



MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

October 27, 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 3:35 p.m. on October 27, 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

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. CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Melching announced the following Closed Session item:

1.1 THREAT TO PUBLIC SERVICES OR FACILITIES (Gov. Code Section 54957): Consultation with Chief of Police and City Attorney (COVID-19)

Carl Petersen, Assistant City Clerk, noted that an e-comment had been received from Jacob Nahin, who inquired about whether members of the public could get a briefing on the threat in order to voice their thoughts.

RECESS

Mayor Shea recessed the City Council meeting to Closed Session at 3:40 p.m.

RECONVENE TO THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Shea reconvened the City Council meeting at 4:10 p.m. City Attorney Melching, on behalf of the City Council, announced that no reportable action was taken in Closed Session.

2. CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS

2.1 RATIFICATION OF PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY REGARDING SILVERADO FIRE

City Attorney Melching noted that this item was added to the special meeting agenda 24 hours prior to the meeting, and although the Brown Act allows for such notice, the City of Irvine Sunshine Ordinance added an additional layer to that requirement, which requires a 2/3 vote of the City Council making the determination that there was a need to take immediate action on the item to avoid a substantial impact that would occur if the action was deferred to a subsequent special or regular meeting; and clarified that ratification of the proclamation of local emergency by the City Council, issued by the Interim City Manager in her capacity as the Director of Emergency Services, was required within seven days of issuance per the Irvine Municipal Code.

ACTION: Moved by Councilmember Kuo, seconded by Vice Mayor Carroll, and unanimously carried by a roll call vote to:

Approve adding the Ratification of Proclamation of Local Emergency Regarding Silverado Fire to the special meeting agenda for consideration.

Mayor Shea provided an update on the Silverado Fire, and expressed her appreciation to the number of community partners and organizations that provided support during the emergency.

Shane Sherwood, Orange County Fire Authority Division Chief, provided a brief update on evacuation orders, fire containment and injured firefighters; and Mike Hamel, Director of Public Safety/Chief of Police, and Bobby Simmons, Emergency Management Administrator, provided updates on Emergency Operations Center (EOC) staffing and objectives, as well as the City's emergency evacuation plan.

City Council discussion included: recognizing the success of the City's emergency evacuation plan and the positive community feedback received; reiterated that there was no loss of life or structures damaged; expressed appreciation to Emergency Operations Center staff, as well as neighboring cities and counties for their assistance; and encouraged the community to remain vigilant of any potential scams.

Carl Petersen, Assistant City Clerk, noted that the following e-comments had been received:

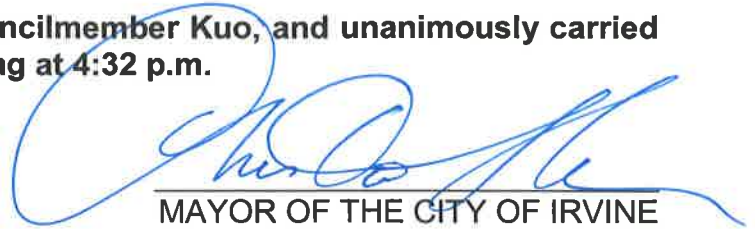
- Suresh Patel, Irvine resident, who expressed appreciation to Mayor Shea for her excellent leadership.
- Jenny Gu and Lesley Tan, Irvine residents, who expressed concern about the continued operation of the All American Asphalt plant and the potential impacts if the fire had lit the combustible resources and hazardous materials at the factory.

ACTION: Moved by Mayor Shea, seconded by Councilmember Kuo, and unanimously carried by a roll call vote to:

Ratify the October 26, 2020 Proclamation of the Existence of a Local Emergency by the Director of Emergency Services Regarding the Santiago Fire, Per Irvine Municipal Code Section 4-9-107(A)(1).

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mayor Shea, seconded by Councilmember Kuo, and unanimously carried to adjourn the special City Council meeting at 4:32 p.m.



MAYOR OF THE CITY OF IRVINE



CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF IRVINE

November 24, 2020