

MINUTES
April 15, 2025
Irondale City Council Meeting - City Council Chambers, City Hall
Regular Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

- I. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance** – *Pastor McClure led the invocation and pledge.*
- II. Call to Order** – *The meeting was called to order by Council President Spivey at 6:00 p.m.*

III. Roll Call

Present

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

IV. Approval of Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting on April 1, 2025.

Councilor Cuellar made a motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting on April 1, 2025 with amendments. The motion was seconded by Councilor Box. A vote was held and this motion passed unanimously.

V. Approval of Current Bills for Payment (\$387,114.17)

Councilor Box made a motion to approve the bills in the amount of \$387,114.17. This motion was seconded by Councilor London. A vote was held and this motion passed unanimously, with Councilor Cuellar abstaining.

VI. Mayor's Report, Announcements, Special Guest

VII. 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)

VIII. Public Comments to the Council on Non-Agenda Items

John Bivona; 1296 Shades Terrace

IX. Reports of Boards and Non-Council Committees

*John Schoen; Irondale Exchange Club
Josh McDaniel; Fire Chief*

- X. Council Deliberation on Agenda Items Only** – *The City Council discussed all agenda items.*
- XI. Approval of the Form of the Agenda** – *Councilor Box made a motion that item 3 be moved to the Regular Agenda, items 6, 7, 8 10 and 12 be moved to the Consent 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.*
- XII. Public Comments on Agenda Items Only**
- XIII. Consent Agenda**

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

1. Resolved, That Resolution 2025-R-49-A amends Resolution 2025-R-49 authorizing Mayor James D. Stewart, Jr., or his designee, to execute a lease amendment with Grants Mill Station, LLC for a police substation, detective unit, and other related uses for the City. *(Wiggins)*
2. Resolved, That Resolution 2025-R-58-A rescinds Resolution 2025-R-58 authorizing execution of a real estate license agreement with Ruffner Mountain RV Park, LLC for additional parking as the Ruffner Park Sports Complex as the additional parking is no longer needed. *(Blankenship)*
4. Resolved, That Resolution 2025-R-65 approves an alcohol license for SRK Foodmart LLC d/b/a Edward Shell located at 1880 Edwards Lake Road, Birmingham, Alabama 35235. *(Mayor Stewart)*
6. Resolved, That Resolution 2025-R-60 authorizes Mayor James D. Stewart, Jr., or his designee, to execute an estoppel certificate to Hopleeds, LLC as it relates to that certain Third Amended and Restated Project Development, Funding and Cooperation Agreement. *(Mayor Stewart)*
7. Resolved, That Resolution 2025-R-66 authorizes the purchase of one reach-in refrigerator from Bresco, Inc. for use at the Irondale Senior Activity Center in an amount not to exceed \$3,292.03. *(Wright)*

8. Resolved, That Resolution 2025-R-67 appoints the voting delegate and an alternate voting delegate of the City of Irondale, Alabama for the Alabama League of Municipalities Annual Business Meeting. *(Allison)*

10. Resolved, That Resolution 2025-R-69 authorizes the allocation of public funds in an amount not to exceed \$750.00 from the FY 2024-25 Discretionary Fund of Councilor John London to be used for the purchase of a swing for the Rock Ridge Neighborhood. *(London)*

12. Resolved, That Resolution 2025-R-70 authorizes the allocation of \$1,000.00 to the Irondale Senior Activity Center for the community walking program at the Center. The funding for this is as follows: \$300.00 from the FY 2024-25 Discretionary Fund of Councilor John London, \$200.00 from the FY 2024-25 Discretionary Fund of Councilor Cindy Cuellar, \$200.00 from the FY 2024-25 Discretionary Fund of Councilor Robert Box, \$100.00 from the FY 2024-25 Discretionary Fund of Councilor Aaron Sims, and \$200.00 from the FY 2024-25 Discretionary Fund of Councilor David Spivey. *(London/Cuellar/Box/Sims/Spivey)*

XIV. Regular Agenda

3. Resolved, That Resolution 2025-R-64 establishes a standardized procedure for appointing citizens to city boards. *(Sims)*

Councilor Sims made a motion that Resolution 2025-R-64 be approved. Councilor London seconded this motion. A vote was held and this motion passed with Councilors Spivey, Sims, Box and London voting in favor of the motion and Councilor Cuellar voting against the motion.

5. Resolved, That Resolution 2025-R-37 establishes a policy for City Council Expense Approval reports. *(Cuellar)*

Councilor Cuellar made a motion that Resolution 2025-R-37 be approved. Councilor Box seconded this motion. A vote was held and this motion passed with Councilors Spivey, Box, Cuellar and London voting in favor of the motion and Councilor Sims voting against the motion.

9. **Public Hearing** – Resolved, That Resolution 2025-R-68 authorizes Mayor James D. Stewart, Jr., or his designee, to execute a Development Agreement with Hallmark ACQ, LLC granting certain economic incentives with respect to certain improvements to be made on the property located at 1837 Grants Mill Road, Irondale, Alabama 35210 *(Mayor Stewart)*

Councilor London made a motion to open the public hearing. Councilor Box seconded the motion. A vote was held and this motion passed with all councilors voting in favor of the motion.

Councilor Box made a motion to close the public hearing. Councilor Cuellar seconded the motion. A vote was held and this motion passed with all councilors voting in favor of the motion.

Councilor Sims made a motion that Resolution 2025-R-68 be approved. Councilor Box seconded this motion. A vote was held and this motion passed with all councilors voting in favor of the motion.

11. **Public Hearing** – Ordained, That Ordinance 2025-09 rezones the property located at 1603 Trailer Lane, Irondale, Alabama 35210 from U-1 Utilities Zone to R-5-B Mobile Home Park. (Cochran)

Councilor Cuellar made a motion to open the public hearing. Councilor Sims seconded the motion. A vote was held and this motion passed with all councilors voting in favor of the motion.

Comments from:

Truman Thomas; Wild Oak Drive

Councilor Box made a motion to close the public hearing. Councilor Cuellar seconded the motion. A vote was held and this motion passed with all councilors voting in favor of the motion.

Councilor Box made a motion that Ordinance 2025-09 be considered read. Councilor Cuellar seconded this motion. A vote was held and this motion passed with all councilors voting in favor of the motion.

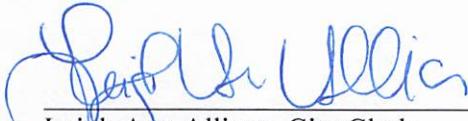
Councilor Box made a motion that all rules that would prevent the immediate consideration of Ordinance 2025-09 be suspended. Councilor Cuellar seconded this motion. A roll call vote was held and this motion passed with all councilors voting in favor of the motion.

Councilor Box made a motion that Ordinance 2025-09 be adopted. Councilor Cuellar seconded this motion. A vote was held and this motion passed with all councilors voting in favor of the motion.

XV. Executive Session

XVI. Adjournment

Councilor Cuellar made a motion to adjourn the council meeting. Councilor Box seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.



Leigh Ann Allison, City Clerk

Read and approved on the 6th day of May 2025.



David Spivey, City Council President