

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

APRIL 14, 2021
WEDNESDAY
6:31 P.M.

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

ROLL CALL:

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

Present: William Tam, City Manager; Theresa Olivares, Assistant City Manager; Adrian Guerra, City Attorney; Ty Henshaw, Police Chief; Arsanious Hanna, City Engineer; Eva Carreon, Director of Finance; Marilyn Simpson, Community Development Manager; Mary Hull, Human Resources Manager; Elizabeth Rodriguez, Public Works Services Manager; Brandi Jones, Senior Planner; Jeff Wagner, Information Technology Manager; Iris Espino, Economic Development Coordinator; and Laura Nieto, Chief Deputy City Clerk

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None.

COUNCILMEMBER TRAVEL REPORTS

None.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

COUNCILMEMBER AMBRIZ

Councilmember Ambriz thanked all the volunteers that participated in the Irwindale Community Foundation's Food Drive held March 27, though he apologized for the distribution of some expired food items. He urged everyone that received food donations to check the expiration dates on the items they received. He also reiterated a past request for staff to contact the family of Rosie Guerrero to arrange for the dedication of a park bench in her honor, to which Assistant City Manager Olivares advised that the family has previously indicated that they would contact staff when they were ready to proceed, and that staff is waiting for this to occur. She added that the Parks and Recreation Commission has requested changes to the draft Park Bench Plaque Dedication Policy for consideration by the Council at a meeting in May.

Councilmember Ambriz requested that staff contact Rosie Guerrero's family again to follow-up on his request. He also announced that his wife will be appearing at an upcoming episode of the Price is Right.

MAYOR ORTIZ

Mayor Ortiz advised that he has requested that City Manager Tam provide a status update on the recertification process of the applicants for the Mayans Housing Purchase Program, which will be provided during the Housing Authority portion of the meeting. He also repeated a previous concern over uneven surfaces on the walkway along the wash by the Louis Vuitton building and Irwindale Avenue,

and requested that it be repaired. He also requested that the shrubs near the wash be trimmed, and that the trash dumped at the walkway on Nora Avenue be removed.

**INTRODUCTION OF
NEW EMPLOYEES /
PROMOTIONS**

None.

**PROCLAMATIONS /
PRESENTATIONS /
COMMENDATIONS**

CERTIFICATE OF
RECOGNITION TO
THE IRWINDALE
SPEEDWAY FOR
HOSTING THE
IRWINDALE FOOD
BANK DISTRIBUTION

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION TO THE IRWINDALE
SPEEDWAY FOR HOSTING THE IRWINDALE REGIONAL FOOD
BANK DISTRIBUTION

The presentation was made.

PRESENTATION BY
IRWINDALE BREW
YARD

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The presentation was made.

CARMEN ROMAN

Responding to a question by Carmen Roman, a representative from Irwindale Brew Yard advised that employees of the business must be at least 21 years old since it is an establishment that serves alcohol. She added that interviews for open positions will be held in the near future.

CERTIFICATE OF
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MR. MICHAEL LOPEZ
IN HONOR OF HIS
95TH BIRTHDAY

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION TO MR. MICHAEL LOPEZ IN
HONOR OF HIS 95TH BIRTHDAY

The recognition was made.

**SPONTANEOUS
COMMUNICATIONS**

CARMEN ROMAN

Carmen Roman asked about FEMA reimbursement for the city's COVID-related expenses, to which Director Carreon advised that the city has spent nearly \$500,000 in COVID-related expenses, and that the city has thus far received about \$80,000 in reimbursements through federal and state programs; FEMA takes about two years to issue reimbursements. She added that, under President Biden's American Rescue Plan, the city will be eligible to receive reimbursement for 100% of COVID-related costs.

Carmen Roman asked if any of the reimbursed funds would cover staffing costs.

- SUZANNE GOMEZ** Suzanne Gomez expressed her appreciation to staff for working hard to ensure projects such as the Park Improvement Project continued even through a global pandemic. She also urged the Council to spend funding wisely since it will take time for the city to recover economically from the pandemic, and suggested that the Council continue working on implementing the city forefathers' vision. She also requested that Park Patrol be reinstated.
- MARIANA RODRIGUEZ** Mariana Rodriguez reported a burnt-out street light near her home, and requested that the roads near her home be re-stripped.
- DENA ZEPEDA** Dena Zepeda asked clarifying questions about the funds that the Irwindale Community Foundation has donated, suggested that fees for residents for Recreation programs be lowered, concurred with Mariana Rodriguez's comments about the need to re-stripe city streets, and thanked police officers for their hard work.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- MOTION** A motion was made by Councilmember Breceda, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Burrola to approve the Consent Calendar; reading ordinances by title only and waiving further reading thereof. The motion was unanimously approved.

ITEM NO. 1A
MINUTES

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- 1) Special meeting held March 24, 2021
- 2) Regular meeting held March 24, 2021

ITEM NO. 1B
WARRANTS /
DEMANDS /
PAYROLL

WARRANTS / DEMANDS / PAYROLL

The warrants / demands / payroll were approved.

ITEM NO. 1C
REJECTION OF CLAIM -
ANDREA CARR-FRAIJO
VS. CITY OF IRWINDALE

REJECTION OF CLAIM – ANDREA CARR-FRAIJO VS. CITY OF IRWINDALE

The claim of Andrea Carr-Fraijo vs. City of Irwindale was rejected and staff was directed to send a letter of rejection.

ITEM NO. 1D
REJECTION OF CLAIM -
JONATHAN
CARR-FRAIJO VS.
CITY OF IRWINDALE

REJECTION OF CLAIM – JONATHAN CARR-FRAIJO VS. CITY OF IRWINDALE

The claim of Jonathan Carr-Fraijo vs. City of Irwindale was rejected and staff was directed to send a letter of rejection.

ITEM NO. 1E
LOS ANGELES CO.
DEPT. OF ANIMAL
CARE AND CONTROL

LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL (DACC) ANIMAL LICENSING AMNESTY PROGRAM

The City of Irwindale's participation in the Los Angeles County

ANIMAL LICENSING
AMNESTY PROGRAM

Department of Animal Care and Control's (DACC) Animal Licensing Amnesty Program, was approved.

ITEM NO. 1F
APPROPRIATION OF
SUPPLEMENTAL LAW
ENFORCEMENT
SERVICES FUNDS
FOR THE CITIZEN
OPTION FOR PUBLIC
SAFETY PROGRAM
(COPS) AB3229

APPROPRIATION OF SUPPLEMENTAL LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES FUNDS FOR THE CITIZEN OPTION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY PROGRAM (COPS) AB3229

RESOLUTION NO.
2021-21-3243
ADOPTED

Resolution No. 2021-21-3243, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRWINDALE RECORDING REVENUES AND AN APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$170,969.64 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-21 OF SUPPLEMENTAL LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES FUNDS FOR THE CITIZEN'S OPTION PUBLIC SAFETY PROGRAM (COPS)", was adopted, thereby appropriating supplemental law enforcement services funds.

ITEM NO. 1G
LEASE OF CITY'S
GROUND WATER
PRODUCTION RIGHTS
FOR FY 2020/2021

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1) San Gabriel Valley Water Company's proposal was accepted and the city's 285.38 acre-feet of ground water pumping rights were leased for FY 2020/2021; and the City Manager was authorized to sign a one-year lease for the temporary assignment of the city's water pumping rights.

ITEM NO. 1H
FOOTHILL BL. BUS
SHELTER COLUMN
REPAIRS AND
REPLACEMENT

FOOTHILL BOULEVARD BUS SHELTER COLUMN REPAIRS AND REPLACEMENT

RESOLUTION NO.
2021-22-3244
ADOPTED

Resolution No. 2021-22-3244, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRWINDALE APPROPRIATING MTA-PROPOSITION A FUNDS FOR THE FOOTHILL BOULEVARD BUS SHELTER COLUMN REPAIRS AND REPLACEMENT," was adopted.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

NEW BUSINESS

ITEM NO. 2A
CONSIDERATION OF
ORGANIZATIONAL
CHANGES TO
ENHANCE STRUCTURE
TO BETTER MEET THE
NEEDS OF THE
COMMUNITY AND
SUSTAIN DEMANDED
SERVICE LEVELS

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COMMUNITY AND SUSTAIN DEMANDED SERVICE LEVELS

- RECESS At 7:17 p.m., the Council took a short recess.
- RECONVENE At 7:22 p.m., the Council reconvened with all members present.
- CITY MANAGER TAM City Manager Tam presented the staff report.
- SUZANNE GOMEZ Suzanne Gomez spoke against approving the recommended changes at this time since the city is just emerging out of the pandemic and since the city will soon undergo negotiations with employee organizations.
- MARIANA RODRIGUEZ Mariana Rodriguez concurred with Ms. Gomez and questioned whether the residents would benefit from the recommended changes.
- CARMEN ROMAN Carmen Roman stated that she was confused about the proposed changes and suggested that this matter be addressed at a special meeting instead of a regular meeting.
- DENA ZEPEDA Dena Zepeda suggested that the staff that had duties transferred to other departments be demoted and that they be disciplined and paid less, to which City Manager Tam clarified that the employees being proposed to receive the director positions would have their salaries adjusted accordingly, and that the department that is not affected will have no changes in staffing salaries.
- NORMA ORTIZ Norma Ortiz concurred with Ms. Gomez's statements and suggested postponing this matter until after the new budget is approved.
- COUNCILMEMBER AMBRIZ Councilmember Ambriz expressed his strong support for the proposed organizational changes since it will lead to a more effective and efficient workforce. He noted that the community would benefit from the changes since improved community services would be rendered. He also indicated that the changes would not pose a significant financial burden.
- MOTION A motion was made by Councilmember Ambriz to adopt: **Resolution No. 2021-24-3236**, entitled:

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-24-3236 "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRWINDALE APPROVING A NEW JOB CLASSIFICATION AND ASSOCIATED JOB SPECIFICATION, FREEZING AND UNFREEZING CERTAIN MANAGEMENT CLASSIFICATIONS, APPROVING UPDATES ON EXISTING JOB SPECIFICATIONS, AND CREATING A NEW PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT," and

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-23-3235 **Resolution No. 2021-23-3235**, entitled:
"A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRWINDALE REPLACING RESOLUTION NO. 2020-50-3160, ADOPTING A SCHEDULE OF SALARIES AND BENEFITS FOR UNCLASSIFIED MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES," and

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-29-3241 **Resolution No. 2021-29-3241**, entitled:
"A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRWINDALE REPLACING RESOLUTION NO. 2020-83-3243, ESTABLISHING THE NUMBER OF POSITIONS, SCHEDULE OF CLASSES, COMPENSATION, AND BENEFITS FOR CITY EMPLOYEES,"

COUNCILMEMBER BRECEDA Councilmember Breceda also supported approving the resolutions and spoke on how the changes would improve services by city departments. He then seconded Councilmember Ambriz's motion.

MAYOR PRO TEM BURROLA Mayor Pro Tem Burrola agreed that the suggested reorganization would not have a significant impact on the budget, noted that the suggested changes are a result of the numerous requests that the Council has made of staff recently, and stated his preference in approving staff's recommendation.

MAYOR ORTIZ Responding to clarifying questions by Mayor Ortiz, City Manager Tam advised that the costs of the changes have been calculated at \$8,500 from this point through the remainder of the fiscal year.

ROLL CALL The above-mentioned motion was unanimously approved; Mayor Ortiz abstaining due to his concern that the approval would open the door to adding new staff positions in the near future.

PUBLIC HEARINGS None.

**CITY MANAGER'S
REPORT**

ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER OLIVARES Assistant City Manager Olivares spoke on services that have resumed in the Library, discussed plans to honor Mr. Dan Diaz for his 40 years of service to the community as a member of the Parks and Recreation Commission, and encouraged residents' participation in

suggesting possible names for the unnamed street near Mountain Avenue.

CITY MANAGER TAM City Manager Tam suggested that the Council make plans to participate in the ceremony honoring Mr. Dan Diaz.

PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER ESPINO Public Information Officer Espino provided a COVID-19 update.

DENA ZEPEDA Dena Zepeda asked about the Johnson and Johnson vaccine, to which Public Information Officer Espino noted that updated information is posted on the city website and on social media, and that updated information will be shared with the community.

**FUTURE AGENDA
ITEMS REQUESTED BY
COUNCILMEMBERS**

There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.



Laura M. Nieto, MMC
Chief Deputy City Clerk

Approved as submitted at the meeting held April 28, 2021.