



MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

May 29, 2020
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 10 a.m. on May 29, 2020, in the City Council Chamber, Irvine Civic Center, One Civic Center Plaza, Irvine, California; Mayor Shea presiding.

ROLL CALL

Present:	5	Councilmember:	Melissa Fox
		Councilmember:	Farrah N. Khan*
		Councilmember:	Anthony Kuo*
		Vice Mayor:	Mike Carroll*
		Mayor:	Christina Shea

* via teleconference

Prior to convening the meeting to Closed Session, Mayor Shea 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; and that in an effort to protect public health and prevent the spread of COVID-19, the e-comment feature had been extended for all agenda items, which allowed members of the public the ability to submit e-comments through the public comment portion of each item and would be included as part of the official record. She 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.

1. COUNCIL BUSINESS

1.1 LOCAL BUSINESS SUPPORT PROGRAM UTILIZING COVID-19 ALLOCATION FROM THE COUNTY OF ORANGE

Mayor Shea provided a brief summary of the item, noting that a \$5 million grant had been awarded to the City of Irvine through the County of Orange to provide economic support to Irvine's small businesses, and expressed her appreciation on behalf of the City Council to Orange County Supervisor Donald P. Wagner for his efforts to support small businesses in the 3rd District.

Marianna Marysheva, Assistant City Manager, presented the staff report and responded to questions.

Donald P. Wagner, Orange County Supervisor, 3rd District, spoke in support of local businesses, and presented a check to the City Council on behalf of the County of Orange, in the amount of \$5,046,186.

City Council discussion included: inquiring about reimbursable costs by Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and whether grants from this program would apply only to non-reimbursable costs; questioned whether financial assistance was available to businesses directly through FEMA; expressed concern about the potential for double reimbursement; discussed the establishment of Local Business Support Program (Program) criteria, and whether to include non-profits and franchises; suggested prioritizing retail, restaurants, personal services, and other specific types of sales tax generating establishments through a tiered system; questioned whether other types of federal loan programs could impact grant funding through this Program; discussed Program audit administration and associated costs to administer the Program; inquired about the number of small businesses in Irvine with 25 or less employees; discussed the application process; suggested that Program criteria be as streamlined as possible; discussed grant amounts and use of funds; and suggested that the application period be open for up to 30 days.

Molly Perry, City Clerk, read into the record a letter from Bryan Starr, CEO, Greater Irvine Chamber, who spoke in support; and noted that an e-comment was received by MaryAnn Gaido, Irvine resident, who suggested that the Program include child care facilities.

ACTION: Moved by Mayor Shea, seconded by Councilmember Fox, and carried by those members present, Vice Mayor absent (due to technical issues during the vote, Vice Mayor Carroll was unable to provide his affirmative vote), to:

Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Subrecipient Agreement with the County of Orange for a \$5,046,186 grant allocation to implement programs supporting local businesses.

ACTION: Moved by Mayor Shea, seconded by Councilmember Fox, and unanimously carried to:

Establish the following criteria for Irvine-based businesses to apply for a one-time grant of \$10,000:

Businesses shall :

- 1) Have 25 or fewer employees
- 2) Have an active Irvine business license for a minimum of one year.
- 3) Demonstrate a financial impact due to COVID-19
- 4) Have reopened or be ready to reopen, meeting guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control, the State, and Orange County.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councilmember Fox, seconded by Mayor Shea, and unanimously carried to adjourn the special City Council meeting at 11:34 a.m.


MAYOR OF THE CITY OF IRVINE


CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF IRVINE

June 23, 2020