

**IRWINDALE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER
5050 N. IRWINDALE AVENUE
IRWINDALE, CALIFORNIA 91706**

**FEBRUARY 25, 2009
WEDNESDAY
6:00 P.M.**

The Irwindale **HOUSING AUTHORITY** met in regular session at the above time and place.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Authority Members Mark A. Breceda, David "Chico" Fuentes, Manuel R. Garcia; Vice Chair H. Manuel Ortiz; Chair Larry G. Burrola

Also present: Robert Griego, Executive Director; Fred Galante, Authority Attorney; Camille Diaz, Assistant Executive Director; Sol Benudiz; Chief of Police; Laura Nomura, Director of Finance; Ray Hamada, Director of Planning; Kwok Tam, Director of Public Works / City Engineer; and Linda Kimbro, Assistant Secretary

**SPONTANEOUS
COMMUNICATIONS**

There were no speakers.

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION

A motion was made by Commissioner Fuentes, seconded by Commissioner Breceda, to approve the Consent Calendar, reading resolutions by title only and waiving further reading thereof. The motion was unanimously approved.

ITEM 1A
MINUTES

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The following minutes were approved:

1. Regular meeting held February 11, 2009

ITEM 1B
ADOPTING RULES AND
REGULATIONS
GOVERNING THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF
CALIFORNIA
RELOCATION
ASSISTANCE LAW

ADOPTING RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CALIFORNIA RELOCATION ASSISTANCE LAW

RESOLUTION NO.
HA 2009-01-022
ADOPTED

Resolution No. HA 2009-01-022, entitled: "A RESOLUTION OF THE IRWINDALE HOUSING AUTHORITY ADOPTING RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CALIFORNIA RELOCATION ASSISTANCE LAW," was passed, approved and adopted.

**END OF CONSENT
CALENDAR**

NEW BUSINESS

ITEM 1A

IRWINDALE PIT NO. 2
LOCATED AT 15350
OLIVE STREET (OLIVE
PIT) (REQUESTED BY
COUNCILMEMBER
FUENTES)

IRWINDALE PIT NO. 2 LOCATED AT 15350 OLIVE STREET
(OLIVE PIT) (REQUESTED BY COUNCILMEMBER FUENTES)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
GRIEGO

Executive Director Griego reported on the status of the Olive Pit (Irwindale Pit No. 2) located at 15350 Olive Street.

HOUSING
COORDINATOR
OLIVARES

Housing Coordinator Olivares, provided an analysis regarding the Pit and advised that the Pit was purchased with Low and Moderate Income Housing monies with the intention of reclaiming the Pit for a future housing development. She explained that California Redevelopment Law requires that the property be developed within five years of being acquired and that time expires on August 17, 2009. Accordingly, the Agency will need to determine if housing is to be developed or if the Agency should dispose of the Pit. Other options include: recreational use/open space; site location for filming; or land swap with Los Angeles County Flood Control for relocation of their existing spreading basin at the southerly Manning Pit. The land swap option with Los Angeles County is of interest because it can assist the City's effort to fill the northerly Manning Pit. Housing Coordinator Olivares stated that since the Pit was acquired with the intent of developing affordable housing in order to meet the affordable housing obligations required under Community Redevelopment Law, and since the time limitation is fast approaching within which the development of housing must occur, staff is recommending that the Pit be sold to the Agency. This would require an appraisal after which the sale of the Pit will be placed on a future Agency agenda. In addition, Housing Coordinator Olivares further stated that staff is proposing that discussions with the County regarding the feasibility of the land swap commence.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
GRIEGO

Executive Director Griego stated that mining companies have shown an interest in the pit for potential mining. He also advised that the land swap area is in the City's town center and now would be a good time to speak to the County regarding the land swap should the Council choose this option.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA Commissioner Garcia asked if a study has been done on the viability of mining.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR GRIEGO Executive Director Griego replied that this particular pit is about 150 feet deep and has some potential.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR TAM Public Works Director Tam reported that there are possibly 40 million tons of material left in the pit which would take approximately 12-15 years worth of mining at an average of 3 million tons per year.

COMMISSIONER FUENTES Commissioner Fuentes commented that mining should be reinstated and would like to explore that possibility especially with the current economic condition.

VICE CHAIR ORTIZ Vice Chair Ortiz commented that the City should look at a different way of doing things. He expressed the opinion that mining would cause more problems and he supports the land swap.

COMMISSIONER BRECEDA Commissioner Breceda stated that he was undecided.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA Commissioner Garcia commented that he supports the purchase by the Community Redevelopment Agency in order to keep the land secure.

CHAIR BURROLA Chair Burrola conveyed his agreement with Commissioner Breceda. He stated he did not want to make a decision at this time and would like to explore other options.

COMMISSIONER FUENTES Commissioner Fuentes commented that he merely wants to explore options, however he stated that mining would help alleviate the budget issues.

ART TAPIA Art Tapia stated that he was concerned about materials being used by the County to fill the pit.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR TAM Public Works Director Tam advised that the fill came from debris from the mountains and needs to be removed and reprocessed.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR GRIEGO Executive Director Griego remarked that a decision would have to be made at some point in the future about the Housing Authority ownership.

OLD BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 9:52 p.m.

Linda J. Kimbro, MMC
Assistant Secretary