

IRWINDALE COUNCIL CHAMBER  
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IRWINDALE, CALIFORNIA 91706

FEBRUARY 28, 2022  
MONDAY  
9:00 A.M.

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

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: Commissioners Carol Acosta, Patricia Gonzales (arrived at 9:10 a.m.), Iris Rodriguez (arrived at 9:05 a.m.); Vice Chair Maggie Guzman; Chair Virginia Diaz

Also present: Theresa Olivares, Assistant City Manager; Eloise Beltran, Senior Center Manager; Jeff Wagner, IT Manager; and Armando Hegdahl, Management Analyst

**INTRODUCTION OF  
CITY MANAGER  
JULIAN A. MIRANDA**

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The introduction was postponed to the next meeting.

**SPONTANEOUS  
COMMUNICATIONS**

There were no speakers.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Vice Chair Guzman, seconded by Commissioner Acosta, to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion was unanimously approved; Commissioners Gonzales and Rodriguez absent.

**ITEM NO. 1A  
MINUTES**

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The minutes of the regular meeting held January 24, 2022, were approved.

**END OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

**SENIOR CENTER  
MANAGER UPDATE**

Senior Center Manager Beltran provided the following update:

- 1) Upcoming special events and activities:
  - A) Muffins on March 7
  - B) Rock Painting on March 8
  - C) Bunco on March 16
  - D) St. Patrick's Day Dance on March 17
  - E) Bingo on March 23
  - F) Birthday Brunch registrations begin today for residents; non-residents can sign up on March 7.
  - G) Field Trips: Hornblower Brunch Cruise on March 20.
  - H) Frida Kahlo and Olvera Street trip will be held April 2.
  - I) Registrations for spring classes begin today: Moving and Grooving, Rock Out Drumming, Zumba Gold, Canvas Painting, Line Dancing, Band Resistance, and Gentle Mat Yoga, among others.



**PUBLIC SERVICES**  
**DIRECTOR UPDATE**

Assistant City Manager Olivares provided the following update:

- 1) WS Pave will resurface the City Hall service road parking lot to accommodate extra ADA parking spaces from May 20 through May 22.
- 2) Staff posted signs at various locations near the Library to warn patrons about the presence of raccoons, though she stated that sightings have decreased.
- 3) The City of Irwindale will continue requiring staff and members of the public to use facemasks whenever they are located inside a city facility. Staff will continue monitoring mask requirements and will update the Commission as new information develops.

COMMISSIONER  
GONZALES

Responding to a question by Commissioner Gonzales, Assistant City Manager Olivares advised that skunks have also been sighted near the Library, and urged patrons to remain vigilant with wild animals.

**COMMISSIONER ITEMS**  
**AND REQUESTS**

CHAIR DIAZ

Responding to a question by Chair Diaz, Manager Beltran indicated that staff has taken efforts to increase room availability for participants of exercise classes, such as utilizing chairs with no armrests and removing the conference table. She added that the space can accommodate up to 25 participants, though that number is not typically reached.

VICE CHAIR GUZMAN

Vice Chair Guzman asked whether social distancing is required for exercise programs, to which Manager Beltran indicated that it is not a requirement, though staff still attempts to retain about three to four feet between exercise class participants.

Vice Chair Guzman also asked when mask mandates would be lifted, to which Assistant City Manager Olivares advised that staff follows mandates emitted from the Los Angeles County's Department of Public Health. Staff will keep the Commission informed of any changes to such mandates.

COMMISSIONER  
ACOSTA

Commissioner Acosta asked whether exercise classes for seniors are held at the Recreation Center, to which Manager Beltran replied by indicating that some programs, such as Zumba Gold, are held there, though she noted that other programs cannot be held there since chairs cannot be placed on the gym floor.

CHAIR DIAZ

In response to a question by Chair Diaz, Manager Beltran advised that staff has considered holding either early morning or after-hour classes.

COMMISSIONER  
ACOSTA

Commissioner Acosta suggested possibly splitting the classes, to which Manager Beltran stated that staff is looking into adding evening classes, and noted that Tai Chi is divided into two classes.



CHAIR DIAZ

Chair Diaz asked what could be done to help seniors remember to sign up for classes, to which Manager Beltran advised that staff reminds seniors in person and over the phone to sign up. She indicated that staff also posts monthly calendars at the Senior Center and mails them out to remind seniors about upcoming events and activities. She further recommended that seniors that are interested in participating in sold-out classes request that they be placed on stand-by lists in case individuals that have signed up end up dropping out.

ASSISTANT CITY  
MANAGER OLIVARES

Assistant City Manager Olivares advised that monthly calendars are mailed out to those who have "opted-in" to receive said notifications in the mail. Individuals that are interested in "opting-in" may inquire with City Hall staff.

CHAIR DIAZ

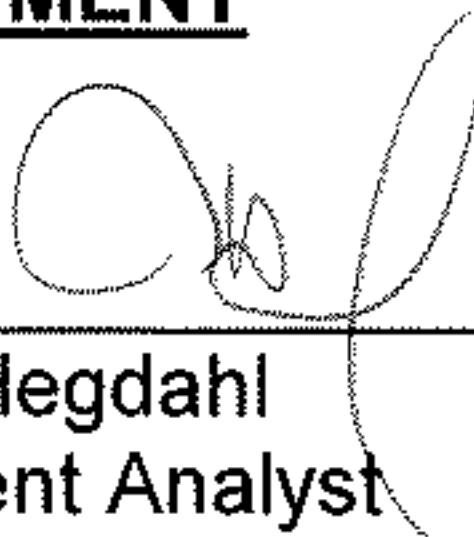
Responding to a question by Chair Diaz, Analyst Hegdahl advised that the state-mandated AB 1234 ethics trainings are held bi-annually with public officials and select staff.

ASSISTANT CITY  
MANAGER OLIVARES

Assistant City Manager Olivares advised that members of the commission may borrow Chromebooks and internet hotspots from the Library if they wish to complete their trainings at home.

**ADJOURNMENT**

ATTEST:



Armando Hegdahl  
Management Analyst

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 9:27 a.m.

Approved as presented at the meeting held March 28, 2022.