



MINUTES

**CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
AND
REGULAR JOINT MEETING
WITH THE CITY OF IRVINE AS
SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE
DISSOLVED IRVINE
REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

**June 25, 2024
City Council Chamber
1 Civic Center Plaza
Irvine, CA 92606**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Irvine City Council and regular joint meeting with the City of Irvine as Successor Agency to the dissolved Irvine Redevelopment Agency was called to order at 4:03 p.m. on June 25, 2024, in the City Council Chamber, Irvine Civic Center, 1 Civic Center Plaza, Irvine, California; Mayor/Chairwoman Khan presiding.

ROLL CALL

Present:	5	Councilmember/Boardmember:	Mike Carroll
		Councilmember/Boardmember:	Tammy Kim
		Councilmember/Boardmember:	Kathleen Treseder*
		Vice Mayor/Vice Chairman:	Larry Agran
		Mayor/Chairwoman:	Farrah N. Khan

*via teleconference

Following roll call, Councilmember/Boardmember Treseder noted that she was traveling on business for a state agency, and as such would be participating virtually in the meeting. She also noted that she was required to disclose whether any individuals 18 years of age or older were present with her and her relationship to those individuals, as required by Assembly Bill 2449, and confirmed that no individuals 18 years of age or older were present with her during the meeting.

1. CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Melching announced the following Closed Session items:

- 1.1 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION - Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) – United Here Local 11 v. City of Irvine, Orange County Superior Court Case No. Pending.**
- 1.2 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION – Government Code Section 54957; Title: City Manager**

There were no requests to speak.

RECESS

Mayor Khan recessed the City Council meeting to Closed Session at 4:08 p.m.

RECONVENE TO THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Khan reconvened the City Council meeting at 5:09 p.m. City Attorney Melching, on behalf of the City Council, announced that no reportable action was taken in Closed Session.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Carroll led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

Rabbi Richard Steinberg from Congregation Shir Ha-Ma'alot provided the invocation.

2. PRESENTATIONS

2.1 Proclaim July 2024, as "Park and Recreation Month"

Mayor Khan introduced Chris Slama, Director of Community Services, and members of the Community Services Department, and presented a proclamation recognizing July 2024, as "Park and Recreation Month."

PUBLIC COMMENTS - CITY COUNCIL - NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS

Cole Haydon and Ansh Sankhala, Irvine residents, spoke in support of their “Dark Sky” initiative to reduce light pollution in the City.

Aayush Manapat, Intern for Orange County Supervisor Katrina Foley, provided an update on Supervisor Foley’s policy and governmental initiatives.

Jason Garshfield, Irvine resident, spoke in support of Councilmember Carroll’s opposition to motion approved at the City Council meeting of June 11, 2024, pertaining to the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan; in support of Councilmember Treseder’s comments about enforcement of emissions standards; and in opposition to the City Attorney’s comments related to that item.

Mona spoke in opposition to the violation of First Amendment rights by certain Councilmembers.

Alan Meyerson, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to antisemitism and insults made by speakers toward Vice Mayor Agran, and in support of Vice Mayor Agran’s upholding of his Oath of Office.

Debra Kamm, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to violations of the rights of children with disabilities by Irvine Unified School District (IUSD) and the payment of large legal fees by IUSD to fight related litigation.

Robin Gurien spoke in support of Councilmembers calling out hateful and divisive language.

A speaker identified as “Turtle Rock” and Diane Bucka spoke in opposition to Vice Mayor Agran’s proposal to adjust the City’s contingency reserve.

Dee Fox, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to the Orange County Power Authority (OCPA).

Karen J. spoke in support of the Gypsum Canyon Veterans Cemetery site; in opposition to use of funds by Vice Mayor Agran’s political action committees; and questioned the rationale for a limited print version of Irvine Community News & Views during an election.

AK spoke in opposition to Mayor Khan’s previous comments related to the protest at the University of California, Irvine (UCI).

Eric Neshanian, Irvine resident, spoke in support of a Director of Public Safety/Chief Police report during City Council meetings similar to the City Manager’s Report; in support of reducing the number of campaign signs; and in opposition to previous comments by Councilmember Treseder and City Manager Chi.

G, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to perceived antisemitism encouraged by Mayor Khan and Vice Mayor Agran, and noted a recent incident outside a synagogue in Los Angeles.

Im spoke in opposition to increased hostility toward certain Councilmembers; in support of events to work through cultural hostility; and in support of enhancing outreach related to the Access Irvine app.

Melisa Masri, Irvine resident and local science teacher, spoke in opposition to the use of hydrogen and “greenwashing” of companies that use methane and fossil fuels; and in support of the City leaning toward OCPA and away from Southern California Gas Company.

Michael Wauschek spoke in support of a cease fire in the Middle East.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

There was no report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Khan

- Mayor Khan will host a Financial Literacy 101 Town Hall at Los Olivos Community Center on Thursday, June 27, at 6 p.m. The panel of three financial literacy experts from Irvine will provide insights and advice on financial wellbeing for businesses, youth, seniors, and everyone in between. Those interested in attending are asked to RSVP for more information.
- Members of the public are invited to a special discussion on the City’s 2045 General Plan Update (GPU) on Monday, July 8, from 6 to 7 p.m. at City Hall. The State-required GPU represents the vision for Irvine for the next 25 years. The event is an opportunity for attendees to learn more, discuss, and share their questions about the GPU.
- Free Summer in the City series includes the following:
 - Movies on the Lawn begins with a showing of Elemental on Thursday, June 27, at Great Park Live. Members of the public are encouraged to bring low-back chairs, blankets, and a picnic; or purchase treats from gourmet food trucks and a snack bar. Food trucks will arrive at 6:30 p.m. Movies begin after sunset and are weather permitting. Future showings consist of Trolls Band Together on July 18 and Wonka on August 1.

- Concerts will return to Mike Ward Community Park – Woodbridge on Saturday, July 27, at 5:30 p.m. when The Reflexx brings its alternative 80s sounds to Irvine. Members of the public are encouraged to bring low-back chairs, blankets, and picnic-style treats. Snacks can also be purchased from gourmet food trucks. Concerts will continue on August 10 with classic rock by 1969 the Tribute and August 17 with R&B, soul, and old school funk by DW3.
- Pacific Symphony will hold Symphony in the Cities on August 18 at Great Park Live. Pre-concert, family-friendly activities will begin at 5:30 p.m., followed by the concert at 7 p.m.

For more information on Summer in the City events, visit cityofirvine.org/summer.

- The City is hosting a free compost giveaway at Portola Springs Community Center on Saturday, June 29, from 9 a.m. to noon. Residents can receive up to three pre-packaged bags (20 pounds per bag) of free compost from Tierra Verde Industries, which will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Composting reduces the burden on landfills while replenishing lawns and gardens for free. Mayor Khan expressed appreciation to Tierra Verde and Orange County Waste & Recycling for their support of the event. For more information, visit cityofirvine.org/ep.
- To address the growing blood supply crisis in Orange County, the City is partnering with UCI Health to host a blood drive on Thursday, July 11, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Irvine Civic Center. Donors will receive a \$10 gift card to Target, In-N-Out Burger, or Starbucks; or a newly designed blood donor tote bag; and an opportunity to enter a raffle for four passes to Great Park Ice & FivePoint Arena, courtesy of UCI Health. Appointments are suggested but not required, and walk-ins will be accepted. Donations will help provide critical care for patients at UCI Medical Center, the only Level 1 Trauma Center in Orange County, which transfuses over 1,000 units of blood every month and needs at least 1,000 people to donate blood each month to provide appropriate care for members of the community, including: cancer patients, people who have experienced severe trauma such as auto accidents, and babies in the neonatal intensive care unit. For more information and to book an appointment, visit cityofirvine.org/blooddrive.

Councilmember Kim

- As the City's representative of the Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA), Councilmember Kim joined a group from Woodbury Elementary School to unveil a bench that they built with Home Depot and CTS Cement in honor of Captain Rob Culp, who tragically passed away on March 4, 2024. The bench is located at Fire Station 27, which is where Captain Culp last served. Councilmember Kim expressed appreciation to the Woodbury Elementary students, Home Depot, and CTS Cement.

- With the upcoming 4th of July holiday, Councilmember Kim reminded members of the public to find fire safety tips on the OCFA's website at *ocfa.org*.
- Councilmember Kim congratulated Councilmember Treseder for being honored with the 2024 Robert H. MacArthur Award from the Ecological Society of America for significant contributions to the field of ecology, understanding of ecological systems, and addressing public health issues such as the spread of pathogens influenced by climate change. Councilmember Treseder's impact is highlighted by her record of over 29,000 citations for her publications and successful leadership on grants totaling more than \$8 million in recent years.

Councilmember Carroll

- On behalf of the City, Councilmember Carroll recently dedicated the new Michelson Historical Marker at 1920 Main Street in honor of renowned physicist Dr. Albert Michelson, for whom Michelson Drive is named, and his speed of light experiment. This item was brought before the City Council after being approached by several community members, including:
 - Community volunteer and Citizens Academy graduate, Virginia Webber
 - UCI Physics Chair and Astronomy Professor
 - Dr. Roger McWilliams
 - Ted Dickerson and the Irvine Concourse Owner's Association
 - Emmes Realty, property owner and location sponsor
 - Historian Kim Weiss
 - Engineer and writer Thomas Mahood
 - Professor Carver Mead of Cal Tech.

Dr. Michelson was a distinguished Professor and the first American to win a Nobel Prize in science among many other achievements. In 1931, Albert Einstein visited Dr. Michelson at the Irvine Ranch to discuss his experiment, and those discussions resulted in what became known as the Theory of Relativity, the underpinning of most computer and modern technology. Members of the public are invited to visit the historical marker at 1920 Main Street.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

CONVENE TO THE REGULAR JOINT MEETING

Mayor/Chairwoman Khan convened the regular joint meeting of the City Council with the City of Irvine as Successor Agency to the dissolved Irvine Redevelopment Agency at 6:08 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - SUCCESSOR AGENCY - NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS

There were no requests to speak.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR - CITY COUNCIL

Prior to adoption of the Consent Calendar, the following individuals spoke on the following Consent Calendar items:

Item 3.4

- Don Geller, Irvine resident, spoke in support of the Treasurer's Report for the Quarter Ended March 31, 2024, and expressed appreciation to City Treasurer Don Collins and Investment Advisory Committee members for their efforts.

Item 3.6

- Harvey Liss, Irvine resident, spoke in support of the Cool Streets experiment and questioned whether the proposed slurry seal contract provides for use of Cool Streets technology, if successful.

Moved by Councilmember/Boardmember Carroll, seconded by Councilmember/Boardmember Kim, and unanimously carried to approve City Council Consent Calendar Item Nos. 3.1 through 3.8; and Successor Agency Consent Calendar Item No. 4.1, with the exception of City Council Consent Calendar Item No. 3.6, which was removed for separate discussion.

3.1 MINUTES

ACTION:

Approved the minutes of an adjourned regular meeting of the City Council held on May 28, 2024.

3.2 PROCLAMATIONS

ACTION:

Proclaimed July 2024, as "Park and Recreation Month."

3.3 WARRANT AND WIRE TRANSFER RESOLUTION

ACTION:

Adopted RESOLUTION NO. 24-45 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, ALLOWING CERTAIN CLAIMS AND DEMANDS AND SPECIFYING THE FUNDS OUT OF WHICH THE SAME ARE TO BE PAID

3.4 TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE QUARTER ENDED MARCH 31, 2024

ACTION:

Received and filed the Treasurer's Report for the quarter ended March 31, 2024.

3.5 IRVINE ADULT DAY HEALTH SERVICES, INC. FUNDING AGREEMENT

ACTION:

Approved an updated funding agreement between the City of Irvine and Irvine Adult Day Health Services, Inc., for a two-year period. **(Contract No. 11817)**

3.6 AWARD OF ON-CALL CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR STREET REHABILITATION AND SLURRY SEAL (CITYWIDE)

This item was removed for separate discussion at the request of Vice Mayor Agran, who requested clarification on whether white asphalt would be addressed in the proposed contract, and a brief progress report on the white asphalt experiment.

Sean Crumby, Director of Public Works & Sustainability, provided a brief update on the white asphalt experiment and responded to questions.

City Council discussion included: expressing appreciation to staff for their progress on street repairs following the recent winter storms; and inquired about specific streets included in the white asphalt experiment.

ACTION: Moved by Vice Mayor Agran, seconded by Mayor Khan, and unanimously carried to:

Award an on-call construction contract in the amount of \$27,438,130 for Street Rehabilitation and Slurry Seal (citywide), to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Excel Paving Company. **(Contract No. 21487)**

3.7 SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 24-11 AMENDING TITLE 2 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO UTILITY USER'S TAX

ACTION:

Read by title only, second reading and adoption of ORDINANCE NO. 24-11 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING TITLE 2, DIVISION 9, CHAPTER 7 OF THE CITY OF IRVINE MUNICIPAL CODE

3.8 SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 24-12 AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS & ENGAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

ACTION:

Read by title only, second reading and adoption of ORDINANCE NO. 24-12 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, ADDING TITLE 7 TO THE IRVINE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS & ENGAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

4. CONSENT CALENDAR - SUCCESSOR AGENCY

4.1 WARRANT AND WIRE TRANSFER RESOLUTION – CITY COUNCIL AS SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE DISSOLVED IRVINE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

ACTION:

Adopted RESOLUTION NO. 24-05 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, AS SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE DISSOLVED IRVINE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY ALLOWING CERTAIN CLAIMS AND DEMANDS OF THE CITY COUNCIL AS SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE DISSOLVED IRVINE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY AND SPECIFYING THE FUNDS OUT OF WHICH THE SAME ARE TO BE PAID

ADJOURNMENT - REGULAR JOINT MEETING

Moved by Councilmember/Boardmember Kim, seconded by Councilmember/Boardmember Carroll, and unanimously carried to adjourn the regular joint meeting with the Successor Agency at 6:21 p.m.

RECONVENE TO THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Khan reconvened the City Council meeting at 6:21 p.m.

5. COUNCIL BUSINESS

5.1 CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY MAYOR KHAN TO DISCUSS SUPPORT OF AN IRVINE-LAGUNA WILDLIFE CORRIDOR

This item was agendaized at the request of Mayor Khan, who asked for City Council consideration regarding support of an Irvine-Laguna Wildlife Corridor.

Laura Cohen, Board Member of Laguna Greenbelt, responded to questions.

The following individuals spoke in support of the proposed corridor:

- Laura Cohen, Board Member of Laguna Greenbelt
- Jeremy Ficarola, Irvine resident
- Meghan Hertel, Deputy Secretary for Biodiversity and Habitat at California Natural Resources Agency
- Melisa Masri, local science teacher

City Council discussion included: suggesting the completion of an independent, peer-reviewed assessment of the proposed corridor in collaboration with the University of California, Irvine (UCI) or similar entity; proposed that staff explore preexisting studies; and discussed the passage for wildlife over the 5 Freeway.

ACTION: Moved by Mayor Khan, seconded by Vice Mayor Agran, to:

Direct staff to:

- 1) Work with the Irvine-Laguna Wildlife Corridor Working Group and FivePoint to develop a small kiosk or marker to place educational materials regarding the project for community awareness close to the intersection of Lynx and Astor on the area owned by the City of Irvine.
- 2) Establish City support for the 30x30 initiative to conserve and restore at least 30 percent of lands and water by 2030 through the shared resolution.
- 3) Sign the Irvine-Laguna Wildlife Corridor Partner Charter to signify the City of Irvine's support in implementing the Irvine-Laguna Wildlife Corridor and ensuring that it creates the vital passage for wildlife crossing over the 5 Freeway.

ACTION: A friendly amendment was made by Councilmember Treseder to:

Direct staff to:

- 1) Work with the Irvine-Laguna Wildlife Corridor Working Group and FivePoint to develop a small kiosk or marker to place educational materials regarding the project for community awareness close to the intersection of Lynx and Astor on the area owned by the City of Irvine.
- 2) Establish City support for the 30x30 initiative to conserve and restore at least 30 percent of lands and water by 2030 through the shared resolution.
- 3) Sign the Irvine-Laguna Wildlife Corridor Partner Charter to signify the City of Irvine's support in implementing the Irvine-Laguna Wildlife Corridor and ensuring that it creates the vital passage for wildlife crossing over the 5 Freeway.
- 4) Conduct an independent peer evaluation of evidence completed, and return to the City Council for review and consideration.

The friendly amendment was not accepted by Mayor Khan.

Prior to a vote, Mayor Khan amended her motion to remove the reference of a crossing over the 5 Freeway as previously noted in Recommended Action No. 3.

ACTION: An amendment to the main motion was made by Mayor Khan, and accepted by Vice Mayor Agran as the seconder, and unanimously carried to:

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ADJOURNMENT-CITY COUNCIL

Moved by Vice Mayor Agran, seconded by Councilmember Carroll, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting in memory of former Mayor and Councilmember Gabrielle Pryor at 6:54 p.m.



MAYOR OF THE CITY OF IRVINE



CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF IRVINE

July 23, 2024