



# MINUTES

## CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

**February 8, 2022**  
**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 4:19 p.m. on February 8, 2022, in the City Council Chamber, Irvine Civic Center, One Civic Center Plaza, Irvine, California; Mayor Khan presiding.

### ROLL CALL

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

Mayor 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, 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 Agran led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **INVOCATION**

Pastor Jason Aguilar from Arise Church in Irvine provided the invocation.

## **1. PRESENTATIONS**

### **1.1 Proclaim February 11, 2022 as "Irvine 2/11 Marine Battalion Day"**

Mayor Khan introduced Lieutenant Colonel David Tumanjan and Sergeant Major Marshall Gregg from the Irvine 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 1<sup>th</sup> Marine Regiment, 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Division (Irvine 2/11), and presented a proclamation recognizing February 11, 2022 as "Irvine 2/11 Marine Battalion Day."

## **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

City Manager Chi provided a brief report regarding updates to the City Council Policies and Procedures Manual, noting that the first two sections of the Manual was currently underway; and that once the subcommittee, comprised of Mayor Khan and Councilmember Carroll, has completed its internal review and discussion, and briefings with City Councilmembers have been conducted, the matter will be scheduled for open session discussion and action in March or April for consideration.

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

Vice Mayor Kuo made the following announcements:

- On May 15, 2022, the Irvine Junior Games returns. Irvine Junior Games is a fundraising track and field event for 4<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade students that supports the Irvine Children's fund, with proceeds supporting before and after school child care in Irvine. For information, visit [irvinechildrensfund.org](http://irvinechildrensfund.org).
- Nathan Chin, a three-time Olympian world champion, scored a new world record of 113.97 points in figure skating. Mr. Chin trains at the Great Park Ice Facility at Great Park.
- At its most recent meeting, Vice Mayor Kuo was appointed as Vice Chair of the Orange County Fire Authority Board of Directors, which oversees 11 fire stations in Irvine, and 77 fire stations throughout the OCFA's jurisdiction, which also includes 22 other cities and the County's unincorporated areas. Michele Steggell, Mayor of La Palma, will serve as Chair.

Councilmember Kim expressed her appreciation to Andrew “Andy” Yam, Council Executive Assistant, who will be moving on to the next step in his professional career; and made the following announcement:

- Residents are reminded of a year-long reading challenge through the Orange County Public Library. A free account can be established by visiting [ocpl.org](http://ocpl.org) to track reading progress and complete the reading challenge. The reading challenge is open to all ages.

Mayor Khan made the following announcements:

- Last year, the City Council passed a resolution reaffirming its commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion, and established the Ad Hoc Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee to help meet the City’s goals. Following a successful year of activities, campaigns, and initiatives, the Ad Hoc Committee is being converted to a standing committee, and two at-large appointments are being added. The City is currently accepting applications for the two vacancies on the Committee until February 28, 2022 at 5 p.m. Visit [cityofirvine.org/dei](http://cityofirvine.org/dei) to learn more about the Committee and apply. In addition, a webpage has been created that features current, upcoming, and past celebrations and observances of our community. This month, the DEI Spotlight webpage features information about Lunar New Year, Black History Month, and Holocaust Remembrance Day, as well as a list of events taking place in Irvine and Orange County to honor these observances. For information, visit [cityofirvine.org/dei](http://cityofirvine.org/dei).
- Members of the public are invited to attend the annual State of the City address on Wednesday, March 9. The event will be held at the Irvine Barclay Theatre and will include performances by local organizations. The Mayor will share accomplishments of the past year and plans for 2022. A public reception will begin at 5 p.m., and the address will start at 6 p.m. For information, visit [cityofirvine.org](http://cityofirvine.org).
- The spring issue of *Inside Irvine* will be available online at [cityofirvine.org/insideirvine](http://cityofirvine.org/insideirvine) this week, and in mailboxes next week. This issue looks back on 2021 and some of the greatest moments the City had during the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. This issue also highlights how the City is supporting our community’s needs as we look to the future, and how we are embracing community, inclusion, and equity through our Disability Services programs. Information is also available on spring and summer camps, and classes for all interests and ages. All programs offered follow state and local guidelines to ensure the safety of participants and staff. To register for camps and classes, visit [yourirvine.org](http://yourirvine.org).

- On Sunday, February 13 from 1 to 3 p.m., the community is invited to Jammin' in the Palm Court, a live jazz performance at Great Park. This series of three outdoor events supports the current Great Park Gallery exhibition, *52<sup>nd</sup> Street: Jazz and the Photography of William Gottlieb*. Admission is free. The free exhibition celebrating historic jazz performers in the gallery is also available, which is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sundays. For information and additional gallery hours, visit [yourgreatpark.org/arts](http://yourgreatpark.org/arts).
- Mayor Khan represented the City at the 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Orange County Black History Parade and Unity Festival held on Saturday, February 5. Members of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Committee and others joined Mayor Khan at the event. As part of celebrating Black History Month, Mayor Khan will also be working with members of the DEI Committee on an oral history project to be shared later this year.
- On Saturday, February 5, one of Mayor Khan's staff members represented the City at the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Tet Festival at the Orange County Fairgrounds. This event celebrated the Lunar New Year by the Vietnamese community.

## **ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS**

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda. However, Mayor Khan noted that the agenda would be reordered to consider Council Business Item No. 3.4 following Council Business Item No. 3.1.

## **2. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**ACTION: Moved by Vice Mayor Kuo, seconded by Councilmember Kim, and unanimously carried to approve Consent Calendar Item Nos. 2.1 through 2.6.**

### **2.1 MINUTES**

#### **ACTION:**

- 1) Approved the minutes of a special meeting of the Irvine City Council held on January 11, 2022.
- 2) Approved the minutes of a regular meeting of the Irvine City Council held on January 11, 2022.

### **2.2 PROCLAMATIONS**

#### **ACTION:**

- 1) Proclaimed February 2022 as "Black History Month."
- 2) Proclaimed February 19, 2022 as "Day of Remembrance."

**2.3 WARRANT AND WIRE TRANSFER RESOLUTION**

**ACTION:**

Adopted RESOLUTION NO. 22-08 - 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 FINDINGS ALLOWING FOR REMOTE PARTICIPATION IN PUBLIC MEETINGS (ASSEMBLY BILL 361)**

**ACTION:**

Declared that the findings made in RESOLUTION NO. 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.

**2.5 NOTICE OF PENDING APPROVAL FOR TRACT MAPS IN GREAT PARK NEIGHBORHOODS (HERITAGE FIELDS EL TORO, LLC)**

**ACTION:**

Received and filed.

**2.6 COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUND GRANT NOMINATIONS**

**ACTION:**

Approved Mayor Khan's request for Community Partnership Fund Grant Nominations to the following organizations in support of program costs:

- 1) Chinese Evergreen Association (\$500)
- 2) NEDA (\$500)
- 3) South Coast Chinese Cultural Center (\$500)

### 3. COUNCIL BUSINESS

#### 3.1 **ORANGE COUNTY POWER AUTHORITY (OCPA) DEFAULT POWER PROFILE SELECTION – IDENTIFY AND SELECT A DEFAULT ELECTRICAL POWER PROFILE FOR IRVINE'S COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS**

Oliver C. Chi, City Manager, presented the staff report and responded to questions. Tiffany Law, Chief Financial Officer, Orange County Power Authority, also responded to questions.

City Council discussion included: highlighting sustainability efforts and environmental goals over the last two years; reiterated the potential reduction of emissions by 30%; noted that member cities Huntington Beach and Buena Park selected the 100% renewable energy tier; reiterated that revenue from ratepayers would stay local; noted the importance of ratepayer equity, community outreach, and reinvesting back into the community; reiterated that energy tiers can be changed at any time; expressed concern about whether the tier chosen could be achieved; suggested that the State adopt a mandated energy standard by 2030; inquired about community outreach and informational postcards to residents, including information on how to opt out; questioned whether the City Manager was responsible for the oversight of the Orange County Power Authority (OCPA); inquired about financial impacts if citywide participation in the program was lower than anticipated; questioned whether rates would have to be recalculated every year; inquired about rate discounts for low-income households; inquired about options for those living in university housing; expressed concern about the City of Irvine's financial investment in the OCPA; and inquired out potential consequences if OCPA failed.

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

Kathy Orlinski  
Danny Gray  
Margo Finlayson  
Ayn Craciun  
Michelle Ellison  
Lexi Hernandez  
Harvey Liss  
Dr. Kev Abazajian  
Linda Kraemer  
Bruce Tierney  
Derek Gladstone  
Alejandro  
David Lingerfelt

Stephen Coffey  
Nick Toller  
Branda Lin  
Senait Forthal  
Youssef Shoukry  
Michael Shin

Dee Fox, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to the Orange County Power Authority.

Alan Meyerson, Irvine resident, spoke in support of the 100% power profile selection, but in opposition to the requirement that residents must opt-out such selection.

Don Gellar, Irvine resident, spoke in support of the 100% power profile selection; in opposition to the requirement that residents must opt-out such selection; and in support of having the option to opt-out within up to 90 days or at any time.

Oliver Chi, City Manager, noted the establishment of a call center by the Orange County Power Authority; provided additional information on community outreach efforts, which included informational postcards to residents; and information on rates for low-income households.

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

Inform the Orange County Power Authority that the City of Irvine intends to default all ratepayers (commercial, residential, and municipal) into the 100% renewable energy tier.

**3.2 CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY COUNCILMEMBERS KIM AND CARROLL TO DISCUSS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN OFFICE OF HEALTH AND WELLNESS**

This item was agendized at the request of Councilmembers Kim and Carroll, who asked for City Council consideration to establish an office of Health and Wellness.

City Council discussion included: reiterating that the proposal would be complementary to County programs and not a replacement; clarified which programs would follow under the proposed office; suggested physical health and ombudsman services be included; suggested exploring state and nonprofit grants for funding; suggested collaborating with schools, healthcare industries and professionals, community partners, and other potential stakeholders;

inquired about the availability of American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) funds;

Oliver Chi, City Manager, provided potential funding sources for the proposed establishment of a Health and Wellness Office, and suggested returning to the City Council with funding options and a proposed framework of the office for consideration.

Cherry Lai, Irvine resident, noted her confusion about the mission and nature of the proposed program.

Denise Payan, Irvine resident, spoke in support of the establishment of a Health and Wellness Office.

Alan Meyerson, Irvine resident, also spoke in support, and provided a memo written by Councilmember Agran on April 15, 2021, with a similar request.

Christina Shea, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition due to potential fiscal impacts.

**ACTION:** Moved by Councilmember Kim, seconded by Vice Mayor Kuo, to:

Direct staff to research best practices and feasibility of creating an office of health and wellness, and identify potential funding sources and perform and audit existing services and programs that would be better suited to be housed and operated out of the said office.

**ACTION: A friendly amendment was made by Vice Mayor Kuo, accepted by Councilmember Kim as the maker of the motion, to:**

Direct staff to research best practices and feasibility of creating an office of health and wellness, and identify potential funding sources and perform and evaluate existing services and programs that would be better suited to be housed and operated out of the said office.

**The motion carried as follows:**

AYES:	4	COUNCILMEMBERS	Agran, Kim, Kuo, and Khan
NOES:	0	COUNCILMEMBERS:	None
ABSENT:	1	COUNCILMEMBERS:	Carroll

**3.3 CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY COUNCILMEMBERS KIM AND CARROLL TO DISCUSS ZERO EMISSION VEHICLE FLEET TRANSITION PLAN DEVELOPMENT**

This item was agendaized at the request of Councilmembers Kim and Carroll, who asked for City Council consideration of the development of a zero emission vehicle fleet transition plan.

Michael Kent, Director of Public Safety/Chief of Police; Joe Dillman, Manager of Public Works; Sona Coffee, Environmental Programs Administrator; and Selene Lawrence, Senior Management Analyst, responded to questions.

City Council discussion included: inquiring about Irvine Police Department (IPD) needs in terms of pursuit-ready and non-pursuit vehicles; questioned whether IPD vehicles could be transitioned to zero emission vehicles; inquired about existing plans to transition City fleet; noted the need for necessary infrastructure to transition to zero emission vehicles; suggested providing a status update to the City Council and members of the community; and suggested contacting auto dealerships in the Irvine Auto Center for information on what's in development from manufacturers.

**ACTION:** Moved by Councilmember Kim to:

Direct staff to prepare a zero emission vehicle transition plan for City Council review and consideration that would result in the eventual conversion to zero emission of City fleet as well as the supporting infrastructure to ensure that the City can transition by 2030.

Following discussion, Councilmember Kim amended her motion.

**ACTION: An amendment to the main motion was made by Councilmember Kim, agreed to by Mayor Khan as the seconder, and unanimously carried to:**

Direct staff to return to the City Council within 90 days for a formal presentation on the status of a zero-emissions vehicle transition plan to convert City fleet to zero emissions and battery electric vehicles.

**3.4 CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY MAYOR KHAN AND COUNCILMEMBER AGRAN FOR A VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION**

This item was considered following Council Business Item No. 3.1. See Additions and Deletions, page 4.

This item was agendized at the request of Mayor Khan and Councilmember Agran, who asked for City Council consideration of a presentation and discussion of a Veterans Memorial Park. Councilmember Agran also presented potential options for a Veterans Memorial Park and botanical garden at the Amended and Restated Development Agreement (ARDA) site.

City Council discussion included: confirming the previous action taken by the Great Park Board to designate no less than 75 acres for a botanical garden at the ARDA site; inquired about the existing zoning for the ARDA site; discussed funding mechanisms for demolition and clean-up of the ARDA site; referenced the City Council resolution supporting a veterans cemetery in Anaheim Hills at Gypsum Canyon; suggested the addition of several components, including a Veterans Memorial Park, as part of the proposed botanical garden; referenced the citizens' initiative for a Veterans Memorial Park at the ARDA site; discussed the future of historic discussed immediate demolition and clean-up of the ARDA site and funding options; and suggested seeking input from the Irvine 2/11 Marine Battalion Committee on future design.

Oliver Chi, City Manager, noted that staff could return with cost estimates to demolish and clean up the ARDA site in advance of the botanical garden implementation, and identify funding sources as part of that effort.

The following individuals spoke in support of a Veterans Memorial Park:

Arthur McIntosh  
Craig Clements  
Ed McNew  
Harvey Liss  
William Aulenbach  
Don Gellar  
Blake DeLuca  
Alan Meyerson  
Lurette Forrest  
Pat Kennedy  
Tom Chomyn  
Dee Fox  
Jane Roschmann  
Steve Berger  
Raymond Cordova  
(949) \*\*\*-558  
Steve Epstein  
Doug Elliot

(949) \*\*\*-\*272 spoke in opposition to a Veterans Cemetery at the ARDA site.

Teena Spindler and David Lingerfelt spoke in support of a Veterans Memorial Component within the proposed botanical garden at the ARDA site.

Kevin Corrigan spoke in support of both a botanical garden and Veterans Memorial Park at the ARDA site.

Moved by Councilmember Kim, seconded to Mayor Khan, to:

Direct staff to designate five acres for a veterans memorial garden component within the future site of the 125-acre botanical garden at the Amended and Restated Development Agreement (ARDA) site that was approved unanimously by the Great Park Board on January 25, 2022, and that the veterans memorial component is factored in as part of the overall botanical garden feasibility study.

A substitute motion was made by Councilmember Agran to:

- 1) Direct the City Manager and staff to establish a planning and conceptual design process for development of the 125-acre ARDA site as a Veterans Memorial Park, in accordance with the Great Park initiative zoning provisions adopted by the City Council as Ordinance No. 20-05 on May 12, 2020.
- 2) Direct the City Manager and staff to provide for the following in the conceptual design plans:
  - A Perimeter Park of approximately 25 acres, including appropriate memorial installations;
  - Botanical/memorial gardens and related forestation of approximately 75 acres; and
  - Preservation and restoration of certain historic structures and features, including but not limited to the aircraft control tower, hangars, runways and tarmac, to be repurposed as components of an aviation museum of approximately 25 acres.
- 3) Direct staff to prepare a demolition and site cleanup plan for the entire ARDA site, with the on-the-ground demolition and cleanup to commence no later than July 1, 2022.

The motion failed for lack of second.

Following discussion, Councilmember Kim amended her motion.

**ACTION: An amendment to the main motion was moved by Councilmember Kim, and agreed to by Mayor Khan as the seconder, and unanimously carried to:**

- 1) Direct staff to designate five acres for a veterans memorial garden component within the future site of the 125-acre botanical garden at the Amended and Restated Development Agreement (ARDA) site that was approved unanimously by the Great Park Board on January 25, 2022, and that the veterans memorial component is factored in as part of the overall botanical garden feasibility study.
- 2) Direct staff to include the immediate demolition and site preparation of the existing ARDA site as part of the overall botanical garden feasibility study.

## **RECESS**

Mayor Khan called a recess at 8:03 p.m.

## **RECONVENE**

Mayor Khan reconvened the City Council meeting at 8:24 p.m. to consider Council Business Item Nos. 3.2 and 3.3.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Cherry Lai, Irvine resident, spoke about racism in America and in support of Black History.

Alan Meyerson, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to the City Council Policy that requires two members of the City Council to agendize an item for discussion.

Jane Roschmann and Dee Fox, Irvine residents, spoke in opposition to Councilmember Carroll.

David Lingerfelt, Irvine resident, expressed his appreciation to the City Council for its continued support.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Councilmember Carroll requested that the City Council meeting be adjourned in memory of Christopher Walsh, former Council Executive Assistant, who passed away last month after a long battle with cancer.

**Moved by Councilmember Carroll, seconded by Vice Mayor Kuo, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:32 p.m. in memory of Christopher Walsh, former Council Executive Assistant.**

  
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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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March 8, 2022