

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

JANUARY 24, 2018
WEDNESDAY
5:30 P.M.

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

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

Also present: Fred Galante, City Attorney; Theresa Olivares,
Assistant City Manager; Ty Henshaw, Chief of Police; William Tam,
Development Services Director/ City Engineer; Eva Carreon,
Director of Finance; Mary Hull, Human Resources Manager, and
Laura Nieto, Chief Deputy City Clerk

**RECESS TO
CLOSED SESSION**

At 5:30 p.m., the City Council recessed to Closed Session to
discuss the following:

Conference with Real Property Negotiators
Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.8

Property: United Rock Products Corporation Pit No. 3
Negotiating Parties: City of Irwindale and United Rock Products
Corporation
Under Negotiation: Price and terms of sale

ACTION: Not discussed

Liability Claims
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.95

Claimant: Various
Agency Claimed Against: City of Irwindale

ACTION: Update given; direction provided. No further reportable
action taken

Public Employee Appointment
Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957

Title: City Manager

ACTION: A motion was made by Councilmember Burrola,
seconded by Mayor Breceda, to accept City Manager
Davidson's retirement, with a termination effective date
of January 31st. The motion was unanimously
approved. Direction was given; no further reportable
action was taken.

**RECONVENE IN
OPEN SESSION**

At 6:49 p.m., the City Council reconvened in Open Session.

**CHANGES TO THE
AGENDA**

None.

**COUNCILMEMBER
TRAVEL REPORTS**

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MAYOR BRECEDA

Mayor Breceda requested that tonight's meeting be adjourned in memory of Maxine Rodriguez Nunez.

COUNCILMEMBER
ORTIZ

Councilmember Ortiz reported on the recent Foothill Gold Line meeting that he attended, where the Azusa to Montclair extension was discussed. He also requested that the report that he has previously asked for regarding air and water quality be provided to the Council, to which Assistant City Manager Olivares advised that staff will follow-up and report back to the Council. He then requested an update on the Manning Pit and asked that a study on the city-owned 10 acres be conducted to consider its future use.

**INTRODUCTION OF
NEW EMPLOYEES /
PROMOTIONS**

INTRODUCTION OF
FINANCE ANALYST
CLAUDIA CARLOS

INTRODUCTION OF FINANCE ANALYST CLAUDIA CARLOS

The introduction was made.

INTRODUCTION OF
FINANCE TECHNICIAN
ISABEL MARIN

INTRODUCTION OF FINANCE TECHNICIAN ISABEL MARIN

The introduction was made.

**PROCLAMATIONS /
PRESENTATIONS /
COMMENDATIONS**

CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE
BUSINESS OF THE
MONTH – COURTYARD
BY MARRIOTT
LOS ANGELES

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUSINESS OF THE MONTH –
COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT LOS ANGELES

Representative not in attendance; the presentation was not made.

**SPONTANEOUS
COMMUNICATIONS**

- DENA ZEPEDA Dena Zepeda congratulated the newly hired Finance staff, and Assistant City Manager Olivares on her promotion. She also reminded the Councilmembers of what the community expects of them and expressed her hope that they work together with respect. She also suggested that the Council not waste any time in selecting a new City Manager, and spoke in support of giving raises to all city employees.
- CARMEN ROMAN Carmen Roman spoke of Assistant City Manager Olivares' experience with the city and supported hiring Mrs. Olivares as City Manager. She also suggested that tutoring programs be offered at a discount.
- DENA ZEPEDA Dena Zepeda spoke on the devastating effects of cancer on the community and requested that environmental factors be studied.
- SUZANNE GOMEZ Suzanne Gomez suggested that the Council do more to replenish city funds, that the Police Department staff receive adequate funding and training, expressed her interest in reviewing the General Plan, suggested that the Gym be replaced, that the tennis courts be removed, and that internal promotions be awarded based on merit.
- COUNCILMEMBER BURROLA Councilmember Burrola requested that the budget be reviewed, that staff receive more training, that Recreation programs be reviewed, and that lighting along median islands be studied to see whether funds are available to repair them.
- MAYOR BRECEDA Mayor Breceda suggested that lighting at all city facilities also be reviewed to see if they could be outfitted with LED lights.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- MOTION A motion was made by Councilmember Ortiz, seconded by Mayor Breceda, to approve the Consent Calendar; reading resolutions and ordinances by title only and waiving further reading thereof, with the exception of Item No. 1D, which was removed for separate consideration. The motion was unanimously approved.

**ITEM NO. 1A
MINUTES**

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None for approval

**ITEM NO. 1B
WARRANTS / DEMANDS
PAYROLL**

WARRANTS / DEMANDS / PAYROLL

The warrants / demands / payroll were approved.

ITEM NO. 1C
INVESTMENT
QUARTERLY REPORT
FOR DECEMBER 31,
2017

INVESTMENT QUARTERLY REPORT FOR DECEMBER 31, 2017
(Joint Item on Successor Agency & Housing Authority Agendas)

The Investment Quarterly Report for December 31, 2017, were received and filed.

ITEM NO. 1E
REJECTION OF CLAIM -
SANDRA GANDARA
ORTIZ V. CITY OF
IRWINDALE

REJECTION OF CLAIM – SANDRA GANDARA ORTIZ V. CITY OF IRWINDALE

The claim of Sandra Gandara-Ortiz v. City of Irwindale was rejected and staff was directed to send a standard letter of rejection.

ITEM NO. 1F
ACCEPTANCE OF
PUBLIC WORKS
CONSTRUCTION
CONTRACT –
INSTALLATION OF
STORM DRAIN CATCH
BASIN FULL
CAPTURE INSERTS,
WHICH DRAIN TO THE
SAN GABRIEL RIVER;
P941

ACCEPTANCE OF PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT – INSTALLATION OF STORM DRAIN CATCH BASIN FULL CAPTURE INSERTS, WHICH DRAIN TO THE SAN GABRIEL RIVER; P941

1) The changes in the work order were ratified and the improvements and maintenance responsibility for the construction of the “Installation of Storm Drain Catch Basin Full Capture Inserts, Which Drain to the San Gabriel River, Project Number P-941”, were accepted; 2) the final construction contract amount of \$75,936 was approved; 3) the City Clerk was authorized to record the Notice of Completion; and 4) the Finance Director was authorized to release the ten percent (10%) retention amount for the project.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

ITEM NO. 1D
PLAN CHECK AND
BUILDING PERMIT FEE
WAIVER REQUESTED
BY KARE YOUTH
LEAGUE

PLAN CHECK AND BUILDING PERMIT FEE WAIVER REQUESTED BY KARE YOUTH LEAGUE

MAYOR PRO TEM
AMBRIZ

Mayor Pro Tem Ambriz asked whether the Kare Youth Program could be opened to residents and more community members, to which Dave Carson, representing Kare Youth League, advised that anybody that wishes to join Kare Youth League is welcome to do so.

MOTION

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Ambriz, seconded by Mayor Breceda, to find that all requirements for the Fee Adjustment Policy have been met for consideration of a fee waiver or adjustment, and to approve the waiver of the City’s plan check and permit fees for the street signage and two baseball backstops for Kare Youth Leagues. The motion was unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

**ITEM NO. 2A
PARKS & RECREATION
COMMISSION'S
RECOMMENDATION
REGARDING NEW
PLAYGROUND
EQUIPMENT FOR ALL
CITY PARKS**

**PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION
REGARDING NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT FOR ALL CITY
PARKS**

**ASSISTANT CITY
MANAGER OLIVARES**

Assistant City Manager Olivares introduced Recreation Manager Zepeda, who discussed the staff report.

**RECREATION
MANAGER ZEPEDA**

Recreation Manager Zepeda discussed playground history, as well as proposed playground color, shading, surfacing, project design, pricing, and funding.

MAYOR BRECEDA

Mayor Breceda noted that he requested that the playground equipment be replaced due to safety concerns.

Responding to a question by Mayor Breceda, Recreation Manager Zepeda advised that the city would still be eligible for limited grant funding should the Council decide to improve some, if not all parks, as long as it includes Irwindale Park.

Mayor Breceda suggested improving all parks to take full advantage of the available grant.

**MAYOR PRO TEM
AMBRIZ**

Mayor Pro Tem Ambriz noted the need to improve the playground equipment in order to improve safety, while simultaneously being responsible financially. He asked whether the parks could be improved in phases, to which Recreation Manager Zepeda advised that this is possible, though staff would need to re-apply for grants in the future, which may not be awarded.

MILES HARVEY

Miles Harvey, representing GameTime, discussed grant funding thresholds and requirements.

**COUNCILMEMBER
BURROLA**

Councilmember Burrola noted that the city was fortunate to receive the grant, and spoke in support of improving all parks now to avoid further safety concerns.

Responding to several questions by Councilmember Burrola, Mr. Harvey advised that all playgrounds would be ADA compliant, that shading could help to avoid hot playground surfaces, the pros and cons of various surfaces, surface maintenance requirements, ADA compliance, the availability of replacement parts, and design issues.

Councilmember Burrola expressed his preference in installing wood chips instead of pour-in-place to reduce maintenance requirements.

Councilmember Burrola then asked about shading lifespan, to which Mr. Harvey advised that they are designed to last 10 to 15 years.

COUNCILMEMBER
ORTIZ

Responding to a question by Councilmember Ortiz, Mr. Harvey advised that GameTime's headquarters is located in Tennessee. However, there are several representatives in Southern California. He added that he would be the representative that would be responsible for Irwindale. Councilmember Ortiz agreed that the Council should concentrate on the children's safety and suggested taking advantage of the grant. He also noted that pour-in-place surfacing tends to shrink, to which Mr. Harvey advised that, although UV rays shrink it, this concern could be mitigated.

MAYOR BRECEDA

Mayor Breceda noted his concern in potentially having sharp objects hidden in wood chips.

MILES HARVEY

Mr. Harvey indicated that, once wood chips become covered in fungus, that the entire area needs to be removed and replaced. Pour-in-place surfacing would eliminate this concern.

DENA ZEPEDA

Dena Zepeda asked about the proposed shading design for El Nido Park and requested that a fabric canopy be considered, to which Mr. Harvey explained shading requirements. He added that the proposed renderings for the parks were prepared based on existing budgeting limitations.

Dena Zepeda also asked about the availability of funds for these upgrades, to which Director Carreon indicated that the budget does not include this project; an additional appropriation request would need to be approved in order to fund it.

MAYOR PRO TEM
AMBRIZ

Responding to a question by Mayor Pro Tem Ambriz, Mr. Harvey advised that his company recommends that city staff follow daily maintenance guidelines.

CARMEN ROMAN

Carmen Roman recalled that Councilmember Burrola spoke about the Skate Park two years ago, and noted that Mayor Breceda suggested improving all city parks around November. She expressed her understanding that funds have already been allocated for this project

ASSISTANT CITY
MANAGER OLIVARES

Assistant City Manager Olivares concurred that this matter has previously been discussed, at which point staff was directed to research the possibility of replacing the playground equipment. However, funds have yet to be allocated for the project.

- CARMEN ROMAN Carmen Roman then said that the Council has previously indicated that the city could afford the project. She spoke in support of improving all city parks and supported the safety of the children.
- Responding to a question by Carmen Roman, Recreation Manager Zepeda advised that this is the only grant that staff has secured. Mrs. Roman stated her opinion that all parks are equally important, and advised that pour-in-place surfacing gets hot and can burn people who walk on it barefoot.
- COUNCILMEMBER GARCIA Responding to a question by Councilmember Garcia, Mr. Harvey discussed pricing for surfacing patterns.
- COUNCILMEMBER BURROLA Councilmember Burrola expressed concern that pour-in-place surfacing can fade and peel over time and noted that wood chips and/or sand can be replaced easily, to which Mr. Harvey noted that certain measures could be taken to mitigate these concerns. Councilmember Burrola also expressed concern over the possibility of moss growing on the surfacing, to which Mr. Harvey noted that the substance is porous and that drainage would be installed at the bottom of the pit. Councilmember Burrola then requested that the design for El Nido Park be redone.
- ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER OLIVARES Responding to a question by Assistant City Manager Olivares, Mr. Harvey advised that the sand at El Nido Park is grandfathered in and that the playground equipment layout is currently ADA compliant. However, once it is removed, it cannot be installed in the sand.
- MAYOR BRECEDA Mayor Breceda reiterated his concern over dangerous objects being placed in sand and wood chips.
- COUNCILMEMBER BURROLA Councilmember Burrola stated that he has read online that sand is better than wood chips since children are less likely to get hurt if they fall on that type of surface.
- MOTION A motion was made by Mayor Breceda, seconded by Councilmember Garcia, to 1) select the "Patriotic" color scheme; 2) select pour-in-place surfacing with solid colors in the "Patriotic" color scheme, and 3) direct that all existing parks be included. The motion was unanimously approved.
- DIRECTOR TAM Director Tam advised that the additional work at El Nido Park that Councilmember Burrola requested could be discussed at a future Council meeting.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ITEM NO. 3A
GENERAL PLAN

GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 03-2017 – TECHNICAL, NON-SUBSTANTIVE CORRECTIONS TO THE CURRENT GENERAL

AMENDMENT NO. 03-2017 PLAN MAP FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT APN 8546-001-800 (SOUTH OF LOWER AZUSA ROAD AND NORTH OF RAMONA BOULEVARD)

ASSOCIATE PLANNER JONES Associate Planner Jones discussed the staff report.

COUNCILMEMBER GARCIA Responding to a question by Councilmember Garcia, Associate Planner Jones advised that marijuana plants are not allowed in the nurseries.

COUNCILMEMBER ORTIZ Councilmember Ortiz asked whether the types of vegetation at the site would be monitored, to which Associate Planner Jones indicated that they would be monitored as much as other businesses in the area. She added that no conditional use permit is required.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING At 8:17 p.m., Mayor Breceda opened the public hearing.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING There being no speakers, Mayor Breceda closed the public hearing at 8:17 p.m.

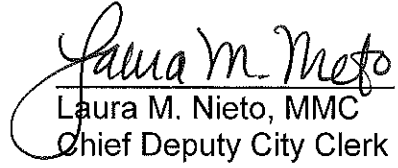
RESOLUTION NO. 2018-07-3001 ADOPTED **Resolution No. 2018-07-3001**, entitled:
"A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRWINDALE APPROVING GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 03-2017 TO CHANGE THE GENERAL PLAN LAND USE DESIGNATION FROM INDUSTRIAL/BUSINESS PARK TO OPEN SPACE/EASEMENTS FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT APN 8546-001-800 (SOUTH OF LOWER AZUSA ROAD AND NORTH OF RAMONA BOULEVARD), AND MAKING FINDINGS IN SUPPORT THEREOF", was passed, approved, and adopted, on the motion of Mayor Pro Tem Ambriz, seconded by Councilmember Burrola, and unanimously approved.

**CITY MANAGER'S
REPORT**

ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER OLIVARES Assistant City Manager Olivares reported that the Senior Center received a donation of a pool table from the Covina Senior Center, resident mailers will be sent only to those who opt-in to receive them, that the Police Department has created a new Facebook page, and that the Police Department will be hosting free CERT training from February through March.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m., in memory of Maxine Rodriguez Nunez.



Laura M. Nieto, MMC
Chief Deputy City Clerk

Approved as submitted at the meeting held February 28, 2018.