



MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

June 28, 2022
City Council Chamber
1 Civic Center Plaza
Irvine, CA 92606

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Irvine City Council was called to order at 4:51 p.m. on June 28, 2022, in the City Council Chamber, Irvine Civic Center, 1 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

Mayor Khan 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.

1. SCOPING SESSION

1.1 IRVINE 2045 – GENERAL PLAN UPDATE

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

City Council discussion included: outlining the importance of continuing the City’s streamlined and innovative planning processes; noted the importance of the quality of life for residents; noted the trend of mixed commercial use; questioned the integration of dual objectives within the Climate Action Plan and the City’s Master Plan; suggested the need for sustainability, infrastructure and other mobility needs, and diverse residential options; and expressed appreciation to the city staff involved in urban planning.

Lexi Hernandez, on behalf of Climate Action Campaign, spoke in support of including language from the City Council resolution related to sustainability and carbon neutrality into the General Plan, and that the cap will be a CEQA qualified legally binding document.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Nick from Boy Scout Troup 606 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

Pastor Steven Bang Lee of Mariners Church provided the invocation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - AGENDIZED ITEMS

Item 2.9

Doug Elliott and Alan Meyerson, Irvine residents, spoke in opposition to the proposed ordinance.

Item 3.2

The following individuals spoke in support of the proposed small business assistance grants program:

- Shani Moslehi
- Jay Ungos
- Joseph Joseph
- Sylvia Pizarroso
- Manish Bhardia

- Neil Estrada
- Catherine Nguyen

Item 3.4

The following individuals spoke in opposition to the change to the City Council Policies as proposed, and/or in support of eliminating the requirement for two members of the City Council to place an item onto the agenda:

- Susan Sayre, Irvine resident
- Akbar Hussani, Irvine resident
- Steve Berger, Irvine resident
- Doug Elliott, Irvine resident
- Melissa Masri, Irvine resident
- Allen Meyerson, Irvine resident
- Tiffany I.
- Dee Fox, Irvine resident

Item 3.5

The following individuals spoke in opposition to submitting a proposed Charter amendment transitioning from elected Mayor to Council-appointed Mayor:

- Scott Hansen, Irvine resident
- Susan Sayre, Irvine resident
- Steve Berger, Irvine resident
- Tiffany I.
- Glenda Galvan-Garcia
- Lauren Johnson-Norris, Irvine resident
- Melissa Masri, Irvine resident
- David Sanders
- Allen Meyerson, Irvine resident
- Bridget McConaughy, Hotel Workers Union of Orange Count
- Doug Elliott, Irvine resident

Branda Lin, Irvine resident, inquired about the amount of staff time and public funding used in drafting the proposed ordinance for Item No. 3.5, and suggested new policies to avoid the recurrence of removing an agendized item after publication.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS

Dee Fox, Irvine resident, noted technical difficulties experienced with Zoom at the 2 p.m. special meeting, and spoke in opposition Mayor Khan and Councilmember Carroll's service on the Orange County Power Authority (OCPA) board and related actions.

Allen Meyerson, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to when public comments are taken at City Council meetings, as well as policies that are in place for agenda items and meeting decorum.

David Sanders, Irvine resident, spoke in support of environmental alternatives related to public transportation for Orange County commuters.

Max Wong, Irvine resident, spoke in support of the City's Climate Action Plan, and suggested alternative to the residential use of gas appliances and public transportation.

Don Geller, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to proposed location for the Veteran's Cemetery in Anaheim Hills, and in support of its location back in Irvine.

Steve Berger, Irvine resident, inquired about the agenda item related to the Orange County Power Authority previously discussed at a prior City Council Meeting.

David Lingerfelt, Irvine resident, noted the legal requirement for consumers to choosing to opt out of services from the Orange County Power Authority was set forth by the terms of Assembly Bill 117, Air Quality Improvement Program AB117.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

There was no report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Khan made the following announcements:

- Mayor Khan congratulated Northwood student athlete Dominic Cotton, who placed in the top five in the Nike Invitational Championship and recognized by his team as the 2022 Most Valuable Player.
- Mayor Khan announced the presidential renaming of the Northwood Post Office to Tuskegee Airman Lt. Colonel Robert J. Friend Memorial Post Office Building in honor of his twenty-eight years military service in the U.S. Airforce and distinguished service medals for the Flying Cross, Bronze Star with the Flying Cross, and Air medal.
- Mayor Khan announced her recent attendance at the U.S. Conference of Mayors and the opportunity to engage with the Office of Housing and Urban Development the U.S. Surgeon General among others. Key topics discussed in the conference included housing and mental health. City staff will follow up with federal offices to establish funding for various programs and services in the City.

Councilmember Carroll announced that the City, in partnership with the Irvine 211 Marine Adoption Committee, will sponsor the Fourth of July Field of Valor event from July 1 through July 10, 2022, at the Great Park reflecting pond. Members of the community are invited to attend the illuminated display of 50 flags in honor of active duty and fallen service members from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. each day of the event. Proceeds of the flag display will go to the Irvine 2/11 Marine Adoption Committee. For more information, visit cityofirvine.org/fieldofvalor.

Councilmember Kim made the following announcements:

- Councilmember Kim expressed solidarity in supporting women's rights to reproductive freedom in response the recent judicial ruling in the Roe v. Wade decision, and encouraged members of the community to express their support by wearing pink on the Fourth of July.
- Councilmember Kim announced her recent attendance at commemorative events hosted in the community in memory of the 72nd anniversary of the Korean American War, and expressed her appreciation to the military veterans involved in part of history.

Vice Mayor Kuo noted his co-sponsorship of Item 3.3 with Mayor Khan, as well as the following items at prior City Council meetings:

- Procurement policies with Councilmember Kim
- Theft prevention of Catalytic Converters with the Irvine Police Department
- Gas tax relief with Councilmember Carroll
- Establishment of the Gold Star Flag at Northwood Park with Mayor Khan
- Initiated conversation on Badminton with Mayor Khan
- Honor of Jeremy Goldman at Northwood Little League with Councilmember Kim
- Prevention of streetcar racing with Councilmember Agran
- Hate crime awareness with Councilmember Kim

In addition, Vice Mayor Kuo made the following announcements:

- Vice Mayor Kuo expressed appreciation to Andrew Marcus and the members of the St. Paul's Greek Orthodox Church for hosting its 42nd Annual Irvine Greek Festival. The sponsored event offered diverse food, music, and culture for members of the community.
- Vice Mayor Kuo announced his recent attendance, along with Mayor Khan, to Los Olivos Community Park to visit the new installation of the outdoor badminton court.
- Vice Mayor Kuo announced his recent observation at a City DUI checkpoint and noted the diligent efforts of the Irvine Police Department in keeping residents of the community safe and upholding orderliness.

- Vice Mayor Kuo noted the delay in opening date for Wild Rivers Park due to the current construction status, and a new opening date of July 10, 2022. He also referenced information from the University of Irvine that cited the percentage of water usage at a 3 to 6 percent minimum in comparison to the city's golf park to address concerns related the California's current drought situation and Wild Rivers' commitment to the implementation of environmentally sanctioned standards.

Councilmember Agran announced his intent to agendize a public discussion related to the All American Asphalt Plant in North Irvine to address environmental concerns of air pollution, regulatory violations, residential impacts, plant relocation and the timeline of the City's selection an independent auditing firm.

Mayor Khan also made the following announcements:

- California Senate Bill 1383 is a state law that requires every residence to participate in a food waste recycling program. To provide community members with a better understanding of this legislation and the forthcoming food waste recycling program for residents, the City of Irvine will hold two virtual town hall meetings on Thursday, June 30 and Wednesday, July 13 from 6 to 7 p.m. The City's waste hauler, Waste Management, will also provide an overview of current recycling services and programs. To learn more and register for the meetings, visit cityofirvine.org/SB1383.
- The annual All Media exhibition showcasing artwork from Southern California artists will open on Saturday, July 9, at the Irvine Fine Arts Center. Members of the community are invited to attend a free opening reception from 2 to 4 p.m. The juried exhibition features painting, drawing, sculpture, photography, printmaking, ceramics, video, and more. This year's exhibition is juried by Joseph Daniel Valencia, associate curator at Vincent Price Museum. Mr. Valencia has previously worked at the City of Irvine, the J. Paul Getty Museum, the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, the ONE Archives at the USC Libraries, and the UCR ARTS block. For more information, visit IrvineFineArts.org.

- Sizzlin' Summer Concerts kick off Friday, July 9, when Knyght Ryder performs high-energy hits from the '80s and '90s at Mike Ward Community Park in Woodbridge. This series of free, family-friendly concerts covers a variety of musical tastes, from country rock and dance hits to classic soul and '80s music. In addition to five Saturday concerts, enjoy a Sunday series finale featuring Pacific Symphony August 14. Concerts begin at 5:30 p.m. On-site gourmet food trucks will be available. General admission is free for first-come, first-served seating. No tickets or pre-registration required. Limited reserved seating near the front of the stage is available for \$20 at *YourIrvine.org*. Each reserved seating ticket reserves one space, which accommodates approximately five adults. For more summer fun, the Movies on the Lawn series at Great Park continues Saturday, July 16, with *Encanto*. *Space Jam: A New Legacy* will be shown on the big screen July 23 and *Sing 2* is scheduled to air on August 13. Movies begin after sunset, at approximately 8:15 p.m. Food will be available for purchase from on-site gourmet food trucks. Open seating on the Terraced Lawn will be on a first-come, first-served for the entire community. Admission is free.

- The UCI Medical Center is the only Level 1 Trauma Center in Orange County, which transfuses more than 1,000 units of blood every month. To help the hospital meet the needs of our community, the City is partnering with UCI Health on a series of blood drives at Great Park. Upcoming blood drives are scheduled for:
 - Tuesday, July 19
 - Tuesday, August 16, and
 - Tuesday, September 20.

To book a blood drive appointment, visit yourgreatpark.org/BloodDrive.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

City Manager Chi announced that Consent Calendar Item 2.3 and Council Business Item 3.5 were removed from the agenda.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

ACTION: Moved by Vice Mayor Kuo, seconded by Councilmember Carroll, and unanimously carried to approve Consent Calendar Item Nos. through 2.1 through 2.10, with the exception of Consent Calendar Item Nos. 2.6 and 2.9, which were removed for separate discussion. Consent Calendar Item No. 2.3 was removed from the agenda at the request of City Manager Chi. See Additions and Deletions.

2.1 MINUTES

ACTION:

Approved the minutes of a regular meeting of the Irvine City Council held May 24, 2022.

2.2 WARRANT AND WIRE TRANSFER RESOLUTION

ACTION:

Adopted RESOLUTION NO.22-60 - 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 BUDGET ADJUSTMENT ALLOCATING IRVINE RECOVERY PLAN FUNDS TO IRVINE CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

This item was removed from the agenda. See Additions and Deletions.

2.4 CITY OF IRVINE INVESTMENT POLICY FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2022

ACTION:

Adopted RESOLUTION NO. 22-61 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING THE CITY'S ANNUAL INVESTMENT POLICY FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2022

2.5 TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE QUARTER ENDED MARCH 31, 2022

ACTION:

Received and filed the Treasurer's Report for the quarter ended March 31, 2022.

2.6 APPROVAL OF PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, AND CONTRACT DOCUMENTS FOR WILLIAM WOOLLETT JR. AQUATICS CENTER POOL RENOVATION

This item was removed for separate discussion at the request of Vice Mayor Kuo, who inquired about the involvement of organizational partnerships and expansion of facilities at the William Woollett Jr. Aquatics Center and the potential impacts related to the renovation project, along with opportunities to find synergies associated with the project.

Oliver Chi, City Manager, responded to questions.

City Council discussion included noting the need to expand facility parking upon completion of the renovation project.

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

- 1) Approve the construction plans, specifications, and contract documents for the William Woollett Jr. Aquatics Center Pool Renovation, Capital Improvement Project 362009.
- 2) Approve the Engineer's Estimate, Construction Contingency, and Project Funding Summary.
- 3) Authorize staff to solicit competitive bids and award the contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, in accordance with the City's purchasing policies and procedures, within the approved project budget.

2.7 CLOSE OUT AND FINDINGS REPORTS AND DECLARATION OF SURPLUS FOR ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NOS. 97-16 AND 97-17

ACTION:

- 1) Received and filed the Close Out and Findings Reports for Assessment District Nos. 97-16 (Northwest Irvine) and 97-17 (Lower Peters Canyon East).
- 2) Adopted RESOLUTION NO. 22-62 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING A SURPLUS IN THE IMPROVEMENT FUNDS FOR THE CITY OF IRVINE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NOS. 97-16 (NORTHWEST IRVINE) AND 97-17 (LOWER PETERS CANYON EAST)

2.8 ANNUAL MEASURE M2 ELIGIBILITY SUBMITTAL

ACTION:

Approved and authorized staff to submit the Annual Measure M2 Seven-year Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 2022-23 through 2028-29 to comply with Measure M2 eligibility criteria.

2.9 SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 22-11 UPDATING VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS FOR IN-PERSON CONGREGATE MEAL PROGRAM

This item was removed for separate discussion at the request of Councilmembers Agran and Kim, who expressed concern about repealing vaccination requirements for the in-person congregate meal program based on current infection rates.

Corey Hilderbrand, Community Services Manager, presented the staff report and responded to questions.

City Council discussion included: reiterating that proof of vaccination was a one-time occurrence; noted the success of the program; inquired about feedback obtained during public participation related to the existing requirement for proof of vaccination; and noted the importance of public adherence to health agency guidelines.

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

Read by title only, second reading and adoption of
ORDINANCE NO. 22-11 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA,
REPEALING REQUIREMENTS FOR PROOF OF
VACCINATION FOR PARTICIPATION IN IN-PERSON
CONGREGATE MEAL PROGRAM

The motion failed as follows:

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

2.10 COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUND GRANT NOMINATIONS

ACTION:

- 1) Approved Councilmember Kim's request for Community Partnership Fund Grant Nominations to the following organizations in support of program costs:
 - a) Ektaa Center (\$500)
 - b) Orange County Justice Fund (\$1,500)
- 2) Authorized the City Manager to prepare and sign a funding agreements for individual awards of a \$1,000 or more.

3. COUNCIL BUSINESS

3.1 RESOLUTIONS CALLING THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 8, 2022; REQUESTING CONSOLIDATION WITH THE STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION; AND ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS FOR CANDIDATE STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS AND THE COST THEREOF

Carl Petersen, City Clerk, presented the staff report and responded to questions. Jeff Melching, City Attorney, also responded to questions.

City Council discussion included: inquiring about whether approval and adoption of the resolutions calling for a general municipal election could be delayed to include a potential ballot measure; inquired about precedence with respect word limit for candidate statements and associated costs; and questioned whether the City's

Municipal Code included regulatory compliance of political signs throughout the city with respect to requirements for committee disclosure.

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

- 1) Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 22-63 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, CALLING FOR THE HOLDING OF A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2022, FOR THE ELECTION OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AS REQUIRED BY THE PROVISIONS OF THE CITY CHARTER
- 2) Adopt RESOLUTION NO.22-64 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF ORANGE TO CONSOLIDATE A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 8, 2022, WITH THE STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE SAME DATE PURSUANT TO § 10403 OF THE ELECTIONS CODE
- 3) Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 22-65 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING REGULATIONS FOR CANDIDATES FOR ELECTIVE OFFICE PERTAINING TO CANDIDATES STATEMENTS SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS AT A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2022
- 4) Receive and file the Temporary Non-Commercial Sign (Political Signs) Guidelines and Policy.

3.2 BUDGET ADJUSTMENT AND PROGRAM DESIGN FOR THE IRVINE RECOVERY PLAN VULNERABLE POPULATIONS AND SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE GRANTS PROGRAM

Lisa Varon, Housing Manager, and Stephanie Takagawa, Housing Analyst, provided the staff report and responded to questions. Oliver Chi, City Manager, also responded to questions.

City Council discussion included: noting the benefits of the program and suggested periodic reports on the status of the grants program; inquired about whether a subcommittee already existed related to the program; questioned the process for dispersing program funding; inquired about whether the allocation was designated to solely Irvine businesses; questioned membership fee requirements for grantees; inquired about whether members of the Diversity Equity and Inclusion Committee were required to file Conflict-of-Interest forms (Form 700); defined the city's classification of emerging nonprofit organizations; and noted the importance of providing grant funding access to minority owned businesses while maintaining equity for other businesses.

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

- 1) Approve a budget adjustment allocating \$5,000,000 for the Irvine Recovery Plan Vulnerable Populations, and Small Business Assistance Grants Program.
- 2) Approve the program design for the Irvine Recovery Plan Vulnerable Populations and Small Business Assistance Grants Program **as amended** to prioritize minority and women owned business support organizations in affiliation of Chambers of Commerce, as well as reduce the maximum revenue for emerging nonprofits to \$300,000 in lieu of \$500,000 and to expedite the program timeline as recommended by the Finance Commission.

3.3 CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY MAYOR KHAN AND VICE MAYOR KUO TO ESTABLISH A PROPERTY CRIMES TASK FORCE

This item was agendaized by Mayor Khan and Vice Mayor Kuo, who asked for City Council support for the establishment of a property crimes task force in response to residential concerns and sustaining community safety.

Michael Kent, Director of Public Safety/Chief of Police, responded to questions.

City Council discussion included: recommending public education and program strategies to residents to facilitate crime awareness; and noted the variation of perspectives from residential renters and homeowners in the community related to property concerns.

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

- 1) Approve a temporary Property Crimes Task Force, consisting of Mayor Khan and Vice Mayor Kuo, and direct two Council designees to select other members of the Task Force to include: Irvine Public Safety representative, two renters, two homeowners, two retailer / restaurant representatives, and one property management representative from a Homeowners Association.
- 2) Direct the Property Crimes Task Force to hold meetings, receive presentations from representatives of the Irvine Police Department and other outside organizations, and report its findings back to the City Council within four months.

3.4 *CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY COUNCILMEMBERS KIM AND CARROLL TO REVISE SECTION 2 OF THE CITY COUNCIL POLICY AND PROCEDURES MANUAL AS IT RELATES TO CITY COUNCIL AGENDAS AND COUNCILMEMBER-INITIATED AGENDA ITEMS*

This item was agendized by Councilmembers Kim and Carroll in support of revising City Council Policy and procedures related to City Council agendas.

City Council discussion included: noting the intent to change the existing policy requiring two or more Councilmembers for agendized items; suggested the reinstatement of the prior City Council policy; clarified the deadlines for submitting requests for City Councilmember initiated agenda items; and referenced guidelines stated in the Brown Act in relation to proposed policies.

Jeff Melching, City Attorney, clarified that the prior policy required that Councilmembers submit requests at least one week prior to a City Council meeting if the item did not require a staff report, and two weeks prior if a staff report was requested.

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

Reinstate the prior City Council policy for agendizing items by City Councilmembers, thereby repealing the requirement for at least two City Councilmembers to agendize an item.

3.5 CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY COUNCILMEMBERS CARROLL AND KIM TO SUBMIT A CHARTER AMENDMENT TO THE VOTERS AT THE NOVEMBER 8, 2022 GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TRANSITIONING FROM ELECTED MAYOR TO COUNCIL-APPOINTED MAYOR, AND MAKING CORRESPONDING MODIFICATIONS TO TERM LIMITS

This item was removed from the agenda. See Additions and Deletion (page 8).

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councilmember Kim, seconded by Councilmember Carroll, and unanimously carried to adjourn the regular City Council meeting in memory of longtime Irvine resident, Harrison Wong, at 8:20 p.m.



MAYOR OF THE CITY OF IRVINE



CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF IRVINE

July 26, 2022