



MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

March 8, 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 4:12 p.m. on March 8, 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

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

Councilmember Carroll led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

Reverend Simon Moon from Irvine Onnuri Church provided the invocation.

1. PRESENTATIONS

Molly Perry, former Irvine City Clerk, spoke in support of commending Neal Kelley, Orange County Registrar of Voters, and expressed her appreciation for his outstanding service to the community.

1.1 *Commend Neal Kelley, Orange County Registrar of Voters*

Mayor Khan introduced Neal Kelly, Orange County Registrar of Voters, and presented him with a commendation in recognition of his outstanding service to the Irvine and Orange County Community, and wished him well on his upcoming retirement.

1.2 *Proclaim March 2022 as "National Women's History Month"*

Mayor Khan introduced Dr. Seema Choudhary, former Irvine Child Care Committee Member, and presented a proclamation recognizing March 2022 as "National Women's History Month."

1.3 *State Legislative Advocate Quarterly Update*

Mayor Khan introduced Cori Takkinen, Vice President from Townsend Public Affairs, who provided a brief update on state legislation.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

There was no report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCIL REPORTS

Vice Mayor Kuo recognized the following Public Work's employees for their swift efforts in cleaning a large oil spill in the village of El Camino Real:

- Ruben Escamilla
- Jose Valle
- Luis Marques
- Richard Macias
- John Nieves

In addition, he also recognized Jim Herber, General Manager of the Orange County Sanitation District, for receiving the 2022 Excellence in Advocacy Achievement Award; and Councilmember Kim for her role and advocacy in expanding library services, which include a Bookmobile in two City locations.

Vice Mayor Kuo also made the following announcements:

- Vice Mayor Kuo recently attended the Irvine Public Schools Foundation's 25th Anniversary and Fundraiser event in support of Irvine Unified School District schools, which was held on March 5, 2022; and a Sweet Shade Community Park site visit with State Assemblywoman Cottie Petrie-Norris, along with Community Services staff and two members of the City's executive team.
- University High School's upcoming closing performance of "Sponge Bob Square Pants" will be held on March 10-12, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.
- March 6-12, 2022 has been designated as "Orange County's Restaurant Week. For additional information, visit ocrestaurantweek.com/irvine.

Councilmember Kim made the following announcements:

- Ralph Ahn, Korean American Community Leader, passed away on February 26, 2022 at the age of 96.
- Nithin Tarthasarathy, Northwood High School Senior, recently received the prestigious award of Regeneron Scholar finalist.
- Orange County Public Library is currently offering a book mail delivery service called "zip books," which includes free shipping. Additional information can be found online at ocpl.org/zipbooks.

Mayor Khan made the following announcements:

- Members of the community are invited to attend the annual State of the City address on Wednesday, March 9 at the Irvine Barclay Theatre. Mayor Khan will share accomplishments of the past year and plans for 2022. A public reception will begin at 5 p.m., with the address starting at 6 p.m. For information, visit cityofirvine.org

Members of the community are also invited to attend a live jazz performance at Great Park on Sunday, March 13, 2022 from 1 to 3 p.m. The concert is part of Jammin' in the Palm Court, a series of three outdoor events supporting the current Great Park Gallery exhibition, *52nd Street: Jazz and the Photography of William Gottlieb*. The free exhibition celebrating historic jazz performers will be in the gallery from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sundays. For more information and additional gallery hours, visit yourgreatpark.org/arts.

- The City of Irvine has joined cities around the world in showing support for the country and people of Ukraine. The clock tower at the Irvine Civic Center will be lit in blue and yellow in solidarity. For those in the community who want to help, visit usaid.gov for a list of organizations assisting with relief efforts.
- As part of the We Are Irvine campaign highlighting diversity, equity, and inclusion, a City webpage was created to spotlight current and upcoming celebrations and observances of community members and residents. This month, the webpage provides information on Women's History Month, Deaf History Month, Irish American Heritage Month, World Down Syndrome Day, and several cultural and religious holidays. For additional information, visit cityofirvine.org/deispotlight.

Councilmember Agran made the following announcements:

- The upcoming State of the City Address would be the first to be held at the City-owned Barclay Theatre.
- Councilmember Agran recently participated at the "Invest in our Future" community event presented by the Irvine Climate Culture, held online on February 28, 2022. The next event will be held on March 14 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Registration information can be found online at bentlyirvineclimatecoalition.

Councilmember Agran also expressed his appreciation to the University of California, Irvine Public Interest Research Group for the opportunity to speak at its rally on the value of electric cars, which plays an integral role fulfilling the City's carbon omission goals; and requested support for the placement of a comprehensive presentation related to the Orange County Power Authority on the agenda at the next City Council meeting.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

ACTION: Moved by Vice Mayor Kuo, seconded by Councilmember Kim, and unanimously carried to approve Consent Calendar Item Nos. 2.1 through 2.7, with the exception of Consent Calendar Item No. 2.8, which was removed for separate discussion.

2.1 MINUTES

ACTION:

- 1) Approved the minutes of the special meeting of the Irvine City Council held on February 8, 2022.
- 2) Approved the minutes of the regular meeting of the Irvine City Council held on February 8, 2022.

2.2 PROCLAMATIONS

ACTION:

- 1) Proclaimed March 7, 2022, as "COVID-19 Victims and Survivors Memorial Day"
- 2) Proclaimed March 12, 2022, as "National Girl Scout Day"

2.3 WARRANT AND WIRE TRANSFER RESOLUTION

ACTION:

Adopted RESOLUTION NO. 22-16 - 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

2.4 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" remain valid and applicable, so as to allow for remote participation in public meetings for the next 30 days.

2.5 QUITCLAIM OF A STREET AND UTILITY EASEMENT IN WOODBURY EAST

ACTION:

Authorized the Mayor to execute a quitclaim deed relinquishing easements on private property no longer needed for street and utility purposes.

2.6 NOTICE OF PENDING APPROVAL FOR TRACT MAPS IN GREAT PARK NEIGHBORHOODS (HERITAGE FIELDS EL TORO, LLC)

ACTION:

Received and filed.

2.7 COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUND GRANT NOMINATIONS

ACTION:

Approved Mayor Khan's request for Community Partnership Fund Grant Nominations to the following organizations in support of program costs:

- a) Ektaa Center (\$500)
- b) OMID Multicultural Institute for Development (\$500)
- c) OC Asian American Senior Citizens (\$500)
- d) Irvine Girls Softball Association (\$500)

2.8 NOTICE OF INTENT TO OVERRULE THE ORANGE COUNTY AIRPORT LAND USE COMMISSION'S DETERMINATION OF INCONSISTENCY TO THE HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE (00832121-PGA)

This item was removed for separate discussion at the request of Councilmember Kuo, who expressed concern that the agenda item was non-routine in nature.

Marika Poynter, Principal Planner, presented the staff report and responded to questions. Oliver C. Chi, City Manager, also responded to questions.

Oliver Chi, City Manager responded to Council comments and directed staff to provide additional information. Further briefings were presented by Marika Poynter, Assistant Planner for Council recommended action.

There was no City Council discussion.

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

Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 22-17 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, NOTIFYING THE ORANGE COUNTY AIRPORT LAND USE COMMISSION AND THE STATE DIVISION OF AERONAUTICS OF THE CITY'S INTENTION TO FIND THAT THE GENERAL PLAN 2021-2029 HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE IS CONSISTENT WITH THE PURPOSES OF THE STATE AERONAUTICS ACT AND OVERRULE THE ORANGE COUNTY AIRPORT LAND USE COMMISSION'S DETERMINATION THAT THE HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE IS INCONSISTENT WITH THE 2008 JOHN WAYNE AIRPORT ENVIRONS LAND USE PLAN

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS

3.1 THIS ITEM WAS MOVED TO CONSENT CALENDAR ITEM NO. 2.8

4. COUNCIL BUSINESS

4.1 CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY VICE MAYOR KUO AND COUNCILMEMBER CARROLL TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE "BRAND-HUANG-MENDOZA TRIPARTISAN LAND USE INITIATIVE"

This item was agendaized at the request of Vice Mayor Kuo and Councilmember, who provided a brief summary of the proposed initiative.

City Council discussion included: noting that the proposed California Constitutional amendment had been suspended for 2022; expressed concern about the provisions of Senate Bill 9; suggested contacting local legislators for support to amend Senate Bill 9 in a way that protects the City of Irvine and local control; and suggested continuing the item to a future City Council meeting to allow for additional information and the status of the proposed initiative.

Doug Elliott, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to the proposed initiative.

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

Continue the item to a future City Council meeting.

4.2 CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY MAYOR KHAN AND COUNCILMEMBER KIM TO DISCUSS INCREASING HOMEOWNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES IN IRVINE

This item was agendaized at the request of Mayor Khan and Councilmember Kim, who asked for City Council support to direct City staff to return with policy options that prioritize owner-occupied housing in Irvine, limit investor purchased housing, and identifying incentive programs for communities to build wealth through homeownership, including first-time homebuyer assistance programs.

City Council discussion included noting similar issues and measures in Vancouver.

Doug Elliott, Irvine resident, spoke in support of increasing homeownership opportunities in the City of Irvine.

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

ACTION:

Direct City staff to return to the City Council with policy options that prioritize owner-occupied housing in Irvine, limit investor purchased housing, and identify incentive programs for communities to build wealth through homeownership including first-time homebuyer assistance programs.

Following discussion, Councilmember Kim made a friendly amendment to the motion.

ACTION: A friendly amendment was made by Councilmember Kim, accepted by Mayor Khan as the maker of the motion, seconded by Councilmember Kim, and unanimously carried to:

ACTION:

Direct City staff to return to the City Council with policy options that prioritize owner-occupied housing in Irvine, limit investor purchased housing, and identify investor ownership and incentive programs for communities to build wealth through homeownership including first-time homebuyer assistance programs **as amended** to also include a definition of "investor ownership."

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dee Fox, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to a legal matter related to Councilmember Carroll.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councilmember Carroll, seconded by Councilmember Kim, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 5:35 p.m.



MAYOR OF THE CITY OF IRVINE



CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF IRVINE

April 12, 2022