

**MINUTES**  
**September 19, 2023**  
**Irondale City Council Meeting - City Council Chambers, City Hall**  
**Regular Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m.**

- I. Invocation and Pledge** – *Councilor Cuellar led the invocation and pledge.*
- II. Call to Order** – *The meeting was called to order by Council President Spivey at 6:01 p.m.*
- III. Roll Call**

**Present**

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

- IV. Approval of Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting on September 5, 2023.**

*Councilor Sims made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Council Meeting on September 5, 2023. The motion was seconded by Councilor Cuellar. A vote was held and this motion passed unanimously.*

- V. Approval of Current Bills for Payment (\$324,504.95)**

*Councilor Box made a motion to approve the bills in the amount of \$324,504.95. 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**

*Proclamation – National Attendance Awareness Month*  
*Proclamation – National Gearup Week*  
*Key to the City – Pastor Michael DeWayne McClure Jr.*

- VIII. Department Heads' Reports**

**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**

*David Pugh – Commercial Development Authority*

**X. Public Hearings**

1. The City Council of the City of Irondale will hear comments from interested citizens concerning Ordinance 2023-27 to modify the existing Zoning Ordinance to add a Recreational Vehicle Park zoning district.

*Councilor Sims 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  
None

AGAINST  
None

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

2. The City Council of the City of Irondale will hear comments from interested citizens concerning Ordinance 2023-28 to modify the existing Zoning Ordinance related to Sign Regulations in the City of Irondale.

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

FOR  
None

AGAINST  
None

*Councilor Box made a motion to exit the Public Hearing. This motion was seconded by Councilor Sims. 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 items 1-6, 9-12, and 15-17 be placed on the Consent Agenda and items 7 & 8 be moved from the Consent Agenda to the Regular Agenda, and the form of the agenda be approved, as amended. Councilor Sims seconded the motion. A vote was held and this motion passed unanimously.**

**XIII. Public Comments on Agenda Items Only**

**XIV. Consent Agenda**

*Councilor Sims made a motion that all items on the Consent Agenda be approved. Councilor Box seconded this motion. A vote was held and this motion passed unanimously.*

1. Resolved, That Resolution 2023-R-126 authorizes the payment of public funds to Shades Valley High School in the amount of \$3,000.00 with \$2,500.00 being given from the 2022-23 FY Discretionary Fund of Mayor James D. Stewart, Jr. and \$500.00 being given from the 2022-23

- FY Discretionary Fund of Councilor Robert Box to be used exclusively for the baseball team at Shades Valley High School. *(Mayor/Box)*
2. Resolved, That Resolution 2023-R-127 reappoints Denise Wright as a trustee for the Library Board for a term ending on September 30, 2027. *(Wilson)*
  3. Resolved, That Resolution 2023-R-128 increases the City's portion of the Local Government Health Insurance Premium currently paid on behalf of each City employee in the amount of 3%. *(City)*
  4. Resolved, That Resolution 2023-R-129 authorizes Mayor James D. Stewart, Jr., or his designee, to enter into an agreement with SARCOR, LLC for Construction, Engineering, and Inspection services for the TAP Sidewalk Project in an amount not to exceed \$99,028.82. *(City)*
  5. Resolved, That Resolution 2023-R-130 changes the date of the City Council Meeting from Tuesday, October 3, 2023 to Wednesday, October 4, 2023. *(City)*
  6. Resolved, That Resolution 2023-R-131 authorizes Mayor James D. Stewart, Jr., or his designee, to execute a Community Grant Program agreement with the Jefferson County Commission to accept a grant in the amount of \$1,000.00 for the Irondale Senior Activity Center. *(City)*
  9. Resolved, That Resolution 2023-R-134 authorizes the payment of public funds to Shades Valley High School in the amount of \$3,500.00 with \$2,500.00 being given from the 2022-23 FY Discretionary Fund of Mayor James D. Stewart, Jr., \$500.00 being given from the 2022-23 FY Discretionary Fund of Councilor Robert Box, and \$500.00 being given from the 2022-23 FY Discretionary Fund of John London to be used exclusively for the Shades Valley High School Color Guard team. *(Mayor/Box/London)*
  10. Resolved, That Resolution 2023-R-135 authorizes Mayor James D. Stewart, Jr., or his designee, to execute a Community Grant Program agreement with the Jefferson County Commission to accept a grant in the amount of \$15,000.00 for the Irondale Senior Activity Center. *(City)*
  11. Resolved, That Resolution 2023-R-136 authorizes Mayor James D. Stewart, Jr., or his designee, to execute a service agreement with Central Alabama Junior Roller Derby d/b/a Steel City Slayers for use of the Irondale Civic Center for a community youth roller derby league for the provision of recreational sporting services to the youth in the City of Irondale. *(Sims)*
  12. Resolved, That Resolution 2023-R-137 declares the week of October 16, 2023 through October 20, 2023 as Teacher Appreciation Week in the City of Irondale and authorizes the donation of \$28,000.00 to Shades Valley High School, Irondale Middle School, Grantswood Community School, Irondale Community School and JCIB from the FY 2022-23 educational budget for the purpose of making individual and equal grants to the teachers within each school out of the amount given for use solely within such teacher's classroom. *(City)*
  15. Resolved, That Resolution 2023-R-140 authorizes an investment in the City of Irondale's Trust Account at Regions Bank. *(City)*

16. Resolved, That Resolution 2023-R-141 authorizes the payment of \$5,000.00 to Father Nature Landscapes of Birmingham, Inc. for landscaping work to be completed within the right-of-way at Karl Daily Road and the roundabout. *(Cuellar)*
  
17. Resolved, That Resolution 2023-R-142 authorizes the payment of public funds to Shades Valley High School in the amount of \$7,500.00 with \$2,500.00 being given from the 2022-23 FY Discretionary Fund of Mayor James D. Stewart, Jr., \$1,000.00 being given from the 2022-23 FY Discretionary Fund of Councilor Robert Box, \$1,000.00 being given from the 2022-23 FY Discretionary Fund of Cindy Cuellar, \$2,500.00 being given from the 2022-23 FY Discretionary Fund of Councilor Aaron Sims, and \$500.00 being given from the 2022-23 FY Discretionary Fund of Councilor John London to be used exclusively for the MCJROTC at Shades Valley High School. *(Mayor/Box/Cuellar/Sims/London)*

**XV. Regular Agenda**

**New Business**

7. Resolved, That Resolution 2023-R-132 amends the City's Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget as set forth in Exhibit A to the resolution. *(City)*

*Councilor London made a motion that Resolution 2023-R-132 be approved. Councilor Sims seconded this motion. This motion passed with Councilors London, Box, Sims and Spivey voting in favor of the motion and Council Cuellar not voting in favor of the motion.*

8. Resolved, That Resolution 2023-R-133 extends the City's Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budgets until March 31, 2024. *(City)*

*Councilor London made a motion that Resolution 2023-R-133 be approved. Councilor Sims seconded this motion. This motion passed with Councilors London, Box, Sims and Spivey voting in favor of the motion and Council Cuellar not voting in favor of the motion.*

13. Resolved, That Resolution 2023-R-138 authorizes Mayor James D. Stewart, Jr., or his designee, to execute an assignment of an agreement for the purchase of real estate at 2074 Ruffner Road, Birmingham, Alabama 35210 in the amount of \$300,000.00 plus closing costs for use by public works. *(Pennington)*

*Councilor Sims made a motion that Resolution 2023-R-138 be considered read. 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 Sims made a motion that all rules that would prevent the immediate consideration of Resolution 2023-R-138 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 Sims made a motion that Resolution 2023-R-138 be adopted. Councilor Cuellar seconded this motion. A roll call vote was held and this motion passed with all councilors voting in favor of the motion.*

14. Resolved, That Resolution 2023-R-139 authorizes Mayor James D. Stewart, Jr., to execute an assignment of an agreement for the purchase of real estate at 1849 Crestwood Boulevard, Irondale, Alabama 35210 in the amount of \$415,000.00 plus closing costs for use by public safety. (Wiggins)

*Councilor Box made a motion that Resolution 2023-R-139 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 Resolution 2023-R-139 be suspended. 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 Resolution 2023-R-139 be adopted. Councilor Sims seconded this motion. A roll call vote was held and this motion passed with all councilors voting in favor of the motion.*

18. Ordained, That Ordinance 2023-27 amends Appendix A, Zoning, of the *Irondale Municipal Code* to provide for a Recreational Vehicle Park zoning district. (City)

*Councilor Sims made a motion that Ordinance 2023-27 be considered read. Councilor Cuellar seconded this motion. A roll call vote was held and this motion passed with all councilors voting in favor of the motion.*

*Councilor Sims made a motion that all rules that would prevent the immediate consideration of Ordinance 2023-27 be suspended. Councilor Cuellar seconded this motion. A roll call vote was held and this motion passed with all councilors voting in favor of the motion.*

*Councilor Sims made a motion that Ordinance 2023-27 be adopted. Councilor Cuellar seconded this motion. A roll call vote was held and this motion passed with all councilors voting in favor of the motion.*

19. Ordained, That Ordinance 2023-28 amends the Chapter 14, Signs, and Appendix A, Zoning, of the *Irondale Municipal Code* as it relates to sign regulations. (City)

*Councilor Cuellar made a motion that Ordinance 2023-28 be considered read. 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 all rules that would prevent the immediate consideration of Ordinance 2023-28 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 2023-28 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.*

20. Ordained, That Ordinance 2023-29 hereby eliminates its police jurisdiction pursuant to Alabama Code § 11-40-10 and the provision of services by the City within the police jurisdiction effective January 1, 2024. (City)

*Councilor Box made a motion that Ordinance 2023-29 be considered read. Councilor Cuellar 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 2023-29 be suspended. Councilor Cuellar 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 Ordinance 2023-29 be adopted. Councilor Cuellar 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**

**XVIII. Adjournment**

*Councilor London made a motion to adjourn the council meeting. Councilor Sims seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.*

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Leigh Ann Allison, City Clerk

Read and approved on the 4th day of October 2023.

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David Spivey, City Council President