



MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

February 23, 2021
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 4:03 p.m. on February 23, 2021, 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:	Anthony Kuo
	Vice Mayor/:	Tammy Kim
	Mayor	Farrah N. Khan

*via teleconference

Mayor Khan announced that the meeting was broadcast live on Cox Communications Local Access Channel 30 and AT&T U-Verse Channel 99, and livestreamed online at cityofirvine.org; and that in an effort to protect public health and prevent the spread of COVID-19, members of the public had the ability to provide live comments on agenda items using Zoom. She also noted that the e-comment feature had been extended for all agenda items, 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. She also assured the community that the City of Irvine was adhering to the Governor's Executive Order in the Council Chamber and throughout City Hall by sanitizing surfaces and equipment, as well as wearing face masks.

1. CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Melching announced the following Closed Session item:

1.1 THREAT TO PUBLIC SERVICES OR FACILITIES (Gov. Code Section 54957): Consultation with Chief of Police and City Attorney (COVID-19)

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 meeting at 4:36 p.m. City Attorney Melching, on behalf of the City Council, announced that no reportable action was taken in Closed Session

INTERIM CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

There was no report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Kuo presented a video highlighting the Orange County Firefighter Academy 51 Graduates.

Councilmember Carroll provided a brief summary of the recent Orange County Joint Power Authority meeting, noting the upcoming formation of the Community Advisory Committee (to be seated by the end of April); and announced an upcoming Community Choice Energy (CCE) workshop consisting of experts from around the state, including chairmen/chairwomen from other CCE aggregation entities, staff members, chief executive officers, and industry leaders.

Mayor Khan made the following announcements:

- On Friday, February 19, thanks to a partnership between the City and MemorialCare, as well as the efforts made by the COVID-19 Task Force, 200 Irvine seniors received the first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine at the Lakeview Senior Center. The City hopes to open more opportunities for members of the community to get vaccinated in the near future

- The City's COVID-19 Task Force, in partnership with Orange County 3rd District Supervisor Donald Wagner, will be hosting a Virtual Town Hall meeting regarding COVID-19 vaccines on Friday, February 26 from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Community members are invited to join the Mayor and Supervisor Wagner, along with members of the COVID-19 Task Force, including Dr. Clayton Chau, the Orange County Health Care Agency Director and County Health Officer, and Dr. Marnie Baker from MemorialCare. To register for the meeting, visit cityofirvine.org. Questions for the COVID-19 Task Force can be submitted when registering for the event. A confirmation e-mail with information about how to join the webinar will be provided upon successful registration.
- The City Council has been working closely with the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) to ensure that any potential risk to residents from emissions at the All American Asphalt Plant are identified and addressed. The City has consistently stressed the need for SCAQMD to maintain open and timely communication with residents. As a result of these efforts, SCAQMD has announced that it will hold its second town hall meeting on the topic on Wednesday, March 3 at 6 p.m. The meeting will provide an open forum to discuss the results of recent air testing efforts and address other questions and concerns from the community. Details regarding the online meeting are available at aqmd.gov.
- Applications for the City's Emergency Rental Assistance Program will be available on Monday, March 8 at 8 a.m. The City, with support from Orange County United Way, will be allocating \$17.7 million in state and federal funding to help residential renters who have experienced financial setbacks due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Applications will be available on the City's website and must be submitted by 5 p.m. on Friday, March 19. A lottery system will be used to select grant recipients in order to provide equitable access for all applicants. For information on eligibility and additional program details, visit cityofirvine.org/erap.
- Local Irvine teen Jordan Szigeti-Larenne discovered a need by those unsheltered and founded "Homes2Go", a mobile cart system with a bed, toilet and storage. These carts were built in his garage. A Los Angeles based veterans group has expressed interest in ordering 30 carts, and Jordan is in the process of raising funds to build these carts.
- Nithin Parthasarathy from Northwood High School; Amita Ramanujan from Portola High School; and high school students Celeste Webb, Richard Lyu, Kathleen Pan, and David Xing, were recognized for their Zero Waste Initiative. The group coordinated with local store managers to donate food surplus. In the past year, food waste valued at over \$95,000 was saved and helped serve thousands of people in need during the COVID-19 pandemic.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

ACTION: Moved by Councilmember Carroll, seconded by Vice Mayor Kim, and unanimously carried to approve Consent Calendar Item Nos. 2.1 through 2.4, and 2.7. Item Nos. 2.5 and 2.6 were removed for separate discussion.

2.1 MINUTES

ACTION:

- 1) Approved the minutes of a special meeting of the Irvine City Council held on January 26, 2021.
- 2) Approved the minutes of a regular meeting of the Irvine City Council held on January 26, 2021.

2.2 WARRANT AND WIRE TRANSFER RESOLUTION

ACTION:

Adopted RESOLUTION NO. 21-07 - 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 PROCLAMATIONS

ACTION:

Proclaimed March 2021 as "National Nutrition Month."

2.4 APPROVAL OF PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, AND CONTRACT DOCUMENTS FOR BRIDGE REHABILITATION IMPROVEMENTS

ACTION:

- 1) Approved the construction plans, specifications and contract documents for Bridge Rehabilitation Improvements, Capital Improvement Project 322001.
- 2) Approved the Engineer's Estimate, Construction Contingency and Project Funding Summary.
- 3) Authorized staff to solicit competitive bids and award the construction contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, in accordance with the City's purchasing policies and procedures, within the approved project budget.

2.5 SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 21-02 APPROVING A ZONE CHANGE TO CHAPTER 9-36 TO CHANGE THE FREQUENCY OF THE REQUIRED UPDATES TO THE IRVINE BUSINESS COMPLEX RESIDENTIAL/MIXED USE VISION PLAN TRAFFIC STUDY

This item was removed for separate discussion at the request of Councilmember Agran, who expressed opposition consistent with his vote during the first reading.

There was no City Council discussion.

ACTION: Moved by Councilmember Kuo, seconded by Councilmember Carroll, to:

Read by title only, second reading and adoption of ORDINANCE NO. 21-02 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A ZONE CHANGE TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE (00827079-PZC) CHAPTER 9-36 OF THE IRVINE ZONING ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE FREQUENCY OF THE REQUIRED UPDATES TO THE IRVINE BUSINESS COMPLEX RESIDENTIAL/MIXED USE VISION PLAN TRAFFIC STUDY FROM EVERY TWO YEARS TO THREE; FILED BY THE CITY OF IRVINE PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

The motion carried as follows:

AYES: 4 COUNCILMEMBERS: Carroll, Kim, Kuo, and Khan

NOES: 1 COUNCILMEMBERS: Agran

ABSENT: 0 COUNCILMEMBERS: None

2.6 SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 21-04 ESTABLISHING PREMIUM PAY FOR GROCERY WORKERS

This item was removed at the request of Councilmember Kuo, who requested clarification as to what businesses would be impacted by the ordinance.

City Council discussion included: suggesting a list or matrix be created reflecting the types of businesses impacted by the ordinance; and suggested that the item be continued until such a list or matrix could be developed.

Jeff Melching, City Attorney, noted that while a list or matrix did not currently exist, one could be created and posted on the City’s website.

The following individuals spoke in opposition to the adoption of the ordinance:

- Nike Buro, California Grocers Association
- Jennifer Ward, Senior Vice President of the Government Affairs and Advocacy for the Orange County Business Council

The following spoke in favor of the adoption of the ordinance:

- Terry Lapage, Irvine resident
- Matt Walters
- Michele Musacchio
- Felicity Figueroa, Irvine resident
- Adam Overton, Faith-Rooted Organizer Clergy & Laity United for Economic Justice of Orange County
- Tom Chomyn, Irvine resident
- Kyle Chin, Irvine resident

ACTION: Moved by Councilmember Kuo, seconded by Councilmember Carroll, to:

Continue second reading and adoption of Ordinance No. 21-04 until a list or matrix of retailers in which the ordinance applies is developed.

The motion failed as follows:

AYES: 2 COUNCILMEMBERS: Carroll and Kuo

NOES: 3 COUNCILMEMBERS: Agran, Kim and Khan

ABSENT: 0 COUNCILMEMBERS: None

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

Read by title only, second reading and adoption of ORDINANCE NO. 21-04 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING PREMIUM PAY FOR GROCERY WORKERS

The motion carried as follows:

AYES: 3 COUNCILMEMBERS: Agran, Kim and Khan

NOES: 2 COUNCILMEMBERS: Carroll and Kuo

ABSENT: 0 COUNCILMEMBERS: None

2.7 COVID-19 SITUATIONAL UPDATE, EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AUTHORIZATION TO PARTICIPATE AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH PLAN

ACTION:

- 1) Received updates from staff on COVID-19 related developments, including community outreach plan for the Emergency Rental Assistance Program to be administered by Orange County United Way.
- 2) Adopted RESOLUTION NO. 21-08 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE STATE RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

RECESS

Prior to recess, Mayor Khan announced that general public comments on items not listed on the agenda would be continued until after the State of the City Address.

Mayor Khan recessed the meeting at 5:15 p.m.

RECONVENE

Mayor Khan reconvened the meeting at 5:25 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – IRVINE POLICE COLOR GUARD

Mayor Khan asked Police Chief Hamel to introduce the Irvine Police Color Guard and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

Mayor Khan invited Pastor Jorge Molina from Mariner’s Church to provide the invocation.

MUSICAL PRESENTATION

Catherine Song performed the National Anthem, followed by Irvine High School student CeCe Labowe, who performed “Don’t Rain on My Parade.”

STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS

Prior to the State of the City Address, Mayor Khan presented a brief video provided by Councilmembers Agran, Carroll and Kuo, and Vice Mayor Kim, who shared their individual top priorities for 2021. Following the video, Mayor Khan presented the State of the City Address.

RECESS

Mayor Khan recessed the meeting at 6:11 p.m.

RECONVENE

Mayor Khan reconvened the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following individuals spoke in support of defunding the police and suggested City funds be used in other areas to support the community:

- Kyle Chin, Irvine resident
- Alejandro, Orange County resident
- Dinorah Hernandez, UCI student
- Andrea, Orange County resident

The following individuals spoke in support of building the Veterans Cemetery at the ARDA site:

- Jane Roschmann, Irvine resident
- Carol Smith, Irvine resident
- Pam Smith
- Steve Berger

Dee Fox, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to Councilmember Carroll’s use of taxpayer funds and the Community Choice Energy Program

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councilmember Kuo, seconded by Councilmember Carroll, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 p.m.



CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF IRVINE



MAYOR OF THE CITY OF IRVINE

March 23, 2021