



## MINUTES

### CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

**September 24, 2019**  
**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 4:02 p.m. on September 24, 2019, in the City Council Chamber, Irvine Civic Center, One Civic Center Plaza, Irvine, California; Mayor Shea presiding.

#### ROLL CALL

Present: 5 Councilmember:	Michael C. Carroll
Councilmember:	Melissa Fox
Councilmember:	Farrah N. Khan
Mayor Pro Tempore:	Anthony Kuo
Mayor:	Christina Shea

#### 1. CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Melching announced the following Closed Session item:

- 1.1 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION:  
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) or (3) of  
subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: Two cases**

There were no requests to speak.

#### RECESS

Mayor Shea recessed the City Council meeting to Closed Session at 4:03 p.m.

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

Mayor Shea reconvened the City Council meeting at 4:48 p.m. City Attorney Melching, on behalf of the City Council, announced that no reportable action was taken in Closed Session.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Councilmember Khan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **INVOCATION**

Councilmember Carroll provided the invocation.

## **2. PRESENTATIONS**

### ***2.1 Recognition of Open Space Brush Fire First Responders***

Mayor Shea introduced personnel from the Orange County Fire Authority Station 47, as well as members of the Irvine Police Department and Orange County Sheriff's Department, who responded to the "Fossil Fire" near the Quail Hill Trailhead on September 15, and expressed her appreciation for their collaborative efforts in containing the fire to prevent major damage. She also introduced Chris Gonsior, Boardmember of the Casalon Sub-Homeowner Association within the Quail Hill village, who kept her apprised of major developments during the incident.

### ***2.2 Presentation by Team Kids***

Mayor Shea announced that due to a scheduling conflict, representatives from Team Kids were unable to attend and had rescheduled to the October 10 City Council meeting.

### ***2.3 Annual Update by the Irvine Unified School District***

Mayor Shea introduced Alan Schlichting, Executive Director of Student Services, and Boardmembers Lauren Brooks and Sharon Wallin from Irvine Unified School District (IUSD), who provided IUSD's annual update. She also acknowledged Boardmember Ira Glasky, who was present in the audience.

City Council discussion included; reiterating the City's continued partnership with IUSD; and acknowledging efforts made by IUSD to provide quality education to Irvine students despite continued challenges with State funding.

**2.4 Greater Irvine Chamber of Commerce - Update on the Hotel Improvement District**

Mayor Shea introduced Bryan Starr, CEO, and Linda DiMario, Executive Vice President, Greater Irvine Chamber of Commerce; and Wendy Haase, Vice President, Destination Irvine, who provided an update on the City's Hotel Improvement District (HID).

City Council discussion included: reiterating Orange County's economy and fiscal strength; noted increase in HID revenue since the opening of the Sports Park at the Orange County Great Park; and inquired about whether the business community would support additional funding through the Transit Occupancy Tax (TOT) that could be designated funds for the arts.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

There was no report.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCIL REPORTS**

Mayor Pro Tempore Kuo acknowledged Boy Scout Troop 691 and high school students in attendance.

Mayor Shea made the following announcements:

- The City of Irvine has been honored for the fourth straight year as "Best City to Live In" by the Orange County Register's annual "Best of OC" selections. The City's public safety, schools, parks and trails, diverse dining, shopping, and sports facilities all provide an unmatched quality of life.
- This year's Irvine Global Village Festival will take place at the Orange County Great Park on October 12 and 13. The two-day festival incorporates the best of Irvine's historic fall festivals to offer international food; multicultural music and performances; interactive activities; and exhibitions throughout an entire weekend. In addition, the City's first-ever Visual Arts Celebration has been added, which includes live art demonstrations and a juried art exhibition. There will also be an Artisans Marketplace with handmade goods for sale. Younger guests can enjoy the expanded Kids Village, which features a Seek-a-Treat scavenger hunt; a dog show and petting zoo; a hockey shoot-out station; inflatable sports activities; a bubble zone, multicultural arts and crafts; and more. Individual tickets and family passes are on sale at [cityofirvine.org](http://cityofirvine.org) and will also be available at the festival entrance.

**ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS**

Item No. 2.2 (Presentation by Team Kids) was removed from the agenda. See page 2.

**3. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**ACTION:** Moved by Councilmember Khan, seconded by Councilmember Carroll, and unanimously carried to approve Consent Calendar Item Nos. 3.1 through 3.13, with the exception of Item Nos. 3.6 and 3.8, which were removed for separate discussion.

**3.1 MINUTES**

**ACTION:**

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 August 13, 2019.

**3.2 WARRANT AND WIRE TRANSFER RESOLUTION**

**ACTION:**

Adopted RESOLUTION NO. 19-83 - 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 CONTRACT AMENDMENT FOR SVA ARCHITECTS FOR THE GREAT PARK OPERATIONS BUILDING (CIP #361729)**

**ACTION:**

Approved an increase to the Scope of Services for the Great Park Operations Building in accordance with the findings of the space needs assessment and to achieve LEED Silver certification, and authorize the Mayor to execute a contract amendment with SVA Architects, Inc. **(Contract No. 10771A)**

(Unless otherwise directed by a member of the City Council, the vote on this matter will reflect the prior action of each Councilmember when he or she sat and voted as a member of the Board of Directors of the Orange County Great Park Corporation. However, if a Councilmember is not present at the City Council meeting, his or her vote will be reflected as absent.)

**Approved 5-0.**

**3.4 2019 DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
SENATE BILL 2 PLANNING GRANTS PROGRAM**

**ACTION:**

Adopted RESOLUTION NO. 19-84 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOR THE SENATE BILL 2 PLANNING GRANTS PROGRAM

**3.5 EXTENSION OF CONTRACT WITH AEROPHILE CALIFORNIA LLC TO  
OPERATE AND MAINTAIN THE GREAT PARK BALLOON**

**ACTION:**

- 1) Approved an increase to the Fiscal Year 2019-20 budget in the amount of \$33,175 to extend the contract with Aerophile California LLC to continue operating and maintaining the Great Park Balloon for an additional month.
- 2) Approved a sole source contract with Aerophile California LLC for the maintenance, operation, and repair of the Great Park Balloon. **(Contract No. 9816C)**

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**Approved 5-0.**

**3.6 APPROVAL OF SPECIFICATIONS AND CONTRACT DOCUMENTS FOR  
THE FISCAL YEAR 2019-20 ANNUAL STREET REHABILITATION AND  
SLURRY SEAL PROJECT**

This item was removed for separate discussion at the request of Mayor Pro Tempore Kuo, who inquired about standards following completion of street rehabilitation and slurry seal projects, and whether the City had the option to challenge completion of a project based on such standards.

Mark Steuer, Director of Public Works, confirmed that the City does have the authority to reject completion of a project if certain standards are not met.

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

- 1) Approve the specifications and contract documents for the Fiscal Year 2019-20 Annual Street Rehabilitation and Slurry Seal Capital Improvement Project 312004.
- 2) Approve the Engineer’s Estimate, Construction Contingency, and Funding Summary.
- 3) Authorize the City Manager to execute the Reimbursement Agreement with Irvine Ranch Water District for installation and adjustment of water facilities within the project area. **(Contract No. 10866)**
- 4) Authorize 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 PLAZA NEIGHBORHOOD PARK PLAYGROUND AND ACCESSIBILITY REHABILITATION**

**ACTION:**

- 1) Approved the construction plans, specifications, and contract documents for the Plaza Neighborhood Park Playground and Accessibility Rehabilitation, Capital Improvement Project 371303.
- 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 NOTICE OF REVIEW FOR TRACT MAPS IN PORTOLA SPRINGS AND GREAT PARK NEIGHBORHOODS (HERITAGE FIELDS EL TORO, LLC)**

This item was removed for separate discussion at the request of Susan Sayre, Irvine resident, who expressed opposition to Tract Map 8200 (Great Park Neighborhoods) due to its inconsistency with Irvine’s Village Master Plan concept.

City Council discussion included: inquiring about the entitlement process for commercial retail centers and whether a fitness center was a permitted use to replace a neighborhood commercial center; questioned the intention of two neighborhood commercial retail centers; and expressed concern with lack of neighborhood commercial retail centers within the Great Park Neighborhoods.

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

Receive and file.

**3.9 GRANT OF EASEMENT TO IRVINE RANCH WATER DISTRICT FOR A BACKFLOW ASSEMBLY AT DEERFIELD COMMUNITY PARK**

**ACTION:**

Approved and authorized the City Manager to execute an Easement Deed with Irvine Ranch Water District. **(Deed No. 1666)**

**3.10 RESPONSE TO ORANGE COUNTY GRAND JURY REPORT "HOME AT LAST: HONORING OUR VETERANS WITH A VETERANS CEMETERY IN ORANGE COUNTY"**

**ACTION:**

Reviewed the draft response to the Orange County Grand Jury Report titled "Home at Last: Honoring Our Veterans with a Veterans Cemetery in Orange County," and authorized the Mayor's signature on behalf of the City Council for submittal to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court of Orange County by on September 25, 2019.

**3.11 SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 19-13 UPDATING THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO CLARIFY PROVISIONS RELATED TO ADDITIVE DEVELOPMENT INTENSITY**

**ACTION:**

Read by title only, second reading and adoption of ORDINANCE NO. 19-13 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING ZONE CHANGE (00782631-PZC) TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO CLARIFY REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO ADDITIVE DEVELOPMENT INTENSITY; FILED BY THE CITY OF IRVINE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

(Unless otherwise directed by a Member of the City Council, the vote at second reading will reflect the same vote as at first reading. However, if a Councilmember was absent at first reading, his or her vote cast at second reading will be reflected. If a Councilmember is not present at the second reading/adoption, the vote will be reflected as absent.)

**Approved 5-0.**

**3.12 PROCLAMATIONS/COMMENDATIONS**

**ACTION:**

Ratified and commended Margie Wakeham, Chief Executive Officer, Families Forward.

**3.13 COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUND GRANT NOMINATIONS**

**ACTION:**

- 1) Approved Mayor Shea's request for Community Partnership Fund Grant Nomination to the Orange County Crean Lutheran South High School in the amount of \$500 in support of program costs.
- 2) Approved Mayor Pro Tem Kuo's request for Community Partnership Fund Grant Nomination to the 2/11 Marine Corps Adoption Committee in the amount of \$1,000 in support of program costs. **(Contract No. 10862)**
- 3) Authorized the City Manager to prepare and sign the funding agreement for individual awards of \$1,000 or more.

**4. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**4.1 ANNUAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT AND HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS GRANT END-OF-YEAR PROGRESS REPORT TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

Mayor Shea opened the public hearing at 5:58 p.m.

Charles Kovak, Housing Administrator, presented the staff report and responded to questions.

City Council discussion included: inquiring about potential consequences if certain goals are not met; questioned which fiscal year was applicable to the current end-of-year progress report; inquired about when organizations receive funding following City Council approval; and questioned how long organizations have to demonstrate progress.

**ACTION: Moved by Councilmember Carroll, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Kuo, and unanimously carried to close the public hearing at 6:09 p.m.**

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

Receive and file the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report and authorize submission to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

**5. COUNCIL BUSINESS**

**5.1 UPDATE ON SHOT HOLE BORER**

Dennis Chiotti, Landscape Maintenance Superintendent, presented the staff report and responded to questions.

City Council discussion included; inquiring about where the shot hole borer beetle (beetle) originated; reiterated the beetle's potential threat to the City's open space; noted potential sources; expressed concern about the cost to replace mature trees that suffered damage; questioned whether drought conditions or recent heavy rains impacted beetle infestation; highlighted a tree's natural ability to reject beetles; inquired about tracking procedures and remedies; suggested this matter be reviewed by the City's Green Ribbon Environmental Committee; suggested sample kits/displays for members of the public in the Main Lobby; questioned which trees were more susceptible to beetle infestation; inquired about whether landscaping was a consideration in the planning process; suggested additional information be provided to San Joaquin Marsh Wildlife Sanctuary (SJMWS) at an upcoming meeting; and inquired about whether members of SJMWS could be invited to the next task force meeting.

**By consensus, received and filed.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Avram Grossman, Irvine resident, spoke in support of the City's bee ordinance, following which Mayor Shea suggested a future presentation at an upcoming City Council meeting. City Manager Russo suggested a presentation to the Planning Commission as well.

Susan Sayre, Irvine resident, expressed concern with newer development projects not complying with the City's Neighborhood Master Plan.

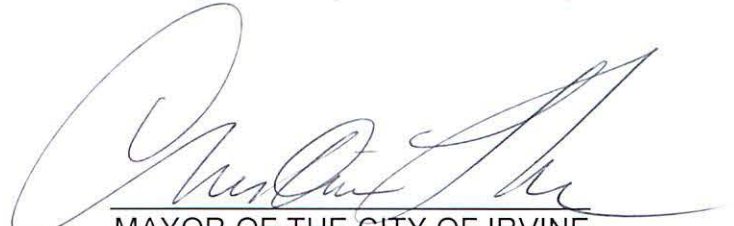
Scott Hansen, Irvine resident, spoke in support of neighborhood retail centers and the Irvine Village concept experience.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Prior to adjournment, Mayor Shea noted that through the adoption of the 2019 City Council meeting calendar, the October 8 City Council meeting was rescheduled to Thursday, October 10 due to the Yom Kippur holiday.

**Moved by Mayor Pro Tempore Kuo, seconded by Councilmember Khan, and unanimously carried to adjourn the City Council meeting at 6:45 p.m. to Thursday, October 10, 2019.**

  
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CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF IRVINE

  
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MAYOR OF THE CITY OF IRVINE

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October 22, 2019