

MINUTES
May 16, 2023
Irondale City Council Meeting - City Council Chambers, City Hall
Regular Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

I. Invocation and Pledge – *Councilor Box led the invocation and pledge.*

II. Call to Order – *The meeting was called to order by Council President Pro Tem London at 6:00 p.m.*

III. Roll Call

Present

John London, President Pro Tem
Robert Box
Cindy Cuellar
Aaron Sims

Absent

David Spivey, Council President

IV. Approval of Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting on May 2, 2023.

Councilor Cuellar made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Council Meeting on May 2, 2023. The motion was seconded by Councilor Box. A vote was held and this motion passed unanimously.

V. Approval of Current Bills for Payment (\$257,731.20)

Councilor Box made a motion to approve the bills in the amount of \$257,731.20. This motion was seconded by Councilor Sims. A vote was held and this motion passed unanimously.

VI. Professional/Consultants' Reports – *None*

VII. Mayor's Report, Announcements, Special Guest

VIII. Department Heads' Reports – *None*

Councilmembers, Standing Committees, or Special Committee Reports

- A. David Spivey (Economic Dev., Library, Finance, Planning & Zoning)
- B. John London (Parks)
- C. Cindy Cuellar (Water Dept., Judicial Ordinances, CDA)
- D. Robert Box (Senior Activity Center, Public Safety, Abatement Board)
- E. Aaron Sims (Public Works)

IX. Reports of Boards and Non-Council Committees – *None*

X. Public Hearings

1. The City Council of the City of Irondale will hear comments from interested citizens for a change of zoning from an R-2 Residential District to an I-1 Light Industrial District for the property located at 5238 Amber Hills Road, Irondale, Alabama 35210.

Councilor Cuellar made a motion to enter the Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilor Box. A vote was held and this motion passed unanimously.

FOR

*Craig Jones; 2329 Monroe Drive
Mr. Gomez, Jr.; 2301 Monroe Drive
Wesley Jones; 2320 Monroe Drive
Barry Jones; 2409 Monroe Drive*

AGAINST

*5215 Amber Hills Rd
Wayne Flemming; 5381 Amber Hills Rd
Anita Evatt; 5238 Amber Hills Rd
Robbie Evatt; 5214 Amber Hills Rd
Mary Shearer; 5276 Amber Hills R
Holly Walker; 5388 Amber Hills Rd
Domingo Santos; 5327 Amber Hills Rd
Jose Valles; 5100 Amber Hills Rd*

Councilor Box made a motion to exit the Public Hearing. This motion was seconded by Councilor Cuellar. A vote was held and this motion passed unanimously.

- XI. Council Deliberation on Agenda Items Only** – *The City Council discussed all agenda items.*
- XII. Approval of the Form of the Agenda** – *Councilor Box made a motion that the form of the Agenda be approved. Councilor Cuellar seconded the motion. A vote was held and this motion passed unanimously.*

XIII. Public Comments on Agenda Items Only

*Paul Saucier; 1113 Cloud Crest Dr
Judy Wilson; 3510 Belmont Rd
Domingo Santos; 5327 Amber Hills Rd*

XIV. Consent Agenda

Councilor Box made a motion that the Consent Agenda be approved. Councilor Cuellar seconded this motion. A vote was held and this motion passed unanimously.

1. Resolved, That Resolution 2023-R-52 authorizes a special exception to the façade requirements for the building located at 1916 Alton Road as allowed by Sec. 4-11 of the *Municipal Code of the City of Irondale* for a specially designed building. (*Cochran*)
2. Resolved, That Resolution 2023-R-57 authorizes the execution of an Agreement with Motorola Solutions for maintenance for the E-911 system. (*Wiggins*)

3. Resolved, That Resolution 2023-R-58 declares City vehicles and equipment from the Water Department as surplus and authorizes the disposal of such property by Mayor James D. Stewart, Jr., or his designee through sale at govdeals.com. (*Morris*)
4. Resolved, That Resolution 2023-R-59 modifies a portion of Resolution 2023-R-47, which declared a City vehicle from the Fire Department as surplus, and authorizes a modification to the disposal method of such property by Mayor James D. Stewart, Jr. or his designee to donation to the Dancy-Cochran Volunteer Fire Department. (*McDaniel*)
5. Resolved, That Resolution 2023-R-60 allows the City of Irondale to participate in the 2023 “Back to School” Sales Tax Holiday beginning at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, July 21, 2023 and ending at twelve midnight on Sunday, July 23, 2023. (*City*)
6. Resolved, That Resolution 2023-R-61 authorizes the donation of \$44,500.00 to Shades Valley High School for educational purposes. (*City*)
7. Resolved, That Resolution 2023-R-62 authorizes the donation of \$19,500.00 to Irondale Middle School for educational purposes. (*City*)
8. Resolved, That Resolution 2023-R-63 authorizes the donation of \$19,000.00 to Irondale Community School for educational purposes. (*City*)
9. Resolved, That Resolution 2023-R-64 authorizes the donation of \$17,000.00 to Grantswood Community School for educational purposes. (*City*)
10. Resolved, That Resolution 2023-R-65 authorizes the donation of \$14,480.00 to the Jefferson County International Baccalaureate School for educational purposes. (*City*)
11. Resolved, That Resolution 2023-R-66 authorizes the execution of a service agreement with the Cahaba River Society, Inc. in the amount of \$25,000.00 (*City*)
12. Resolved, That Resolution 2023-R-67 authorizes the execution of a service agreement with Ruffner Mountain Nature Coalition, Inc. in the amount of \$50,000.00 (*City*)
13. Resolved, That Resolution 2023-R-68 declares the weeds, overgrowth, and noxious vegetable matter located on the premises located at 3520 Stonehenge Place, Irondale, AL creates a public nuisance and should be removed from such premises. (*Lawley*)

XV. Regular Agenda

Unfinished Business

14. Ordained, That Ordinance 2023-03 rezones the property located at 5238 Amber Hills Road, Irondale, Alabama 35210 from an R-2 Residential District to an I-1 Light Industrial District. (*City*)

Ordinance 2023-03 previously had a first reading on January 17, 2023. Due to changes in the Ordinance, another first reading was required.

Councilor Box made a motion that Ordinance 2023-03 be considered read. Councilor Sims seconded this motion. A roll call vote was held and this motion passed with all councilors voting in favor of the motion.

Councilor Box made a motion that all rules that would prevent the immediate consideration of Ordinance 2023-03 be suspended. Councilor Sims seconded this motion. A roll call vote was held and this motion failed with Councilor Sims voting in favor of the motion and councilors Cuellar, Box and London voting against the motion.

This ordinance will have its second reading and vote at the next regular meeting of the City Council.

New Business

15. Ordained, That Ordinance 2023-18 increases the ad valorem tax rate in the City of Irondale by 0.6% to 1.25% (12.5 mills) of the value of the property situated in the City in accordance pursuant to the special election held in the City on March 22, 2022. This ad valorem tax rate will be effective beginning on the October 1, 2023 until September 30, 2029, on which date the tax increase will sunset and not be collected further. (City)

Councilor Cuellar made a motion that Ordinance 2023-18 be considered read. Councilor Sims seconded this motion. A roll call vote was held and this motion passed with all councilors voting in favor of the motion.

Councilor Cuellar made a motion that all rules that would prevent the immediate consideration of Ordinance 2023-18 be suspended. Councilor Box seconded this motion. A roll call vote was held and this motion passed with all councilors voting in favor of the motion.

Councilor Cuellar made a motion that Ordinance 2023-18 be adopted. Councilor Box seconded this motion. A roll call vote was held and this motion passed with all councilors voting in favor of the motion.

XVI. Public Comments to the Council

*Judy Wilson; 3510 Belmont Rd
Donna Mayo; 6284 Ransom Rd*

- XVII. Executive Session** – Discussion on (1) negotiations involving matters of trade or commerce and (2) consideration the City Council is willing to offer or accept when considering the purchase, sale, exchange, lease, or market value of real property.

Councilor Box made a motion to enter Executive Session. Councilor Cuellar seconded the motion. A vote was held and this motion passed unanimously. City Council Pro Tem London stated that the City Council would not reconvene after the conclusion of its Executive Session.

Executive Session began at 7:29 p.m.

Councilor Cuellar made a motion to exit Executive Session. Councilor Sims seconded the motion. A vote was held and this motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session ended at 8:13 p.m.

(City Council did not reconvene for business following completion of executive session.)

XVIII. Adjournment

Councilor Sims made a motion to adjourn the council meeting. Councilor Cuellar seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.