

MINUTES
August 20, 2024
Irondale City Council Meeting - City Council Chambers, City Hall
Regular Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

- I. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance –** *Pastor Hooper 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 August 6th, 2024.**
- Councilor Sims made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Council Meeting on August 6th, 2024. The motion was seconded by Councilor Cuellar. A vote was held and this motion passed unanimously.*
- V. Approval of Minutes of the Special City Council Meeting on August 7th, 2024.**
- Councilor Sims made a motion to the minutes for the Special Council Meeting on August 7th, 2024. The motion was seconded by Councilor Box. A vote was held and this motion passed unanimously with Councilor Cuellar abstaining.*
- VI. Approval of Current Bills for Payment (\$1,365,091.25)**
- Councilor Box made a motion to approve the bills in the amount of \$1,365,091.25. This motion was seconded by Councilor London. A vote was held and this motion passed unanimously with Councilor Cuellar abstaining.*
- VII. Mayor’s Report, Announcements, Special Guest**
- VIII. 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. Public Comments to the Council on Non-Agenda Items

*Judy Wilson; 3510 Belmont Road
Deluah Jasmine Deloach; 2300 3rd St. NW, Center Point
Mary Sherer; 5276 Amber Hills Road*

X. Reports of Boards and Non-Council Committees

*John Schoen; Exchange Club
Frank Pennington; Public Works*

XI. Council Deliberation on Agenda Items Only – The City Council discussed all agenda items.

XII. Approval of the Form of the Agenda for Current Meeting

Councilor Box made a motion to move items 5, 6, 7, 9, 15 and 16 to the consent agenda and the form of the Agenda be approved, as amended. Councilor Sims seconded this motion. A vote was held and this motion passed unanimously.

XIII. Public Comments on Agenda Items Only

*Sergei Kilij; 1319 Marion Drive
Mark Nelson; Alabama Spay & Neuter
Mary Sherer; 5276 Amber Hills Road
Judy Wilson; 3510 Belmont Road*

XIV. Consent Agenda

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

1. Resolution 2023-R-25-A amends Resolution 2023-R-25 authorizing the installation of one fire hydrant by The Water Works Board of the City of Birmingham on the east side of Bahenle Lane, approximately 200' east of the intersection of Bahenle Lane and Alton Road. *(McDaniel)*
2. Resolved, That Resolution 2024-R-141 authorizes the naming of the Large Dog Park at the Tails by the Rails Dog Park as “Dr. Weber’s Paw-some Place” in honor of the late Dr. William Weber. *(Mayor Stewart)*
3. Resolution 2024-R-142 authorizes Mayor James D. Stewart, Jr., or his designee, to execute a construction easement agreement with Tower Development, Inc. at the

property located at 3521 Ratliff Road for a construction project at Kirkwood by the River. *(Mayor Stewart)*

4. Resolution 2024-R-143 authorizes the acceptance and execution of a change order from Rotolo Consultants, Inc. for the Ellard Dog Park Project in the amount of \$904.80 for a new total contract sum of \$882,279.80. *(Mayor Stewart)*
5. Resolved, That Resolution 2024-R-144 repeals Resolution 2009-R-8 approved by the Irondale City Council on March 17, 2009. *(Sims)*
6. Resolved, That Resolution 2024-R-125 authorizes the execution of a service agreement with Crime Stoppers of Metro Alabama, Inc. in the amount of \$5,000 to provide services to the citizens of the City relating to the solicitation and collection of information concerning various types of criminal activity occurring within the City and the prompt and expedient transmission of such information to the Police Department of the City. *(Mayor Stewart)*
7. Resolved That Resolution 2024-R-126 authorizes the execution of a service agreement with Shoes That Fit in the amount of \$3,500 to provide services for those in the community in need and/or with clothing insecurities and to promote the health, safety and welfare of its citizens. The funding source is as follows: \$2,500 from the Irondale Community Programs budget and \$1,000 from the FY 2023-24 Discretionary Fund of Councilor John London. *(Mayor Stewart/London)*
9. Resolved That Resolution 2024-R-128 authorizes the execution of a service agreement with We Are 1, an Alabama non-profit corporation, in the amount of \$5,000 for the provision of recreational sporting services for the youth of the City of Irondale *(Mayor Stewart)*
15. Resolution 2024-R-147 adopts a transportation plan as required to receive funds pursuant to the Rebuild Alabama Act (Act No. 2019-2). *(Mayor Stewart)*
16. Resolved, That Resolution 2024-R-148 authorizes Mayor James D. Stewart, Jr., or his designee, to execute an agreement with Spectrum Environmental, Inc. for environmental services for the Irondale Fire Station Construction Project related to necessary submittals to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in an amount not to exceed \$8,750.00. *(McDaniel)*

XV. Regular Agenda

8. Resolved That Resolution 2024-R-127 authorizes the execution of a service agreement with Alabama Coalition for Immigrant Justice United in the amount of \$2,500 to provide services for the Latinx community living in the City of Irondale,

including, but not limited to, severe weather awareness workshops, and to promote the health, safety and welfare of its citizens. *(Mayor Stewart)*

Councilor London made a motion that Resolution 2024-R-127 be adopted. Councilor Sims seconded this motion. A vote was held and this motion passed with Councilors Spivey, Sims and London voting in favor of the motion and Councilors Cuellar and Box voting against the motion.

10. Resolved, That Resolution 2024-R-131 approves a compensation increase of 4% for classified and unclassified employees to take effect on October 2, 2024. *(Mayor Stewart)*

Councilor Sims made a motion that Resolution 2024-R-131 be adopted. Councilor Box 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.

11. Resolved, That Resolution 2024-R-132 approves a compensation increase of 4% for public safety employees included within the Public Safety Pay Schedule to take effect on October 2, 2024. *(Mayor Stewart)*

Councilor Sims made a motion that Resolution 2024-R-132 be adopted. Councilor Box 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.

12. Resolved, That Resolution 2024-R-133 increases the City's portion of the Local Health Insurance Premium currently paid on behalf of each City employee in the amount of 4%. *(Mayor Stewart)*

Councilor Sims made a motion that Resolution 2024-R-133 be adopted. Councilor Box 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.

13. Resolved, That Resolution 2024-R-145 authorizes Mayor James D. Stewart, Jr., or his designee, to execute an agreement with Truist Bank for their commercial card program. *(Allison)*

Councilor Sims made a motion that Resolution 2024-R-145 be adopted. 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.

14. Resolved, That Resolution 2024-R-146 approves the disbursement of \$2,351,001.99 from the American Rescue Plan Act for City employee salaries for the fiscal year 2024-25. *(Mayor Stewart)*

Councilor Box made a motion that Resolution 2024-R-146 be adopted. Councilor Sims 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.

17. Resolved, That Resolution 2024-R-149 establishes a policy for City Council reports given during City Council meetings. *(Spivey)*

Councilor London made a motion that Resolution 2024-R-149 be adopted. Councilor Sims seconded this motion. A vote was held and this motion passed with all councilors voting in favor of the motion.

18. **Public Hearing** – Ordained, That Ordinance 2024-13 rezones the property located at 4626 Overton Road, Irondale, Alabama from a C-1 Commercial District to a R-2 Residential District. *(Kennedy)*

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

For
None

Against
None

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

Councilor Sims made a motion that Ordinance 2024-13 be considered read. Councilor Box seconded this motion. A vote was held and this motion passed with all councilors voting in favor of the motion.

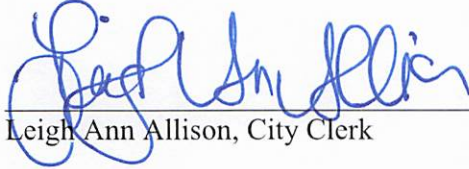
Councilor Sims made a motion that all rules that would prevent the immediate consideration of Ordinance 2024-13 be suspended. Councilor Box seconded this motion. A roll call vote was held and this motion passed with all councilors voting in favor of the motion.

Councilor Sims made a motion that Ordinance 2024-13 be adopted. Councilor Box seconded this motion. A vote was held and this motion passed with all councilors voting in favor of the motion.

XVI. Executive Session

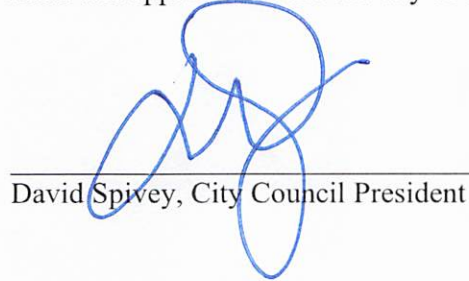
XVIII. Adjournment

Councilor Cuellar made a motion to adjourn the council meeting. Councilor London seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.



Leigh Ann Allison, City Clerk

Read and approved on the 3rd day of September, 2024.



David Spivey, City Council President