



MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

January 11, 2022
City Council Chamber
One Civic Center Plaza
Irvine, CA 92606

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Irvine City Council was called to order at 4:06 p.m. on January 11, 2022, in the City Council Chamber, Irvine Civic Center, One Civic Center Plaza, Irvine, California; Mayor Khan presiding.

ROLL CALL

Present: 5 Councilmember	Larry Agran
Councilmember	Mike Carroll*
Councilmember	Tammy Kim*
Vice Mayor	Anthony Kuo
Mayor	Farrah N. Khan

*via teleconference

Mayor Khan provided the current guidelines for face coverings for members of the public attending the meeting in person; noted additional opportunities to participate in the meeting virtually; and encouraged those providing public comments to be civil, polite, and courteous when addressing one another, City staff, and members of the public.

In addition, Carl Petersen, City Clerk, provided instructions on how to participate in the meeting; and noted that the e-comment feature had been extended, which allowed members of the public the ability to submit e-comments on all agenda items, which would be included as part of the official record and uploaded to the City's website.

Mayor Khan also announced that general public comments for the City Council on items not on the agenda would be considered following Council Business items and prior to adjournment.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Mayor Kuo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

Pastor Kyung Lee from Saddleback Community Church in Irvine provided the invocation.

1. PRESENTATIONS

1.1 *Proclaim January 13, 2022, as "Korean American Day"*

Mayor Khan introduced the following individuals and presented each with a proclamation recognizing January 13, 2022, as "Korean American Day":

- Sean Roh, President, Korean American Chamber of Commerce Orange County
- Juweon Yun, President, Orange County Korean Cultural Center
- Soo Jin Cho, President, Irvine Korean Parents Association
- Namhyee Kim, Field Representative, California 68th Assembly District on behalf of Assemblyman and former Mayor, Steven Choi
- John No, President, Korean American Foundation

1.2 *Proclaim January 17, 2022, as "Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day"*

Mayor Khan introduced the following individuals and presented each with a proclamation recognizing January 17, 2022, as "Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day":

- Bobby MacDonald, President/CEO, Black Chamber of Commerce, Orange County
- Reverend Ralph E. Williamson, Pastor, Christ Our Redeemer A.M.E. Church
- Felicity Figueroa, Information Coordinator, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)
- Honieh Udenka, President-Elect, Thurgood Marshall Bar Association
- Amil Aaron and Rebekah Thomas, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Ad Hoc Committee Members

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Chi expressed his appreciation to the City Council, City staff, and members of the community for their warm welcome and support.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCIL REPORTS

Vice Mayor Kuo recognized and commended the following:

- Byron Gemmell, Street Maintenance Specialist, who found a duffel bag in a storm drain that included a passport and other vital documents, and returned it to its rightful owner.
- South Coast Chinese Cultural Association and the City's Public Information Team, who during the City's 50th Anniversary year, co-sponsored and co-produced the "We Are Irvine" lecture series.

Vice Mayor Kuo also announced his recent attendance at the Great Park Ice Facility on December 19 for the 2022 U.S. Nationals Sendoff to offer good wishes to a number of figure skaters who attended the National Competition, including Nathan Chen and Josephine "Joey" Lee; and noted the recent passing of Betty White and an effort to recognize her on January 17 (which would have been her 100th birthday). Ms. White was a strong supporter of animals, and community members are encouraged to support Irvine Animal Care Center through volunteer opportunities and/or donations in her memory.

Councilmember Kim noted that she was participating in the meeting virtually due to her son's recovery from COVID-19 and her need to quarantine, and encouraged members of the community to continue using masks and following COVID-19 protocols; and made the following announcements:

- Orange County Public Libraries have paused in-person programming due to COVID-19, but residents can access virtual library programming and resources on the website at ocpl.org/zoomstorytimes for dates and times.
- January 11 is "Human Trafficking Awareness Day," which brings greater awareness of human trafficking. To report a crime related to human trafficking, contact the National Human Trafficking Hotline at 888-373-7888 or call 911.
- Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District will be spraying around the University of California, Irvine marsh area on Thursday, January 13. Residents are also encouraged to eliminate standing water around properties or neighborhoods to discourage mosquito breeding.
- The Irvine King Sejong Institute was recently voted as the best place to learn the Korean language in all of the Americas.

Councilmember Carroll provided a brief update on the Orange County Power Authority meeting held earlier in the day, noting that the initial rate setting structure was unanimously approved, which included three set tier rate structures. He also noted that the program is set to launch for commercial customers this spring, and residential customers this fall. The Orange County Power Authority is also on track to become the fifth or sixth largest community choice aggregation entity in the state of California.

Mayor Khan made the following announcements:

- Last fall, Irvine was selected, along with the cities of Los Angeles and Petaluma, to receive \$1 million to implement an ambitious, grassroots effort to help the City become carbon neutral by 2030. The community is invited to join Congresswoman Katie Porter and Mayor Khan on Thursday, January 13 at 4:30 p.m. via Zoom for the launch of the new program “Cool Irvine.” The event will be held virtually and is open to all residents interested in helping neighborhoods become more sustainable and disaster resilient. To register, visit cityofirvine.org/coolcity.
- The City of Irvine is in the process of drafting a Residential Beekeeping Ordinance, which would allow single-family residential properties to keep bees on their property. Residents are invited to provide input at a Virtual Community Workshop on Thursday, January 13 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. To register, visit cityofirvine.org.
- The City of Irvine is hosting a Part-Time Job Fair on Saturday, January 22 at the Irvine Civic Center. Interviews will be held from noon to 4 p.m. Job openings are available in Community Services and Public Safety with flexible hours and day/ evening/weekend schedules available. Current job listings are available at cityofirvine.org/jobs. The minimum age for all positions is 18 or older, with the exception of lifeguard and swim instructor positions, where the minimum age is 15.
- Monday, January 17 is Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day, the only federal holiday designated as a national day of service. The City of Irvine is proud to support Irvine-based nonprofit Team Kids in its MLK Day of Service Passport program. This challenge invites young people to take part in various service projects, such as donating to a local food pantry or shelter. To learn more and participate, visit teamkids.org.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

ACTION: Moved by Vice Mayor Kuo, seconded by Mayor Khan, and unanimously carried to approve Consent Calendar Item Nos. 2.1 through 2.6.

2.1 MINUTES

ACTION:

- 1) Approved the minutes of a special meeting of the Irvine City Council held on November 23, 2021.
- 2) Approved the minutes of a 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 held on November 23, 2021.

2.2 WARRANT AND WIRE TRANSFER RESOLUTION

ACTION:

Adopted RESOLUTION NO. 22-01 - 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

2.3 APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS OF CITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES TO CITY ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES

ACTION:

- 1) Appointed City Council delegates and alternates to outside governmental agencies on which the City has representation for the 2022 calendar year.
- 2) Appointed City Council representatives and approve staff appointments to various City of Irvine advisory Commissions, Committees and Task Forces for the 2022 calendar year.
- 3) Adopted Fair Political Practices Commission Public Official Appointment Form 806 and direct the City Clerk to post an amended form to the City website to report any change in appointments to the governmental agencies providing stipends as determined by the City Council.
- 4) Adopted RESOLUTION NO. 22-02 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, DESIGNATING AND APPOINTING ITS REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS

2.4 FINDINGS ALLOWING FOR REMOTE PARTICIPATION IN PUBLIC MEETINGS (ASSEMBLY BILL 361)

ACTION:

Declared that the findings made in RESOLUTION NO. 21-68 - "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, MAKING FINDINGS NECESSARY FOR REMOTE PARTICIPATION IN PUBLIC MEETINGS OF LEGISLATIVE BODIES OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, AS AUTHORIZED BY ASSEMBLY BILL 361" remained valid and applicable, so as to allow for remote participation in public meetings for the next 30 days.

2.5 NOTICE OF PENDING APPROVAL FOR A TRACT MAP IN PORTOLA SPRINGS LOCATED ADJACENT TO THE INTERSECTION OF PORTOLA PARKWAY AND WHISPERING HILLS CONSISTING OF 89 RESIDENTIAL CONDOMINIUM UNITS

ACTION:

Received and filed.

2.6 PROCLAMATIONS

ACTION:

Proclaimed January 27, 2022, as "International Holocaust Remembrance Day."

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS

3.1 GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT TO UPDATE THE HOUSING ELEMENT

Mayor Khan opened the public hearing at 4:42 p.m.

Marika Poynter, Principal Planner, presented the staff report and responded to questions. Kerwin Lau, Manager of Planning Services, was also available for questions.

City Council discussion included: inquiring about the number of opportunities for public participation and diversity of dates/times; questioned whether religious and school sites had been explored; inquired about how school housing requirements would interface with the City's Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) requirements given that schools have their own land use authority; reiterated the need for additional affordable housing; noted concerns related to density and finding a balance with State law; reiterated the need to protect open space; suggested seeking innovative ways to meet housing needs; inquired about how additional language could

be added to include the use of a local skilled and trained workforce; and reiterated that additional opportunities to make changes to the Housing Element would be available in the near future.

John Hanna, Irvine resident, spoke in support of additional language that requires the use of a local skilled and trained workforce to benefit the City’s economic development and environment.

ACTION: Moved by Vice Mayor Kuo, seconded by Councilmember Kim, and unanimously carried to close the public hearing at 5:19 p.m.

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

Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 22-03 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING A NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT 00832121-PGA, AND APPROVING GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT 00832121-PGA FOR THE 2021-2029 HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE

The motion carried as follows:

AYES:	4	COUNCILMEMBERS	Agran, Kim, Kuo, and Khan
NOES:	1	COUNCILMEMBERS:	Carroll
ABSENT:	0	COUNCILMEMBERS:	None

4. COUNCIL BUSINESS

4.1 UPDATE TO ONE IRVINE PERMIT FEE HOLIDAY RESOLUTION AND BUDGET ADJUSTMENT FOR A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR RESIDENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Keri Bullock, Neighborhood Services Administrator, presented the staff report and responded to questions. Lisa Varon, Manager of Housing, was also available for questions.

City Council discussion included: summarizing the main revenue sources for the City; noted that the program would increase property values and benefit neighborhoods; inquired about the reassessment of property taxes, if any, when property values increase; and questioned whether the program would be expanded or be limited to the three neighborhoods listed in the staff report.

Hoyin Ip, Irvine resident, spoke in support of the proposed resolution and resident assistance programs.

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

- 1) Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 22-04 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, MODIFYING THE DATES FOR THE ONE IRVINE SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL BUILDING AND PLANNING FEE HOLIDAY PROGRAM FOR CERTAIN RESIDENTIAL IMPROVEMENTS TO EXISTING SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL IN NORTH EL CAMINO REAL AND EXISTING SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL BUILT IN OR PRIOR TO 1975
- 2) Approve a budget adjustment for an Agreement for Professional Consulting Services with MDG Associates (“MDG”) for Services related to the One Irvine Grant and Loan Programs.

4.2 *AGREEMENT WITH HR&A ADVISORS, INC. FOR BROADBAND ASSESSMENT SERVICES*

Khaled Tawfik, Chief Information Officer, and Nick Rykroft, Information Technology Specialist III, presented the staff report and responded to questions.

City Council discussion included: questioning whether a competitive bidding process was conducted; inquired about the second highest bid response and whether a large cost differential existed; questioned the scope of services and what it entailed; reiterated the need for assessment services to address broadband inequities; inquired about whether funding to conduct the survey would come from American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds; expressed concern about the content of the Request for Proposals (RFP) given the low number of responses; inquired about the list of stakeholders and why the business community would be included as part of the study; questioned why an outside consultant was needed to conduct the survey; inquired about final deliverables; questioned whether a physical survey of conduits would be conducted; reiterated that the proposed study would be the first step to assess broadband inequities; questioned whether outreach would be conducted in multiple languages; inquired about a comparison of studies amongst other cities; noted that the RFP process was conducted twice do to a poor response rate; clarified that the proposed vendor would not be permitted to implement the solution if it conducted the assessment; and suggested the item be continued to either January

25 or February 8, to provide an opportunity for representatives from HR&A Advisors, Inc. to participate in the meeting.

The following individuals spoke in opposition to the proposed study on broadband assessment as proposed:

- Alan Meyerson, Irvine resident
- Harvey Liss, Irvine resident
- Kevin Corrigan, Irvine resident

Dave Simpson, Cox Communications, spoke in support, reiterating the desire to work closely with the City and the consultant as part of the broadband assessment process.

ACTION: Moved by Mayor Khan, seconded by Councilmember Kim, to:

- 1) Approve and authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with HR&A Advisors, Inc. for broadband assessment services not to exceed \$402,500.
- 2) Approve a Budget Adjustment for Broadband Assessment within the Irvine Recovery Plan Fund allocating \$402,500 for contract services.

ACTION: A substitute motion was made by Councilmember Agran, seconded by Vice Mayor Kuo, to:

Continue the item to the February 8, 2022, City Council meeting with the understanding that representatives from HR&A Advisors, Inc. be invited to participate in the meeting.

The motion carried as follows*:

AYES:	3	COUNCILMEMBERS	Agran, Carroll, and Kuo
NOES:	2	COUNCILMEMBERS:	Kim and Khan
ABSENT:	0	COUNCILMEMBERS:	None

* The substitute motion carried and takes precedence over the main motion; therefore, a vote was not taken on the main motion.

4.3 **CONSIDERATION OF STANDING DIVERSITY, EQUITY, INCLUSION COMMITTEE**

Kristina Perrigoue, Public Information Officer, presented the staff report and responded to questions. Joe Angeles, Human Resources Administrator, was also available for questions.

City Council discussion included: questioning the appointment process for the current Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) committee members; inquired about the new structure of the standing committee moving forward in comparison to the Senior Citizens Council; discussed the purview of the DEI committee and its overall goals; inquired about staff support for the standing committee; questioned the need for two additional at-large members and whether the membership should be limited to five members; suggested that the word "individuals" be replaced with "people" in the second whereas clause of the proposed ordinance; inquired about whether "rules and regulations" should be replaced with "policies and procedures" in Section 1-16-105(B) of the proposed ordinance; and suggested annual updates be made to the DEI Plan.

The following individuals spoke in support of the proposed ordinance:

Cherry Lai, Irvine resident,
Amil Aaron, DEI Committee Member

Kevin Corrigan, Irvine resident, spoke in support of the proposed ordinance, and suggested amending the second whereas clause to replace "residents" with "individuals", and replace "rules and regulations" with "policies and procedures" in Section 1-16-105(B).

Pamela Wykoff, Irvine resident, spoke in support of enforcing laws.

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

- 1) Introduce for first reading and read by title only ORDINANCE NO. 22-01 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, ADDING DIVISION 16 TO TITLE 1 OF THE IRVINE MUNICIPAL CODE ESTABLISHING A STANDING DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION COMMITTEE **as amended** to include the following modification:

*"WHEREAS, the City of Irvine embraces and celebrates its community's diversity and welcomes all residents **people** who live, work, and visit the City of Irvine; and"*

- 2) Approve the addition of two at-large committee members via public recruitment process and return to the City Council with recommendations for final approval.

4.4 CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY MAYOR KHAN AND VICE MAYOR KUO TO DISCUSS THE ADDITION OF BADMINTON COURTS IN THE CITY OF IRVINE

This item was agendaized at the request of Mayor Khan and Vice Mayor Kuo, who asked for City Council support to explore and identify locations for Badminton, and return to the City Council or Great Park Board at a future meeting with a plan to re-introduce the sport of Badminton in Irvine.

City Council discussion included: suggesting several potential options as temporary locations for Badminton at the Great Park, joint use facilities with Irvine Unified School District, Bill Barber Park, and privately-owned facilities; suggested dual use with pickle ball courts given that dimensions for both sports are identical; noted that Badminton is the second highest ranked sport in the world; and suggested that staff work collaboratively with community members who have knowledge and expertise in Badminton.

The following individuals spoke in support of the addition of Badminton courts in Irvine:

- Kinggai Chan, Irvine resident
- Bob Gilmore, Irvine resident
- Elise Lau, Irvine resident
- Anna Kee, Irvine resident
- Anna Yang, Irvine resident
- Shuan Wang, Irvine resident
- Wei Wang, Irvine resident

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

Direct the City Manager to identify locations (indoor and outdoor) throughout Irvine that would be suitable for a Badminton court and return to the City Council (or Great Park Board if applicable) at a future meeting with a plan to re-introduce the sport of Badminton in Irvine.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Cherry Lai, Irvine resident, spoke in support of expanding outreach as part of the Request for Proposals (RFP) process; and presented a monetary donation to the City to purchase masks for City residents and staff.

Pamela Wykoff, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to COVID-19 vaccination requirements and passports.

Alan Meyerson, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to the City Council policy that requires two members of the City Council to add an item to an agenda.

Doug Elliott, Irvine resident, spoke in support of the COVID-19 emergency declaration, and expressed his appreciation to Cherry Lai, Irvine resident, for her monetary donation to the City for face masks.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councilmember Kim, seconded by Vice Mayor Kuo, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 p.m.



MAYOR OF THE CITY OF IRVINE



CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF IRVINE

February 8, 2022