

**MINUTES
OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE JURUPA VALLEY CITY COUNCIL
February 16, 2023**

1. 5:30 PM - CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL FOR CLOSED SESSION

- Chris Barajas, Mayor
- Guillermo Silva, Mayor Pro Tem
- Leslie Altamirano, Council Member
- Brian Berkson, Council Member
- Armando Carmona, Council Member

Mayor Chris Barajas called the closed session meeting to order at 5:34 p.m. Council Member Leslie Altamirano and Council Member Brian Berkson were absent.

2. CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION

A. PUBLIC COMMENTS PERTAINING TO CLOSED SESSION ITEM

There were no public comments regarding the closed session item.

Council Member Leslie Altamirano and Council Member Brian Berkson arrived at 5:40 p.m.

- B. CITY MANAGER ANNUAL PERFORMANCE EVALUATION.** The City Council met in closed session pursuant to Government Code Sections 54957 and 54957.6 to evaluate the performance of the City Manager and establish goals and performance objectives for the next year as required by the City Manager's Employment Agreement. Pursuant to Government Code Section 94957.6, the Council will also meet with its designated representatives, Mayor Chris Barajas and City Attorney Peter Thorson, to provide direction to the designated representatives concerning the negotiation of salary, compensation and/or benefits for the unrepresented employee position of City Manager. Any changes to the City Manager's Employment Agreement can only be taken at a regularly scheduled open and public meeting of the City Council.

3. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

A. ANNOUNCEMENT OF ANY REPORTABLE ACTIONS IN CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Peter Thorson announced that there were no reportable actions taken.

4. 7:00 PM - CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL FOR REGULAR SESSION

- Chris Barajas, Mayor
- Guillermo Silva, Mayor Pro Tem
- Leslie Altamirano, Council Member
- Brian Berkson, Council Member
- Armando Carmona, Council Member

Mayor Chris Barajas called the regular meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

5. INVOCATION was given by Pastor David De La Cruz, Beacon Hill Assembly of God Church.

6. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Rod Butler.

7. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Council Member Leslie Altamirano, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Guillermo Silva, to approve the Agenda.

Ayes: L. Altamirano, C. Barajas, B. Berkson, A. Carmona, G. Silva

Noes: None

Absent: None

8. PRESENTATIONS

A. STATE OF THE GLEN AVON AND LOUIS ROBIDOUX LIBRARIES – PRESENTED BY MICHAEL JACOME AND KURT GALLY

Michael Jacome, Branch Manager, Glen Avon Library, and Kurt Gally, Branch Manager, Louis Robidoux Library, gave an update on the State of the Glen Avon and Louis Robidoux Libraries and the variety of services the libraries provide to Riverside County residents.

B. UPDATE ON SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL GRANT AWARDS – PRESENTED BY OCTAVIO DURAN, ASSISTANT CITY ENGINEER

Octavio Duran, Assistant City Engineer, provided an overview of the Active Transportation Program, (ATP) Grant program goals, which is to encourage bike and pedestrian projects, improve mobility and safety, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and help disadvantaged communities. He reported that despite the process being highly competitive, the City submitted three grant applications and all three were selected, with a total grant award of approximately \$8 million. He provided details of each grant, including the location, scope of work, and scheduled completion date.

9. PUBLIC APPEARANCE/COMMENTS

Tom Elder voiced concerns related to the following topics: 1) the traffic signals at Pedley and Mission and Pyrite and Mission; 2) The speed limit on Wallace Street should be 50 mph; 3) The Flock cameras are a waste of money; and 4) He objects to the inclusivity of the Muslim religion during the Invocation.

Josie Gaytan, representing Reach Out, conveyed an invitation to the grand opening of their Community Resource Center on March 15th from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The event will feature a health fair clinic, music, and fun activities for children, including face painting and balloon artists.

Lea Petersen, representing Southern California Gas Company, provided an update on the reasons for the unusually high natural gas bills. She encouraged residents who are impacted by the recent price increases to contact Southern California Gas to learn about their assistance programs by visiting their website at www.socalgas.com. She announced that the CPUC approved a climate credit for Southern California Gas customers and residents should see that credit in their February or March bills.

Uriel De La Torre referenced his recent appointment to the Public Works Advisory Committee. He introduced himself to the Council, stating that he was unable to attend the February 2, 2023 meeting. As a long-time resident, he looks forward to serving and helping to improve the City's infrastructure.

10. INTRODUCTIONS, ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, COUNCIL COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council Member Armando Carmona discussed the recent Neighborhood Community Meeting at Mira Loma Middle School. He thanked the members of the community who showed up to voice their concerns. He thanked Mayor Pro Tem Silva for being present and the City staff who provided critical information to the community. He looks forward to improving the dialogue between the City and the community. He reported on his attendance at the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation budget meeting and the County's proposal of \$10 million to create a Dodd Street storm drain project to address the flooding issues in Mira Loma. He announced a community workshop with County Flood Control engineers and staff is scheduled for March 7, 2023 at 6:00 pm at Troth Street Elementary School to allow residents to share their concerns. He commended City staff and the Jurupa Community Services District for responding to the illegal dumping in District 1. He promised to also work on the graffiti issues. He stated that the Council Chamber is open to all persons regardless of their religious faith and background.

Mayor Chris Barajas addressed the comments made by Mr. Elder, reiterating that everyone is welcome in the City Council Chamber regardless of their faith or beliefs. Even though the Council may not agree with Mr. Elder's views, he has a right to exercise his freedom of speech.

11. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER ORAL/WRITTEN REPORTS REGARDING REGIONAL BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

A. MAYOR CHRIS BARAJAS

- 1. Mayor Chris Barajas gave an update on the Western Riverside Council of Governments Executive Committee meeting of February 6, 2023.**
- 2. Mayor Chris Barajas gave an update on the Western Riverside Council of Governments – Administration & Finance Committee meeting of February 8, 2023.**

B. MAYOR PRO TEM GUILLERMO SILVA

- 1. Mayor Pro Tem Guillermo Silva gave an update on the Northwest Mosquito and Vector Control District meeting of February 16, 2023.**

C. COUNCIL MEMBER BRIAN BERKSON

- 1. Council Member Brian Berkson gave an update on the Riverside County Transportation Commission Annual Commission Workshop of February 2-3, 2023.**
- 2. Council Member Brian Berkson gave an update on the Riverside County Transportation Commission meeting of February 8, 2023.**
- 3. Council Member Brian Berkson gave an update on the Riverside County Transportation Commission Northwest Transportation Now Coalition meeting of February 9, 2023.**
- 4. Council Member Brian Berkson gave an update on the Metrolink / Southern California Regional Rail Authority – Audit and Finance Committee meeting of February 10, 2023.**
- 5. Council Member Brian Berkson gave an update on the Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee meeting of February 16, 2023.**

12. CITY MANAGER’S UPDATE

City Manager Rod Butler announced that a ribbon cutting ceremony will be held on Wednesday, March 15, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. to celebrate the new Reach Out Community Resource Center. He announced that the new Shadow Rock Park located at 5898 20th Street, will have its grand opening on Saturday, March 4, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. He announced that Jurupa Valley City Hall will be closed on Monday, February 20, in observance of Presidents Day. City Hall will reopen Tuesday, February 21, at 8:00 a.m.

13. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. FEBRUARY 2, 2023 REGULAR MEETING

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Guillermo Silva, seconded by Council Member Leslie Altamirano, to approve the Minutes of the February 2, 2023 Regular meeting.

Ayes: L. Altamirano, C. Barajas, B. Berkson, A. Carmona, G. Silva
Noes: None
Absent: None

14. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. COUNCIL APPROVAL OF A MOTION TO WAIVE THE READING OF THE TITLE AND TEXT OF ALL ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS INCLUDED IN THE AGENDA

Requested Action: That the City Council waive the reading of the title and text of all ordinances and resolutions included in the agenda. In accordance with Government Code Section 34934, the title of each ordinance is included on the published agenda and a copy of the full ordinance has been available to the public online on the City's website and will be available in print at the meeting prior to the introduction or passage of the ordinance.

B. REAFFIRM FINDINGS AUTHORIZING CITY COUNCIL TO MEET IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY TELECONFERENCING UNDER GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953(e) DURING THE COVID-19 STATE AND LOCAL EMERGENCY

Requested Action: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2023-16, entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JURUPA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING PUBLIC MEETINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD WITH A TELECONFERENCE OPTION FOR MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND THE PUBLIC DUE TO THE GOVERNOR'S DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY AND THE CITY COUNCIL'S DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953(e), AND MAKING FINDINGS AND DETERMINATIONS REGARDING THE SAME

C. ORDINANCE NO. 2023-04

Requested Action: That the City Council conduct a second reading and adopt Ordinance No. 2023-04, entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JURUPA VALLEY REPEALING
CHAPTER 15.80 OF THE JURUPA VALLEY MUNICIPAL CODE,
ELECTRICAL UTILITIES, COMMUNITY CHOICE AGGREGATION**

D. MID-YEAR BUDGET AMENDMENTS FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023

Requested Action: That the City Council approve the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Mid-Year Budget Amendments to the City's Budget as presented in the exhibit attached to the staff report.

E. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JURUPA VALLEY AUTHORIZING PERSONS HOLDING CERTAIN DESIGNATED POSITIONS TO EXECUTE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT DOCUMENTS

Requested Action: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2023-17, entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JURUPA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING PERSONS HOLDING CERTAIN DESIGNATED POSITIONS TO EXECUTE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT DOCUMENTS FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF JURUPA VALLEY FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING CERTAIN FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND/OR STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR FISCAL YEARS 2022/23, 2023/24 AND 2024/25

F. APPROVAL OF A DEPOSIT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF JURUPA VALLEY AND HIGHPOINTE EMERALD RIDGE, LLC OF CALIFORNIA FOR TRACT 36947 (NORTH OF CANAL STREET AND THE UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD LINE, EAST OF LA CANADA DR, WEST OF 28TH STREET, AND SOUTH OF THE RIO VISTA SPECIFIC PLAN

Requested Action: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2023-18, entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JURUPA VALLEY, APPROVING A DEPOSIT AGREEMENT WITH THE DEVELOPER OF TRACT 36947 WITH RESPECT TO THE RAILROAD CROSSING IMPROVEMENT CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL FOR TRACT 36947 AND FINDING THAT THIS APPROVAL IS EXEMPT FROM FURTHER ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 15061(B)(3) AND 15304 OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT GUIDELINES

A motion was made by Council Member Leslie Altamirano, seconded by Council Member Armando Carmona, to approve the Consent Calendar.

Ayes: L. Altamirano, C. Barajas, B. Berkson, A. Carmona, G. Silva
Noes: None
Absent: None

15. CONSIDERATION OF ANY ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

16. PUBLIC HEARINGS

17. COUNCIL BUSINESS

A. CITYWIDE CORRIDORS PLAN

Staff Report presented by Jean Ward, Project Manager. Ms. Ward outlined the purpose of the plan, which is to create typical street standards and streetscape improvements to implement the City's beautification goals and improve the functionality of the City's major roadways. Ms. Ward provided information on the initial proposal that would implement a three-phase approach in preparing the plan. The process would include community engagement and collaboration with the City Council and Planning Commission.

Further discussion followed.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Guillermo Silva, seconded by Council Member Leslie Altamirano, to receive and file the Citywide Corridors Plan; and direct staff to prepare a funding plan and appropriation recommendation for future City Council consideration.

Ayes: L. Altamirano, C. Barajas, B. Berkson, A. Carmona, G. Silva
Noes: None
Absent: None

B. REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT (RHNA) COMPLIANCE UPDATE

Staff Report presented by Dianne Guevara, Deputy Director, Community Development. Ms. Guevara stated that due to the current housing crisis in the state of California, the City Council must adopt policies and programs to plan how the City will meet its housing needs of its existing and future residents. She provided a Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) Compliance Update.

Further discussion followed.

By consensus, the City Council received and filed the report on the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) compliance update.

Ayes: L. Altamirano, C. Barajas, B. Berkson, A. Carmona, G. Silva
Noes: None
Absent: None

C. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Staff Report presented by Dianne Guevara, Deputy Director, Community Development. Ms. Guevara reported that this item is a result of the state of California’s Housing Accountability Act (HAA) and the various residential projects that are being proposed to the City. The HAA requires cities to respond to a proposed housing development project in writing if the project is deemed inconsistent. The proposed committee would review proposed residential developments in their earliest stages and will ensure the project is consistent with the General Plan. She explained how the committee would be structured and the scheduling and noticing of the meetings which would be subject to the Brown Act.

Further discussion followed.

A motion was made by Council Member Leslie Altamirano, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Guillermo Silva, to establish the Residential Development Committee for a trial period of six months to determine the effectiveness of the committee and bring back a status report and adopt Resolution No. 2023-19, entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JURUPA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING THE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Ayes: L. Altamirano, C. Barajas, B. Berkson, A. Carmona, G. Silva
Noes: None
Absent: None

18. CITY COUNCIL REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Council Member Brian Berkson requested that the City provide Spanish translation services at Council meetings and that a policy be brought back for consideration.

19. CITY ATTORNEY’S REPORT

City Attorney Peter Thorson had no report.

20. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

21. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Chris Barajas adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

The next meeting of the Jurupa Valley City Council will be held March 2, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the City Council Chamber, 8930 Limonite Avenue, Jurupa Valley, CA 92509.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Victoria Wasko". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Victoria Wasko, CMC
City Clerk