



## MINUTES

### CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

**July 9, 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 4:04 p.m. on July 9, 2019 in the City Council Chamber, Irvine Civic Center, One Civic Center Plaza, Irvine, California; Mayor Shea presiding.

#### ROLL CALL

Present:	4	Councilmember:	Michael C. Carroll
		Councilmember:	Farrah N. Khan
		Mayor Pro Tempore:	Anthony Kuo
		Mayor:	Christina Shea

Absent:	1	Councilmember:	Melissa Fox
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#### CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Melching announced the following Closed Session item:

***CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION - Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) — Woodcliff Corporation v. City of Irvine, Orange County Superior Court Case No.30-2018-01036250-CU-BC-CJC***

There were no requests to speak.

## **RECESS**

Mayor Shea recessed the City Council meeting to Closed Session at 4:05 p.m.

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

Mayor Shea reconvened the City Council meeting at 4:45 p.m. City Attorney Melching, on behalf of the City Council, noted that Mayor Shea abstained from participating in Closed Session, and announced that no reportable action was taken in Closed Session.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Pro Tempore Kuo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **INVOCATION**

Councilmember Carroll provided the invocation.

## **1. PRESENTATIONS**

### **1.1 *Orange County Human Relations Council Annual Update***

Mayor Shea introduced Dr. Gurpreet Ahuja, representing Orange County Human Relations, who presented an annual report and review of activities in the City of Irvine this past year.

### **1.2 *Employee Recognition - 25 and 30 Years of Service***

John Russo, City Manager, introduced the following individuals and presented them with certificates in recognition of their years of service to the City of Irvine:

- Christine D'Alena, Police Officer (25 years)
- Jodi Rahn, Senior Public Safety Assistant (25 years)
- William Russell, Police Sergeant (25 years)
- Jonathan Cherney, Police Officer (30 years)

## **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

There was no report.

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

Mayor Shea provided a brief update on her recent trip to Honolulu, Hawaii, where she attended the 87<sup>th</sup> annual U.S. Conference of Mayors Conference; and made the following announcements:

- The community is invited to the Wildland Management Event on Saturday, July 20 at Quail Hill that will be focused on wildlife prevention. The morning begins with a hike with the Mayor around the Quail Hill Loop Trail at 9 a.m. Throughout the morning, the Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) will have its wildland response equipment on display and will conduct a hand crew demonstration. In addition, OCFA Fire Station 47 will have an open house. Residents can get information on what to do to protect homes from a wildfire, and meet with members of the City's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) to learn more about the program. The Irvine Police Department will have its Mounted Unit, and the Public Works Department will have goats on-site, which help to maintain the City's open space and prevent wildfires.
- Residents in the El Camino Real, Greentree, and Willows neighborhoods are invited to a neighborhood block party at El Camino Real Elementary School on Saturday, July 20 to learn more about ONE IRVINE, a new City program designed to help connect residents with resources aimed at strengthening our community. The free block party will be held from noon to 2 p.m. and will include food, games, prizes, and more. City staff will be available at the block party to connect residents with existing City services, as well as local home maintenance and landscaping professionals.
- Last week, the City kicked off the summer internship program, which gives 15 high school and college students an opportunity to work directly with individual members of the City Council throughout the month of July. Through this volunteer internship program, students will gain greater insight into how local government works through research and analysis, special projects, attendance at City Council and Commission meetings, City facility tours, and a public safety ride along.
- The City's Sizzlin' Summer Concert series continues at Mike Ward Community Park – Woodbridge on Sunday, July 14 at 5:30 p.m., with top 40s cover band The Suffragettes. Gourmet food trucks and a children's play area will also be available. The free, family-friendly concerts in the park run through August 11.

## **ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS**

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

**2. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**ACTION:** Moved by Councilmember Carroll, seconded by Councilmember Khan, and unanimously carried by those members present (Councilmember Fox absent) to approve City Council Consent Calendar Item Nos. 2.1 through 2.6.

**2.1 MINUTES**

**ACTION:**

Approved the minutes of a regular meeting of the Irvine City Council and special joint meeting with the Orange County Great Park Board held on June 11, 2019.

**2.2 PROCLAMATIONS/COMMENDATIONS**

**ACTION:**

- 1) Commended Ingram Micro on its 40th Anniversary.
- 2) Commended Monarch HealthCare on its 25th Anniversary.

**2.3 WARRANT AND WIRE TRANSFER RESOLUTION**

**ACTION:**

Adopted RESOLUTION NO. 16-69 - 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 DEFINED BENEFIT AND DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PENSION PLAN AUDITS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018**

**ACTION:**

Received and filed the Defined Benefit and the Defined Contribution Pension Plan audits for the year ended December 31, 2018.

**2.5 ASSIGNMENT AND ASSUMPTION OF LENNAR HOMES OF CALIFORNIA, INC. (00780602-PPA) TO BE A PARTY TO THE APPROVED CENTRAL PARK DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT 00330616-DA (PLANNING AREA 36)**

**ACTION:**

Adopted RESOLUTION NO. 16-70 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE ASSIGNMENT AND ASSUMPTION OF CERTAIN OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE APPROVED CENTRAL PARK DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT (00330616-DA) BETWEEN THE CITY OF IRVINE AND CENTRAL PARK WEST HOLDINGS, LLC TO LENNAR HOMES OF CALIFORNIA, INC. FOR THE CENTRAL PARK DEVELOPMENT LOCATED AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF JAMBOREE ROAD AND MICHELSON DRIVE (LOTS 1-3)

**2.6 COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUND GRANT NOMINATIONS**

**ACTION:**

Approved Mayor Pro Tempore Kuo's request for Community Partnership Fund Grant Nomination to the Village Church in Irvine in the amount of \$250 in support of program costs. **(Contract No. 10814)**

**3. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**3.1 APPROVAL OF TAX-EXEMPT BOND ISSUANCE BY THE CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL FINANCE AUTHORITY FOR FINANCING & REFINANCING FOR REGENTS POINT**

Mayor Shea opened the public hearing at 5:10 p.m.

Kristin Griffith, Director of Financial Management and Strategic Planning, presented the staff report and responded to questions.

City Council discussion included: inquiring about why the bonds were being refinanced and for what purpose; questioned why the City Council was not limited to only approving Irvine's portion of the bonds; and inquired about whether all municipalities involved must agree, as well as the potential impacts that would ensue if an agreement was not reached.

There were no requests to speak.

**ACTION: By consensus of those members present (Councilmember Fox absent), Mayor Shea closed the public hearing at 5:15 p.m.**

**ACTION: Moved by Mayor Pro Tempore Kuo, seconded by Councilmember Carroll, and unanimously carried by those members present (Councilmember Fox absent) to:**

Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 16-71 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF THE CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL FINANCE AUTHORITY REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2019 (HUMANGOOD) IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$180,000,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING AND REFINANCING THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF REGENTS POINT AND CERTAIN OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO

### **3.2 ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT FOR PUBLIC PROJECTS**

Mayor Shea opened the public hearing at 5:16 p.m.

Joel Belding, Principal Planner, presented the staff report and responded to questions.

City Council discussion included: concern about the impartiality of the Director of Community Development serving as the City's Zoning Administrator; questioned whether the amendment only applied to public projects; suggested that Zoning Administrator meetings be added to the City of Irvine Sunshine Ordinance to better apprise the Planning Commissioners of Zoning Administrator decisions; and questioned who would be the arbiter of what a project of Citywide significance would be, its impacts, and when the City Council would weigh in.

There were no requests to speak.

**ACTION: By consensus of those members present (Councilmember Fox absent), Mayor Shea closed the public hearing at 5:25 p.m.**

**ACTION: Moved by Mayor Pro Tempore Kuo, seconded by Mayor Shea, and unanimously carried by those members present (Councilmember Fox absent) to:**

Introduce for first reading and read by title only ORDINANCE NO. 19-09 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING ZONE CHANGE (00782633-PZC) TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO EXEMPT PUBLIC PROJECTS FROM ZONING ORDINANCE STANDARDS; FILED BY THE CITY OF IRVINE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

**4. COUNCIL BUSINESS**

**4.1 CLIMATE ACTION PLAN OVERVIEW**

This item was agendaized at the request of Councilmember Khan, who requested City Council discussion regarding the development of a Climate Action Plan (CAP) for the City of Irvine.

Melissa Chao, Senior Planner, and Sona Coffee, Environmental Programs Administrator, presented the staff report and responded to questions.

City Council discussion included: questioning whether a specific element related to the environment was included in the General Plan, and whether a CAP could be incorporated into said Plan; questioned the cost of a standalone CAP in comparison to codification within the General Plan; inquired about the Community Choice Energy (CCE) Feasibility Study; and questioned when the Strategic Energy Plan (SEP) would return to the City Council, if the Green Ribbon Environment Committee had reviewed, and whether the costs had already been included in the budget.

The following individuals spoke in support of a standalone Climate Action Plan:

- Ari Jong, Irvine resident
- Jacob Ribakoff, Irvine resident
- Robin Ganahl
- Kasia Lewis, UC Irvine
- Roger Gloss, Rancho Santa Margarita resident
- Dr. Kathleen Treseder, Irvine resident
- Lauren Johnson-Norris, Irvine resident
- Riley Newman, Irvine resident
- Steven Allison, Irvine resident
- Bob Dougherty, Irvine resident
- Kathy Orlinsky, Irvine resident

Ken Stahl, Irvine resident  
Carrie O'Malley, Irvine resident  
Patty Yoo, Irvine resident  
Ayn Craciun, Irvine resident  
Tammy Kim, Irvine resident  
Robin Gurien, Irvine resident  
Kev Abazajian, Irvine resident  
Jutta Gamboa, Irvine resident

Jerry Amante, Anaheim resident and former Mayor of the City of Tustin, spoke in support of proceeding with the required Environmental Impact Report and Climate Change Adaptation and Resiliency Strategy in lieu of a separate CAP, or awaiting results of the City Energy Plan and Community Choice Energy Study.

Harvey Liss, Irvine resident, spoke about elements needed to create a Climate Action Plan, the needs of the community, and the role of developers in this process.

Additional City Council discussion included: potential cost savings and grant availability; discussed development of a CAP either concurrently/in parallel with the Strategic Energy Plan (SEP) or without the results of the SEP; suggested incentives for energy-efficiency improvements and energy-saving opportunities at the Civic Center; questioned unintended consequences and impacts on businesses; inquired about different categories in a CAP; and expressed concern about time constraints related to implementation within the General Plan.

City Manager Russo noted that 1) various grant opportunities could be pursued; 2) staff would need to create a scope of work and return to the City Council for approval; and 3) inclusion of an environmental component in the General Plan could be broader and would be solidified if codified within that document.

**ACTION:** Moved by Councilmember Khan, seconded by Mayor Shea, to:

- 1) Direct staff to prepare a scope of work and Request for Proposals for the development of a standalone Climate Action Plan.
- 2) Direct staff to return to the City Council with more information to see how the City can link the Climate Action Plan to the General Plan.

**ACTION:** A friendly amendment was made by Mayor Shea, accepted by Councilmember Khan as the maker of the motion, and unanimously carried by those members present (Councilmember Fox absent) to:

- 1) Direct staff to prepare a scope of work and Request for Proposals for the development of a standalone Climate Action Plan.
- 2) Direct staff to return to the City Council with more information to see how the City can link the Climate Action Plan to the General Plan.
- 3) Direct staff to pursue the creation of an “Environmental Protection and Climate Action” element in the General Plan; and upon codification and finalization of that process, include the City’s Integrated Pest Management Plan, LEED certification policies developed in 2004, and any other environmental plans and policies previously adopted by the City Council, within that umbrella and protected from future revisions.

**4.2 ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING CHANGES AND ADDITIONS TO POSTED SPEED LIMITS**

Tran Tran, Senior Transportation Engineer, presented the staff report and responded to questions.

City Council discussion included: expressing concern about speed limit increases on several street segments, including those near schools; inquired about whether additional signage, including warning signs, would be installed where speed limits are increased; questioned the rationale/methodology used for speed limit surveys; and inquired about whether police officers could issue citations on segments not approved for speed increases.

Judith Gass, Irvine resident, expressed concern about motorists driving faster than the posted speed limits; as well as specific concerns related to speed increases on University and Blue Lake.

**ACTION: Moved by Councilmember Carroll, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Kuo, and unanimously carried by those members present (Councilmember Fox absent) to:**

Introduce for first reading and read by title only ORDINANCE NO. 19-10 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, DIRECTING AN AMENDMENT TO THE “CITY OF IRVINE ENGINEERING AND TRAFFIC SURVEYS FOR SPEED LIMITS,” AS MAINTAINED BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AS THE OFFICIAL DOCUMENTATION OF DECLARED PRIMA FACIE SPEED LIMITS **as amended** to maintain the current speed limits on the following road segments:

- University Drive from Culver Dr. to Yale Ave.
- University Drive from Yale Ave. to Michelson Dr.
- University Drive from Michelson Dr. to I-405 SB Ramp

**4.3 CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY MAYOR SHEA AND COUNCILMEMBER CARROLL FOR DISCUSSION TO REVISE THE CITY COUNCIL POLICY / PROCEDURE REGARDING CITY COUNCIL-INITIATED AGENDA ITEMS**

This item was agendized at the request of Mayor Shea and Councilmember Carroll, who suggested revisions to the City Council Policy/Procedure regarding City Council-initiated agenda items that would require a written memorandum signed by either at least two members of the City Council or the Mayor.

The following individuals spoke in opposition to the proposed revision to the City Council Policy/Procedure regarding City Council-initiated agenda items:

- Susan Sayre, Irvine resident
- Jack Fancher, Irvine resident
- Jacob Ribakoff, Irvine resident
- Ken Stahl, Irvine resident
- Branda Lin, Irvine resident
- Harvey Liss, Irvine resident
- Joe McLaughlin, Irvine resident
- Kev Abazajian, Irvine resident
- Robin Gurian, Irvine resident
- Stephen Berger
- Lauren Johnson-Norris, Irvine resident
- Jutta Gamboa, Irvine resident

City Council discussion included: enhancing time management and efficiency for City Council meetings; reiterated the importance of communication and collaboration between City Councilmembers; discussed whether to include a sunset clause in the proposed policy; inquired about whether a request by a Councilmember to agendize an item for future discussion could be made under the Announcements portion of the agenda; discussed similar policies in other California cities; questioned whether the policy would apply to City Commissioners; and inquired about whether an exception would be made for Community Partnership Fund Grant Nominations.

City Attorney Melching clarified concerns related the potential for Brown Act violations; noted that the policy would not apply to Commissions unless revisions were made to their bylaws; and confirmed that while the policy to agendize Community Partnership Fund Grant Nominations was in parallel to the proposed policy, these items would be exempt as they are agendized by the City Manager.

**ACTION: Moved by Councilmember Khan, seconded by Mayor Shea, and unanimously carried by those members present (Councilmember Fox absent) to:**

Revise the City Council Policy / Procedure regarding City Council-initiated agenda items that requires a written memorandum signed by either at least two members of the City Council, or the Mayor as **amended** to include a sunset clause of January 2021.

**4.4 CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY MAYOR SHEA TO DIRECT THE FINANCE COMMISSION TO OPINE ON A PREFERRED SITE DESIGNATION FOR A VETERAN'S CEMETERY**

This item was agendized at the request of Mayor Shea, who suggested that the City Council direct the Finance Commission to opine from a financial aspect on a preferred site designation for the Veteran's Cemetery; and noted that a full discussion by the City Council would take place on July 23, 2019.

City Council discussion included: inquiring about whether the Finance Commission would be receiving new data related to estimated costs for both sites, including the proposed contribution by FivePoint Communities; questioned which other Commissions had opined on the matter; and noted a delay by the State Appropriations Committee until a decision was made by the City Council.

Jack Fancher, Irvine resident, spoke in support of directing the Finance Commission to opine on a preferred site.

Susan Sayre, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition, noting that the location of the Veterans Cemetery should be at the will of Irvine voters.

**ACTION: Moved by Mayor Shea, seconded by Councilmember Carroll, and unanimously carried by those members present (Councilmember Fox absent) to:**

Direct the Finance Commission to opine on a preferred site designation for the Veteran’s Cemetery.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Susan Sayre, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to a letter written by Mayor Shea and FivePoint Communities related to the proposed Veterans Cemetery.

Following Ms. Sayre’s comments, City Attorney Melching reviewed and clarified the process related to individual Councilmember correspondence.

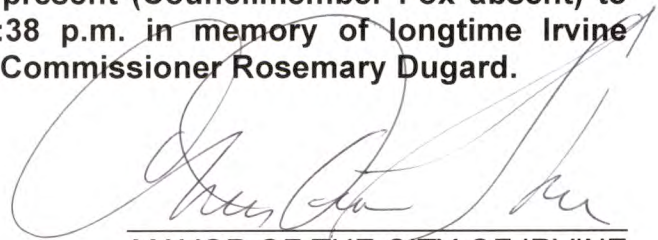
Jane Klassen, Irvine business owner (Wald Street), expressed her appreciation to the City Council and other stakeholders for their efforts in relocating the Southern California Edison Safari Substation.


Mike Stern, on behalf of Assemblywoman Cottie Petrie-Norris, noted significant financial investments made by the Assemblywoman on behalf of District 74; and announced a Commissions Workshop with Anthony Rendon, Speaker of the California State Assembly, on Thursday, July 18 for those who are interested in serving on the State Board or State Commission.

Prior to adjournment, Mayor Pro Tempore Kuo asked that the City Council meeting be adjourned in memory of longtime Irvine resident and former Community Services Commissioner Rosemary Dugard, who passed away on July 2 at the age of 83.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by Mayor Pro Tempore Kuo, seconded by Councilmember Khan, and unanimously carried by those members present (Councilmember Fox absent) to adjourn the City Council meeting at 8:38 p.m. in memory of longtime Irvine resident and former Community Services Commissioner Rosemary Dugard.**

  
MAYOR OF THE CITY OF IRVINE

  
CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF IRVINE

August 13, 2019