



# MINUTES

## CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

**April 13, 2021**  
**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 5:28 p.m. on April 13, 2021, 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	Anthony Kuo
	Vice Mayor	Tammy Kim
	Mayor	Farrah N. Khan

\*Via teleconference

Mayor Khan announced that the meeting was broadcast live on Cox Communications Local Access Channel 30 and AT&T U-Verse Channel 99, and livestreamed online at [cityofirvine.org](http://cityofirvine.org); and that in an effort to protect public health and prevent the spread of COVID-19, members of the public had the ability to provide live comments on agenda items using Zoom. Mayor Khan also assured the community that the City of Irvine was adhering to the Governor's Executive Order in the Council Chamber and throughout City Hall by sanitizing surfaces and equipment, as well as wearing face masks.

In addition, Carl Petersen, City Clerk, provided instructions on how to submit live comments via Zoom and noted that the e-comment feature had been extended for all agenda items, which allowed members of the public the ability to submit e-comments on all agenda items, and 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 at approximately 6:30 p.m.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Councilmember Carroll led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **INVOCATION**

Reverend Dr. Sarah Halverson-Cano from Irvine United Congregational Church provided the invocation.

## **1. CITY COUNCIL RECOGNITIONS**

### **1.1 Proclaim April 11-17, 2021, as “National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week”**

Anshul Garg, Irvine resident, spoke in support of the City Council.

Mayor Khan presented a brief video highlighting Irvine Public Safety Dispatchers and issued a proclamation recognizing April 11-17, 2021, as “National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week.”

Mike Hamel, Chief of Police/Director of Public Safety, provided brief remarks and thanked the City Council for recognizing the critical work of the City’s Public Safety Dispatchers.

### **1.2 Proclaim April 2021 as “Arab American Heritage Month”**

Mayor Khan presented a proclamation recognizing April 2021 as “Arab American Heritage Month.”

## **2. PRESENTATIONS**

Mayor Khan reordered the agenda to consider Presentation Item No. 2.2 (Presentation by Team Kids) prior to Presentation Item No. 2.1 (Presentation on the Musick Jail Expansion).

### **2.1 Presentation on the Musick Jail Expansion**

This item was considered following Presentation Item No. 2.2.

Mayor Khan introduced Jason Park, Assistant Sheriff, Orange County Sheriff’s Department, who provided an update on the James A. Musick Jail Expansion Project.

City Council discussion included: questioning whether the Musick Jail was located on County or City land; clarified that the City does not have regulatory authority regarding the land use; suggested that more innovative solutions would create transformative and systematic change in how mental illness and substance use is treated; suggesting that tax dollars be allocated toward mental health in lieu of incarceration; discussed build out and per inmate costs; suggested that the City work with County officials to discuss concerns with the expansion project; noted traffic impacts to surrounding communities; inquired about the budget for the expansion project and how else the funds could be used if not expended for the project; questioned the timeline of the expansion project; and suggested that the Interim City Manager and City Attorney develop a community forum and resolution of opposition to the expansion project.

Jeff Melching, City Attorney, clarified that the James A. Musick Jail was located on County land and is not subject to the City of Irvine's land use authority, which limits any legal remedies the City could take regarding the land use. He also clarified that the City does not have land use authority over a governmental building unless the County pursued a different use.

The following individuals spoke in opposition to the proposed Musick Jail expansion:

- Terry LePage, Irvine resident
- Dinorah Hernandez
- Lulu Hammad
- Daisy Ramirez
- Ambrose Brooks
- Kyler Chin
- Margaret O'Hara
- Michelle M.
- Chelsea Boyle
- Karen Hernandez
- 949-\*\*\*-\*689, Irvine resident
- Alejandro Sobrera
- Adam Overton
- Jacob Reisberg
- Stephen Coffey
- Sarah Kahn
- Felicity Figueroa
- Dave Duran
- Pat Davis
- Alex Mohajer
- Sylvester Ani
- Hanna

Harvey Liss, Irvine resident, also spoke in opposition, and suggested that public comments be received prior to City Council discussion and deliberation.

**2.2 Presentation by Team Kids**

This item was considered prior to Presentation Item No. 2.1. See page 2.

Mayor Khan introduced Julie Hudash, Founder/CEO, Team Kids, who provided an update on the mission, values, and planned 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary activities for Team Kids.

City Council discussion included: expressing appreciation to Ms. Hudash and Team Kids for its continued partnership with the City and the Irvine Police Department, as well as its contributions to the community; suggested financial support to help sponsor the Team Kids conference; and suggested utilization of Community Partnership Fund Grant funding at the discretion of each Councilmember in support of sponsoring the Team Kids Conference.

The following individuals spoke in opposition to City sponsorship of the Team Kids Conference and expressed concern about police mentoring:

- Chelsea Boyle, Irvine resident
- Alejandro Sobrera
- Kyler Chin, Irvine resident
- Sylvester Ani Jr.
- Lulu Hammad, Irvine resident

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

Become a Founding Sponsor of the Team Kids Conference in the amount of \$20,000, and partner with Team Kids on the four service projects throughout the year, which includes the September 11<sup>th</sup> Day of Service, the Holiday Random Acts of Kindness, the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service, and Earth Day.

**The motion carried as follows:**

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

## INTERIM CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

There was no report.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Khan wished those celebrating a Happy First Day of Ramadan; and made the following announcements:

- The City is in the process of updating its Housing Element, and the community is invited to attend one of two virtual meetings to learn more about this effort, and provide ideas and input on housing in Irvine. Irvine, along with all California cities and counties, is required to adequately plan for and meet the housing needs of everyone in the community. In the Housing Element Update, the City must identify enough potentially developable land suitable for residential use to meet the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) allocation required by the State. The City's portion of SCAG's RHNA for the 2021-2029 Housing Element is 23,610 units. The virtual community meetings will be held on Thursday, April 22, from 10 a.m. to noon, and Thursday, April 29 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. A flier with information on the Housing Element Update is available in eight languages, and anyone who needs language assistance for the community meetings can email [mchao@cityofirvine.org](mailto:mchao@cityofirvine.org) by April 30 to schedule an individualized meeting. For information or to register (available in multiple languages), visit [cityofirvine.org/housingelementupdate](http://cityofirvine.org/housingelementupdate).
- Earth Day is April 22, and the City is offering a number of ways to celebrate all month long. Residents and businesses are invited to take the Restore our Earth Pledge and promise to complete at least seven actions that will conserve valuable resources and reduce pollution. To find tips for going green at work and at home, and to participate in online meetings and webinars, such as the Drive Electric Earth Day webinar on April 20 and a virtual composting class on April 23, visit [cityofirvine.org/earthday](http://cityofirvine.org/earthday).
- The community is invited to participate in the National Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation, which runs through April 30. The annual challenge to conserve water, sponsored by the Wyland Foundation in Irvine, reminds the City of this precious resource. Residents and businesses can join in this competition by pledging to conserve water and other resources at [mywaterpledge.com](http://mywaterpledge.com). The city with the most pledges in each population category will win the competition, but the real winner in this challenge will be the planet as it is the City's hope that this short-term challenge becomes a long-term practice of conservation. For more information, visit [cityofirvine.org](http://cityofirvine.org).
- The community is invited to participate in a Food Drive this Sunday from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Irvine City Center parking lot for Families Forward in a contactless drive-thru format.

## ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

### 3. CONSENT CALENDAR

**ACTION: Moved by Councilmember Kuo, seconded by Councilmember Carroll, and unanimously carried to approve Consent Calendar Item Nos. 3.1, 3.3, 3.4, and 3.5. Consent Calendar Item No. 3.2 was removed for separate discussion.**

#### 3.1 MINUTES

**ACTION:**

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

#### 3.2 PROCLAMATIONS

This item was removed for separate discussion at the request of Councilmember Agran, who noted his support of the Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day proclamation, and noted minor typographical errors within the proclamation.

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

- 1) Proclaim April 11-17, 2021, as "Animal Control Officer Appreciation Week."
- 2) Proclaim April 24, 2021, as "Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day" **as amended** to correct two minor typographical errors.
- 3) Proclaim April 2021 as "Parkinson's Awareness Month."
- 4) Proclaim April 27, 2021, as "Iranian American Women's Day."

#### 3.3 WARRANT AND WIRE TRANSFER RESOLUTION

**ACTION:**

Adopted RESOLUTION NO. 21-15 - 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

**3.4 NOTICE OF REVIEW FOR TRACT MAPS IN PORTOLA SPRINGS NEIGHBORHOOD**

**ACTION:**

Receive and file.

**3.5 COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUND GRANT NOMINATIONS**

**ACTION:**

- 1) Approved Councilmember Kuo's request for Community Partnership Fund Grant Nominations to the following organizations in support of program costs:
  - a) Irvine Children's Fund (\$1,000) **(Contract No. 11302)**
  - b) Crime Survivor's, Inc. (\$500)
  - c) Families Forward (\$500)
  - d) Grace City Church (\$250)
  - e) Irvine Ranch Little League Baseball (\$250)
- 2) Approved Vice Mayor Kim's request for Community Partnership Fund Grant Nominations to Orange County Asian and Pacific Islander Community Alliance (\$6,000) in support of Anti-Asian Hate initiatives. **(Contract No. 11303)**
- 3) Authorized the Interim City Manager to prepare and sign funding agreements for individual awards of \$1,000 or more.

**4. COUNCIL BUSINESS**

**4.1 COVID-19 SITUATIONAL UPDATE AND EXTENSION OF COVID-19 RELATED CONTRACTS**

Michelle Grettenberg, Assistant City Manager, presented the staff report and responded to questions.

City Council discussion included: expressing support for increasing vaccination efforts and utilizing the Great Park as a Super Point of Distribution (POD) site; and inquired about the different services offered between the Sand Canyon Medical Group and 360 Clinic COVID-19 testing.

There were no public comments.

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

- 1) Confirm the Director of Emergency Services direction to continue daily health screenings and contact tracing services for all City personnel working onsite with Sand Canyon Medical Group, effective April 1, 2021 through August 31, 2021. **(Contract No. 10990F)**
- 2) Confirm the Director of Emergency Services direction to extend the contract for laboratory services with Pangea Laboratories, for public and employee COVID-19 testing through August 31, 2021. **(Contract No. 11054E)**

**4.2 CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY MAYOR KHAN, VICE MAYOR KIM, AND COUNCILMEMBERS CARROLL AND KUO TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION AGAINST ANTI-ASIAN HATE**

This item was agendized at the request of Vice Mayor Kim, co-sponsored by Mayor Khan and Councilmembers Carroll and Kuo, who requested City Council consideration of adoption of a resolution against Anti-Asian hate.

City Council discussion included: inquiring about the procedure to place this and other items on the agenda and potential conflicts with the Ralph M. Brown Act; suggested amendments to the resolution to be more inclusive of other communities; and reiterated that the resolution was written in collaboration with several community based organizations to highlight other communities of color that have also suffered from oppression.

Jeff Melching, City Attorney, outlined the procedures for agendizing matters by multiple Councilmembers, noting that the decision to sign on to an agenda memo did not necessarily mean that the Councilmember agreed or would vote for the item on the agenda; and reiterated that Councilmembers have been cautioned in the past to not use the agenda memo process as an opportunity to deliberate.

The following individuals spoke in support of the proposed resolution:

- Kyler Chin, Irvine resident
- Myung Suh, Irvine resident
- Scott Hansen, Irvine resident
- Naz Hamid, Irvine resident
- Jen Choiu, Irvine resident
- Kathleen Treseder, Irvine resident
- Chelsea Boyle, Irvine resident

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

Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 21-16 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, AGAINST ANTI-ASIAN HATE

**The motion carried as follows:**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The following individuals spoke in support of building the Veterans Cemetery at the Amended and Restated Development Agreement (ARDA) site and read excerpts from a letter to the editor written by Ed McNew:

- Patricia Lee, Irvine resident
- Don Geller, Irvine resident
- Gene Kaplan, Irvine resident

Mitch Siegel, Irvine resident, provided a brief overview of the Orange County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

Gail, Irvine resident, spoke in support of building the Veterans Cemetery at the ARDA site.

**ADJOURNMENT – IN MEMORIAM**

Prior to adjournment, Mayor Khan announced the recent passing of John Ghoukassian, a 35-year resident of Irvine and a restaurant icon, and asked that the meeting be adjourned in his memory.

**Moved by Councilmember Carroll, seconded by Vice Mayor Kim, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 9 p.m. in memory of John Ghoukassian.**

  
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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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May 11, 2021