

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

OCTOBER 25, 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,
Mayor Pro Tem Albert F. Ambriz; Mayor H. Manuel Ortiz

Absent: Councilmember Manuel R. Garcia

Also Present: Julian A. Miranda, City Manager; Adrian Guerra, City Attorney; Theresa Olivares, Assistant City Manager; Christopher Hofford, Chief of Police; Kambiz Borhani, Director of Finance / City Treasurer; Eddie Chan, Director of Engineering / Building Official; Elizabeth Rodriguez, Public Services Director; Mary Hull, Human Resources Manager, and Laura Nieto, Chief Deputy City Clerk

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.

AB 2449 DISCLOSURES None.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

**CITY MANAGER
MIRANDA**

City Manager Miranda noted that the map included as an exhibit to Item 18F has been revised and advised that the Zoom broadcast is experiencing technical difficulties and that there may be diminished sound quality during the meeting.

COUNCILMEMBER TRAVEL REPORTS

None.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

**COUNCILMEMBER
BURROLA**

Councilmember Burrola indicated that he has received complaints about malfunctioning lights at the rear of the Skate Park and requested that the green fencing be removed to aid visibility into the park, especially when dark.

**CITY MANAGER
MIRANDA**

City Manager Miranda advised that the lighting issues at the Skate Park have already been resolved and indicated that he would speak to staff regarding the green fencing.

**MAYOR PRO TEM
AMBRIZ**

Mayor Pro Tem Ambriz requested that staff prepare and present a report on the citywide camera system to the Council, to which City Manager Miranda indicated that the report would be presented at the next meeting.

**INTRODUCTION OF
NEW EMPLOYEES /
PROMOTIONS**

None.

**PROCLAMATIONS /
PRESENTATIONS /
COMMENDATIONS**

IRWINDALE CHAMBER
OF COMMERCE
BUSINESS OF THE
MONTH – L.I.F.E.
MANAGEMENT
SYSTEMS

IRWINDALE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUSINESS OF THE
MONTH – L.I.F.E. MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS

The presentation was made.

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION

A motion was made by Councilmember Breceda, seconded by Councilmember Burrola, to approve the Consent Calendar, with the exception of Item No 20G which was removed for separate consideration. The motion was unanimously approved; Councilmember Garcia absent.

ITEM 20A
MINUTES

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The following minutes were approved:

- 1) Special meeting held October 11, 2023
- 2) Regular meeting held October 11, 2023

ITEM 20B
WARRANTS

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The warrant register was approved.

ITEM 20C
INVESTMENT
QUARTERLY REPORT -
SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

INVESTMENT QUARTERLY REPORT – SEPTEMBER 30, 2023
(Joint Item for all Agencies)

The City Council, Successor Agency Board, and Housing Authority Board received and filed the Investment Quarterly Report for the fiscal quarter ending September 30, 2023.

ITEM 20D
APPROVE A FEE
WAIVER FOR THE
TOURNAMENT OF
ROSES WAIVING CITY
TRANSPORTATION /
OVERSIZED VEHICLE
FEES

APPROVE A FEE WAIVER FOR THE TOURNAMENT OF ROSES
WAIVING CITY TRANSPORTATION / OVERSIZED VEHICLE FEES

RESOLUTION NO.
2023-79-3457
ADOPTED

Resolution No. 2023-79-3457, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRWINDALE APPROVING A FEE WAIVER FOR THE PASADENA TOURNAMENT OF ROSES 501(C)(3) NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION, WAIVING CITY TRANSPORTATION / OVERSIZED VEHICLE FEES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,088.00," was adopted.

ITEM 20E
APPROVAL OF
SETTLEMENT AGMT.
AND RELEASE OF
ALL CLAIMS –
EDDIE ARTEAGA

APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS – EDDIE ARTEAGA

The City Council approved the Settlement Agreement and Release of All Claims with Eddie Arteaga for full and final settlement of all claims against the City of Irwindale for the amount of \$40,000.00 and the City Manager was authorized to execute same.

ITEM 20F
REQUEST TO
APPROVE AN MOU
BETWEEN THE CITIES
OF AZUSA, DUARTE,
AND IRWINDALE

REQUEST TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITIES OF AZUSA, DUARTE, AND IRWINDALE TO COLLABORATE ON SERVICES TO ENHANCE PUBLIC SAFETY IN THE NORTH SAN GABRIEL RIVER AREA

The City Council approved the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and authorized the City of Irwindale (City) to enter into same, thereby authorizing the City's participation in the North San Gabriel River Working Group ("NSGRWG") to collaborate on services and enhance public safety in the North San Gabriel River area with the Cities of Duarte and Azusa.

ITEM 20H
LETTER OF
AUTHORIZATION TO
ALLOW THE SGV
COUNCIL OF GOVTS
TO APPLY FOR THE
CALRECYCLE SB 1383
LOCAL ASSISTANCE
GRANT PROGRAM

LETTER OF AUTHORIZATION TO ALLOW THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS TO APPLY FOR THE CALRECYCLE SB 1383 LOCAL ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF IRWINDALE

RESOLUTION NO.
2023-81-3459
ADOPTED

Resolution No. 2023-81-3459, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRWINDALE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN A LETTER OF AUTHORIZATION TO ALLOW THE SAN GABRIEL VALEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS TO APPLY FOR THE CALRECYCLE SB 1383 LOCAL ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF IRWINDALE," was adopted.

ITEM 20I
APPROVAL OF MOA
AND RELATED
ADDENDA WITH
SO. CA. HIFCA, ECR
FINANCIAL CRIMES
FORCE

APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT AND RELATED ADDENDA WITH SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA HIGH INTENSITY FINANCIAL CRIMES AREA (HIFCA), EL CAMINO REAL (ECR) FINANCIAL CRIMES TASK FORCE BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, U.S. IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOM ENFORCEMENT, HOMELAND SECURITY TASK INVESTIGATIONS, LOS ANGELES, AND IRWINDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT

1) The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Homeland Security Investigations, Los Angeles (Homeland Security) and the City of Irwindale Police Department for the Reimbursement of Joint Operations Expenses from the Treasury Forfeiture Fund, was approved and the Chief of Police was authorized to execute same; 2) the Addendum to the MOU between Homeland Security and the City of Irwindale Police Department was approved and the Chief of Police was authorized to execute; 3) the First Amended Memorandum of Agreement for the Southern California High Intensity Financial Crimes Area (HIFCA) El Camino Real (ECR) Financial Crimes Task Force between Homeland Security and the City of Irwindale Police Department was approved and the Chief of Police was authorized to execute; and 4) the Addendum to the First Amended Memorandum of Agreement for the Southern California High Intensity Financial Crimes Area (HIFCA) El Camino Real (ECR) Financial Crimes Task Force between Homeland Security and the City of Irwindale Police Department was approved the Chief of Police was authorized to execute same.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

ITEM 20G
REQUEST TO
APPROVE
AMENDMENT 2 TO
THE AGMT FOR
CONTRACT SVCS
WITH LSA ASSOC., INC.

REQUEST TO APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO THE AGREEMENT FOR CONTRACT SERVICES WITH LSA ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR THE PREPARATION OF CEQA DOCUMENTS (INITIAL STUDY AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT) FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF ELEVEN (11) SPECULATIVE CONCRETE TILT-UP BUILDINGS FOR A TOTAL OF 1.27 MILLION SQUARE FEET OF LIGHT INDUSTRIAL COMMERCIAL BUSINESS PARK USES ON AN APPROXIMATELY 62.7 ACRE PROJECT SITE LOCATED AT 500 SPEEDWAY DRIVE; APNS 8532-004-022, 8532-004-026, AND 8532-004-025

COUNCILMEMBER
BRECEDA

Councilmember Breceda requested to table this matter until the Council is provided more information regarding the project.

CITY MANAGER
MIRANDA

City Manager Miranda noted that meetings could be arranged to answer any questions that the Councilmembers may have.

MOTION	A motion was made by Councilmember Breceda, seconded by Councilmember Burrola, to table this matter until the Council is provided more information relating to the project.
MAYOR ORTIZ	Responding to a question by Mayor Ortiz, Associate Planner Chou noted that the recommended action is to approve an amendment to an existing contract and noted that the amendment would not cause the city to incur in additional costs, as these would be picked up by the developer and the applicant.
COUNCILMEMBER BRECEDA	Councilmember Breceda asked if postponing the consideration of the amendment would hurt the project, to which Associate Planner Chou advised that it would not.
MAYOR PRO TEM AMBRIZ	In reply to a comment by Mayor Pro Tem Ambriz, Associate Planner Chou indicated that staff is still undergoing a CEQA analysis for the project. Once the project is ready, full details will be presented to the Planning Commission and the City Council.
COUNCILMEMBER BRECEDA	Councilmember Breceda reiterated his desire to table the item.
CITY MANAGER MIRANDA	City Manager Miranda asked whether the Councilmembers would still like to schedule meetings so that staff can provide updates, to which Mayor Ortiz stated that he would be fine with it.
COUNCILMEMBER BURROLA	Councilmember Burrola agreed that, if any member of the Council feels uncomfortable with what they would be voting for, they should be able to hold off on the matter until they are fully informed.
MAYOR ORTIZ	Mayor Ortiz concurred with Councilmember Burrola.
DENA ZEPEDA	Dena Zepeda agreed with Councilmember Breceda.
ROLL CALL	The above-mentioned motion was approved with Councilmembers Breceda, Burrola, and Mayor Ortiz in favor, Mayor Pro Tem Ambriz opposed, and Councilmember Garcia absent.

**SPONTANEOUS
COMMUNICATIONS**

LUIS FARIAS	Luis Farias from AmRock spoke in favor of allowing additional security measures at Old Dominion.
DENA ZEPEDA	Dena Zepeda stated her belief that residents are not being heard, said she was not satisfied with the Police Department, and stated that the Planning Commission should meet twice a month.

ANONYMOUS An anonymous individual played a recording purporting to be from Jonathan Greenblatt, CEO of the Anti-Defamation League, regarding a campaign to deescalate hate speech.

HANK FORD AND "Hank Ford" and "Michael Whitmann" made hateful comments.
MICHAEL WHITMANN

RECESS At 7:05 p.m., the City Council took a short recess.

RECONVENE At 7:21 p.m., the City Council reconvened in Open Session.

MICHAEL WHITMANN "Michael Whitmann" continued his hateful comments.

JOSEPH TAPIA Joseph Tapia spoke against cutting down an oak tree located near City Hall.

ERIC HARTMANN "Eric Hartmann" made hateful comments.

NEW BUSINESS None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS None.

**CITY MANAGER'S
REPORT**

CITY MANAGER City Manager Miranda presented his report.
MIRANDA

- 1) Applications are being accepted through December 6 for the scheduled vacancies on city commissions. Applications for an unscheduled vacancy on the Planning Commission for a term ending in 2026 are also being accepted through November 20. Notices have been mailed to all residents.
- 2) A special Planning Commission meeting has been scheduled for October 30.
- 3) The Irwindale Speedway will be holding a special "Night of Destruction" event on October 28.
- 4) Staff is working on additions to the Veterans Monument in front of City Hall. Parking near the area will be limited during construction.
- 5) Temporary lighting has been installed at Irwindale Park while the park improvement project is underway.
- 6) He also listed upcoming Recreation events.

**REQUESTS BY
COUNCILMEMBERS
FOR FUTURE AGENDA
ITEMS**

COUNCILMEMBER Councilmember Burrola requested that staff present a report on the
BURROLA housing program's 45-year covenant and related laws at the next meeting. He also requested a report from Code Enforcement detailing

the number of businesses that have business licenses and how many businesses exist in the City.

MAYOR PRO TEM
AMBRIZ

Mayor Pro Tem Ambriz repeated his request to place an item relating to the citywide cameras on the next agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.



Laura M. Nieto, MMC
Chief Deputy City Clerk

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