



MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

February 23, 2021
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 3:04 p.m. on February 23, 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; 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. She also 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, which would be included as part of the official record and uploaded to the City's website. 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 CONSIDERATION TO SEND A LETTER TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA SUGGESTING MODIFICATIONS ON YOUTH OUTDOOR SPORTS GUIDELINES

Dena Diggins, Manager of Community Services, and Cory Hilderbrand, Manager of Community Services, presented the staff report and responded to questions. Steven Stewart, Community Services Superintendent, also responded to questions.

City Council discussion included: noting frustration by members of the community with respect to the current guidelines; questioned how surrounding cities were implementing and monitoring existing guidelines; expressed concern about the overall well-being of youth members, as well as the potential for missed scholarship opportunities that could ensue; noted recent litigation in San Diego with respect to the existing state guidelines; suggested that staff work with the County of Orange to discuss the safe reopening of athletic facilities, and that staff provide updates on the status of youth sports as part of COVID-19 updates; expressed support for an incremental approach to reopening indoor and outdoor sport facilities; noted the different approaches required to reopening indoor versus outdoor sports; suggested working with qualified individuals in the health field and at the state level to assist with reopening efforts; and emphasized the importance of empowering staff with the ability to move forward with the implementation of new guidelines as they are updated.

Marianna Marysheva, Interim City Manager, noted that staff continued to follow and implement state guidelines as they are updated; and that based on the City Council's direction, staff would: 1) engage with the State Department of Public Health to continue dialog on youth sports; and 2) reach out to the County of San Diego to learn the latest developments on the successful lawsuit to reopen youth sports, and subsequently reach out to County of Orange to discuss findings and implement any required changes.

By consensus, received and filed. No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councilmember Carroll, seconded by Councilmember Kuo, and unanimously carried to adjourn the special City Council meeting at 3:34 p.m.



MAYOR OF THE CITY OF IRVINE



INTERIM CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF IRVINE

March 23, 2021