

**MINUTES**  
**September 16, 2025**  
**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  
John London, President Pro Tem  
Aaron Sims  
Cindy Cuellar  
Robert Box

- IV. Approval of Minutes of the Special City Council Meeting on September 2, 2025 and the Regular City Council Meeting on September 2, 2025.**

*Councilor Sims made a motion to approve the minutes from the Special Council Meeting on September 2, 2025. The motion was seconded by Councilor Box. A vote was held and this motion passed unanimously, with Councilor Cuellar abstaining.*

*Councilor Box made a motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting on September 2, 2025. The motion was seconded by Councilor Sims. A vote was held and this motion passed unanimously.*

- V. Approval of Current Bills for Payment (\$385,263.12)**

*Councilor Box made a motion to approve the bills in the amount of \$385,263.12. This motion was seconded by Councilor Sims. A vote was held and this motion passed unanimously.*

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

*Suicide Prevention Proclamation*

- 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)
- D. Robert Box (Senior Activity Center, Public Safety, Abatement Board)

E. Aaron Sims (Public Works, CDA)

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

*Sergei Kilic; 1319 Marion Drive  
Connie Carlisle; Montcrest Drive  
Deborah ; 230 24th Street South*

**IX. Reports of Boards and Non-Council Committees**

*Greg Cochran*

**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 items 2, 6 and 9 be moved to the regular agenda, items 17, 18 and 19 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**

*Nick Kent; 1319 Marion Drive*

**XIII. Consent Agenda**

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

1. Resolved, That Resolution 2025-R-153-A amends Resolution 2025-R-153 authorizing Mayor James D. Stewart, Jr., or his designee, to execute a service agreement with Heidi's Kids in the amount of \$10,000 for the provision of food and support to low-income children and families in the community. The funding is as follows: \$5,000 from the FY 2024-25 Community Programming Budget, \$2,700 from the FY 2024-25 Discretionary Fund of Councilor David Spivey, \$1,000 from the FY 2024-25 Discretionary Fund of Councilor Aaron Sims, and \$1,300 from the FY 2024-25 Discretionary Fund of Councilor Cindy Cuellar. *(Mayor Stewart/Spivey/Sims/Cuellar)*
3. Resolved, That Resolution 2025-R-161 renames a portion of road in the city limits of the City of Irondale located off of Ruffner Road as "Honey Lane". *(Cochran)*

4. Resolved, that Resolution 2025-R-162 authorizes the allocation of public funds to Shades Valley High School in the amount \$5,700 for use by the Shades Valley ROTC program. The funding is as follows: \$3,500 from the FY 2024-25 Discretionary Fund of Mayor James D. Stewart, Jr., \$1,000 from the FY 2024-25 Discretionary Fund of Councilor Aaron Sims, \$200 from the FY 2024-25 Discretionary Fund of Councilor John London, and \$1000 from the FY 2024-25 Discretionary Fund of Councilor Cindy Cuellar. *(Mayor Stewart/Sims/London/Cuellar)*
5. Resolved, That Resolution 2025-R-163 authorizes the allocation of public funds to the Irondale Fire Department in the amount of \$4,575 to be used for the purchase of residential Knox Boxes. The funding is as follows: \$2,200 from the FY 2024-25 Discretionary Fund of Councilor Aaron Sims, and \$2,375 from the FY 2024-25 Discretionary Fund of Councilor Cindy Cuellar. *(Sims/Cuellar)*
7. Resolved, That Resolution 2025-R-165 authorizes Mayor James D. Stewart, Jr., or his designee, to execute a service agreement with the Irondale Arts Council, Inc. in the amount of \$1,000 from the FY 2024-25 Discretionary Fund of Councilor Cindy Cuellar to provide services to the citizens of Irondale through the promotion of the arts and artists and through art events throughout the year in the City of Irondale. *(Cuellar)*
8. Resolved, That Resolution 2025-R-166 authorizes Mayor James D. Stewart, Jr., or his designee, to execute a service agreement with Mitch Pledger Youth Development in the amount of \$1,300 from the FY 2024-25 Discretionary Fund of Councilor Cuellar to provide mentorship programs, health and wellness programs, and anti-human trafficking programs to youth and young adults in the City. *(Cuellar)*
10. Resolved, That Resolution 2025-R-168 authorizes Mayor James D. Stewart, Jr., or his designee, to execute a service agreement with the Help 2 Others Foundation (H2O Foundation) in the amount of \$5,000 to assist in the provision of water to low-income Irondale residents and promote the health, safety and welfare of Irondale residents. *(Sims)*
11. Resolved, That Resolution 2025-R-169 authorizes Mayor James D. Stewart, Jr., or his designee, to execute a service agreement with The Exchange Club of Irondale Foundation in the amount of \$1,300 from the FY 2024-25 Discretionary Fund of Councilor Cindy Cuellar to assist with child abuse prevention. *(Cuellar)*
12. Resolved, That Resolution 2025-R-170 authorizes the allocation of public funds to the Irondale Public Works Department in the amount of \$1,100 to be used for the creation and implementation of an anti-littering campaign in the City of Irondale. The funding is as follows: \$900 from the FY 2024-25 Discretionary Fund of Councilor Aaron Sims and \$200 from the FY 2024-25 Discretionary Fund of Councilor John London. *(Sims/London)*

13. Resolved, That Resolution 2025-R-171 authorizes the allocation of public funds to Shades Valley High School in the amount of \$3,500 from the FY 2024-25 Discretionary Fund of Mayor James D. Stewart, Jr. for use by the Shades Valley High School Debate Team. *(Mayor Stewart)*
14. Resolved, That Resolution 2025-R-172 authorizes the allocation of public funds to Shades Valley High School in the amount of \$3,500 from the FY 2024-25 Discretionary Fund of Mayor James D. Stewart, Jr. for use by the Shades Valley High School Future Business Leaders of America. *(Mayor Stewart)*
15. Resolved, That Resolution 2025-R-173 authorizes the allocation of public funds to Shades Valley High School in the amount of \$3,500 from the FY 2024-25 Discretionary Fund of Mayor James D. Stewart, Jr. for use by the Shades Valley High School Girls Basketball Team. *(Mayor Stewart)*
16. Resolved, That Resolution 2025-R-174 authorizes the allocation of public funds to Shades Valley High School in the amount of \$3,500 from the FY 2024-25 Discretionary Fund of Mayor James D. Stewart, Jr. for use by the Shades Valley High School Boys Basketball Team. *(Mayor Stewart)*
17. Resolved, That Resolution 2025-R-175 authorizes James D. Stewart, Jr., or his designee, to execute an agreement with IronBeach Gym to provide health and fitness programs for City employees for an amount not to exceed \$1,700 per month. *(Mayor Stewart)*
18. Resolved, That Resolution 2025-R-176 allocates \$120,000 for an outdoor fitness court as part of the 2025 National Fitness Campaign. *(Mayor Stewart)*
19. Resolved, That Resolution 2025-R-177 authorizes Mayor James D. Stewart, Jr., or his designee, to execute an agreement with Warren Averett, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$17,500 for IT Risk Review, plus \$1,200 for each additional City IP Address that is penetration tested by Warren Averett. *(Mayor Stewart)*

#### **XIV. Regular Agenda**

2. Resolved, That Resolution 2025-R-160 extends the City's Fiscal Year 2024-25 Budgets until February 17, 2026. *(Mayor Stewart)*

*Councilor Sims made a motion that Resolution 2025-R-160 be approved. Councilor Box seconded this motion. A vote was held and this motion passed unanimously, with Councilor Cuellar abstaining.*

6. Resolved, That Resolution 2025-R-164 authorizes Mayor James D. Stewart, Jr., or his designee, to execute a service agreement with the Friends of the Irondale Public Library for \$1,695 to be used to provide services to the citizens of Irondale through the promotion

of the Irondale Public Library. The funding is as follows: \$1,000 from the FY 2024-25 Discretionary Fund of Councilor Aaron Sims and \$695 from the FY 2024-25 Discretionary Fund of Councilor John London. *(Sims/London)*

*Councilor Box made a motion that Resolution 2025-R-164 be approved. Councilor Spivey seconded this motion. A vote was held and this motion passed unanimously, with Councilors Sims and London abstaining.*

9. Resolved, That Resolution 2025-R-167 authorizes the allocation of public funds to Irondale Community School in the amount \$1,000 from the FY 2024-25 Discretionary Fund of Councilor David Spivey for the ICS Robotics Club for the purchase of VEX IQ Robotic Kids and registration fees for local and state competitions. *(Spivey)*

*Councilor Sims made a motion that Resolution 2025-R-167 be approved. Councilor Box seconded this motion. A vote was held and this motion passed unanimously, with Councilor Spivey abstaining.*

20. Ordained, That Ordinance 2025-13 grants a non-exclusive franchise to Lumos Fiber of Alabama, LLC to construct, maintain, and operate a fiber-based communications system in the public rights-of-way in the City. *(Mayor Stewart)*

*Councilor Box made a motion that Ordinance 2025-13 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.*

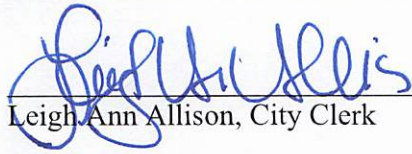
*Councilor Box made a motion that all rules that would prevent the immediate consideration of Ordinance 2025-13 be suspended. Councilor Sims seconded this motion. A roll call vote was held and this motion passed with all councilors voting in favor of the motion.*

*Councilor Box made a motion that Ordinance 2025-13 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**

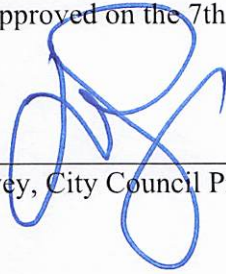
*Councilor London made a motion to adjourn the council meeting. Councilor Box seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.*



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Leigh Ann Allison, City Clerk

Read and approved on the 7th day of October 2025.



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David Spivey, City Council President