

**MINUTES  
OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE JURUPA VALLEY CITY COUNCIL  
March 18, 2021**

The meeting was held at the Jurupa Valley City Council Chamber, 8930 Limonite Avenue,  
Jurupa Valley, CA

**1. 6:00 PM - CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL FOR CLOSED SESSION**

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

Mayor Lorena Barajas called the closed session meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.  
Council Member Leslie Altamirano participated via teleconference.

**2. CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION**

**A. PUBLIC COMMENTS PERTAINING TO CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**

**B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – INITIATION OF LITIGATION.** The City Council met in closed session with the City Attorney pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4) with respect to two matters of potential litigation. A point has been reached where, in the opinion of the City Attorney, based on existing facts and circumstances, there is a significant exposure to litigation involving the City and the City Council will decide whether to initiate litigation.

**C. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS.** The City Council met in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 regarding the granting of a utility easement to Southern California Edison generally along Pat’s Ranch Road from Cantu-Galliano Road to Limonite as provided and described in the “Decision Granting a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the Riverside Transmission Reliability Project” approved by the California Public Utilities Commission on March 12, 2020 (Case No. A.15-04-013; Decision No. 20-03-001). The parties to the negotiations for the grant of the easement are: City of Jurupa Valley and Southern California Edison. Negotiators for the City of Jurupa Valley are: Rod Butler, George Wentz, Paul Toor, Steve Loriso, Tilden Kim, Stephen Lee and Paula Gutierrez-Baeza. Under negotiation are the terms of the grant of the easement.

**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**

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

Mayor Lorena Barajas called the regular meeting to order at 7:13 p.m. Council Member Leslie Altamirano participated via teleconference.

**5. INVOCATION** was given by Pastor Ann Peak from New Birth Baptist Church.

**6. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE** was led by Guillermo Silva.

**7. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Chris Barajas, seconded by Council Member Guillermo Silva, to approve the Agenda. A roll-call vote was taken.**

**Roll Call:**

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

**Noes: None**

**Absent: None**

**8. PRESENTATIONS**

**A. RECOGNITION TO ALISON LOUKEH**

Mayor Lorena Barajas and the members of the City Council recognized Alison Loukeh for her outreach efforts to the community and wished her well on her upcoming retirement from the Jurupa Community Services District.

**9. PUBLIC APPEARANCE/COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**10. INTRODUCTIONS, ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, COUNCIL COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Lorena Barajas announced that the City of Jurupa Valley will host a blood drive on Tuesday, March 23, 2021 from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. Further information is available at: [www.lstream.org](http://www.lstream.org)

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

**A. MAYOR PRO TEM CHRIS BARAJAS**

- 1. Mayor Pro Tem Barajas gave an update on the Western Community Energy Joint meeting of the Board of Directors and Technical Advisory committee meeting of March 10, 2021.**
- 2. Mayor Pro Tem Barajas gave an update on the Western Riverside Council of Governments – Administration and Finance Committee meeting of March 10, 2021.**

**B. COUNCIL MEMBER LESLIE ALTAMIRANO**

- 1. Council Member Altamirano gave an update on the Northwest Mosquito and Vector Control District meeting of March 18, 2021.**

**C. COUNCIL MEMBER BRIAN BERKSON**

- 1. Council Member Berkson gave an update on the Riverside County Transportation Commission meeting of March 10, 2021.**
- 2. Council Member Berkson gave an update on the Metrolink/Southern California Regional Rail Authority – Audit and Finance Committee meeting of March 12, 2021.**
- 3. Council Member Berkson gave an update on the Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee meeting of March 18, 2021.**

**12. CITY MANAGER’S UPDATE**

City Manager Rod Butler announced that one of the City’s “rising stars,” Sean McGovern is leaving the City to become the Assistant to the City Manager in Lake Forest. Mr. Butler complimented Sean for being a very versatile employee who has been able to take on many different roles while producing excellent work. He wished Sean well on his new endeavor. Mr. Butler noted that the Covid positive hospitalizations in Riverside County have declined and the County is moving to the less restrictive red tier. He polled the Council as to whether they would prefer to keep the Council meetings closed to the public due to the updated restrictions on public gatherings. Following discussion, the majority of the Council directed that the City Council Chamber shall remain closed to the public until May, 2021 at which time this issue shall be re-visited.

**A. DISCUSSION OF POTENTIAL MEMBERSHIP IN THE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES**

City Manager Rod Butler provided information on potential membership in the League of California Cities. Mike Flad, Assistant City Manager provided a brief overview of the League of California Cities and the programs and services they provide.

Further discussion followed.

**By consensus, the City Council directed the City Manager to provide a no-cost offer to the League of California Cities for one year to determine what if any, membership benefits would be realized after the trial year.**

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

**13. SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT UPDATE – ORAL REPORT**

Lieutenant Danny Young gave a PowerPoint presentation on activities from the Sheriff's Department. He provided information on the special enforcement teams, homeless outreach, code enforcement, illegal vendor enforcement, calls for service, and year-end statistics.

Further discussion followed.

Mayor Lorena Barajas thanked Lieutenant Young for his very thorough report.\_\_\_\_

**14. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A. MARCH 4, 2021 REGULAR MEETING**

**A motion was made by Council Member Guillermo Silva, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Chris Barajas, to approve the Minutes of the March 4, 2021 regular meeting. A roll-call vote was taken.**

**Roll Call:**

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

**15. CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

Requested Action: That the City Council waive the reading of the text of all ordinances and resolutions included in the agenda.

**B. ORDINANCE NO. 2021-07**

Requested Action: That the City Council conduct a second reading and adopt Ordinance No. 2021-07, entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JURUPA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF JURUPA VALLEY OFFICIAL ZONING MAP CHANGING THE ZONES OF APPROXIMATELY 34.17 COMBINED GROSS ACRES OF REAL PROPERTY, AND MAKING FINDINGS PURSUANT TO CEQA**

**C. CITY COUNCIL REVIEW OF THE DRAFT 2020 GENERAL PLAN ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT**

Requested Action: That the City Council review the attached 2020 General Plan Annual Progress Report and direct staff to submit the report to the California Office of Planning and Research (OPR) and the Housing and Community Development Department (HCD).

**D. AWARD OF CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT TO LCR EARTHWORK AND ENGINEERING, CORP. FOR 2020-2021 CDBG – FORT FREEMONT ALLEY RECONSTRUCTION – PH. 1, CIP PROJECT NO. 20105**

1. Requested Action: That the City Council approve and award a construction agreement to LCR Earthwork and Engineering, Corp. in the amount of \$69,136.80 for the 2020-2021 CDBG – Fort Freemont Alley Reconstruction – Ph. 1 Project (Agreement) for the work included in its proposal, and authorize the City Manager to execute the Agreement in substantially the form and format attached to the staff report in such final form as approved by the City Attorney; and
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute contract change orders not to exceed 10% of the total agreement, pursuant to requirements set forth in the agreement; and
3. Authorize the City Manager to record the Notice of Completion upon acceptance of the work by the City Engineer.

**E. AWARD OF CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT TO LCR EARTHWORK AND ENGINEERING, CORP. FOR 2020-2021 CDBG – MISSION BLVD. ADA IMPROVEMENTS, CIP PROJECT NO. 20102**

1. Requested Action: That the City Council approve and award a construction agreement to LCR Earthwork and Engineering, Corp. in the amount of \$253,300.00 for the 2020-2021 CDBG – Mission Boulevard ADA Improvements Project (Agreement) for the work included in its proposal, and authorize the City Manager to execute the Agreement in substantially the form and format attached to the staff report in such final form as approved by the City Attorney; and
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute contract change orders not to exceed 10% of the total agreement, pursuant to requirements set forth in the agreement; and
3. Appropriate \$70,000 of unencumbered Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account (RMRA) funds to the Project account to fund the total project costs; and
4. Authorize the City Manager to record the Notice of Completion upon acceptance of the work by the City Engineer.

**A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Chris Barajas, seconded by Council Member Guillermo Silva, to approve the Consent Calendar.**

**A roll-call vote was taken.**

**Roll-Call:**

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

**16. CONSIDERATION OF ANY ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR**

**17. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**18. COUNCIL BUSINESS**

**19. CITY ATTORNEY’S REPORT**

City Attorney Peter Thorson had no report.

**20. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

Mayor Pro Tem Chris Barajas announced that the next Community Clean-up event will be held Saturday, April 24, 2021. Anyone interested in volunteering may contact Mayor Pro Tem Barajas at City Hall.

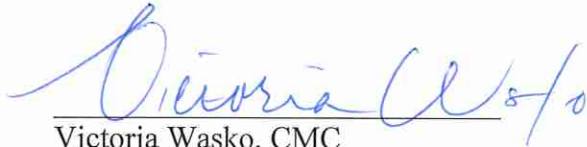
Council Member Leslie Altamirano advised that while participating in a ride-along with Path of Life ministry, she witnessed an accident in front of City Hall. She praised City WRCOG fellow, Creiselda Terpoorten, and Path of Life staff members Sean and Victor for their quick and heroic actions.

**21. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Lorena Barajas adjourned the meeting at 8:36 p.m.

The next meeting of the Jurupa Valley City Council will be held April 1, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the City Council Chamber, 8930 Limonite Avenue, Jurupa Valley, CA 92509.

Respectfully submitted,



Victoria Wasko, CMC  
City Clerk