



MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

June 9, 2020
City Council Chamber
One Civic Center Plaza
Irvine, CA 92606

CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Irvine City Council was called to order at 7:15 p.m. on June 9, 2020, in the City Council Chamber, Irvine Civic Center, One Civic Center Plaza, Irvine, California; Mayor Shea presiding.

ROLL CALL

Present:	5	Councilmember:	Melissa Fox*
		Councilmember:	Farrah N. Khan
		Councilmember:	Anthony Kuo
		Vice Mayor:	Mike Carroll
		Mayor:	Christina Shea

* via teleconference

Mayor Shea 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, the e-comment feature had been extended for the agenda item, which allowed members of the public the ability to submit e-comments through the public comment portion of the item and would be included as part of the official record. 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.

Prior to City Council consideration of Council Business Item No. 1.1, Mayor Shea noted her opposition to the special meeting, expressing concern that: 1) the posting of the special meeting agenda did not meet the requirements of the Sunshine Ordinance, and 2) a staff report for public review and input was unavailable; and suggested that the item be placed on the next meeting agenda.

City Attorney Melching clarified that the special meeting was properly noticed under the Ralph M. Brown Act, and that certain exceptions were allowed under the Sunshine Ordinance with respect to noticing requirements for special meetings; and by a 2/3 vote of those members present at the meeting, the City Council must take action determining that: 1) upon consideration of the facts and circumstances, it was not reasonably possible to meet the additional notice requirements under the Sunshine Ordinance; and 2) there was the need to take immediate action on the item to avoid a substantial impact that would occur if the action were deferred to a subsequent special or regular meeting.

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

- 1) Determine that, upon consideration of the facts and circumstances, it was not reasonably possible to meet the additional notice requirements under the Sunshine Ordinance.
- 2) Determine that there was the need to take immediate action on the item (Council Business Item No. 1.1) to avoid a substantial impact that would occur if the action were deferred to a subsequent special or regular meeting.

The motion carried as follows:

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

NOES: 1 COUNCILMEMBERS: Shea

ABSENT: 0 COUNCILMEMBERS: None

1. COUNCIL BUSINESS

1.1 CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY VICE MAYOR CARROLL AND COUNCILMEMBERS KUO, KHAN, AND FOX TO DISCUSS RESPONDING TO PROTESTS IN IRVINE AND THROUGHOUT THE NATION

This item was agendized at the request of Vice Mayor Carroll, and Councilmembers Kuo, Khan and Fox, who asked for City Council consideration to discuss responding to recent protests in Irvine and throughout the nation.

Councilmember Kuo, as the principal author of the memo, noted the number of recent demonstrations in Irvine and comments from members of the community; reiterated the high level of service provided by the Irvine Police Department; and clarified the intent of the submitted memorandum for discussion.

Mike Hamel, Director of Public Safety/Chief of Police, provided a presentation on the Irvine Police Department's Use of Force Policy, recent demonstrations, hate crimes/incidents, and community programs.

RECESS

Mayor Shea called a recess at 7:49 p.m. to address technical issues with the livestreaming of the meeting.

RECONVENE TO THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Shea reconvened the special City Council meeting at 7:51 p.m.

1.1 CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY VICE MAYOR CARROLL AND COUNCILMEMBERS KUO, KHAN, AND FOX TO DISCUSS RESPONDING TO PROTESTS IN IRVINE AND THROUGHOUT THE NATION (CONTINUED)

City Council discussion included: inquiring about the "8 Can't Wait" campaign; expressed appreciation to the Irvine Police Department for the level of service it provides; reiterated that the City Council has heard and understands concerns raised by community members; expressed concern about defunding the Irvine Police Department; reiterated that Irvine has been designated as the Safest City in America for 15 straight years; encouraged continued peaceful community involvement; inquired about the different layers and levels of force; review of the data related to the use of force by the Irvine Police Department; inquired about the use of body cameras, and suggested that the timeline to implement their use be moved up; questioned the use of dash cams and audio recorders; suggested the formation of an independent citizen-based review board; expressed concern about the potential for hate crimes; discussed the formal principals of "Campaign Zero;" noted the need for clarity in City policies with respect to the use of force; suggested a task force to work in collaboration with the Community Services Commission and Irvine Multicultural Association in lieu of the formation of a Public Safety Commission; noted the role and responsibilities of the Safety Community Task Force, and suggested expanding its role; suggested placing Police Chief Hamel's presentation as a standalone item on the ICTV; and suggested the addition of sensitivity and bias training for City Councilmembers and Commissioners.

John Russo, City Manager, noted that the City could move forward with sensitivity training on an annual basis for City Councilmembers and Commissioners, with implementation by September.

Mayor Shea read into the record a text message received by unidentified members of the community in opposition to the defunding of the Irvine Police Department.

Molly Perry, City Clerk, noted that approximately 1,017 e-comments had been received on this item, of which those received prior to 7 p.m. were provided to the City Council at the dais; and provided a summation of the following e-comments received after 7 p.m.:*

- Angela Stewart and Steven Smith, who inquired about the technical difficulties with the livestream.
- Anon Ymous, who spoke in support of providing data related to bad behavior by police officers.
- Tom Lee, who spoke in opposition to supporting criminals.
- Jessenia Doe, spoke in opposition to racial profiling, discrimination, and racism, and in support of Mayor Shea stepping down as Mayor.
- James Heumann, who spoke in support of a thorough evaluation of the Irvine Police Department for potential outcomes regarding interactions with diverse community members, as well as an evaluation of the eight points proposed as part of the Black Lives Matter campaign.
- Gabriela Olmedo, who expressed concern that the “8 Can’t Wait” campaign was not enough, and suggested the implementation of additional measures.
- Jess M. and Lamar West, who spoke in opposition to recent comments by Mayor Shea on her Facebook page.
- Julie Wang, who spoke in support of security and safety for the general public.

City Clerk Perry also noted that the following individuals submitted e-comments in opposition to defunding the Irvine Police Department:

Julie Wang	Golden Liu	Hongbin Liang
Jianwei Liu	Dobgmei Jiang	Jinbo Dai
Joshua Jiang	Anh Dao	Grace Yang
Na An	David Johnson	Zhengjun Wang
David Husng	Phil Yrinh	Rebecca Yue
Selena Shao	SS	Teresa Zhang
Mang Thai	Wei Wang	Kevin He
Na Liu	Richard Yardley	Yongdan Downs
Jiezhong Cui	Sophie Yuwen	Lynn Huang
Cindy Wang	Seungjin Kim	Chris Qi
Yuan Tang	Tingting Xie	Joanna Wang
Cunjian Dong	Beverly Fu	Gary Molina
Xiaodan Luo	Yawen Zhan	Hao Xuan
Dennis Fang	Archana Darekar	Wenjun Wang
Su Jie	Yun Guo	Lan Wu

* All correspondence received, including all emails and e-comments, are part of the official record of this item and are uploaded onto the City's website in their entirety.

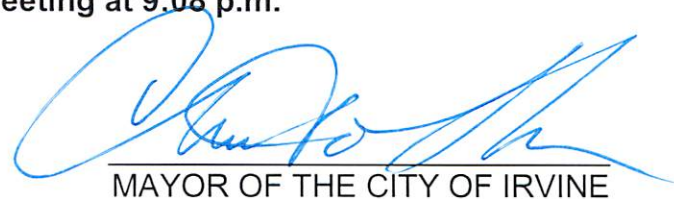
By consensus, received and filed. No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councilmember Kuo, seconded by Vice Mayor Carroll, and unanimously carried to adjourn the special City Council meeting at 9:08 p.m.



 CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF IRVINE



 MAYOR OF THE CITY OF IRVINE

July 14, 2020
