



MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

May 14, 2019
City Council Chamber
One Civic Center Plaza
Irvine, CA 92606

CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Irvine City Council was called to order at 12:04 p.m. on May 14, 2019 in the City Council Chamber, Irvine Civic Center, One Civic Center Plaza, Irvine, California; Mayor Shea presiding.

ROLL CALL

Present:	4	Councilmember:	Melissa Fox
		Councilmember:	Farrah N. Khan
		Mayor Pro Tempore:	Anthony Kuo
		Mayor	Christina Shea

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro Tempore Kuo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. COUNCIL BUSINESS

1.1 CANDIDATE INTERVIEWS, COUNCIL COMMENTS AND DELIBERATIONS

Mayor Shea provided a brief introduction of the item, referencing the requirements of the Municipal Code with respect to the appointment process and the public's ability to circulate a petition for a special election; provided a brief summary of the process for conducting interviews; and noted that the City Council would continue deliberations on an appointment at the 4 p.m. regular meeting later in the day.

ACTION: Moved by Councilmember Fox to continue the item to a future date to allow the public additional time to review submitted applications.

The motion failed for lack of a second.

The following applicants were interviewed for consideration to fill the vacancy on the City Council:

Gang Chen
Sukhee Kang
Rachel Owens
Caroline "Carrie" O'Malley
Michael C. Carroll

RECESS

Mayor Shea called a recess at 1:29 p.m.

RECONVENE TO THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Shea reconvened the special City Council meeting at 1:37 p.m.; and the City Council continued interviewing the following applicants:

David C. Ehrlich
Scott Robert Hansen
Lauren Johnson-Norris
Conrad William Metz
Russell Stein
Greg Smith
Shiva Khamsi-Farivar

Following interviews, Mayor Shea noted that each Councilmember would be asked to submit to the City Clerk their top two to three candidates for consideration at the 4 p.m. regular City Council meeting (Item 5.2), followed by a vote based on a random order determined by the City Clerk; and reiterated that a special election would be called if the City Council could not come to a consensus by June 3rd.

City Council discussion included: transparency related to the vacancy process; and discussed the availability of the applications for the public.

ACTION: Moved by Councilmember Fox to continue the decision process until such time as all applications are released to the public and the public has had sufficient time to review them, and continue the item to provide the public an opportunity to meaningfully participate in the appointment process.

The motion failed for lack of second.

Mayor Shea noted the confidentiality of certain personal information included in the applications, and reiterated that the City Attorney opined that it was appropriate to disclose applications in redacted form to protect personal information.

Debbie Rugani spoke in support of appointing Sukhee Kang to the City Council.

Susan Sayre, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to the City Council's approval of a recent Municipal Code amendment with respect to the vacancy process, and suggested increasing the size of the City Council from five members to seven.

Joe McLaughlin, Irvine resident, and Jerome Raphael, spoke in opposition to the appointment process and in support of a special election


Trevor Kensey spoke in support of appointing Carrie O'Malley to the City Council.

Brandon Hovind spoke in support of the appointment process.

ADJOURNMENT

Prior to adjournment, Mayor Shea asked each Councilmember to provide a list of their top two to three candidates to the City Clerk for deliberation and consideration at the 4 p.m. regular City Council meeting later in the day.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tempore Kuo, seconded by Councilmember Khan, and unanimously carried to adjourn the special City Council meeting at 3:45 p.m.


MAYOR OF THE CITY OF IRVINE


CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF IRVINE

June 25, 2019