



# MINUTES

## CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AND REGULAR JOINT MEETING WITH THE CITY OF IRVINE AS SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE DISSOLVED IRVINE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

**December 14, 2021**  
**City Council Chamber**  
One Civic Center Plaza  
Irvine, CA 92606

### CALL TO ORDER

The 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 was called to order at 6:08 p.m. on December 14, 2021, in the City Council Chamber, Irvine Civic Center, One Civic Center Plaza, Irvine, California; Mayor/Chairwoman Khan presiding.

### ROLL CALL

Present: 5 Councilmember/Boardmember: Larry Agran  
Councilmember/Boardmember: Mike Carroll  
Councilmember/Boardmember: Anthony Kuo  
Vice Mayor/Vice Chairwoman: Tammy Kim  
Mayor/Chairwoman Farrah N. Khan

Mayor/Chairwoman 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/Successor Agency Secretary, 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**

Councilmember Kuo provided the invocation.

**1. PRESENTATIONS**

**1.1 *Commend Project Independence for 20 Years of Service***

Mayor Khan introduced Tim Chervenak, Director of Employment Services; Emily Miller, South Area Manager; Rochelle Hyer, Area 9 Manager; and all members of the City's Mail Center team, and presented a commendation in recognition of 20 Years of Service to the City of Irvine.

Following Presentation Item No. 1.1, Mayor Khan re-ordered the agenda to consider Presentation Item No. 1.6. See page 3.

**1.2 *Irvine Global Village Sponsor Recognition***

Mayor Khan presented a brief video highlighting the Irvine Global Village Festival, and presented Certificates of Recognition to Festival sponsors in appreciation of their support.

**1.3 *Commend Orange County Soccer Club***

Mayor Khan introduced Jeff Garner, President of Business Relations; Patrick Rakovsky; and Gnarly, the Orange County Soccer Club's team mascot, and presented a commendation in recognition of the team's 2021 United Soccer League Championship victory.

**1.4 *Employee Recognitions – 25 Years of Service***

Mayor Khan introduced the following individuals and presented them with certificates in recognition of their 25 years of service to the City of Irvine:

- David Catalano, Program Coordinator
- Jordan Krill, Program Coordinator
- Kurt Linton, Community Services Supervisor

- Russell “Dwayne” Lipscomb, Police Sergeant
- Lindsay Crawford, Communications Bureau Supervisor
- Kyle Oldorp, Civilian Investigator II
- William “Bill” Kirsanoff, Public Safety Aide

**1.5 Greater Irvine Chamber of Commerce Presentation**

Mayor Khan introduced Bryan Starr, President and CEO, Greater Irvine Chamber of Commerce, who provided an update on Destination Irvine and the Hotel Improvement District. Following his presentation, Mr. Starr presented Mayor Khan with an original of TIME magazine highlighting Irvine as a master planned community.

**1.6 Commend Lucy Dunn, Orange County Business Council**

This item was considered following Presentation Item No. 1.1. See page 2.

Mayor Khan introduced Lucy Dunn, President of the Orange County Business Council, and presented her with a commendation in recognition of her outstanding service to our community, and wished her well in her upcoming retirement.

**INTERIM CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

There was no report.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCIL REPORTS**

Councilmember Kuo made the following announcements:

- Animal Care Center employee Gabriella Garcia assisted a constituent with a dog licensing issue on Thanksgiving morning and was commended for her customer service.
- Residents are encouraged to “Shop Irvine” this holiday season and practice holiday safety tips while at local shopping centers.
- Northwood High School Football team recently won the CIF Division 11 Championship.

Vice Mayor Kim congratulated Rebekah Thomas, her appointee to the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, who was recognized by the Orange County Coalition for Diversity and Law as the top young diverse attorney in Orange County.

Mayor Khan made the following announcements:

- The community is invited to Great Park on Saturday, December 18 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. for Grinch Day. The event comes on the 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the original airings of the TV special “How the Grinch Stole Christmas!” directed by Chuck Jones. A free Grinch-themed drawing session will be available in the morning where the community can learn how to draw some of Jones’ world-famous cartoon characters with the guidance of teaching artists from the Chuck Jones Center for Creativity. At 11 a.m., the Mayor will be reading “How the Grinch Stole Christmas!” accompanied by original illustrations by Chuck Jones. Attendees are encouraged to wear green or dress as their favorite Grinch character. For more information, learn more at [cityofirvine.org/chuckjones](http://cityofirvine.org/chuckjones).
- The community is invited to join the City at a final 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event at the Block Party: Incorporation Celebration on Tuesday, December 28 from 2 to 5 p.m. to commemorate this milestone anniversary. The City’s largest community centers will host mini celebrations throughout the afternoon, with crafts, cupcakes, and anniversary photo opportunities. Locations include: Lakeview Senior Center; Portola Springs Community Center; Quail Hill Community Center; Northwood Community Center; and Turtle Rock Community Center. For more information, visit [cityofirvine.org/50th](http://cityofirvine.org/50th).
- Public Safety Business Services Manager Jade Mazzio was recognized by the Greater Irvine Chamber of Commerce at its annual “40 Under 40” event. This award recognizes and engages the next generation of leaders and advocates who are making strides in industries and the community in Orange County. Award recipients are chosen for their demonstration of leadership skills, integrity, and initiative. Jade started with the Irvine Police Department as a part-time Public Safety Assistant. Over the past 15 years, she has been selected for roles with increasing responsibility and now holds the highest-ranking civilian position within the Department. Jade brings innovative leadership to critical units including Dispatch, Records, and Technology and Innovation. She is currently overseeing a Body-Worn Camera deployment, Racial and Identity Profiling Act platform and a department wide software replacement project. She holds a Bachelor’s degree in Criminal Justice and Psychology and a Master’s in Public Administration. The City congratulates Jade Mazzio on this well-deserved recognition.
- The City of Irvine has made the Orange County Register’s list of Top Workplaces for 2021. The City was one of 16 companies with more than 500 employees to be recognized in the program. The results were based solely on a scientific employee survey that was sent out this past spring. As the City celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, it is proud to be recognized as an outstanding place to work. For those who may be interested in joining the team, a job fair will be held on Saturday, January 22. To learn more and find a list of available jobs, visit [cityofirvine.org/jobs](http://cityofirvine.org/jobs).

- To make it easier for residents to report odors within the City, an Odor Complaint Form has been added to the City's website and City mobile app, Access Irvine. To report an odor, open Access Irvine and click on "How Can We Help," or visit [cityofirvine.org/HowCanWeHelp](http://cityofirvine.org/HowCanWeHelp). On this page, residents can report the day, location, odor description and source if identifiable, weather conditions, whether you have experienced any symptoms, and other details. Please note that if a gas leak is suspected, call SoCal Gas at 1-800-427-2200. For response to odor complaints, contact South Coast Air Quality Management District at 1-800-CUT-SMOG or visit [aqmd.gov](http://aqmd.gov).
- To help renters in the community easily access the information in one place, the City is developing a comprehensive Renter Resources webpage. The webpage will include information on how to get help with:
  - Finding affordable housing
  - Renter discrimination issues
  - Code enforcement
  - Available State resources, and more.

More information will be forthcoming in January 2022, and the City looks forward to partnering with its community-based organizations to share this dedicated resource. A variety of affordable housing information and resources are currently available at [cityofirvine.org/affordablehousing](http://cityofirvine.org/affordablehousing).

- The California Department of Public Health announced that it will be requiring everyone to wear a mask in indoor public settings regardless of vaccination status beginning tomorrow, December 15, through January 15. The City's Executive Order remains in place and falls in line with the current guidelines issued by the State. These guidelines are to be followed by all residents and businesses in Irvine until January 15. The State also issued a travel advisory and updated guidance on testing for mega events. Anyone attending a mega event must show proof of vaccination, a negative antigen COVID-19 test within one day of the event, or a negative PCR test within two days. Finally, the California Department of Public Health recommends that all travelers get tested within three to five days of their arrival in California. To learn more, visit [cityofirvine.org](http://cityofirvine.org).

## **ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS**

Interim City Manager Marysheva requested that Item 2.7 be removed from the agenda. She also announced that the Great Park Board of Directors took separate action on Consent Calendar Item 2.11 at its meeting earlier in the day, noting that the Board directed staff to recommend canceling the Request for Proposal process and award the contract to Casco Contractors; and further noted that the second action related to that item remained the same.

**CONVENE TO THE REGULAR JOINT MEETING**

Mayor/Chairwoman Khan convened to the regular joint meeting with the City of Irvine as Successor Agency to the dissolved Irvine Redevelopment Agency at 7:21 p.m.

**2. CONSENT CALENDAR – CITY COUNCIL**

**ACTION:** Moved by Councilmember/Boardmember Kuo, seconded by Vice Mayor/Vice Chairwoman Kim, and unanimously carried, to approve City Council Consent Calendar Item Nos. 2.1 through 2.2, 2.4, and 2.8 through 2.11; and Successor Agency Consent Calendar Item No 3.1. City Council Consent Calendar Item Nos. 2.3 and 2.5 were removed for separate discussion. City Council Consent Item No. 2.7 was removed from the agenda (see Additions and Deletions).

**2.1 MINUTES**

**ACTION:**

- 1) Approved the minute of a special meeting of the Irvine City Council held on November 9, 2021.
- 2) Approved the minutes of a regular meeting of the Irvine City Council held on November 9, 2021.

**2.2 WARRANT AND WIRE TRANSFER RESOLUTION**

**ACTION:**

Adopted RESOLUTION NO. 21-74 - 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

**2.3 FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 FIRST QUARTER BUDGET UPDATE**

This item was removed for separate discussion at the request of Mayor Khan and Councilmember Kuo, who requested additional information related to the Irvine Recovery Fund, and the approval of the budget adjustment for employee premium pay.

Kristin Griffith, Director of Financial Management & Strategic Planning, responded to questions. Jeff Melching, City Attorney, also responded to questions.

City Council discussion included: questioning whether any ARPA funds had already been spent; inquired about the budget adjustment and approval process related to employee premium pay; discussed the list of proposed projects and whether authorization had been granted to move forward with those projects; and inquired about an ARPA spending plan update.

Kevin Corrigan, Irvine resident, expressed concern regarding the City Council budget structure.

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

- 1) Receive and file the Fiscal Year 2021-22 First Quarter Budget Update.
- 2) Approve budget adjustments to appropriate the American Recovery Plan to the Irvine Recovery fund and allocate \$29.2 million (received to date) for the provision of revenue loss from the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 3) Approve a budget adjustment to allocate \$2.2 million from the Irvine Recovery Fund for the one-time premium pay.

**2.4 ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO THE MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING AND EMPLOYMENT RESOLUTIONS**

**ACTION:**

- 1) Adopted RESOLUTION NO. 21-75 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF IRVINE AND THE IRVINE POLICE ASSOCIATION (IPA), AND SUPERSEDING ALL PREVIOUS IPA MEMORANDUMS OF UNDERSTANDING, EFFECTIVE THE PAY PERIOD THAT INCLUDES DECEMBER 14, 2021
- 2) Adopted RESOLUTION NO. 21-76 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF IRVINE AND THE IRVINE POLICE MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION (IPMA), AND SUPERSEDING ALL PREVIOUS IPMA MEMORANDUMS OF UNDERSTANDING, EFFECTIVE THE PAY PERIOD THAT INCLUDES DECEMBER 14, 2021
- 3) Adopted RESOLUTION NO. 21-77 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF IRVINE AND THE IRVINE CITY EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION (ICEA), AND SUPERSEDING ALL PREVIOUS ICEA MEMORANDUMS OF UNDERSTANDING, EFFECTIVE THE PAY PERIOD THAT INCLUDES DECEMBER 14, 2021
- 4) Adopted RESOLUTION NO. 21-78 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF IRVINE AND THE IRVINE CITY PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION (IPEA), AND

SUPERSEDING ALL PREVIOUS IPEA MEMORANDUMS OF UNDERSTANDING, EFFECTIVE THE PAY PERIOD THAT INCLUDES DECEMBER 14, 2021

- 5) Adopted RESOLUTION NO. 21-79 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF IRVINE AND THE ASSOCIATED SUPERVISORY/ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL (ASAP), AND SUPERSEDING ALL PREVIOUS ASAP MEMORANDUMS OF UNDERSTANDING, EFFECTIVE THE PAY PERIOD THAT INCLUDES DECEMBER 14, 2021
- 6) Adopted RESOLUTION NO. 21-80 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING A CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION POLICY FOR MANAGEMENT AND NON-REPRESENTED EMPLOYEES (EXEMPT) OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, AND SUPERSEDING RESOLUTION NO. 21-29 EFFECTIVE THE PAY PERIOD THAT INCLUDES DECEMBER 14, 2021
- 7) Adopted RESOLUTION NO. 21-81 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING A CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION POLICY FOR CONFIDENTIAL EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, AND SUPERSEDING RESOLUTION NO 20-80 EFFECTIVE THE PAY PERIOD THAT INCLUDES DECEMBER 14, 2021
- 8) Adopted RESOLUTION NO. 21-82 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING A CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION POLICY FOR PART-TIME EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, AND SUPERSEDING RESOLUTION NO. 20-81 EFFECTIVE THE PAY PERIOD THAT INCLUDES DECEMBER 14, 2021

**2.5 800 MHZ COUNTYWIDE COORDINATED COMMUNICATIONS JOINT AGREEMENT**

This item was removed for separate discussion at the request of Councilmember Carroll, who questioned whether the agreement would override any communication channels in the City or if the agreement was meant to be complimentary to the City's communication system.

Michael Berry, Public Safety Technology Analyst, responded to questions.

City Council discussion included: questioning how the City communicates with the Orange County Fire Authority; inquired about whether the City was giving up bandwidth; questioned the City's responsibility as opposed to the responsibility of other cities; and whether this item had been brought forward to the Finance Commission.

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

- 1) Approve the terms of the Joint Agreement for the Operation, Maintenance, and Financial Management of the Orange County 800 MHz Countywide Coordinated Communications System. **(Contract No. 11397)**
- 2) Authorize the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest the Joint Agreement.

**2.6 ASSEMBLY BILL 129 APPROPRIATION FROM SENATOR DAVE MIN FOR THE JEFFREY OPEN SPACE TRAIL**

This item was removed for separate discussion at the request of Councilmember Agran, who spoke in support of the proposed project and inquired about the anticipated completion date of the project.

Steven Carrillo, City Engineer/Manager of Engineering, responded to questions.

City Council discussion included: inquiring about the aesthetics of the freeway bridge and how the bridge would be attached; questioned whether the bridge was wide enough for benches or stationary areas; questioned whether any right-of-way issues existed; inquired about whether the City would need to pay Southern California Edison for the easement; and inquired about the entire length of the trail once completed.

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

Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 21-83 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING APPLICATION FOR SPECIFIED GRANT FUNDS FOR THE JEFFREY OPEN SPACE TRAIL

**2.7 CONTRACT AWARD FOR TRANSIT SHELTER ADVERTISING AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES**

This item was removed from the agenda at the request of Interim City Manager Marysheva. See Additions and Deletions (Page 5).

**2.8 PARTIAL ASSIGNMENT AND ASSUMPTION OF DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT IN PLANNING AREA 39**

**ACTION:**

- 1) Authorized the Interim City Manager to execute Partial Assignment and Assumption of Development Agreement between the Irvine Land Company LLC and AMPHI Site SPE LLC. **(Contract No. 11401)**
- 2) Authorized the Interim City Manager to sign future assignment and assumption agreements under the Planning Area 39 Development Agreement without seeking further City Council approval so long as they are substantially consistent with the Agreement.

**2.9 COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUND GRANT NOMINATIONS**

**ACTION:**

- 1) Approved Mayor Khan's requests for Community Partnership Fund Grant Nominations to the following organizations in support of program costs:
  - a) OC Justice Fund (\$500)
  - b) Irvine 2/11 Adoption Committee (\$500)
  - c) COR Community Development Corporation (\$500)
  - d) Global Hope 365 (\$500)
- 2) Approved Vice Mayor Kim's request for Community Partnership Fund Grant Nominations to Orange County Asian and Pacific Islander Community Alliance in the amount of \$3,000 in support of the Center for Asian Americans in Action. **(Contract No. 11402)**
- 3) Approved Councilmember Kuo's request for Community Partnership Fund Grant Nominations to the following organizations in support of program costs:
  - a) Crime Survivors, Inc. (\$1,000) **(Contract No. 11398)**
  - b) Irvine Children's Fund (\$1,000) **(Contract No. 11399)**
  - c) Project 3 R (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle) (\$1,000) **(Contract No. 11400)**
  - d) Labradors and Friends Dog Rescue (\$500)
- 4) Authorized the Interim City Manager to prepare and sign funding agreements for individual awards of \$1,000 or more.

**2.10 SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 21-19 AMENDING TITLE 6, DIVISION 7 OF THE CITY OF IRVINE MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO THE REGULATION OF SOLID WASTE INCLUDING ORGANIC WASTE**

Prior to approval of the Consent Calendar, the following members of the public provided the following comments:

- Cherry Lai, Irvine resident, spoke in support of compostable biodegradable trash bags, and encouraged the City Council to discuss with Waste Management whether these bags were acceptable in organic waste containers.
- Hoiyin Ip, Irvine resident, spoke about incentives offered by other sanitation districts to ratepayers, and spoke in support of additional staff for the sustainability division.

**ACTION:**

Read by title only, second reading and adoption of ORDINANCE NO. 21-19 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING TITLE 6, DIVISION 7 OF THE CITY OF IRVINE MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO THE REGULATION OF SOLID WASTE INCLUDING ORGANIC WASTE

**2.11 AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR ELECTRICAL VEHICLE CHARGING STATION INSTALLATION, OPERATIONS, AND MAINTENANCE; AND SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON CHARGE READY PROGRAM PARTICIPATION**

Prior to approval of the Consent Calendar, Justine Brody, on behalf of Volta Charging, requested that the item be tabled until all finalists had the opportunity to submit additional information.

**ACTION:**

- 1) Canceled the Request for Proposal (RFP) process, and approved and authorized the Interim City Manager to sign an agreement with Casco Contractors for the installation, operation and maintenance of electrical vehicle charging stations at the Great Park provided that Casco Contractors uses equipment from Noodoe as written in the bid response to the Request for Proposal.
- 2) Approved, and Authorized the Interim City Manager to sign, Charge Ready agreements with Southern California Edison, and associated implementing documents included easements for utility infrastructure

\*See Additions and Deletions, page 5.

**3. CONSENT CALENDAR - SUCCESSOR AGENCY**

**3.1 WARRANT AND WIRE TRANSFER RESOLUTION – CITY COUNCIL AS SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE DISSOLVED IRVINE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

**ACTION:**

Adopted RESOLUTION NO. 21-05 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, AS SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE DISSOLVED IRVINE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY ALLOWING CERTAIN CLAIMS AND DEMANDS OF THE CITY COUNCIL AS SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE DISSOLVED IRVINE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY AND SPECIFYING THE FUNDS OUT OF WHICH THE SAME ARE TO BE PAID

**PUBLIC COMMENT - SUCCESSOR AGENCY**

There were no public comments.

**ADJOURNMENT - REGULAR JOINT MEETING**

**Moved by Councilmember/Boardmember Kuo, seconded by Councilmember/Boardmember Carroll, and unanimously carried to adjourn the regular joint meeting with the City of Irvine as Successor Agency to the dissolved Irvine Redevelopment Agency at 7:57 p.m.**

**RECONVENE TO THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**

Mayor Khan reconvened the City Council meeting at 7:57 p.m.

**4. COUNCIL BUSINESS**

**4.1 CONSIDERATION OF CLIMATE POLICIES: ELECTRIC LAWN EQUIPMENT AND ZERO EMISSION BUILDINGS**

Sona Coffee, Environmental Programs Administrator; Selene Lawrence, Senior Energy and Sustainability Programs Analyst; and Ryan Tenney, Management Analyst II, presented the staff report and responded to questions.

City Council discussion included: noting the importance of utilizing available incentive programs; discussed gas vs. electric appliances; questioned whether any programs were available for converting lawn equipment from gas to electric; suggested community partners be included in outreach efforts; questioned whether similar ordinances in other cities existed; suggested a policy be implemented prior to the

construction of additional housing units; questioned whether a timeline was available on policy implementation; noted the policy was part of the City's commitment to sustainability; and questioned whether the \$30 million dollars of State funding would be available to the City for converting gas lawn equipment to electric.

The following individuals spoke in support of the proposed climate policies related to electric lawn equipment and zero emission buildings:

- Cherry Lai, Irvine resident
- Rachel, Irvine resident
- Ayn Craciun, Irvine resident
- Jennifer Ward, Orange County Business Council
- Alejandro Sobrera
- Suyama Bodhinayake
- Linda Kraemer
- Azeem Syed
- Cristian
- Tomas Castro
- Kyler Chin, Irvine resident
  
- Hoiyin Ip, Irvine resident
- Senait Forthal

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

- 1) Direct staff to conduct stakeholder outreach to better understand the concerns surrounding electric lawn equipment and zero emission building ordinances.
- 2) Direct staff to gather information on electrification policies, and provide draft electric lawn equipment and zero emission building ordinances for City Council consideration.

**4.2 FINDINGS ALLOWING FOR REMOTE PARTICIPATION IN PUBLIC MEETINGS (ASSEMBLY BILL 361)**

Jeff Melching, City Attorney, and Carl Petersen, City Clerk, presented the staff report and responded to questions.

City Council discussion included: inquiring about the video option for members of the public in the cities of Lake Forest and Seal Beach; suggested that staff obtain additional information from Lake Forest and Seal Beach with respect to video participation by members of the public; and inquired about whether City Council meetings in Seal Beach were still being held virtually.

Hoiyin Ip, Irvine resident, spoke in support of continued remote participation options.

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

Declare that the findings made in Resolution 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.

**4.3 CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY MAYOR KHAN AND VICE MAYOR KIM TO DISCUSS ORANGE COUNTY POWER AUTHORITY RATE SETTING SCHEDULES**

This item was agendized at the request of Mayor Khan and Vice Mayor Kim, who asked for City Council support for renewable energy and the work the Orange County Power Authority was doing to provide electricity options to the City's commercial, residential, and municipal communities.

City Council discussion included: inquiring about Renewable Energy Credits (RECs); discussed outreach efforts to educate ratepayers; suggested that the Orange County Power Authority's business plan be presented to the City Council; expressed concern about the potential financial exposure to the City; inquired about the difference of the tier plans; questioned whether rate payers would have the opportunity to opt-out; inquired about the launch date for commercial and residential ratepayers; and inquired about Southern California Edison renewable energy rates.

The following individuals spoke in opposition:

- Alan Meyerson, Irvine resident
- Dee Fox, Irvine resident

The following individuals spoke in favor of 100% renewable energy:

- Stephen Coffey
- Rachel
- Ayn Craciun
- Joana Tavares
- Alejandro Sobrera
- Tabitha Turner
- Kathleen Robinson

- Marie Luebbers
- Kyler Chin
- Derek Gladstone
- Cristian
- Danny Gray
- Hoiyin Ip
- Azeem Syed
- Linda Kraemer
- Katherine Chang
- Tomas Castro

Continued City Council discussion included: inquiring about the renewable energy percentage for San Diego Community Choice Energy; questioned whether the amount of electricity provided would be equal regardless of whether a ratepayer selected the 100% or 50% renewable option; and inquired about comparisons between other Community Choice Energy programs.

**ACTION: Moved by Mayor Khan, seconded by Vice Mayor Kim, to:**

- 1) Approve and direct staff to inform the Orange County Power Authority that the City of Irvine’s municipal energy account for all City facilities will opt-in at Tier 3 (100% renewable energy).
- 2) Direct staff to send a letter to the Orange County Power Authority stating that the City of Irvine’s preference is to offer Irvine ratepayers Tier 2 – projected at roughly 69%-70% renewable energy, as its base rate and not include any unbundled Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) in that mix.
- 3) Direct staff to return at the January 25, 2022, City Council meeting to present projections based on the final Orange County Power Authority Rate Structure, which will allow the City Council to make a final decision on the default energy project for all ratepayers.
- 4) Direct staff to report back to the City Council on a plan to educate ratepayers on the benefits of 100% renewable energy and their ability to opt up or down to any of the available tiers. This report should also identify incentives and strategies to support income-restricted residents and businesses who wish to opt up to higher tiers of service within the Orange Count Power Authority.

**The motion carried as follows:**

AYES:	5	COUNCILMEMBERS	Agran*, Carroll, Kim, Kuo and Khan
NOES:	0	COUNCILMEMBERS	None
ABSENT:	0	COUNCILMEMBERS	None

\* Councilmember Agran abstained; however, pursuant to Section 1-2-311(G) of the Municipal Code, "Except as otherwise provided by law, no member of the City Council shall be permitted to abstain from voting unless such disqualification shall have been approved by the City Attorney or by unanimous vote of the remainder of the Council present. Unapproved disqualifications and abstentions shall be recorded by the City Clerk as an affirmative vote." As such, Councilmember Agran's unapproved abstention was recorded as an affirmative vote.

**4.4 CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY MAYOR KHAN AND COUNCILMEMBER AGRAN TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION CONDEMNING ANTI-SEMITISM AND ANTI-JEWISH SENTIMENT**

This item was agendaized at the request of Mayor Khan and Councilmember Agran, who requested City Council consideration of adoption of a resolution condemning Anti-Semitism and Anti-Jewish Sentiment.

City Council discussion included: expressing opposition to recent hate incidents; noted that the resolution was drafted with input from several organizations in the City; and suggested additional support of the Orange County Human Relations Council.

The following individuals spoke in support of the proposed resolution:

- Cherry Lai, Irvine resident
- Robin Gurien, Irvine resident
- Liz Tsai
- Sophia Stewart
- Liora Berkstein
- Kathleen Treseder, Irvine resident

Eric Neshanian, Irvine resident, expressed concerns about the proposed resolution as written.

Dee Fox, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to comments made by Vice Mayor Kim regarding the Anti-Asian hate resolution.

Harvey Liss, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to racism and xenophobia.

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

Adopted RESOLUTION NO. 21-83 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, CONDEMNING ANTI-SEMITISM AND ANTI-JEWISH SENTIMENT

Following approval of Council Business Item No. 4.4, Mayor Khan re-ordered the agenda to consider Council Business Item No. 4.6 prior to Item No. 4.5.

**4.5 CITY COUNCIL REORGANIZATION - SELECTION OF VICE MAYOR AND INTERIM MAYOR**

This item was considered after Council Business Item No. 4.6.

Vice Mayor Kim nominated Councilmember Kuo to serve as Vice Mayor for the ensuing year.

There were no other nominations.

**ACTION: Moved by Councilmember Carroll, seconded by Vice Mayor Kim, to close nominations and select Councilmember Kuo to serve as Vice Mayor for the ensuing year.**

**The motion carried as follows:**

AYES:	5	COUNCILMEMBERS	Agran*, Carroll, Kim, Kuo and Khan
NOES:	0	COUNCILMEMBERS	None
ABSENT:	0	COUNCILMEMBERS	None

*\* Councilmember Agran abstained; however, pursuant to Section 1-2-311(G) of the Municipal Code, "Except as otherwise provided by law, no member of the City Council shall be permitted to abstain from voting unless such disqualification shall have been approved by the City Attorney or by unanimous vote of the remainder of the Council present. Unapproved disqualifications and abstentions shall be recorded by the City Clerk as an affirmative vote." As such, Councilmember Agran's unapproved abstention was recorded as an affirmative vote.*

Following selection of Vice Mayor, Mayor Khan, Councilmember Carroll, and Vice Mayor Kuo, expressed appreciation to Councilmember Kim for her service as Vice Mayor, to which Councilmember Kim also expressed her appreciation to the City Council for its support.

Mayor Khan opened the floor for nominations for the selection of Interim Mayor for the ensuing year.

Mayor Khan nominated Councilmember Agran to serve as Interim Mayor.

There were no other nominations.

**ACTION: Moved by Vice Mayor Kuo, seconded by Councilmember Kim, and unanimously carried, to close nominations and select Councilmember Agran to serve as Interim Mayor for the ensuing year.**

**4.6 CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY MAYOR KHAN AND VICE MAYOR KIM TO CONVERT THE DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION COMMITTEE TO A STANDING COMMITTEE AND EXPANDING ITS ROLES AND ABILITIES**

This item was considered prior to Council Business Item No. 4.5.

This item was agendaized at the request of Mayor Khan and Vice Mayor Kim, who asked for City Council consideration to convert the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee to a standing committee and expand its roles and abilities.

Melissa Haley, Deputy City Manager, responded to questions.

City Council discussion included: inquiring about the equity responsibility of the committee; clarifying the term "equity"; suggested the City Attorney prepare a scope of the committee and what it is charged with prior to being converted to a standing committee; and inquired whether the at-large member selection process.

Eric Neshanian, Irvine resident, questioned the experience and residency of current Committee members and spoke in opposition to the conversion to a standing committee.

Kevin Corrigan, Irvine resident, spoke in support of converting the ad-hoc committee to a standing committee.

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

- 1) Convert the Ad-Hoc Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee to a Standing Committee. Upon conversion, brief the Committee on its new governing roles and abilities.
- 2) Add two At-Large appointed members through a public recruitment process.
- 3) Direct staff to report back to the City Council for approval of the two At-Large appointed members.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS – CITY COUNCIL**

Cherry Lai, Irvine resident, read excerpts from Amanda Gorman's "Call Us What We Carry" and wished the City Council happy holidays.

Alan Meyerson, Irvine resident, clarified his support for renewable energy, and encouraged Vice Mayor Kuo to do what is best for the citizens of Irvine.

Eric Neshanian, Irvine resident, expressed concern about the Turkish Republic Day and Armenian Genocide proclamations.

Kevin Corrigan, Irvine resident, inquired about the Sunshine Ordinance, and encouraged the City Council Policies and Procedures Subcommittee to consider general public comments at 6:30 p.m. or prior to adjournment, whichever occurs earlier; and expressed his appreciation to Interim City Manager Marysheva for her service.

Steve Berger, Irvine resident, submitted a request to speak, but did not speak.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by Councilmember Carroll, seconded by Councilmember Kim, and carried by those members present (Mayor Khan absent from the dais) to adjourn the meeting at 12:01 a.m.**

  
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MAYOR OF THE CITY OF IRVINE

  
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CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF IRVINE

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January 25, 2022