

IRWINDALE COUNCIL CHAMBER
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IRWINDALE, CALIFORNIA 91706

December 18, 2023
MONDAY
9:00 A.M.

The Irwindale **SENIOR CITIZEN COMMISSION** met in special session at the above time and place.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Commissioners Carol Acosta, Christina Fraijo; Patricia Gonzales
Vice Chair Iris Rodriguez;

Absent Chair Maggie Guzman;

Also present: Elizabeth Rodriguez, Public Works Services Director; Eloise Beltran, Senior Center Manager; and Sylvia Tapia, Office Specialist

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION

A motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner Acosta, to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion was unanimously approved.

ITEM NO. 1A
MINUTES

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The minutes of the regular meeting held November 27, 2023, were approved.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

SPONTANEOUS
COMMUNICATIONS

There were no speakers.

SENIOR CENTER
MANAGER UPDATE

Senior Center Manager Beltran provided the following update:

1) Special events and activities:

- A) Today, everyone is free to wear any kind of Holiday Hat.
- B) There are currently 9 openings for the New Year's dance, which will take place on Friday, January 12th from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- C) The Birthday Brunch for this coming Thursday is full.
- D) January Crafts will be held on January 22nd. There are currently 5 openings.
- E) Tomorrow at 1 p.m., there will be a white elephant and gift exchange, along with cookies and cocoa. Please bring a \$10 gift card; gift cards are available on the side if needed. A total of 36 people have registered. Additionally, there will be a holiday sock day.

- F) On Friday, December 22nd you can wear holiday PJs.
- 2) Field Trips:
- A) Fantasy Springs Casino is scheduled for January 27th from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. There are currently 7 openings left.

PUBLIC SERVICES
DIRECTOR UPDATE

The Global Auction Club donated several items to Irwindale employees. Corporal Lopez played an important role, and 118 items were raffled.

We appreciate Chair Guzman's service. The council will award her a certificate at its second meeting in January.

Happy Holidays to everyone. City Hall will be closed, with the exception of the Police Department and Recreation, starting December 25, 2023, through January 7, 2024, and will reopen on Monday, January 8, 2024.

COMMISSIONER
GONZALES

Responding to a question by Commissioner Gonzales, Director Rodriguez stated that the Recreation Center remains open during the closure to ensure children can continue with their daily activities. The Senior Center is closed because the Seniors are 50 and older, but they can still visit the Recreation Center. The Recreation offers ongoing programs and activities in which children can participate.

COMMISSIONER ITEMS
AND REQUESTS

COMMISSIONER
GONZALES

Commissioner Gonzales inquired about the book club meeting. Manager Beltran confirmed that it's on Tuesdays but will need to verify the time.

DIRECTOR
RODRIGUEZ

Responding to a question by Commissioner Gonzales, Director Rodriguez stated that at the last council meeting, Mayor Ortiz questioned how many people residents can be placed on the standby list and that he would like the council to do so as well. Director Rodriguez indicated that the council members do not need to sign up for the dances; they are automatically included on the list along with a guest; however, if they want to sign up someone as a standby, they must go in the morning, stand in line, and get a ticket and put someone on the standby list. If the council would like to make any changes, it will be at their discretion to change it.

MANAGER
BELTRAN

In response to a question by Commissioner Acosta, Manager Beltran confirmed that it's 2 per household on the standby list.

DIRECTOR
RODRIGUEZ

Director Rodriguez stated that residents have a week to sign up and then it becomes standby for a week, then it's open to non-residents.

COMMISSIONER
ACOSTA

Responding to a question by Commissioner Acosta, Manager Beltran stated that registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Commissioner Acosta proposed that registrations could take place in the evenings.

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DIRECTOR
RODRIGUEZ

Director Rodriguez indicated that a suggestion from a commissioner, can be discussed later.

COMMISSIONER
GONZALES

In response to a question from Commissioner Gonzales, Director Rodriguez clarified that individuals standing in line for others must live in the same household. Both the Recreation and Senior Center should follow the same procedure.

COMMISSIONER
ACOSTA

Everything was wonderful at the Christmas dinner. She thanks Manager Eloise, staff, and the teen club.

COMMISSIONER
BELTRAN

In response to a question from Commissioner Gonzales, Manager Beltran will inform Jade about notifying the catering company to provide butter.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 9:18 a.m.

ATTEST:



Sylvia Tapia
Office Specialist

Approved as presented at the meeting held January 22, 2024