

**MINUTES  
OF THE SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE JURUPA VALLEY CITY COUNCIL  
May 13, 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 6:03 p.m.

**2. CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION**

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

There were no public comments regarding the 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 one matter 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.

**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. 6:30 PM - CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL FOR COUNCIL WORKSHOP**

- 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 Council Workshop to order at 6:45 p.m.

**5. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was led by Mayor Pro Tem Chris Barajas.

**6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

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

**7. FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 BUDGET WORKSHOP**

**A. DISCUSSION OF FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 ANNUAL CITY BUDGET**

City Manager Rod Butler made a quick announcement regarding the cancellation of the May 12, 2021 Planning Commission meeting. He provided an overview of the proposed 2021-22 FY Budget, reporting that the good news continues for the City. He stated that there is a significant budget surplus and the City's fiscal strength is a result of projected revenue growth from property tax and sales tax revenues. The 2021-22 budget reflects the City's continued effort to transition positions that have been contracted through consulting firms to in-house positions, which results in greater operational control and budget savings. Mr. Butler described the new development that is driving the current growth in the City. He discussed the allocation and potential uses of the American Rescue Plan Funds, noting that the City is expected to receive approximately \$30 million. He reported that the mid-year budget may include additional state grant funds that can be used for infrastructure projects.

Connie Cardenas, Director of Administrative Services presented the staff report. Ms. Cardenas reported on some of the economic indicators such as the unemployment rate, property values, and current interest rates. She gave an overview of the City's revenues, expenditures, and fund balance. Ms. Cardenas gave a presentation on the transition of contract staff to in-house staff.

Further discussion followed.

Discussion followed regarding the MOU's and non-profit grants for Reach Out and the Chamber of Commerce. The Council discussed adding additional funds for grant funding to local non-profits.

Discussion followed regarding adding the cost to conduct Council Town Hall meetings.

Michael Flad, Assistant City Manager provided additional information regarding membership in the California Contract Cities Association.

Ms. Cardenas presented a cost of living proposal, a proposed five-step merit pay system, and a classification and compensation study. She outlined some of the obstacles in bringing on new employees such as recruiting challenges and comparable benefits.

Further discussion followed.

Ms. Cardenas provided information on the amount of COVID-19 relief funds that were awarded through the Community Development Block Grant program.

Following discussion, the City Council gave direction to staff prior to the final budget adoption at the June 17, 2021 Council meeting.

**8. PUBLIC APPEARANCE/COMMENTS**

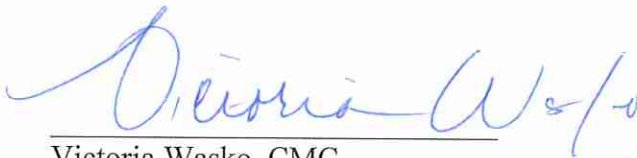
There were no public comments.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Lorena Barajas adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

The next meeting of the Jurupa Valley City Council will be held June 3, 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