



## MINUTES

### CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

**November 12, 2024**  
**City Council Chamber**  
1 Civic Center Plaza  
Irvine, CA 92606

#### CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Irvine City Council was called to order at 4:02 p.m. on November 12, 2024, in the City Council Chamber, Irvine Civic Center, 1 Civic Center Plaza, Irvine, California; Mayor Khan presiding.

#### ROLL CALL

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

#### 1. CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Melching announced the following Closed Session items:

- 1.1 **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION - Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) – Calmenson v. City of Irvine, Orange County Superior Court Case No. 30-2023-01345026-CU-PO-CJC**
- 1.2 **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION: Significant Exposure to Litigation (Gov. Code Section 54956.9(d)(2) or (3)): One Case**

There were no requests to speak.

**RECESS**

Mayor Khan recessed the City Council meeting to Closed Session at 4:06 p.m.

**RECONVENE TO THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Mayor Khan reconvened the City Council meeting at 5:01 p.m. City Attorney Melching, on behalf of the City Council, announced that no reportable action was taken in Closed Session.

Following City Attorney Melching's report, City Manager Chi noted the continuance of Presentation Item No. 2.1 (Irvine Ranch Conservancy) to a City Council meeting in early 2025.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Councilmember Carroll led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**INVOCATION**

Venerable Zhi Xing from Hsi Lai Temple provided the invocation.

**2. PRESENTATIONS**

**2.1 *Irvine Ranch Conservancy***

This item was continued to a City Council meeting to a date to be determined in early 2025.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS - NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS**

Philip Benguhe, Irvine resident, spoke in support of an ordinance requiring apartment communities to post signage to control noise and loitering on border walls adjacent to residential areas and requiring those with more than 100 units to have 24-hour on-site security.

Hope congratulated Vice Mayor Agran and Councilmember Carroll on their respective elections; expressed appreciation to Mayor Khan for calling a special meeting on November 5; and spoke in opposition to the lack of transparency and forfeiture of \$1 million related to the previously proposed purchase of properties at 17572 and 17622 Armstrong Avenue.

Mona congratulated Vice Mayor Agran on his recent election, and spoke in opposition to recent actions by Councilmember Treseder and City Manager Chi related to the City Council Special Meeting of November 5.

Wing Chow, Irvine resident, spoke in support of unity and collaboration following the November 5 General Municipal Election.

Sarah congratulated Vice Mayor Agran on his recent election; and spoke in opposition to previous actions by Councilmembers Kim and Treseder, and Fullerton Mayor Pro Tem Fred Jung.

Jose Ruiz, Irvine resident, spoke in support of increased measures to prevent drowning.

Angelica Praggastis, Irvine resident, spoke in support of increased measures to address coyote behavior and overpopulation, and noted the lack of a left turn arrow and blind spots at the intersection of San Remo and Paseo Westpark.

Deanna Garcia, Irvine resident, spoke in support of increased measures to address aggressive coyotes.

Alan Meyerson, Irvine resident, congratulated Vice Mayor Agran and Councilmember Carroll on their recent elections, and expressed appreciation to Irvine voters.

Andrea Serrano expressed appreciation to Mayor Khan and Councilmembers Carroll and Kim for their support in terminating the purchase agreement for properties at 17572 and 17622 Armstrong Avenue; and spoke in opposition to recent actions by Councilmember Treseder related to that matter.

Jason Garshfield spoke in opposition to Vice Mayor Agran's recent election as Mayor, and in opposition to the amount of ongoing construction by Irvine Company at his residential property.

Lori DiCarlo, Irvine resident, expressed appreciation to Councilmembers Carroll and Kim for their support in terminating the purchase agreement for properties at 17572 and 17622 Armstrong Avenue.

Janet Hsu spoke in opposition to an abuse of power by the contracted City Attorney.

Eric Neshanian, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to the City handling of certain real estate transactions, and noted the importance of awareness of Councilmember Kim's associations.

Abbey spoke in opposition to Councilmember Treseder's vote and City Manager Chi's actions related to the purchase of properties at 17572 and 17622 Armstrong Avenue.

Dee Fox, Irvine resident, congratulated Vice Mayor Agran and Councilmember Carroll on their recent elections; spoke in opposition to Councilmember Kim's administration of her campaign; and spoke in support of the City withdrawing from the Orange County Power Authority.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

There was no report.

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

#### Councilmember Kim

- Councilmember Kim congratulated Councilmember Carroll and Vice Mayor Agran on their recent elections and noted the importance of working collaboratively to serve Irvine residents.
- In October, there were eight station tours, four school visits, and 32 community events hosted by the Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA). In addition, OCFA responded to 1,785 emergency incidents in the City of Irvine.
- In October, there were 36 service requests completed, six swimming pools treated, and 951 adult mosquitoes collected to test for diseases (none of which were positive) by the Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District (OCMVCD). In addition, there were three outreach events and 49 service requests for miscellaneous calls. With the rainy season approaching, members of the public were encouraged to contact Councilmember Kim directly to assist in connecting with OCMVCD if any standing pools of water were observed.

#### Councilmember Treseder

- Councilmember Treseder expressed appreciation to Vice Mayor Agran for his post-election comments and collegiality.
- Councilmember Treseder spoke in support of City Manager Chi's performance and leadership, as well as his overall communication with the City Council, which included the discussions related to the purchase agreement for the properties at 17572 and 17622 Armstrong Avenue, and in opposition to the treatment he received at the November 5 special meeting.

Mayor Khan

- The opening of Sweet Shade Universal Playground, Irvine's first universal playground, will take place on Thursday, November 14, from 1 to 2:30 p.m., and will feature multigenerational play components designed to create an inclusive and engaging experience for individuals with disabilities, as well as their parents and caregivers, fostering its theme, "A Space for Everyone." The new playground will include a Bankshot basketball court, adaptive swings, a sensory garden, and more. In addition, lawn games, coloring, crafts, and a demonstration of Bankshot basketball by the Irvine Eagles Special Olympics Basketball Team will be available. For information, visit [cityofirvine.org/UniversalPlayground](http://cityofirvine.org/UniversalPlayground).
- Members of the public are invited to join the City of Irvine and the Irvine 2/11 Marine Adoption Committee in brightening the season for military families by participating in the annual Holiday Toy Drive underway through December 14, which supports the families of Irvine's adopted 2/11 Marine Battalion. Participants can donate an unwrapped gift suitable for infants or children up to age 12 at donation bins located at City Hall, the Irvine Police Department, and the Great Park Visitors Center. There will also be two Drive-Thru Drop-Off events at the Irvine Civic Center on Sunday, December 8, and on Saturday, December 14, from 9 a.m. to noon. For information, visit [cityofirvine.org/211](http://cityofirvine.org/211).
- There were several surveys open as part of the City's efforts to enhance the community, including: the Fiscal Year 2025-27 Budget Survey, which will help identify how taxpayer dollars are spent; Clean California Survey, which focuses on the cleanliness of Irvine and areas desired for improvement; and the Suggested Routes to School Survey, which aims to improve walking and bicycling, and encourage healthier, more active lifestyles. To learn more about these surveys and access them online, please visit [cityofirvine.org](http://cityofirvine.org).
- The Irvine Fine Arts Center will hold an opening reception for its fall exhibitions on Saturday, November 16, from 2 to 4 p.m., where attendees will be able to meet the artists and view the artwork on display. In the Main Gallery, End as Beginning features sculptural and installation-based works by Randi Hokett, Zara Kuredjian, and Patricia Liverman that foreground rupture, perception, and time as dominant forces that shape viewers' worlds and their understanding of themselves within them. For Me and You in Gallery One features multidisciplinary artworks by Ann Phong and Gloria Gem Sánchez that celebrate kinship and legacy and draw attention to humanity's collective impact on inhabited ecosystems, which is passed on to future generations. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, visit [irvinefinearts.org/exhibitions](http://irvinefinearts.org/exhibitions).

- This holiday season, a few of Santa’s helpers will sort his mail in Irvine. Over the past few years, letters have been sent to Santa via email. However, this year, letters will be accepted at three community centers. Beginning Monday, November 18, children can deliver their letters to special mailboxes at Heritage, Northwood, and Turtle Rock Community Centers. To ensure letters are received, they must be dropped off at these special mailboxes. Mailed or emailed letters will not be accepted. All letters will receive responses. Participants are asked to please allow approximately one week for responses. For information, visit [cityofirvine.org/LettersToSanta](http://cityofirvine.org/LettersToSanta).

### **ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS**

With the exception of Presentation Item No. 2.1 noted above, there were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

### **3. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Prior to adoption of the Consent Calendar, the following individuals spoke on the following:

#### Item 3.2

Mohammad Mohseni, American Lung Cancer Screening Initiative, spoke in support of the Lung Cancer Awareness Month proclamation.

#### Item 3.4

Mitch spoke in support of a better future for children in Irvine and in opposition to the hate experienced by his son at school.

**Moved by Councilmember Kim, seconded by Councilmember Carroll, and unanimously carried to approve Consent Calendar Item Nos. 3.1 through 3.7, with the exception of Consent Calendar Item No. 3.5, which was removed for separate discussion.**

### **3.1 MINUTES**

#### **ACTION:**

Approved the minutes of a regular meeting of the City Council held on October 8, 2024.

**3.2 PROCLAMATIONS**

**ACTION:**

- 1) Proclaimed November 2024, as "Family Court Awareness Month."
- 2) Proclaimed November 2024, as "Sikh Awareness and Appreciation Month."
- 3) Proclaimed November 2024, as "Lung Cancer Awareness Month."

**3.3 WARRANT AND WIRE TRANSFER RESOLUTION**

**ACTION:**

Adopted RESOLUTION NO. 24-81 – 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 STRATEGIC PLAN FOR IRVINE CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES 2025 THROUGH 2030**

**ACTION:**

Approved the Proposed Strategic Plan for Irvine Children, Youth and Families 2025-2030.

**3.5 RESOLUTION REQUESTING SANTIAGO LIBRARY SYSTEM MEMBERSHIP**

This item was removed for separate discussion at the request of Councilmember Kim, who suggested clarification of certain misunderstandings related to the City's new library system and opportunities provided by it.

Oliver Chi, City Manager, and Chris Slama, Director of Community Services, responded to questions.

City Council discussion included: inquiring about resident access to other library systems; discussed representation on the Santiago Library System board and the City's own library board; and requested clarification regarding the City's efforts in administering the library system in comparison to the Orange County Public Library system.

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

**ACTION:**

- 1) Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 24-82 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, APPLYING TO JOIN THE SANTIAGO LIBRARY SYSTEM, A JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY, AS OF JULY 1, 2025
- 2) Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute such documents and take such actions as are necessary to support the City's application for membership in the Santiago Library System and, upon acceptance of the City's application, memorialize the City's membership in the Santiago Library System.

**3.6      *AWARD OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR THE CIVIC CENTER PARKING LOT REHABILITATION PROJECT (CIP 362101)***

**ACTION:**

Awarded a construction contract in the amount of \$5,277,416 for the Civic Center Parking Lot Rehabilitation project, CIP 362101, to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Excel Paving Company. **(Contract No. 21753)**

**3.7      *COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUND GRANT NOMINATIONS***

**ACTION:**

- 1) Approved Councilmember Agran's request for Community Partnership Fund Grant Nomination to the Irvine 2-11 Marine Adoption Committee, Inc. in the amount of \$1,000 in support of program costs.
- 2) Authorized the City Manager to prepare and sign a funding agreement for the organization listed above. **(Contract No. 11983)**

**4.      PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**4.1      *APPEAL OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION DECISION TO DENY A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR A NEW CLASS 10 WIRELESS COMMUNICATION FACILITY (CAMOUFLAGED AS A MONO-EUCALYPTUS TREE) LOCATED AT 4918 IRVINE CENTER DRIVE IN PLANNING AREA 11 (EL CAMINO REAL)***

Mayor Khan opened the public hearing at 6:11 p.m.

Sherman Jones, Senior Planner, presented the staff report and responded to questions. Stephanie Frady, Director of Community Development, and Jeff Melching, City Attorney, also responded to questions. Grace Cho, Principal Planner, was also available for questions.

Dan Vozenilek and John Silverman, on behalf of the applicant/appellant, provided a brief overview of AT&T's application and appeal of the Planning Commission decision, and responded to questions.

The following individuals spoke in opposition to the appeal of a Planning Commission decision to deny a Conditional Use Permit for a cell phone tower at 4918 Irvine Center Drive:

- Mike Ellison, Irvine resident
- Kenneth Hirst
- Alan Meyerson, Irvine resident
- Therese Ferrara
- Dee Fox, Irvine resident

Tiffany Im, Irvine resident, noted the lack of adequate AT&T coverage in certain areas of the City and spoke in support of competition among cell phone service providers.

City Council discussion included: inquiring about the proposed cell phone tower location and its backing to a residential neighborhood; requested clarification regarding the Planning Commission's vote and its purview to deny the proposed project; inquired about compliance with the Telecommunications Act; inquired about the rationale for and length of the proposed continuance; questioned the applicant/appellant's willingness to consider other designs and locations; inquired about coverage gaps; and suggested that the matter be considered by the new City Council.

**ACTION: Moved by Councilmember Kim, seconded by Councilmember Treseder, and unanimously carried to close the public hearing at 6:51 p.m.**

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

Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 24-83 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, DENYING AN APPEAL (FILE NO. 00938292-PPA) BY THE PROJECT APPLICANT AND UPHOLDING THE PLANNING COMMISSION DENIAL OF CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT 00880581-PCPU FOR A NEW CLASS 10 WIRELESS COMMUNICATION FACILITY (CAMOUFLAGED AS A MONO-EUCALYPTUS TREE) LOCATED AT 4918 IRVINE CENTER DRIVE IN PLANNING AREA 11 (EL CAMINO REAL); FILED BY SMARTLINK, LLC, ON BEHALF OF AT&T MOBILITY

**ACTION:** A substitute motion was made by Councilmember Treseder, seconded by Councilmember Kim, to:

Continue the item for one month.

The motion failed as follows:

- AYES: 2 COUNCILMEMBERS: Kim and Treseder
- NOES: 3 COUNCILMEMBERS: Agran, Carroll, and Khan
- ABSENT: 0 COUNCILMEMBERS: None
- ABSTAIN: 0 COUNCILMEMBERS: None

Following the vote on the substitute motion, a vote was taken on the main motion.

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

Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 24-83 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, DENYING AN APPEAL (FILE NO. 00938292-PPA) BY THE PROJECT APPLICANT AND UPHOLDING THE PLANNING COMMISSION DENIAL OF CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT 00880581-PCPU FOR A NEW CLASS 10 WIRELESS COMMUNICATION FACILITY (CAMOUFLAGED AS A MONO-EUCALYPTUS TREE) LOCATED AT 4918 IRVINE CENTER DRIVE IN PLANNING AREA 11 (EL CAMINO REAL); FILED BY SMARTLINK, LLC, ON BEHALF OF AT&T MOBILITY

**The motion carried as follows:**

AYES: 3 COUNCILMEMBERS: Agran, Carroll, and Khan

NOES: 2 COUNCILMEMBERS: Kim and Treseder

ABSENT: 0 COUNCILMEMBERS: None

ABSTAIN: 0 COUNCILMEMBERS: None

**4.2 DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT STATUS REPORT**

Mayor Khan opened the public hearing at 7:06 p.m.

Eric Martin, Senior Planner, presented the staff report and responded to questions. Diane Vu, Principal Planner, was also available for questions.

There were no requests to speak.

There was no City Council discussion.

**ACTION: Moved by Councilmember Kim, seconded by Mayor Khan, and unanimously carried by those members present (Councilmember Carroll absent), to close the public hearing at 7:10 p.m.**

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

Find all active City Development Agreements in compliance with their respective terms and conditions.

**4.3 CITYWIDE OBJECTIVE DESIGN STANDARDS FOR MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL AND RESIDENTIAL MIXED-USE PROJECTS**

Mayor Khan opened the public hearing at 7:10 p.m.

Tiffany Lin, Senior Planner, presented the staff report and responded to questions. Alyssa Matheus, Principal Planner, also responded to questions.

Susan Sayre, Irvine resident, spoke in support of the following:

- Preserving Irvine’s village character for all development;
- Mixing multiple housing categories within villages;
- Converting market rate units to affordable units;
- Providing Americans with Disabilities Act adaptable amenities for the lowest housing affordability categories;
- Reserving the lowest affordability category units for seniors and those who are disabled;
- Housing and commercial rent control;
- A citywide Irvine-only circulation public transportation system that serves all villages; and
- Protected bicycle lanes.

City Council discussion included: inquiring about receipt of certain correspondence related to the item; questioned private recreational space requirements; inquired about tree requirements for pedestrian walkways; and questioned the inclusion of bicycle circulation and amenities.

**ACTION: Moved by Councilmember Kim, seconded by Councilmember Treseder, and unanimously carried to close the public hearing at 7:26 p.m.**

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

Introduce for first reading and read by title only ORDINANCE NO. 24-18 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING ZONE CHANGE 00937305-PZC TO ESTABLISH CITYWIDE OBJECTIVE DESIGN STANDARDS FOR MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL AND RESIDENTIAL MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS, **as amended**, to include revisions noted in the Errata memo dated November 12, 2024.

#### **4.4 ZONING ORDINANCE TECHNICAL UPDATE**

Mayor Khan opened the public hearing at 7:27 p.m.

Tiffany Lin, Senior Planner, presented the staff report and responded to questions. Alyssa Matheus, Principal Planner, was also available for questions.

There were no requests to speak.

City Council discussion included: expressing appreciation to the Department of Community Department for its efforts to keep the Zoning Code and Master Plan current.

**ACTION: Moved by Councilmember Kim, seconded by Mayor Khan, and unanimously carried to close the public hearing at 7:33 p.m.**

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

Introduce for first reading and read by title only ORDINANCE NO. 24-19 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING ZONE CHANGE 00935551-PZC TO AMEND THE IRVINE ZONING ORDINANCE BY PROVIDING NEW AND REVISED ZONING PROVISIONS RELATED TO CHAPTER 1-2- DEFINITIONS; CHAPTER 2-14- HOME OCCUPATION; CHAPTER 2-15- INTERIM USE PERMIT; CHAPTER 2-18- COTTAGE FOOD OPERATOR PERMIT; CHAPTER 2-40- RESIDENTIAL SETBACK DEVIATION PROCEDURE; CHAPTER 3-3- LAND USE MATRIX; CHAPTER 3-8- WIRELESS COMMUNICATION FACILITY, SATELLITE DISH, AND ANTENNA STANDARDS; CHAPTER 3-10- CHILD CARE CENTER STANDARDS; CHAPTER 3-27- SETBACK STANDARDS; CHAPTER 3-35- WALL AND FENCE STANDARDS; CHAPTER 3-37- ZONING DISTRICT LAND USE REGULATIONS AND DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS; AND CHAPTER 4-3- AUTOMOBILE, MOTORCYCLE, HANDICAP, AND BICYCLE OFF-STREET PARKING REQUIREMENTS

## **5. COUNCIL BUSINESS**

### **5.1 CONSIDERATION OF UPDATES TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE, SPECIFIED COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE BYLAWS, AND CERTAIN CITY COUNCIL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES RELATED TO THE EXPANSION OF CITY COUNCIL FROM FIVE TO SEVEN MEMBERS**

Jeff Melching, City Attorney, and Hillary Ahluwalia, Assistant to the City Manager, presented the staff report and responded to questions. Michelle Grettenberg, Assistant City Manager, and Oliver Chi, City Manager, also responded to questions.

Andrea spoke in support of permitting Councilmembers the ability to communicate directly with department heads.

City Council discussion included: inquiring about certain provisions related to the staff support policy (“policy”); questioned applicability of the proposed policy to the Mayor; inquired about the policy’s applicability related to communications between Councilmembers and the City Attorney; questioned the potential exemption of time calculations and limits related to Councilmember inquiries; suggested the removal of “provide guidance” under Section 2 of the policy; requested clarification regarding the definition of “City Manager’s designee” applicable to City Councilmember contact with staff; and questioned the impact of the policy on existing practice.

Following discussion, Mayor Khan suggested that the vote on the recommended actions be bifurcated.

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

Introduce for first reading and read by title only ORDINANCE NO. 24-20 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, ADDING DIVISION 8 TO TITLE 3 AND AMENDING THE CITY OF IRVINE MUNICIPAL CODE AS NECESSARY DUE TO THE EXPANSION OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

ACTION: Moved by Mayor Khan to:

Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 24-84 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AMENDED AND RESTATED BYLAWS FOR SPECIFIED COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES AND APPROVING UPDATED POLICIES AND PROCEDURES RELATED TO COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE BYLAWS, COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUND GRANT PROGRAM, AND STAFF SUPPORT POLICY, **as amended**, to remove the section titled “Staff Support Policy”.

**ACTION\*: A friendly amendment was made by Councilmember Carroll and accepted by Mayor Khan as the maker of the motion, seconded by Councilmember Carroll, to:**

- 1) Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 24-84 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AMENDED AND RESTATED BYLAWS FOR SPECIFIED COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES AND APPROVING UPDATED POLICIES AND PROCEDURES RELATED TO COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE BYLAWS, COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUND GRANT PROGRAM, AND STAFF SUPPORT POLICY, **as amended**, to remove the section titled "Staff Support Policy".
- 2) Establish a subcommittee consisting of Vice Mayor Agran and Councilmember Carroll to make revisions and present an amended Staff Support Policy for consideration by the City Council at a future meeting.

**The motion carried as follows:**

AYES: 4 COUNCILMEMBERS: Agran, Carroll, Kim, and Khan

NOES: 1 COUNCILMEMBERS: Treseder

ABSENT: 0 COUNCILMEMBERS: None

ABSTAIN: 0 COUNCILMEMBERS: None

\* The friendly amendment to the main motion carried and took precedence over the main motion; therefore, a vote was not taken on the main motion.

**5.2 CITY OF IRVINE PUBLIC ARTS MASTER PLAN**

Cory Hilderbrand, Community Services Manager, and Richard Stein, Arts Orange County President & Chief Executive Officer, presented the staff report and responded to questions.

City Council discussion included: reiterating the importance of a public arts program; inquired about additional recommendations and approximate costs to implement; discussed art introduced by developers; and inquired about an implementation plan.

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

- 1) Approve the Proposed City of Irvine Public Arts Master Plan.
- 2) Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 24-85 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A CITY-INITIATED PUBLIC ARTS MASTER PLAN

**5.3 PROPOSED ADDITION OF DIVISION 12, TITLE 4 TO THE IRVINE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE PROHIBITION OF UNAUTHORIZED CAMPING AND THE STORAGE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY IN PROHIBITED PUBLIC PLACES AND REMOVAL OF SEC. 6-3-575 AND SEC. 6-3-585**

Dave Klug, Police Commander, presented the staff report and responded to questions. Kelsey Quist, representing Rutan & Tucker; Jeff Melching, City Attorney; and Oliver Chi, City Manager, also responded to questions.

Joshua Moore, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to the proposed ordinance.

Breno Garret spoke in support of the proposed ordinance.

City Council discussion included: inquiring about unenforceable ordinances currently in place in other cities and differences between those and the proposed ordinance, including Newport Beach; questioned the process for property storage and retrieval; inquired about housing options; discussed the applicability of the proposed ordinance to a certain homeless individual and their location; inquired about the effective date of the ordinance and its applicability; inquired about individuals who refuse shelter and other housing options; referenced the City Council's recent decision to terminate a real estate transaction related to bridge housing; inquired about the ability of private property owners to allow camping on their land; suggested certain amendments to the proposed ordinance related to implementation and phasing, enforcement, effective date, and the granting of discretion; and inquired about additional remedies and options for impacted residents.

**ACTION: Moved by Vice Mayor Agran, seconded by Councilmember Carroll, to:**

- 1) Introduce for first reading and read by title only ORDINANCE NO. 24-21 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, ADDING DIVISION 12 TO TITLE 4 OF THE IRVINE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE PROHIBITION OF UNAUTHORIZED CAMPING AND THE STORAGE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY IN PROHIBITED PUBLIC AREAS AND REMOVAL OF SEC. 6-3-575 AND 6-3-585, **as amended**, to modify the effective date of the ordinance from 30 days to 120 days under Section 5.
- 2) Direct and expect the City Manager and Department of Public Safety to implement the Ordinance in a humane manner.

**The motion carried as follows:**

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

**5.4 MODIFICATIONS TO MAXIMUM WORKLOAD LIMITATIONS, MINIMUM COMPENSATION REQUIREMENTS, AND ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO HOTEL WORKERS AND THEIR EMPLOYERS**

Oliver Chi, City Manager, presented the staff report and responded to questions.

The following individuals spoke in opposition to the proposed modifications to the Hotel Worker Protection Ordinance:

- Perry
- Matthew Johnson
- Jonah Breslow, Research Analyst for Unite Here Local 11
- Carlos Quiroa, worker at Hilton Irvine
- Jacqueline Alfaro, worker at Hilton Irvine
- Mocanh Nguyen, Irvine resident
- Melisa Masri
- Sylvia Walker, Irvine resident

The following individuals spoke in support of the proposed modifications to the Hotel Worker Protection Ordinance:

- Brandon Parole, representing the ownership of three Irvine hotels
- Danny Fierro, Executive Director of the Orange County Hotel and Lodging Association
- Audun Paulsen, general manager in Irvine
- Che Sutton, General Manager at Marriott Irvine Spectrum
- Narendra Patel, with the ownership group of two Irvine hotels
- Tony Zand, Pacific Hospitality Group and Vice Chairman of Hotel Improvement District Committee

City Council discussion included: inquiring about the disparity in access to the City Council subcommittee between hoteliers and hotel workers; questioned whether representatives from Unite Here met with the City Council subcommittee; inquired about the rationale for delaying provisions related to workload requirements; questioned whether the new City Council would consider waiver applications and the process in doing so; inquired about the number of waiver applications filed; questioned the effectiveness of safety rules; and suggested a \$25 per hour minimum wage for hotel workers.

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

Introduce for the first reading and read by title only ORDINANCE NO. 24-22 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, REVISING DIVISION 6 TO TITLE 3 OF THE IRVINE MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING HOTEL WORKER PROTECTIONS

**The motion carried as follows:**

AYES: 3 COUNCILMEMBERS: Agran, Carroll, and Khan  
NOES: 2 COUNCILMEMBERS: Kim and Treseder  
ABSENT: 0 COUNCILMEMBERS: None  
ABSTAIN: 0 COUNCILMEMBERS: None

**5.5 CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY MAYOR KHAN TO ESTABLISH AN OFFICE OF INCLUSIVE EXCELLENCE DEPARTMENT**

This item was agendaized at the request of Mayor Khan, who asked for City Council consideration for the establishment of an Office of Inclusive Excellence.

Dr. Dyonne Bergeron, Vice Chancellor of Inclusive Excellence and Chief Diversity Officer at University of California, Irvine, provided an overview of the benefits of an Office of Inclusive Excellence and responded to questions.

Oliver Chi, City Manager, responded to questions.

The following individuals spoke in support of the establishment of an Office of Inclusive Excellence Department:

- Betty Martinez, Irvine resident and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Committee Member
- Deirdre Harris, Irvine resident
- Amil Aaron, Irvine resident and DEI Committee Chair
- Joyce Chiao, Irvine resident
- Melisa Masri, Irvine resident

Councilmember Carroll left the meeting at 10:10 p.m.

The following individuals spoke in opposition:

- Eric Neshanian, Irvine resident
- Sylvia Walker, Irvine resident

Jeremy spoke in support of clear definitions and specific examples of where Irvine has fallen short in diversity, equity, and inclusion, and what the proposed office would do to correct any shortcomings.

City Council discussion included: clarifying the intent of the request; inquiring about differences in duties between the proposed entity and the existing Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Committee; questioned metrics used to measure success; inquired about the completion of a study and related costs to demonstrate where the City's DEI efforts fall short; noted correspondence received by members of the DEI Committee without consent by certain committee members; inquired about the rationale for a needs assessment outside of the organization's existing structure; questioned whether a separate department was suggested; questioned the status of the Request for

Proposals for a DEI consultant; and suggested that staff return to the City Council with a status report within the next 100 days.

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

- 1) Direct staff to establish an Office of Inclusive Excellence and work with the DEI Committee to create an implementation timeline including a study, if needed, that includes recommended organizational structure, staffing plan, budget & resource allocation, and key initiatives/programs that are aligned to the adopted DEI Resolution.
- 2) Conduct community and stakeholder engagement listening sessions that are including local DEI leaders, nonprofits, cultural organizations, businesses, community groups, and interfaith organizations.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by Councilmember Kim, seconded by Vice Mayor Agran, and unanimously carried by those members present (Councilmember Carroll absent), to adjourn the meeting at 10:54 p.m.**

  
MAYOR OF THE CITY OF IRVINE

  
CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF IRVINE

December 10, 2024