

**MINUTES  
OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE JURUPA VALLEY CITY COUNCIL  
September 1, 2022**

**1. 7:00 PM - CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL FOR REGULAR MEETING**

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

Mayor Chris Barajas called the regular meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

**2. INVOCATION** was given by Imam Shaw, Islamic Center of Jurupa Valley.

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was led by Mayor Chris Barajas.

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mayor Chris Barajas announced that since Armando Carmona resigned from the Planning Commission, Item 14.A will be removed from the Agenda.

**A motion was made by Council Member Brian Berkson, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Leslie Altamirano, to approve the Agenda.**

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

**Noes: None**

**Absent: None**

**5. PRESENTATIONS**

**A. RIVERSIDE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL SERVICES -  
INTRODUCTION OF “PET OF THE MONTH”**

The City’s Pet of the Month for August, a 10-month old labrador/retriever mix named “Freckles” was introduced to the Council. Anyone interested in giving Freckles a home is invited to contact the City’s Animal Control Services Department at <https://www.rcdas.org>.

**B. RECOGNITION OF JOSE IBARRA FOR OBTAINING THE “MASTER  
CODE ENFORCEMENT PROFESSIONAL” CERTIFICATION**

The City Council commended Jose Ibarra, Building and Code Manager for being a leader in his field and for being the first in California to achieve the prestigious title of Master Code Enforcement Professional.

**C. PROCLAMATION CELEBRATING CONSTITUTION WEEK**

Judy Dillard, representing the Aurantia Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution shared the work that the Riverside Chapter of DARS does to educate local school students about the Constitution. She shared the winning student poster that depicts the signing of the Constitution for display at City Hall. She thanked the City Council for their proclamation recognizing Constitution Week.

**6. PUBLIC APPEARANCE/COMMENTS**

The City Clerk announced that she received one email comment regarding Item 14.A, however, since that item was removed from the Agenda, that email will be made part of the public record.

Armando Carmona announced that as of yesterday, he resigned as Chair Pro Tem of the Planning Commission to protect the City as this was an act of political retaliation. He asked Council Member Brian Berkson to take the lead on expanding uses under the City's equestrian lifestyle overlay zone that provides benefits and expanded uses to businesses that are committed to maintaining and uplifting equestrian uses in Jurupa Valley. He stated that many of these business owners feel that they are being pushed out of the City. He asked Council Member Berkson to assist a local neighbor who has experienced severe flooding to her home as a result of a development by Richard Hobbs. (A speaker donated their time to Mr. Carmona).

Roberto Ramirez described how he has struggled with the City's code enforcement process over the past six years. He stated that even though he is a good businessman and has been in business for over 20 years, he feels harassed by Code Enforcement. He voiced concern that the current zoning only allows him to have 200 sq. ft. of outside storage space, which he believes is unfair. He asked that the zoning codes be amended to be more business friendly to the equestrian lifestyle. (Veronica Hurtado donated her time to Mr. Ramirez).

Randy Beckendam, representing the Southern California Agricultural Land Foundation, stated that he and his daughter Amy operate Amy's Farm in Ontario. He stated that Amy's Farm is now in danger of closing as the landlord is selling to a warehouse developer and they will be evicted on September 13, 2022. He stated that warehouse development will eventually pave every single each of farmland in Ontario. He encouraged the Council to preserve the farmland in Jurupa Valley and preserve the rural way of life.

Alfonso Gonzales stated that the City's code enforcement has always been seen as something that is hostile to the community especially when it shut down Capital Boxing Gym. Code Enforcement is now trying to shut down Pedley Vet, which has been a pillar of the community. He stated that if the City shuts down Pedley Vet it will be "a slap in the face to the City's rural way of life." He discussed his plans to open a Community Center in the City.

Rena Rock discussed what she believes is a disconnect between the Council and the Mira Loma community. She asked what serving constituents really means and she encouraged the Council to leave Robert Ramirez and Pedley Vet alone as the community shops there.

Susan Robinson discussed accidents between motorists and horses, because motorists simply cannot see them. She shared an equine safety device that she invented and patented that can reduce these types of accidents. The safety device is a set of three horse reflectors, which attaches to the horse.

Javier Ramirez encouraged the Council to listen to their constituents and to stop the misinformation. He spoke about democracy, stating that trying to silence an opponent is anti-democratic.

City Manager Rod Butler provided a brief statement in response to some of the comments that were made at tonight's meeting. This issue involves an existing code enforcement case that has been opened for six years, which concerns multiple unpermitted uses and structures on Mr. Ramirez's property. In 2020, the Riverside Superior Court issued a default judgement and a permanent injunction against the business owner due to non-compliance with City codes. City staff recently met with the business owner and are currently waiting on his submittal of an entitlement application to address areas of non-compliance with City regulations. At the business owner's request, a meeting is scheduled next week to address the non-compliance and entitlement process. The actions related to the purchase of the property by Mr. Ramirez and any disputes with the seller are a civil matter and do not warrant City involvement.

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

Mayor Chris Barajas stated that the City's Code Enforcement is a reactive department, which means that they do not go looking for problems. If someone is visited by Code Enforcement it means that a resident or multiple residents have reported the issue and those residents also have a voice.

**8. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER ORAL/WITTEN REPORTS REGARDING REGIONAL BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

There were no reports.

**9. CITY MANAGER'S UPDATE**

City Manager Rod Butler highlighted two items on tonight's Consent Calendar that will provide various citywide street improvement projects. He announced that City Hall will be closed on Monday, September 5, 2022 in observance of Labor Day. City Hall will re-open on Tuesday, September 6, 2022.

**10. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A. AUGUST 18, 2022 REGULAR MEETING**

**A motion was made by Council Member Lorena Barajas Bisbee, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Leslie Altamirano, to approve the Minutes of the August 18, 2022 regular meeting.**

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

**11. 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. CONSIDERATION OF CHECK REGISTER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,183,063.52**

Requested Action: That the City Council ratify the check registers dated August 3, 10, and 17, 2022; as well as the payroll registers dated July 31 and August 5 and 19, 2022.

**C. APPROVAL OF PARCEL MAP NO. 37842 LOCATED AT 5680 ASH STREET, INCLUDING ACCEPTANCE OF OFFERS OF DEDICATION**

1. Requested Action: That the City Council approve Parcel Map No. 37842 and accept the dedications as follows:

a. Accept the offer of dedication of easement for ingress, egress, and emergency vehicle access over Parcels 1 and 2 inclusive as shown on Parcel Map No. 37842.

2. Authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign Parcel Map 37842.

**D. AWARD OF CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT TO VANCE CORPORATION FOR THE 2021-2022 CITYWIDE PAVEMENT REHABILITATION, CIP NO. 21101**

1. Requested Action: That the City Council approve and award a construction agreement to Vance Corporation in the amount of \$2,078,482.50 for the 2021-2022 Citywide Pavement Rehabilitation, CIP No. 21101, for the work

included in its bid proposal and authorize the City Manager to execute the Agreement in the form attached to the staff report; and

2. Authorize the City Manager to execute any subsequent related minor amendments to the Agreement with Vance Corporation, up to 10% as contingency to cover the cost of any unforeseen conditions.

**E. RESOLUTION ADOPTING CREDIT CARD CONVENIENCE FEE**

Requested Action: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2022-99, entitled:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JURUPA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING THE ACCEPTANCE OF PAYMENTS OF FEES, FINES, SERVICES AND OTHER DEBTS TO THE CITY BY CREDIT CARD; AND ESTABLISHING THE CREDIT CARD CONVENIENCE FEE TO BE COLLECTED FOR THE USE OF A CREDIT CARD**

**F. ACCEPTANCE OF OFFERS OF DEDICATION FOR AN EASEMENT FOR PUBLIC ROAD AND DRAINAGE PURPOSES AT THE HALL AVENUE AND AGUA MANSA ROAD INTERSECTION (CARSON-VA INDUSTRIAL II, LP, A DELAWARE LIMITED PARTNERSHIP)**

1. Requested Action: That the City Council accept the offer of dedication of an easement for public road and drainage purposes including public utility and public services purposes over Parcel "1" and Parcel "2" as shown on Exhibit B of DED21-010.
2. Authorize the Director of Public Works and City Clerk to sign the Acceptance of Dedication of DED21-010.

**G. CONSIDERATION OF PUBLIC HIGHWAY AT-GRADE CROSSING AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE CITY OF JURUPA VALLEY AND UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY COVERING THE RECONSTRUCTION AND WIDENING OF RUTILE STREET AND PEDLEY ROAD AT-GRADE PUBLIC ROAD CROSSINGS**

1. Requested Action: That the City Council approve the Agreement between the City of Jurupa Valley and Union Pacific Railroad Company covering the reconstruction and widening of Rutile Street at-grade public road crossing and authorize the City Manager to execute the Agreement in substantially the form and format attached to the staff report as approved by the City Attorney; and
2. That the City Council approve the Agreement between the City of Jurupa Valley and Union Pacific Railroad Company covering the reconstruction

and widening of Pedley Road at-grade public road crossing and authorize the City Manager to execute the Agreement in substantially the form and format attached to the staff report as approved by the City Attorney.

**H. AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF JURUPA VALLEY AND K&A ENGINEERING, INC. FOR THE ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES OF MARKET STREET WIDENING PROJECT NUMBER 19108**

Requested Action: That the City Council approve the Agreement between the City of Jurupa Valley and K&A Engineering, Inc. for Engineering Services for the Market Street Widening Project No. 19108 and authorize the City Manager to execute the Agreement in substantially the form and format attached to the staff report as approved by the City Attorney.

**I. APPROVAL OF TWO AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE CITY OF JURUPA VALLEY AND TKE ENGINEERING, INC. AND DENNIS JANDA, INC. FOR ON-CALL LAND SURVEYING AND ENGINEERING SERVICES**

1. Requested Action: That the City Council approve the Agreement between the City of Jurupa Valley and TKE Engineering, Inc. for On-Call Land Surveying and Engineering Services and authorize the City Manager to execute the Agreement in substantially the form and format attached and as approved by the City Attorney; and
2. That the City Council approve the Agreement between the City of Jurupa Valley and Dennis Janda, Inc. for On-Call Land Surveying Services and authorize the City Manager to execute the Agreement in substantially the form and format attached and as approved by the City Attorney.

**J. AGREEMENT FOR CONSULTING SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF JURUPA VALLEY AND PATH OF LIFE MINISTRIES, INC. FOR ADMINISTRATION OF THE CRISIS STABILIZATION HOUSING PROGRAM**

Requested Action: That the City Council approve the Agreement by and between the City of Jurupa Valley and Path of Life Ministries, Inc. for administration of the Crisis Stabilization Units for an amount not to exceed \$200,000.00, and authorize the City Manager to execute the Agreement in substantially the form and format attached to the staff report as approved by the City Attorney.

**K. APPROVAL OF CONSULTANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF JURUPA VALLEY AND B&A GRANT SERVICES & SOFTWARE FOR GRANT WRITING SERVICES**

Requested Action: That the City Council approve the Agreement between the City of Jurupa Valley and B&A Grant Services for grant writing services and authorize the City Manager to execute the Agreement.

**A motion was made by Council Member Brian Berkson, seconded by Council Member Lorena Barajas Bisbee, to approve the Consent Calendar.**

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

**Noes: None**

**Absent: None**

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

**13. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**14. COUNCIL BUSINESS**

**B. APPOINTMENT OF TWO COUNCIL MEMBERS TO CITY LEGISLATIVE AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE FOR FY 2022-23**

Staff Report presented by Michael Flad, Assistant City Manager.

Further discussion followed.

**A motion was made by Council Member Guillermo Silva, seconded by Council Member Lorena Barajas Bisbee, to establish the “Legislative Ad Hoc Subcommittee” for FY 2022-23 that will: 1) work with the City staff and the City’s state and federal lobbyists, to develop a legislative platform; 2) report to Council on important legislative and regulatory matters of interest; and 3) review and respond to requests for state legislation support/opposition letters; and appoint the mayor and mayor pro tem on a yearly rotational basis.**

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

**Noes: None**

**Absent: None**

**15. CITY ATTORNEY’S REPORT**

City Attorney Peter Thorson had no report.

**16. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

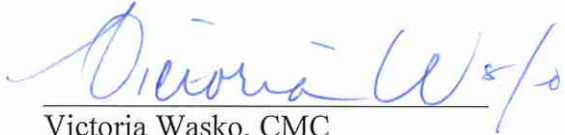
There were no additional Council comments.

17. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Chris Barajas adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

The next meeting of the Jurupa Valley City Council will be held September 15, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the City Council Chamber, 8930 Limonite Avenue, Jurupa Valley, CA 92509.

Respectfully submitted,



Victoria Wasko, CMC  
City Clerk