

MINUTES
May 20, 2026
Irondale City Council Meeting - City Council Chambers, City Hall
Regular Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

- I. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance** – *Councilor London 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
Erin Arnold
John London
Aaron Sims
Robert Box

- IV. Approval of Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting on May 5, 2026 and Special City Council Meeting on May 6, 2026.**

Councilor Sims made a motion to approve the minutes from the Regular City Council Meeting held on May 5, 2026. The motion was seconded by Councilor Arnold. A vote was held and this motion passed unanimously.

Councilor Sims made a motion to approve the minutes from the Special City Council Meeting held on May 6, 2026. The motion was seconded by Councilor Arnold. A vote was held and this motion passed unanimously.

- V. Approval of Current Bills for Payment (\$907,672.89)**

Councilor Box made a motion to approve the bills in the amount of \$907,672.89 to be paid. This motion was seconded by Councilor Arnold. A vote was held and this motion passed unanimously.

- VI. Mayor's Report, Announcements, Special Guest**

- VII. Councilmembers, Standing Committees, or Special Committee Reports**

- A. David Spivey (Finance; Planning & Zoning)
- B. John London (Parks & Recreation; Public Works)
- C. Erin Arnold (Water Department; Library; Education & Youth)
- D. Robert Box (Senior Activity Center; Public Safety; Abatement Board)
- E. Aaron Sims (Judicial Ordinances; Economic Development; CDA/IDB)

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

Kim Hartley; 2304 4th Avenue South

IX. Reports of Boards and Non-Council Committees

None

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 1 be amended with a new total of \$259,266.60, item 7 be amended to reflect the grant as being used for an America250 Celebration, and the form of the agenda, as amended, be approved. Councilor Sims seconded the motion. A vote was held and this motion passed unanimously.

XII. Public Comments on Agenda Items Only

None

XIII. Consent Agenda

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

1. Resolved, That Resolution 2024-R-178-B amends Resolution 2024-R-178-A to amend the amount of public funds allocated to Jefferson County, Alabama for the construction of a storm shelter in the City of Irondale to a total amount of \$259,266.60. *(Mayor Stewart)*
2. Resolved, That Resolution 2026-R-06-B amends Resolution 2026-R-06-A to add the Final Inning Festival as a 2026 City Event and authorize the expenditures related thereto. *(Mayor Stewart)*
3. Resolved, That Resolution 2026-R-25-A amends Resolution 2026-R-25 adopting an Employee Excellence Award Policy for City of Irondale employees. *(Mayor Stewart)*
4. Resolved, That Resolution 2026-R-111 authorizes the allocation of public funds from the FY 2025-26 Discretionary Fund of Councilor John London in an amount up to \$300 to be used exclusively for the Summer Screen Scene Movie Night on May 22, 2026 and \$300 to be used exclusively for the Summer Screen Scene Movie Night on June 19, 2026. *(London)*
5. Resolved, That Resolution 2026-R-112 renames, Pine Whispers Drive, a road located in the city limits of Irondale to Whispering Pines Drive. *(Mayor Stewart)*

6. Resolved, That Resolution 2026-R-113 authorizes Mayor James D. Stewart, Jr., or his designee, to execute an amendment to an agreement with Kemp Management Solutions, LLC for the provision of i) construction phase support and ii) construction closeout support for renovations to the Irondale Civic Center and the construction of Fire Station #3 in an amount not to exceed \$18,000 per month. *(Mayor Stewart)*
7. Resolved, That Resolution 2026-R-114 authorizes Mayor James D. Stewart, Jr., or his designee, to accept an America250AL grant from Alabama USA Semiquincentennial Commission in the amount of \$2,500.00 for an America250 Celebration in the City of Irondale. *(Mayor Stewart)*
8. Resolved, That Resolution 2026-R-115 authorizes Mayor James D. Stewart, Jr., or his designee, to execute an agreement with RecDesk, LLC for payment services in an amount not to exceed \$25.00 per month. *(Harrington)*
9. Resolved, That Resolution 2026-R-116 authorizes Mayor James D. Stewart, Jr., or his designee, to execute an agreement with Williams Blackstock Architects for Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment (FF&E) design and procurement services for the Irondale Civic Center Project in an amount not to exceed \$64,000 plus approved reimbursable expenses. *(Doss)*
10. Resolved, That Resolution 2026-R-117 authorizes Mayor James D. Stewart, Jr., or his designee, to apply for grant funding from the Office of the Secretary of Transportation, U.S. Department of Transportation. *(McDaniel)*
11. Resolved, That Resolution 2026-R-118 authorizes Mayor James D. Stewart, Jr., or his designee, to purchase a transport van from Quality Vans & Specialty Vehicles in an amount not to exceed \$153,900.00. *(Horsley)*
12. Resolved, That Resolution 2026-R-119 authorizes the submission of an application for ALDOT funding through the Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program for Pedestrian and Streetscape Improvements along Crestwood Boulevard from 16th Street to 20th Street. *(Mayor Stewart)*

XIV. Regular Agenda

13. **Public Hearing** Ordained, That Ordinance 2026-18 rezones the property located at 2590 Edwards Street, Irondale, Alabama 35210 from R-5 Town Home District to R-6 Planned Use Development. *(Cochran)*

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

For

Against

None

Kay Mickle; 313 Grants Mill Drive

Councilor London made a motion to exit public hearing. Councilor Arnold 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 2026-18 be considered read. Councilor London 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 2026-18 be suspended. Councilor London 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 2026-18 be adopted. Councilor Arnold seconded this motion. A vote was held and this motion passed with all councilors voting in favor of the motion.

14. **Public Hearing** Ordained, That Ordinance 2026-19 rezones the property located at 2312 4th Avenue, Irondale, Alabama 35210 from R-2 Residential District to Inst-2 Institutional District. (Cochran)

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

For

Nick Kent; 1319 Marion Drive
Kim McDanal; 4025 Rock Ridge Road

Against

Hiram Hyde; 2331 3rd Avenue South

Councilor London made a motion to exit public hearing. Councilor Arnold 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 2026-19 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 2026-19 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 2026-19 be adopted. Councilor Box seconded this motion. A vote was held and this motion passed with all councilors voting in favor of the motion.

15. Ordained, That Ordinance 2026-20 amends Chapter 6, Fire Prevention and Protection, of the *Municipal Code of the City of Irondale, Alabama* to allow the City to charge a fee-for-service for cost recovery on non-emergent assist responses to Alabama state licensed assisted living, residential care and nursing facilities. (McDaniel)

Councilor Box made a motion that Ordinance 2026-20 be considered read. Councilor Sims seconded this motion. A vote was held and this motion passed with all councilors voting in favor of the motion.

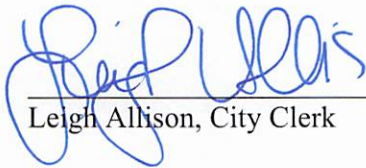
Councilor Box made a motion that all rules that would prevent the immediate consideration of Ordinance 2026-20 be suspended. Councilor Sims seconded this motion. A roll call vote was held and this motion passed with all councilors voting in favor of the motion.

Councilor Box made a motion that Ordinance 2026-20 be adopted. Councilor Sims 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 London made a motion to adjourn the council meeting. Councilor Arnold seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.



Leigh Allison, City Clerk

Read and approved on the 2nd day of June 2026.



John London, City Council Pro Tem