



MINUTES

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

January 26, 2021
City Council Chamber
One 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 4:51 p.m. on January 26, 2021, in the City Council Chamber, Irvine Civic Center, One Civic Center Plaza, Irvine, California; Mayor/Chairwoman Khan presiding.

ROLL CALL

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

*via teleconference

Mayor/Chairwoman 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.

Mayor Khan also announced that general public comments for the City Council on items not on the agenda would be considered at approximately 6:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Carroll led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

Councilmember Kuo provided the invocation.

CITY COUNCIL RECOGNITIONS

*** *Proclaim January 2021 as “Firefighter Cancer Awareness Month.”***

Mayor Khan expressed her appreciation to the countless firefighters who put their health and lives on the line to keep Irvine and other communities safe, and asked Councilmember Kuo to read the proclamation as the City’s representative to the Orange County Fire Authority, recognizing January, 2021, as “Firefighter Cancer Awareness Month.”

Todd Baldrige, President of the Orange County Professional Fire Fighters, spoke in support of the proclamation.

Jim Farkas inquired about the status of the Veterans Cemetery.

*** *Proclaim February 12, 2021, as “Lunar New Year.”***

Mayor Khan presented a proclamation recognizing February 12, 2021 as “Lunar New Year,” and expressed her appreciation to Vice Mayor Kim and Councilmember Kuo for bringing the item forward.

Vice Mayor Kim and Councilmember Kuo noted that Lunar New Year was special time of the year, and wished everyone a year full of blessings and health.

1. PRESENTATIONS

1.1 *Irvine Unified School District*

Dr. Tammy Blakely, Executive Director of Student Support Services, Irvine Unified School District (IUSD), presented a brief presentation on IUSD’s background, notable accomplishments, health and safety measures during the COVID-19 pandemic, and economic status; and expressed appreciation to the City Council for its continued support.

City Council discussion included: expressing appreciation to IUSD for its continued partnership with the City of Irvine; expressed concern about the ratio of nurses to schools; and suggested that the City consider additional resources to allow for one nurse at every Irvine school, including those within the Tustin Unified School district that serve Irvine residents.

Kevin Corrigan, Irvine high school student, expressed concern about COVID-19 case rates reflected on IUSD's website, and suggested that IUSD revisit its policy to encourage parents to self-report cases.

By consensus, received and filed. No action was taken.

1.2 *Assumptions, Baseline Projections and Preliminary Balancing Measures for Fiscal Year 2021-23 Two-Year Budget and Fiscal Year 2021-26 Five-Year Plan*

Marianna Marysheva, Interim City Manager; Barbara Arenado, Deputy Director of Financial Management & Strategic Planning; Pete Carmichael, Director of Community Development; and Joel Belding, Deputy Director of Great Park Planning & Development, presented the staff report and responded to questions.

City Council discussion included: noting the importance of community meetings with respect to the budget process; suggested flexible community meeting dates/times to maximize resident participation; noted resources available through Public Safety; inquired about the balance in the contingency fund and the methodology used to determine its reserve level; expressed concern about limiting overtime and implementing a hiring freeze, and their potential impacts on service levels; noted the City's historical fiscal management practices; suggested allocating \$2 million per fiscal year from the contingency reserves to increase the school nurse ratio; discussed using funds from the contingency reserve if needed during the COVID-19 pandemic to address some of its impacts to the community; and inquired about the Bridge Program developed in 2008 and the population of the City at that time.

Nissreen, John Youn, and Eugenie, Irvine residents, spoke in opposition to the Community Facilities District (CFD) Mello-Roos tax imposed on Great Park properties.

Dee Fox, Irvine resident, spoke in support of Councilmember Agran's suggestion to increase funding for school nurses.

Jeff Melching, City Attorney, noted that the noted CFD taxes were in perpetuity as long as outstanding bonds existed, and removing the CFD revenue stream would be in violation of the contract with the bond holders.

By consensus, received and filed. No action was taken.

1.3 Capital Improvement Program Update

Steven Carrillo, Manager of Engineering/City Engineer, provided a brief overview of the proposed 5-year Capital Improvement Program, and responded to questions. Jaimee Bourgeois, Deputy Director of Transportation, also responded to questions.

Council discussion included: questioning the financial models used to project gas tax revenue; suggested the use of indigenous plants for landscaping; and questioned whether bike enhancements, including bike safety and connectivity, had been considered.

There were no public comments.

By consensus, received and filed. No action was taken.

INTERIM CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

There was no report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Agran noted that he would continue to seek support to agendaize his proposed resolution for consideration that was brought forward at the last City Council meeting to implement provisions of the Build the Great Park Veterans Cemetery Initiative; and also noted that he was awaiting a response to his memo requesting a public study session be held to address the All American Asphalt issue.

Mayor Khan noted that she had responded to Councilmember Agran's memo regarding All American Asphalt, and suggested a briefing with staff if he had not yet had the opportunity to do so.

Mayor Khan also clarified that the oversight and enforcement of the industrial emissions was the responsibility of Southern California Air Quality Management District (AQMD); and that the City has taken measures to evaluate health risk at the plant and protect residents. She also noted that the City had requested a public meeting with AQMD and is awaiting a response for a specified date.

Mayor Khan also made the following announcements:

- To help answer questions about the COVID-19 vaccine, along with information on how and when to get vaccinated, the COVID-19 Task Force will be hosting a Virtual Town Hall meeting on Friday, January 29 from noon to 1:30 p.m. The Task Force is comprised of members of the City management team, Mayor Khan, and local health officials, including:
 - Dr. Marnie Baker with MemorialCare;
 - Dr. Clayton Chau, the Orange County Health Officer and Director of the Orange County Health Care Agency;
 - Amy Durham, Director of Development for the National Alliance on Mental Illness;
 - Dr. Shruti Gohil from UC Irvine's School of Medicine;
 - Dr. Grace Lozinski from Hoag; and
 - Dr. Hassan Movahedi from Kaiser Permanente.

To register for the virtual Town Hall, visit cityofirvine.org. Questions for the COVID-19 Task Force can also be submitted when registering for the event.

- Applications for the City's second small business support program are being accepted through Friday, January 29. As of January 25, 675 applications had been received. One-time grants up to \$5,000 are available to help eligible small businesses cover the costs of business interruption due to the pandemic and Stay-at-Home order. The City received \$722,000 from the County of Orange to establish the program and assist Irvine small businesses within the Third Supervisorial District. Supervisor Donald P. Wagner helped make this program possible. Businesses that meet program requirements will be entered into a lottery after the application closing date on January 29. Lottery numbers are expected to be posted on the City's web page by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, February 3. To learn more about qualifications and to apply, visit cityofirvine.org/ThirdDistrictGrantProgram.
- Since the launching of the first initiative of the City's COVID-19 Task Force, more than 530 people have taken the "Irvine Cares" pledge. Irvine Cares invites community members to slow the spread of COVID-19 by pledging support of mitigation measures, which include acting as an advocate to ensure the health and safety of Irvine's most vulnerable. Community members are invited to take the pledge online or download a pledge card and mail it into the City. Once the pledge has been signed, names will be included on the "I Pledge" website. Anyone who takes the pledge will receive an "Irvine Cares" face mask, sticker, and decal to highlight their commitment to being kind and protecting our community. Community members are also encouraged to share the pledge on social media using the hashtag [#IrvineCares](https://twitter.com/IrvineCares). For more information and to take the pledge, visit cityofirvine.org/irvinecares.

- The City is seeking the community's feedback to assist in planning the Oak Creek Community Park Project. Two online surveys have been launched to gather input on potential community park and dog park amenities. The community park survey, as well as the survey focused on dog park amenities, are available through January 31. Input provided will be presented in virtual public meetings held in February and will help inform the design of Oak Creek Community Park. For more information and to take the surveys, visit cityofirvine.org/oakcreekproject.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

Interim City Manager Marysheva asked that Item No. 2.4 be removed from the Consent Calendar for discussion to allow for public participation on the item, and also allow staff to amend the proposed lease amount from \$48 per month as recommended by staff, to \$1 per year as recommended by the Orange County Great Park Board earlier in the day.

CONVENE TO THE REGULAR JOINT MEETING

Mayor/Chairwoman Khan convened to the regular joint meeting with the City of Irvine as Successor Agency to the dissolved Irvine Redevelopment Agency at 7:13 p.m.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR – CITY COUNCIL

ACTION: Moved by Councilmember/Boardmember Kuo, seconded by Councilmember/Boardmember Carroll, and unanimously carried to approve City Council Consent Calendar Item Nos. 2.1 through 2.3, and Successor Agency Consent Calendar Item Nos 3.1 and 3.2. City Council Consent Calendar Item No. 2.4 was removed for separate discussion.

2.1 MINUTES

ACTION:

- 1) Approved the minute of a special meeting of the Irvine City Council held on December 8, 2020.
- 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 December 8, 2020.
- 3) Approved the minutes of a special meeting of the Irvine City Council held on December 21, 2020.

2.2 WARRANT AND WIRE TRANSFER RESOLUTION

ACTION:

Adopted RESOLUTION NO. 21-04 - 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 SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 21-01 AMENDING THE CITY'S REGULATIONS RELATING TO SHORT-TERM RENTALS

ACTION:

Read by title only, second reading and adoption of ORDINANCE NO. 21-01 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 3-25 OF DIVISION 3 OF THE IRVINE ZONING CODE RELATING TO THE REGULATION OF SHORT-TERM RENTALS

2.4 CONSIDERATION OF ORANGE COUNTY FIRE MUSEUM AND SAFETY LEARNING CENTER'S REQUEST TO LICENSE CITY PROPERTY TO STORE HISTORICAL FIRE APPARATUS AND ARTIFACTS

Steve Torrelli, Manager of Orange County Great Park, presented the staff report and responded to questions, noting that the Orange County Great Park Board had recommended that the proposed lease amount be reduced from \$48 per month to \$1 per year.

City Council discussion included: questioning whether a lease agreement existed with Orange County Fire Authority and CALFire allowing for the use of the Amended and Restated Development Agreement (ARDA) site; inquired about the 30-day termination clause; questioned whether the license agreement would be in conflict with the recent Build the Great Park Veterans Cemetery Initiative (Initiative); inquired about other permissible uses the ARDA site; and discussed clean-up and construction of the ARDA site for the Veterans Cemetery.

Jeff Melching, City Attorney, noted that no conflict existed with the Initiative ordinance by approving the proposed license agreement.

The following individuals spoke in opposition to the proposed lease agreement:

- Harvey Liss, Irvine resident
- Jane Roschmann, Irvine resident
- Dee Fox, Irvine residents

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

Approve and direct the Interim City Manager to execute the attached license agreement between the City of Irvine and California Fire Museum and Safety Learning Center to license approximately 3,500 square feet of City property located within Building 606 on the Amended and Restated Development Agreement (ARDA) site **as amended** to reduce the lease amount from \$48 a month to \$1 per year for fire apparatus and artifact storage as recommended by the Orange County Great Park Board at its meeting of January 26, 2021. **(Contract No. 11251)**

The motion carried as follows:

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

3. CONSENT CALENDAR - SUCCESSOR AGENCY

3.1 MINUTES

ACTION:

- 1) Approved the minutes of a special joint meeting of the City of Irvine as Successor Agency to the dissolved Irvine Redevelopment Agency with the Irvine City Council held on November 24, 2020.
- 2) Approved the minutes of a regular joint meeting of the City of Irvine as Successor Agency to the dissolved Irvine Redevelopment Agency with the Irvine City Council held on December 8, 2020.

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

ACTION:

Adopted Resolution No. 21-01 – 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

PUBLIC COMMENT - SUCCESSOR AGENCY

There were no public comments.

ADJOURNMENT - REGULAR JOINT MEETING

Moved by Councilmember/Boardmember Carroll, seconded by Vice Mayor/Vice Chairwoman Kim, and unanimously carried to adjourn the regular joint meeting with the City of Irvine as Successor Agency to the dissolved Irvine Redevelopment Agency at 7:40 p.m.

RECONVENE TO THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Khan reconvened the City Council meeting at 7:41 p.m.

4.1 COVID-19 SITUATIONAL UPDATE AND DIRECTION TO DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES ON RELEVANT ACTION ITEMS

Michelle Grettenberg, Assistant City Manager; Melissa Haley, Deputy City Manager; and Pete Carmichael, Director of Community Development, presented the staff report responded to questions. Marianna Marysheva, Interim City Manager, also provided an update on the progress related to the County of Orange selecting a COVID-19 vaccination site; and noted that staff continued to work closely with the County of Orange to: 1) open a vaccination site no later than February 10; 2) open a separate vaccination site for seniors; and 3) provide prioritization for Irvine residents at the selected Irvine site.

City Council discussion included: noting the recent increases in COVID-19 cases and deaths in Irvine; expressing concern about the County's rejection of the Orange County Great Park as a mass vaccine distribution site; noted correspondence by the Orange County Health Chief Executive Officer outlining concerns by FivePoint Communities with respect to potential traffic impacts; and reiterated the efforts to work with the Orange County Board of Supervisors, the Orange County Health Chief Executive Officer, and various other individuals to secure a vaccination distribution site.

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

- 1) Authorize and direct the Mayor and the Interim City Manager to petition the Orange County Board of Supervisors, the Orange County Health Agency, and appropriate State and Federal officials, expressing the City's strong determination to establish the City-owned Orange County Great Park as a COVID-19 mass vaccination site to be operational by February 10, 2021, with logistical planning and support provided by the City of Irvine.
- 2) Further authorize the Mayor and the Interim City Manager to enlist and contract with University of California Irvine/University of California Irvine Medical Center and other leading health care leading institutions to advise and assist in the organization and administration of vaccines, and the provision of nurses and other health care professionals, in order to scale the number of COVID-19 vaccinations at the Great Park as rapidly as possible with a goal administering 500,000 doses per day by the end of February.

Continued City Council discussion included: noting that vaccines were limited to health care workers and front line workers at this time; reiterated the existing vaccine shortage; discussed additional options for mass vaccination sites; noted that the decision for site selection would be determined by the County; expressed concern that a continued request to select the Orange County Great Park as a mass vaccination site may delay vaccination distribution; reiterated the need to vaccinate seniors as soon as possible; and inquired about what could potentially be accomplished by February 10.

Interim City Manager Marysheva clarified that the County of Orange had no control over the supply of vaccines; and that the City and County were anticipating the opening of a mass distribution site between February 10 and February 20.

Dee Fox, Irvine resident, spoke in support of the motion made by Councilmember Agran.

ACTION: A substitute motion was made by Councilmember Kuo, seconded by Councilmember Carroll, to:

Empower the City Manager and the County Liaison Committee, consisting of Mayor Khan and Councilmember Kuo, to continue working collaboratively on the selection of a mass vaccination site without delay and without post haste.

The motion carried as follows:

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

ACTION: Moved by Councilmember Kuo, seconded by Councilmember Carroll, and unanimously carried to:

- 1) Receive updates from staff on relevant COVID-19 related developments.
- 2) Provide direction to the Director of Emergency Services on relevant action items related to COVID-19.
- 3) Authorize the Interim City Manager to negotiate and enter into an agreement with a non-profit organization for the administration of the Federal Emergency Rental Assistance Program.

4.2 CITY COUNCIL BUDGET OVERVIEW

Melissa Haley, Deputy City Manager, and Michelle Greenberg, Assistant City Manager, presented the staff report and responded to questions.

City Council discussion included: discussing Council Executive Assistant (CEA) program changes, including budget oversight by the City Manager; noted that the proposed policy change would provide each Councilmember the opportunity to oversee and manage their own individual budgets; questioned the amounts allocated to each Councilmember; discussed ensuring oversight measures were in place to provide checks and balances; discussed oversight of budgets by individual Councilmembers; questioned why the Council Executive Assistants (CEAs) were limited to part-time hours; and inquired about the approval process for CEA timesheets.

Marianna Marysheva, Interim City Manager, clarified that staff was seeking direction as to whether individualize budgets should be set-up for each Councilmember; noted that the existing review process would remain intact; and that annual audits would continue to be conducted by an independent agency.

Caller 949-****207; Rick Alexander; and Kevin Corrigan, Irvine resident, spoke in support of the recommendation to create separate budgets for individual Mayor and Councilmembers, and in opposition to Councilmember Agran.

Dee Fox, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to the recommendation to create separate budgets for individual Mayor and Councilmembers; in opposition to Councilmember Carroll’s use of taxpayer funds; and in support of the creation of an elected oversight committee to ensure that Councilmembers were acting on the people’s behalf.

Jeff Melching, City Attorney, clarified that the complaints filed against Councilmember Carroll with the Fair Political Practices Commission were rejected without further investigation, and further noted that no other agency had taken up the issue; and noted that existing resolutions allocating funds to the CEA and Community Fund Grant programs would need to be rescinded before the City Council moved forward with combing these funds.

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

Create separate budgets for the Mayor and individual Councilmembers beginning in Fiscal Year 2021-22, designating costs associated with office operations and constituent communications, to be managed by individual Mayor and Councilmembers in accordance with City budget policies and procedures.

The motion carried as follows:

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

NOES: 1 COUNCILMEMBERS: Agran

ABSENT: 0 COUNCILMEMBERS: None

4.3 CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY MAYOR KHAN, VICE MAYOR KIM, AND COUNCILMEMBERS AGRAN, CARROLL, AND KUO TO REAFFIRM CITY OF IRVINE’S COMMITMENT TO DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION

This item was agendized at the request of Mayor Khan, Vice Mayor Kim, and Councilmembers Agran, Carroll, and Kuo, to reaffirm the City’s commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion. Mayor Khan also reiterated the establishment of equal opportunities.

Professor Douglas M. Haynes, Ph.D, Vice Chancellor for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion from University of California, Irvine, provided a brief presentation outlining the steps to building an inclusive city.

Emma Evans, Special Programs Administrator, and Joe Angeles, Senior Human Resource Analyst, presented the staff report and responded to questions.

City Council discussion included: reiterating that Irvine was the most integrated and diverse city in the Nation; suggested that the City's hiring, promotional, and training policies meet the City Council's objective with respect to diversity, equity, and equal opportunities; expressed support for the establishment of a subcommittee; and noted the importance of engaging the public by allowing greater access to City Hall.

Dee Fox, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to the proposed resolution.

Harvey Liss, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to comments made by Councilmember Carroll.

The following individuals spoke in support of the proposed resolution:

- Amil Aaron, Irvine resident
- Felicity Figueroa
- Deirdre Harris, Irvine resident
- Kevin Corrigan

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

- 1) Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 21-05 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, REAFFIRMING IRVINE'S COMMITMENT TO DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION
- 2) Establish a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Ad Hoc Committee.
- 3) Direct staff to review data related to the City's hiring and contracting practices and explore methods to expand outreach to communities not reached out to previously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Avram Grossman and Ed McNew, Irvine residents, spoke in support Councilmember Agran's proposed resolution to select the Amended and Restated Development Agreement (ARDA) site as the preferred site for the Veterans Cemetery.

Gail Lewis, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to the City Council Policy requiring concurrence by two Councilmembers to add an item to the agenda, and in support of the ARDA site for the Veterans Cemetery.

Patricia Kennedy, spoke in support of the ARDA site for the Veterans Cemetery, and in support of a single Councilmember's ability to agendize items without the concurrence of another Councilmember.

Dee Fox, Irvine resident, spoke in support of the ARDA site for the Veterans Cemetery; and spoke in opposition to Councilmember Carroll's use of taxpayer money and the Community Choice Energy Program.

Melissa Masri spoke in support of the Veterans Cemetery, in opposition to the City Council Policy requiring concurrence by two Councilmembers to add an item to the agenda, and suggested exploring and evaluating the financial impacts related with financing school nurses.

Carine Ye, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to a Veterans Cemetery in the Great Park community.

Alan Gu, Irvine resident, requested that Mayor Khan provide timelines and outline actions to address concerns expressed by resident related to Orange County Great Park Community Facilities District (CFD) taxes.

Shirley, Irvine resident, expressed concerns related to transparency, and inquired about how Great Park tax money was being used.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councilmember Kuo, seconded by Councilmember Carroll, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:09 p.m. in memory of Concordia University student Garrett Ryder Wade, who passed away in a recent traffic collision in early January.


MAYOR OF THE CITY OF IRVINE


INTERIM CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF IRVINE

February 23, 2021