



## MINUTES

### CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

**March 10, 2020**  
**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 4:04 p.m. on March 10, 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
		Mayor Pro Tempore:	Mike Carroll
		Mayor:	Christina Shea

#### 1. CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Melching announced the following Closed Session items:

- 1.1 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION - Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) — County of Orange v. City of Irvine, Sacramento Superior Court Case No. 34-2018-00232248, consolidated and/or related with Case No. 34-2018-80002879, Case No. 34-2018-80002878, Case No. 34-2018-80002883, Case No. 34-2019-80003156, Case. No. 34-2019-80003154, and Case No. 34-2019-80003157**

- 1.2 \* **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION: Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: One case**
  
- 1.3 \* **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION: Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) or (3) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: One case**

There were no requests to speak.

## **RECESS**

Mayor Shea recessed the City Council meeting to Closed Session at 4:06 p.m.

## **RECONVENE TO THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Mayor Shea reconvened the City Council meeting at 5:29 p.m. City Attorney Melching, on behalf of the City Council, announced that no reportable action was taken in Closed Session.

Mayor Shea announced that the agenda would be reordered to consider Presentation Item No. 2.2, followed by Presentation Item Nos. 2.1, 2.3, and 2.4; and that Council Business Item No. 5.1 would be considered prior to Public Hearing Item No. 4.1.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Councilmember Khan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **INVOCATION**

Sheikh Atef Magoub, Religious Director of the Islamic Center of Irvine, provided the invocation.

## **2. PRESENTATIONS**

### **2.1 *Commend Nain Velazquez for Life-Saving Efforts***

This item was considered following Presentation Item No. 2.2. See above.

Mayor Shea introduced Nain Velazquez and presented him with a commendation recognizing him for life-saving efforts in rescuing an unconscious driver from a burning vehicle.

**2.2 Proclaim March 2020 as "Women's History Month" and the "Women's Suffrage Centennial"**

This item was considered prior to Presentation Item No. 2.1. See page 2.

Mayor Shea provided a brief presentation on the contributions and accomplishments made by women throughout history, and presented a proclamation in recognition of the "100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Women's Right to Vote and Women's History Month."

**2.3 Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District**

This item was agendaized at the request of Councilmember Khan as the City's representative to the Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District (OCMVCD), who requested a presentation related to rodent control and the various resources that OCMVCD can provide to Irvine residents.

Richard Howard, District Manager, OCMVCD, made a brief presentation and responded to questions.

Kim Huxman, Irvine resident, spoke in support of barn owls to control the rat population.

City Council discussion included: suggesting the use of barn owls as opposed to rodenticides to control the rat population; noted that quarterly updates would be helpful; and questioned whether the abundance of flies at Bommer Canyon was due to its prior use as a cattle camp.

**2.4 Update on City Strategies to Address Neighborhood Quality of Life Matters**

Keri Bullock, Neighborhood Services Administrator; Patrick Hurtado, Patrol Operations Commander; and Melissa Haley, Manager of Communications, provided a brief update on City strategies to address neighborhood "Quality of Life" matters.

City Council discussion included: suggesting regular updates related to short term rentals (STRs) in the City; inquired about how the City monitors Airbnb rentals and whether listings for Irvine properties not in compliance with the City's Ordinance could be removed; and noted recent efforts made by the City of Santa Monica related to non-compliant Airbnb listings.

Jeff Melching, City Attorney, provided a brief summary of Santa Monica's requirements of Airbnb to keep records of those in violation of its Ordinance.

## **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

There was no report.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCIL REPORTS**

Councilmember Khan made the following announcements:

- The Irvine Barclay Theatre (Theatre) has looked for opportunities to partner with local organizations through the Archreach program to increase access to the arts and support the community. Earlier this year, the Irvine Barclay Theatre partnered with Irvine charity Working Wardrobes to create a new community partnership. For their first project together, the Theatre donated \$10 for every ticket sold for the Ain't Misbehavin' show on Sunday, February 7 to Working Wardrobes. They also offered discount tickets to Working Wardrobes supporters. A total of \$4,000 was donated to Working Wardrobes through the event.
- This week, several Irvine events, including the Holi and Nowruz festivals, have been canceled. Both communities are wished peace, happiness, and prosperity in the years to come.

Councilmember Kuo announced that last week (through the Community Leaders Task Force, a committee in which he and Mayor Shea serve), it was learned that an Irvine senior citizens harmonica band from Lakeview Senior Center donated \$1,500 to Working Wardrobes, and expressed his appreciation to the members of the band for their thoughtfulness and generosity.

Mayor Shea made the following announcements:

- The Irvine Animal Care Center invites the community to support its Foster Donation Drive that is taking place through March 31. The Drive supports the Center's puppies, kittens, and young rabbits, as well as recuperating animals, by donating supplies such as formula, blankets, and toys. To view a complete wish list on the Irvine Animal Care Center's website, visit [irvineanimals.org](http://irvineanimals.org). The community is also invited to attend the Kitten and Puppy Celebration on Saturday, March 14 from noon to 2 p.m.
- Beginning this week, households will begin receiving the 2020 Census questionnaire. The amount of federal funding the City receives to support public safety, transportation, and programs that serve residents including children, individuals with disabilities, and seniors is based in large part on the City's population count. The Census is confidential and is easy to complete. Residents can respond by mail, phone, or online. To learn more about the Census, visit [2020census.gov](http://2020census.gov).

## **ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS**

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

**3. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**ACTION:** Moved by Councilmember Khan, seconded by Councilmember Kuo, and unanimously carried to approve Consent Calendar Item Nos. 3.1 through 3.7. Consent Calendar Item No. 3.8 was removed from the agenda as noted below. Consent Calendar Item No. 3.9 was removed for separate discussion.

**3.1 MINUTES**

**ACTION:**

Approved the minutes of a regular meeting of the Irvine City Council held on February 11, 2020.

**3.2 WARRANT AND WIRE TRANSFER RESOLUTION**

**ACTION:**

Adopted RESOLUTION NO. 20-19 - 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

**3.3 COMMENDATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS**

**ACTION:**

Proclaimed March 2020 as "National Nutrition Month."

**3.4 WALL OF RECOGNITION NOMINATIONS**

**ACTION:**

Approved nominations for inclusion on the Wall of Recognition.

**3.5 UPDATES TO THE PERSONNEL RULES AND PROCEDURES AND SALARY GRADE ORDER RESOLUTION TO REMAIN CONSISTENT WITH CALPERS GUIDELINES**

**ACTION:**

1) Adopted RESOLUTION NO. 20-20 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO THE PERSONNEL RULES AND PROCEDURES

- 2) Adopted RESOLUTION NO. 20-21 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, UPDATING THE SALARY GRADE ORDER RESOLUTION FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, AND SUPERSEDING RESOLUTION NO. 19-97, WHICH IS INCONSISTENT THEREWITH

**3.6 APPROVAL OF SPECIFICATIONS AND CONTRACT DOCUMENTS FOR FIBER OPTIC CABLE INSTALLATION FROM OPERATIONS SUPPORT FACILITY TO IRVINE CIVIC CENTER**

**ACTION:**

- 1) Approved the construction specifications and contract documents for the Fiber Optic Cable Installation from Operations Support Facility to Irvine Civic Center, CIP 362025.
- 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.

**3.7 APPROVAL OF PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, AND CONTRACT DOCUMENTS FOR CIVIC CENTER THIRD FLOOR SERVER ROOM UPGRADES**

**ACTION:**

- 1) Approved the construction plans, specifications, and contract documents for the Civic Center Third Floor Server Room Upgrades, CIPs 361601 and 362026.
- 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.

**3.8 APPROVAL OF PROJECT REPORT AND ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FOR THE JEFFREY ROAD AT IRVINE CENTER DRIVE INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

*This item was removed from the agenda originally posted on February 27, 2020.*

**3.9 COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUND GRANT NOMINATIONS**

This item was removed for separate discussion at the request of Councilmember Kuo, who asked that the City Council approve an additional Community Partnership Fund Grant (CPFG) nomination to Code Orange Robotics in the amount of \$150 in support of program costs.

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

- 1) Approve Councilmember Khan's request for Community Partnership Fund Grant Nominations to the following organizations in support of program costs:
  - a) Code Orange Robotics (\$150)
  - b) Second Harvest Food Bank (\$250)
  - c) HomeAid Orange County (\$250)

As amended to:

- 2) Approve Councilmember Kuo's request for Community Partnership Fund Grant Nominations to Code Orange Robotics in the amount of \$150 in support of program costs.

Prior to the vote, Mayor Pro Tempore Carroll asked that the City Council approve an additional CPFG nomination to Code Orange Robotics in the amount of \$200 in support of program costs.

**ACTION: A friendly amendment was made by Mayor Pro Tempore Carroll, accepted by Councilmember Kuo as the maker and Councilmember Khan as the seconder, and unanimously carried to:**

- 1) Approve Councilmember Khan's request for Community Partnership Fund Grant Nominations to the following organizations in support of program costs:
  - a) Code Orange Robotics (\$150)
  - b) Second Harvest Food Bank (\$250)
  - c) HomeAid Orange County (\$250)

**As amended to:**

- 2) Approve Councilmember Kuo's request for Community Partnership Fund Grant Nomination to Code Orange Robotics in the amount of \$150 in support of program costs; **and:**
- 3) Approve Mayor Pro Tempore Carroll's request for Community Partnership Fund Grant Nomination to Code Orange Robotics in the amount of \$200 in support of program costs.

**4. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**4.1 DESIGNATION OF COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2013-3 IMPROVEMENT AREA NO. 11**

This item was considered following Council Business Item No. 5.1. See page 2.

Mayor Shea opened the public hearing at 7:26 p.m.

Gemma Calilong, Management Analyst, presented the staff report and responded to questions.

The following individuals spoke in opposition to the proposed Community Facilities District (CFD):

Susan Sayre, Irvine resident  
John Youn, Irvine resident  
Eugenie, Irvine resident

City Council discussion included: misinformation by an online publication related to tax increases to existing homeowners; questioned whether public hearings were conducted in the past for other Improvement Areas related to CFD 2013-3; inquired about potential consequences if the proposed Improvement Area 11 (IA 11) was not approved and practical alternatives; questioned the impacts of the proposed IA 11 on existing homeowners and the General Fund, if any; inquired about prior votes by the City Council related to improvement Areas 1 through 10; reiterated that the City is not financially liable for the proposed IA 11; and noted amenities being discussed included a proposed shopping center in Great Park Neighborhoods and a potential smaller golf course at the Orange County Great Park.

Jeff Melching, City Attorney, provided a brief history of how the CFD was formed and passed by the City Council; and Bill Marticorena, Rutan & Tucker, responded to City Council questions.

**ACTION: Moved by Mayor Pro Tempore Carroll, seconded by Councilmember Kuo, and unanimously carried to close the public hearing at 8:14 p.m.**

Prior to Mayor Shea calling for a motion, City Clerk Perry explained the procedural process for consideration of the recommended actions.

**ACTION: Moved by Mayor Pro Tempore Carroll, seconded by Councilmember Khan, and unanimously carried to approve Recommended Action Item Nos. 2 through 4 as follows:**

- 2) Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 20-22 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, AS THE LEGISLATIVE BODY OF CITY OF IRVINE COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2013-3 (GREAT PARK), DESIGNATING IMPROVEMENT AREA NO. 11 OF CITY OF IRVINE COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2013-3 (GREAT PARK) AND AUTHORIZING THE LEVY OF A SPECIAL TAX WITHIN SAID IMPROVEMENT AREA
- 3) Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 20-23 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, AS THE LEGISLATIVE BODY OF CITY OF IRVINE COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2013-3 (GREAT PARK), DETERMINING THE NECESSITY TO INCUR BONDED INDEBTEDNESS WITHIN IMPROVEMENT AREA NO. 11 OF THE CITY OF IRVINE COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2013-3 (GREAT PARK) AND SUBMITTING A PROPOSITION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS THEREOF
- 4) Adopt RESOLUTION ON. 20-24 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, AS THE LEGISLATIVE BODY OF CITY OF IRVINE COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2013-3 (GREAT PARK), CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPROVING A SPECIAL TAX IN IMPROVEMENT AREA NO. 11 OF THE CITY OF IRVINE COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2013-3 (GREAT PARK), THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS BY SAID IMPROVEMENT AREA OF THE DISTRICT AND ESTABLISHMENT OF AN APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT

Following approval of Recommended Action Item Nos. 2 through 4 above, City Clerk Perry opened the ballots and read the election results, noting that 100 percent of the landowner votes were in favor of the Improvement Area formation.

**ACTION: Moved by Mayor Pro Tempore Carroll, seconded by Councilmember Khan, and unanimously carried to adopt Recommended Action Item No. 6 as follows:**

- 6) Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 20-25 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, AS THE LEGISLATIVE BODY OF CITY OF IRVINE COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2013-3 (GREAT PARK), DECLARING THE RESULTS OF A SPECIAL ELECTION HELD IN IMPROVEMENT AREA NO. 11 OF THE CITY OF IRVINE COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2013-3 (GREAT PARK) AND DIRECTING RECORDING OF A NOTICE OF SPECIAL TAX LIEN

Following approval of Recommended Action No. 6 above, City Clerk Perry noted the introduction of the proposed Ordinance and read the title into the record, reflected as Recommended Action Item No. 7.

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

- 7) Introduce for first reading and read by title only ORDINANCE NO. 20-03 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, ACTING AS THE LEGISLATIVE BODY OF THE CITY OF IRVINE COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2013-3 (GREAT PARK), LEVYING SPECIAL TAXES WITHIN IMPROVEMENT AREA NO. 11 OF THE CITY OF IRVINE COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2013-3 (GREAT PARK)

## **5. COUNCIL BUSINESS**

### **5.1 CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY MAYOR SHEA FOR A NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) UPDATE AND POTENTIAL ACTION ITEM**

This item was agendaized at the request of Mayor Shea, who requested an update on the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) and discussion on a potential action.

City Manager Russo introduced Dr. Nichole Quick, Orange County Health Officer, and Richard Sanchez, Orange County Health Care Agency Director, who provided an update on novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in Orange County, and provided resources for up-to-date information on COVID-19. City Manager Russo also presented a video on precautions and preventative measures that the City had undertaken to date, which would be distributed to City employees the following day.

Susan Sayre, Irvine resident, spoke about potential issues that could ensue as a result of a COVID-19 quarantine.

Cherry Lai, Irvine resident, expressed concern about unintended consequences related to COVID-19.

Joyce Johnson questioned business protocol for companies in Irvine and inquired about who to contact should they encounter a COVID-19 case within their own organizations and who to contact.

Orange County Fire Authority Division Chief Shane Sherwood, Police Chief Mike Hamel, and Community Services Director Laurie Hoffman provided updates on efforts relating to COVID-19, and responded to City Council questions.

City Council discussion included: questioning whether congregating in large groups should be significantly reduced or prohibited; inquired about information and resources for event planners related to COVID-19; questioned how extensively testing would occur in Orange County; inquired about University of California, Irvine’s decision to send students home and conduct classes remotely; questioned communication efforts related to COVID-19 to City, fire, and police personnel; reiterated the need to be cautious and take preventative measures; inquired about which decision-making bodies were responsible for implementing more aggressive measures if need be and how such measures would be determined; noted instances of bullying related to COVID-19 and related impacts; and inquired about the effectiveness of cleaning products and antiviral medications.

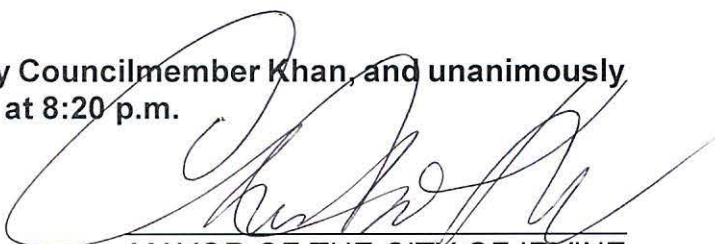
No action was taken.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Susan Sayre, Irvine resident, suggested increasing the size of the City Council from five members to seven.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by Councilmember Kuo, seconded by Councilmember Khan, and unanimously carried to adjourn the City Council meeting at 8:20 p.m.**

  
MAYOR OF THE CITY OF IRVINE  
CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF IRVINE

April 28, 2020