIONS, SCHEDULE OF CLASSES, AND COMPENSATION FOR CITY EMPLOYEES," was adopted.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

ITEM NO. 6A
AWARD A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT TO ROBERT CLAPPER CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, INC. DBA R.C. CONSTRUCTION SERVICES FOR THE PUBLIC LIBRARY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

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COUNCILMEMBER BRECEDA

Councilmember Breceda declared a potential conflict of interest and exited the Council Chambers at 11:35 a.m.

MAYOR BURROLA

Mayor Burrola requested that the Council be informed whenever there are change orders relating to the project, to which Director Chan advised that the project is straightforward and that staff does not anticipate any major change orders, except for those due to minor, unforeseen conditions, or when they are initiated by the City.

Mayor Burrola also asked about the schedule for the development of the parking lot and landscaping, to which Director Chan indicated that, since the project is being financed through a grant, the building itself must be completed by March 27, 2026. The development of the parking lot and landscaping will occur afterward and would take approximately three months to complete.

MAYOR PRO TEM ORTIZ

Mayor Pro Tem Ortiz asked clarifying questions regarding the project cost and contingency funding, which Director Chan explained. Mayor Pro Tem Ortiz requested that any change orders to this project as well as the Morada Street wall project, as well as their costs, be identified.

DIRECTOR CHAN

Director Chan stated that all items will be listed at the end of the project, including any change orders or added / removed items.

MOTION

A motion was made by Councilmember Ambriz, seconded by Mayor Burrola, to authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Robert Clapper Construction Services, Inc. dba R.C. Construction Services in the amount of $8,084,701 for the Public Library Improvement Project and approve a 10% construction contingency in the amount of $808,470 to cover any unforeseeable conditions that may arise during construction. The motion was unanimously approved; Councilmembers Breceda and Garcia absent.

ITEM NO. 6F
RATIFICATION OF TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT FOR AND APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH CLEAN COALITION FOR BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM (BESS) CONSULTATION SERVICES

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COUNCILMEMBER BRECEDA

Councilmember Breceda returned to the Council Chambers at 11:47 a.m.

MAYOR BURROLA

In response to questions by Mayor Burrola, City Manager Miranda advised that Craig Lewis, with Clean Coalition, has previously made presentations to the Council regarding this matter. He added that he signed the contract authorizing Mr. Lewis to make presentations during the two recent workshops and asked for authorization to sign a new contract with Mr. Lewis so that he can make another presentation at the meeting of January 8.

COUNCILMEMBER AMBRIZ

Councilmember Ambriz noted that the Council has previously requested that Mr. Lewis appear at the January meeting in person, to which City Manager Miranda stated that the request is part of the proposed contract, though if the Council were to deny its approval, Mr. Lewis would have little incentive to attend the meeting.

DIRECTOR BORHANI

Director Borhani added that approval of the subject contract would grant the City the opportunity to engage Mr. Lewis and bring him in as a consultant. He expressed his hope that the Council approve authorizing funding so that Mr. Lewis could attend the meeting and provide any necessary information.

MAYOR PRO TEM ORTIZ

Mayor Pro Tem Ortiz asked who recommended Clean Coalition, to which City Manager Miranda stated that staff conducted research and located Mr. Lewis, who has been involved in numerous other battery energy storage systems throughout the region.

Mayor Pro Tem Ortiz voiced concern over the high price of the presentations, noting that the first in-person presentation cost $9,900, while the second virtual presentation cost $2,500, and suggested selecting a different firm if the Council chooses to continue with a BESS project.

CITY MANAGER MIRANDA

City Manager Miranda asked whether the Council would be amenable to restructuring the contract, perhaps by charging an hourly rate rather than charging a specific amount per meeting.

MAYOR PRO TEM ORTIZ

Mayor Pro Tem Ortiz stated that a contract restructure would be acceptable. He then asked whether Mr. Costello with the Fire Department was also charging for participating in the presentations, to which City Manager Miranda advised that he has not charged.

CITY MANAGER MIRANDA

Responding to a question by City Manager Miranda, City Attorney Guerra mentioned that staff could remove the option to make presentations after the January 8 meeting from the contract as a way to lower the cost.

MAYOR PRO TEM ORTIZ

Mayor Pro Tem Ortiz stated that this would be acceptable, though he would still like to see whether the fixed rates could be changed to hourly rates.

MOTION

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Ortiz, seconded by Councilmember Ambriz, to ratify the contract and approve Amendment No. 2 to the Professional Services Agreement with Clean Coalition for Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) Consultation Services, with the removal of Task E from the Schedule of Performance and for staff to determine whether there can be a reduction of the $5,000, and for the agreement to be approved subject as to form by the City Attorney. The motion was unanimously approved, Councilmember Garcia absent.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 12:01 p.m.

Laura M. Nieto

Laura M. Nieto, MMC
Chief Deputy City Clerk

Approved as submitted at the meeting held January 8, 2025.