

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

**MAY 26, 2021
WEDNESDAY
6:30 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 Director; Mary Hull,
Human Resources Manager, Elizabeth Rodriguez, Public Services
Director; Jeff Wagner, Information Technology Manager; and
Armando Hegdahl, Acting Deputy City Clerk

**CHANGES TO THE
AGENDA**

CITY MANAGER TAM

City Manager Tam requested that Item No. 2D be moved to the top
of the items for consideration under New Business.

**COUNCILMEMBER
TRAVEL REPORTS**

None.

**COUNCILMEMBER
COMMENTS**

**COUNCILMEMBER
BRECEDA**

Councilmember Breceda requested that the meeting be adjourned in
memory of Eva Hernandez.

MAYOR ORTIZ

Mayor Ortiz reported on the Gold Line Joint Powers Authority Board
meeting he attended on May 13.

**INTRODUCTION OF
NEW EMPLOYEES /
PROMOTIONS**

None.

**PROCLAMATIONS /
PRESENTATIONS /
COMMENDATIONS**

**IRWINDALE CHAMBER
OF COMMERCE
BUSINESS OF THE
MONTH – SIREN ARTS**

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The presentation was made.

**SPONTANEOUS
COMMUNICATIONS**

YOLANDA GARCIA Yolanda Garcia submitted a letter wherein she spoke in favor of re-instituting the Summer Youth Worker program this year.

ROBERT DIAZ Robert Diaz reported a hazardous condition on Morada Street and requested follow-up.

ANDREA MORENO Andrea Moreno, with Supervisor Hilda Solis' Office, spoke on COVID vaccination rates, the availability of rent relief programs, and intervention trainings to stop hate of any kind.

DENA ZEPEDA Dena Zepeda asked whether the Summer Youth Program would be offered this year, and spoke in support of holding a fireworks show on July 4.

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION A motion was made by Councilmember Ambriz, seconded by Councilmember Garcia, to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion was unanimously approved.

ITEM NO. 1A
MINUTES

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The following minutes were approved:

- 1) Special joint meeting held April 28, 2021
- 2) Regular meeting held April 28, 2021

ITEM NO. 1B
WARRANTS
/ DEMANDS
/ PAYROLL

WARRANTS / DEMANDS / PAYROLL

The warrants / demands / payroll were approved.

ITEM NO. 1C
SECOND READING
OF ORDINANCE –
REGULATION OF
NON-SMARA PITS

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 756 – REGULATION OF NON-SMARA PITS

ORDINANCE NO. 756
ADOPTED ON
SECOND READING

Ordinance No. 756, entitled:

“AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRWINDALE, CALIFORNIA, ADDING CHAPTER 17.130 (RECLAMATION OF MINES EXEMPT FROM THE SURFACE MINING AND RECLAMATION ACT (“SMARA”) TO ESTABLISH REGULATIONS AND STANDARDS FOR NON-SMARA PITS TO TITLE 17 (ZONING) OF THE IRWINDALE MUNICIPAL CODE (IMC),” was passed, approved, and adopted on second reading, reading by title only and waiving further reading thereof.

ITEM NO. 1D
REJECTION OF CLAIM -
PERFECTO MARTINEZ
VS. CITY OF

REJECTION OF CLAIM – PERFECTO MARTINEZ VS. CITY OF
IRWINDALE

The claim of Perfecto Martinez vs. City of Irwindale was rejected and staff was directed to send a letter of rejection.

ITEM NO. 1E
REJECTION OF CLAIM
JAVIER IBARRA VS.
CITY OF IRWINDALE

REJECTION OF CLAIM – JAVIER IBARRA VS. CITY OF
IRWINDALE

The claim of Javier Ibarra vs. City of Irwindale was rejected and staff was directed to send a letter of rejection.

ITEM NO. 1F
UPDATE REGARDING
THE IRWINDALE
COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION'S
APPROVAL TO
REDIRECT THE USE
OF THE IRWINDALE
COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION'S
FY 2020-2021
CONTRIBUTION TO
VARIOUS CITY
DEPARTMENTS

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FOUNDATION'S APPROVAL TO REDIRECT THE USE OF THE
IRWINDALE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION'S FY 2020-2021
CONTRIBUTION TO VARIOUS CITY DEPARTMENTS

The update regarding the Irwindale Community Foundation's (ICF) approval of the City's request to redirect \$92,255 of the ICF's FY 2020-2021 Contribution to be reallocated among the Community Services Departments for certain uses, as well as the sponsorship of free or reduced fees, that will benefit the Irwindale community, was received and filed.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

NEW BUSINESS

ITEM NO. 2D
IRWINDALE CITY
COUNCIL SELECT A
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(MAYANS HOUSING
PROJECT) AND ADOPT
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COUNCILMEMBER
BRECEDA

Replying to a concern by Councilmember Breceda, City Attorney Guerra advised him that the street name adoption would not likely impact him financially, and that he may participate in discussing this item.

ASSISTANT CITY
MANAGER OLIVARES

Assistant City Manager Olivares presented the staff report.

DENA ZEPEDA AND
CARMEN ROMAN

Dena Zepeda and Carmen Roman suggested naming the street "Ambriz Street".

MAYOR PRO TEM BURROLA	Mayor Pro Tem Burrola agreed that the street be named "Ambriz Street".
COUNCILMEMBER BRECEDA AND MAYOR ORTIZ	Councilmember Breceda and Mayor Ortiz agreed with the suggestion.
COUNCILMEMBER AMBRIZ	Councilmember Ambriz thanked everyone for their suggestions and stated that he was honored by the suggestion.
MOTION	A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Burrola, seconded by Councilmember Ambriz, to adopt:
RESOLUTION NO. 2021-43-3255 ADOPTED	Resolution No. 2021-43-3255 , entitled: "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRWINDALE CHANGING THE STREET NAME OF "A" STREET TO "AMBRIZ STREET." The motion was unanimously approved.
<u>ITEM NO. 2A</u> FY 2021-2022 BUDGET WORKSHOP #2	FY 2021-2022 BUDGET WORKSHOP #2 (Joint Item with Housing Authority and Reclamation Authority)
DIRECTOR CARREON	Director Carreon made a PowerPoint presentation detailing the General Fund Budget Summary, and invited Chief Henshaw to discuss his personnel budget requests.
CHIEF HENSHAW	Chief Henshaw discussed his request to unfreeze a Police Captain position, add two police officer positions, one part-time Community Services Officer, and freeze three of five Reserve Officer part-time positions.
CARMEN ROMAN	Carmen Roman spoke against hiring a Captain.
DENA ZEPEDA	Dena Zepeda suggested that officers' pay be "updated" and supported hiring two officers.
SUZANNE GOMEZ	Suzanne Gomez spoke on past financial hardships the city has endured and about the need to budget prudently.
DISCUSSION HELD	Discussion was held relating to current overtime costs, the proposed duties for the additional Community Services Officer, plans for park patrol, the issuance of parking citations, that the proposed Captain position would not replace the Lieutenant position, potentially hiring a full-time Community Services Officer instead of part-time, the administrative functions that the Sergeants would be able to focus on, that the hiring of a Captain would allow for a proper succession plan, the required qualifications for the Captain position, potentially hiring

residents for the Police Officer or Community Services Officer positions, and overtime spending mitigation.

MOTION A motion was made by Councilmember Ambriz to hire two Police Officers and one part-time Community Services Officer, and freeze three of the five Reserve PT Officer positions.

CARMEN ROMAN Carmen Roman spoke against hiring a Captain and suggested hiring two Police Officers.

ROLL CALL The above-mentioned motion was seconded by Mayor Ortiz. Roll call results were as follows:

Councilmember Ambriz in favor of his motion as stated.
Councilmember Breceda in favor of the motion, with his support of the Captain position.
Councilmember Garcia in favor of the motion, but abstaining on the Captain position.
Mayor Pro Tem Burrola in favor of the motion, but voting against hiring two additional Police Officers and the Community Services Officer.
Mayor Ortiz in favor of the motion as stated.

CITY MANAGER TAM City Manager Tam presented the Administration's Department proposal to reclassify the Economic Development Coordinator to Assistant to the City Manager.

ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER OLIVARES Assistant City Manager presented the Administration Department's proposal to add a Management Analyst position and change the contractual tutors to part-time employees per Assembly Bill AB 5.

DENA ZEPEDA Dena Zepeda spoke in support of changing the contractual tutors to part-time employees, but spoke against hiring a Management Analyst and reclassifying the current Economic Development Coordinator position.

CARMEN ROMAN Carmen Roman supported the changes to the tutor positions, and opposed the remaining reclassification requests in the Administration Department.

MOTION A motion was made by Councilmember Breceda to approve the reclassification of the Economic Development Coordinator to Assistant to the City Manager, add a Management Analyst position, and change the contractual Tutors to part-time employees per Assembly Bill AB 5.

DISCUSSION HELD Discussion was held relating to the funding sources for the Management Analyst position and the costs of the contract with Gonsalves & Sons.

ROLL CALL The above-mentioned motion was seconded by Councilmember Garcia. Roll call results were as follows:

Councilmembers Ambriz, Breceda, and Garcia were in favor; Mayor Pro Tem Burrola and Mayor Ortiz in favor of all except the Management Analyst position.

- MOTION** A motion was made by Councilmember Breceda, seconded by Councilmember Garcia, to revise the distribution for a reduced Joe A. Gonsalves contract, approve professional portraits for members of the City Council and City Commissions, and for the purchase of computers / tablets for members of the City Council and City Commissions.
- DISCUSSION HELD** Discussion was held relating to the services provided as well as the costs associated with the contract with Gonsalves & Sons.
- ROLL CALL** The above-mentioned motion was approved with all members voting in favor; Mayor Pro Tem Burrola voting against the request relating to the contract with Joe A. Gonsalvez.
- DIRECTOR CARREON** Director Carreon presented the Finance Department's personnel budget requests.
- DENA ZEPEDA** Dena Zepeda spoke in favor of reclassifying the Finance Analyst position to Senior Finance Analyst, but opposed reclassifying the Finance Intern to Accountant.
- CARMEN ROMAN** Carmen Roman complained about the Finance Department's requests.
- MOTION** A motion was made by Councilmember Ambriz, seconded by Councilmember Breceda, to approve the reclassifications of Finance Analyst to Senior Finance Analyst, and Finance Intern to a new Accountant position.
- DISCUSSION HELD** Discussion was held relating to the Finance Analyst's pay scale and education, and the pay scale for the proposed Accountant position, including benefits.
- ROLL CALL** The above-mentioned motion was unanimously approved.
- DIRECTOR SIMPSON** Director Simpson presented the Community Development Department's personnel budget requests.
- DENA ZEPEDA** Dena Zepeda wondered whether the request would somehow translate to additional benefits for residents.
- MOTION** A motion was made by Councilmember Ambriz, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Burrola, to approve the unfreezing of the Associate Planner position.

DISCUSSION HELD	Discussion was held relating to the duties of the proposed Associate Planner, and that staff is desirous of hiring the most qualified individual for the position.
ROLL CALL	The above-mentioned motion was unanimously approved.
RECESS	At 8:33 p.m., the City Council took a short recess.
RECONVENE	At 8:44 p.m., the City Council reconvened with all members present.
DIRECTOR HANNA	Director Hanna presented the Public Works / Engineering proposed personnel budget requests.
MOTION	A motion was made by Councilmember Ambriz, seconded by Councilmember Breceda, to approve the reclassification of Assistant Engineer to Assistant City Engineer, and to hire a new Engineering Technician. The motion was unanimously approved.
DIRECTOR RODRIGUEZ	Director Rodriguez presented the Public Services personnel budget requests.
TERESA ORTIZ	Teresa Ortiz thanked Director Rodriguez for the presentation and expressed support for the requested personnel changes.
DENA ZEPEDA	Dena Zepeda spoke in support of compensating employees appropriately and approving the Public Services Department's personnel requests.
DISCUSSION HELD	Discussion was held relating to the savings realized by having existing staff perform specialized work, rather than hiring tradesmen such as electricians, irrigation workers, and pool operators.
MOTION	A motion was made by Councilmember Breceda to approve the reclassification of four permanent part-time Maintenance Aides to full time, and reclassify the Janitor to Maintenance Aide.
ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION HELD	Additional discussion was held relating to benefits and work hours for part-time workers, training for the workers, and cost savings for the department.
ROLL CALL	The above-mentioned motion was seconded by Councilmember Garcia. Roll call results were as follows: Councilmembers Breceda and Garcia voted in favor, Mayor Pro Tem Burrola opposed, and Councilmember Ambriz and Mayor Ortiz voted in favor of reclassifying the four permanent part-time Maintenance Aides to full time, but against reclassifying the Janitor to Maintenance Aide.

DIRECTOR RODRIGUEZ Director Rodriguez presented the department's operating budget requests. She noted that the request for the purchase of a used bus can be rescinded.

DENA ZEPEDA Dena Zepeda asked whether children could be provided free bus rides.

TERESA ORTIZ Teresa Ortiz thanked Director Rodriguez for the presentation and expressed support for the requested operating budget requests.

MOTION A motion was made by Councilmember Ambriz to approve the operating budget requests made by the Public Services Department, with the exception of the purchase of a used bus. Councilmember Ambriz also mentioned that he would bring up the request to provide free bus passes to the Irwindale Community Foundation for consideration.

COUNCILMEMBER BRECEDA Councilmember Breceda seconded Councilmember Ambriz's motion.

DISCUSSION HELD Discussion was held relating to the availability of existing vehicles for staff, and the availability of electric vehicles.

ROLL CALL The above-mentioned motion was unanimously approved at roll call.

DIRECTOR RODRIGUEZ Director Rodriguez then presented the personnel request for the Recreation Department.

DENA ZEPEDA Dena Zepeda spoke against hiring a new Senior Recreation Leader.

DISCUSSION HELD Discussion was held relating to potentially hiring residents to fill positions at the Recreation Department.

MOTION A motion was made by Councilmember Breceda, seconded by Councilmember Garcia, to approve the request for one additional Senior Recreation Leader, a permanent part-time position.

ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION HELD Additional discussion was held relating to funding for the position, and the need to spend funding prudently.

TERESA ORTIZ Teresa Ortiz thanked Director Rodriguez for the presentation and expressed support for the requested personnel request.

ROLL CALL The above-mentioned motion was denied, with Councilmembers Breceda and Garcia in favor; Councilmember Ambriz, Mayor Pro Tem Burrola, and Mayor Ortiz opposed.

DIRECTOR RODRIGUEZ Director Rodriguez then presented the operating budget requests for the Recreation and Senior Center Departments.

DENA ZEPEDA	Dena Zepeda asked if residents would be able to purchase the exercise equipment that would be replaced, and expressed support for the request of a new computer system at the Senior Center.
DISCUSSION HELD	Discussion was held relating to the proposed purchase of a new Tahoe, whether a larger vehicle would be more appropriate, how the existing Excursion is being used, whether another Gator is necessary, and the need to replace the aging exercise equipment.
MOTION	A motion was made by Councilmember Breceda to approve all of the operating budget requests for the Recreation and Senior Center Departments.
ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION HELD	Additional discussion was held relating to the mileage of the existing Excursion, whether the purchase of another Gator is appropriate, staff's request to implement a new skateboarding class, the type of exercise equipment that is being proposed for purchase and whether they would be ADA compliant, the type of questions that would be asked using the proposed ePACT software, the current Recreation computer system, and possibly adding a variety of music to the proposed Mariachi Fest.
ROLL CALL	The above mentioned motion was seconded by Councilmember Garcia. Roll call results were as follows: Councilmember Ambriz in favor, excluding the purchase of the Gator and the Tahoe. Councilmember Breceda and Garcia in favor. Mayor Pro Tem Burrola in favor, excluding the purchase of the Gator. Mayor Ortiz in favor, excluding the purchase of the Gator and requesting a variety of music at the Mariachi Fest.
DIRECTOR CARREON	Director Carreon continued her presentation showing the revised FY 2021 – 2022 expenditure budget.
RECESS	At 10:21 p.m., the City Council took a short recess.
RECONVENE	At 10:27 p.m., the City Council reconvened with all members present.
DIRECTOR CARREON	Director Carreon continued her presentation and discussed "Special One-Time Budget Requests for Long-Term City Financial Benefits & Capital Project Requests".
MAYOR PRO TEM BURROLA	Responding to a question by Mayor Pro Tem Burrola, Director Carreon discussed the projected performance of the proposed California Employers Pension Prefunding Trust ("CEPPT").
MOTION	A motion was made by Councilmember Ambriz, seconded by Councilmember Breceda, to approve staff's special one-time budget requests, consisting of the following: 1) pay-off of the PERS Loan to

the Reclamation Fund, 2) eliminate the remaining Reclamation Cap Annual Transfer, and 3) startup advance for the new CalPERS Trust – CEPPT. The motion was unanimously approved.

DIRECTOR CARREON Director Carreon continued her presentation detailing staff's Capital Project Requests consisting of: 1) Irwindale Park Phase 4 and 5, 2) Recreation/Library Building improvements, and 3) Project for Our Lady of Guadalupe Mission.

MAYOR PRO TEM BURROLA In reply to a question by Mayor Pro Tem Burrola, Director Carreon elaborated on future General Fund revenue.

MOTION A motion was made by Councilmember Breceda, seconded by Councilmember Ambriz, to approve staff's Capital Project funding requests. The motion was unanimously approved.

ITEM NO. 2B
PROPOSED
IRWINDALE ACTIVE
TRANSPORTATION
PLAN **PROPOSED IRWINDALE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN**

DIRECTOR SIMPSON Director Simpson introduced the report and presented Mr. Michael Nillson from PlaceWorks, who made a PowerPoint presentation.

MOTION A motion was made by Councilmember Ambriz to adopt **Resolution No. 2021-41-3253**, entitled:

RESOLUTION NO.
2021-41-3253 "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRWINDALE ADOPTING THE CITY OF IRWINDALE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN."

COUNCILMEMBER GARCIA Councilmember Garcia asked about project deadlines, to which Director Simpson advised that the projects presented are simply presented for the Council's possible consideration in the future, and that they are non-binding.

MAYOR ORTIZ Responding to a question by Mayor Ortiz, Mr. Nillson indicated that, once the plan is adopted, the highest priority projects could be analyzed. He stated that the plan provides a lot of flexibility in determining what individual projects or groups of projects can be incorporated so that the city could be as competitive as possible.

DIRECTOR SIMPSON Director Simpson advised that staff would present any proposed projects to the Council.

ROLL CALL The above-mentioned motion was unanimously approved.

ITEM NO. 2C
PROPOSED TRANSFER **PROPOSED TRANSFER OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY AT 5100 ALLEN DRIVE, A 10-ACRE PARCEL ON EAST SIDE OF ALLEN**

OF CITY-OWNED
PROPERTY AT 5100
ALLEN DRIVE, TO THE
IRWINDALE HOUSING
AUTHORITY FOR
FUTURE HOUSING

DRIVE, TO THE IRWINDALE HOUSING AUTHORITY FOR
FUTURE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT (Joint Item with Housing
Authority)

CONVENING OF TWO
AGENCIES

The Irwindale City Council and Housing Authority were convened for
this joint item.

COUNCILMEMBER
BRECEDA

Councilmember Breceda declared a potential conflict of interest and
left the Council Chambers at 11:10 p.m.

DIRECTOR SIMPSON

Director Simpson presented the staff report.

CITY ATTORNEY
GUERRA

City Attorney Guerra advised that the Resolution would make clear
that the transfer is subject to two requirements: that HCD approves
the designation of property as exempt surplus land and authorizes
the transfer, and that the Planning Commission deems the transfer of
the property consistent with the General Plan.

COUNCILMEMBER
GARCIA

Councilmember Garcia asked whether a certain number of housing
must be developed at the site, to which Director Simpson advised that
the high-density residential units would be developed, but that there
is no specific number of units identified yet.

RESOLUTION NO.
2021-42-3254
ADOPTED

Resolution No. 2021-42-3254, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
IRWINDALE, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING REAL PROPERTY
LOCATED AT 5100 ALLEN DRIVE, THE 10-ACRE PARCEL ON
THE EAST SIDE OF ALLEN DRIVE, IN THE CITY OF IRWINDALE
(APN #8417-03-912) AS EXEMPT SURPLUS LAND AND MAKING
FINDINGS RELATED THERETO," and

RESOLUTION NO.
2021-25-3247
ADOPTED

Resolution No. 2021-25-3247, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
IRWINDALE APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF REAL PROPERTY
LOCATED AT 5100 ALLEN DRIVE, THE 10-ACRE PARCEL ON
THE EAST SIDE OF ALLEN DRIVE, IN THE CITY OF IRWINDALE
(APN #8417-034-912) TO THE IRWINDALE HOUSING
AUTHORITY," were passed, approved, and adopted, on the motion
of Councilmember Ambriz, seconded by Councilmember Garcia, and
unanimously approved; Councilmember Breceda absent.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

LEGISLATIVE ITEMS

None.

**CITY MANAGER'S
REPORT**

CITY MANAGER TAM City Manager Tam noted that the State of California plans on reducing COVID-related restrictions in June, but advised that the City would follow the reopening strategy that it has previously presented, with any necessary modifications.

ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER OLIVARES Assistant City Manager Olivares reported on activities by the Library, and advised that the first city newsletter has been produced and will be made available on the website in the near future.

DIRECTOR RODRIGUEZ Director Rodriguez reported on activities by the Recreation and Senior Center Departments, as well as the upcoming 4th of July Fireworks Show and the associated arrangements for the event.

YOLANDA GARCIA Responding to a question by Yolanda Garcia, City Manager Tam indicated that the Summer Youth Program would not be held this year.

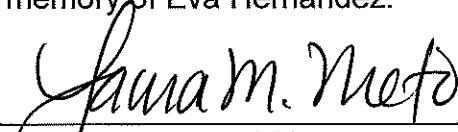
**FUTURE AGENDA
ITEMS REQUESTED BY
COUNCILMEMBERS**

MAYOR ORTIZ Mayor Ortiz requested cleanup on the sidewalk along Arrow Highway, and expressed his desire to implement a citywide clean-up campaign.

COUNCILMEMBER BRECEDA Councilmember Breceda requested that the walkway from Nora to Irwindale Avenue be cleaned up and that the adjacent management company be contacted to repair the sidewalks that are being damaged by the roots of nearby trees.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 11:32 p.m., in memory of Eva Hernandez.



Laura M. Nieto, MMC
Chief Deputy City Clerk