



# MINUTES

## CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

**July 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 4:07 p.m. on July 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

Mayor Khan announced that City Hall was now open to the public, allowing members of the public to physically attend and participate in City Council meetings, and noted the current guidelines for face coverings. She also noted that 1) 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); 2) members of the public would continue to have the ability to provide live comments on agenda items via Zoom; and 3) the City of Irvine continued to sanitize surfaces and equipment in the Council Chamber and throughout City Hall.

In addition, Carl Petersen, City Clerk, provided instructions on how to participate in the meeting; and noted that the e-comment feature had been extended, 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.

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**

Vice Mayor Kim led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**INVOCATION**

Pastor Paul Han from Mariners Church provided the invocation.

**1. CITY COUNCIL RECOGNITIONS**

**1.1 *Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District***

This item was agendized at the request of Vice Mayor Kim as the City's representative to the Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District (OCMVCD), who requested a presentation related to the various resources and services that OCMVCD could provide to Irvine residents.

Richard Howard, District Manager, OCMVCD, provided a brief overview of OCMVCD's role and the services it provides.

City Council discussion included: clarifying when a resident should call for an exterminator versus the OCMVCD; questioned the differences between fire and regular ants, as well as rats and mice; inquired about the largest contributors for mosquitoes in Irvine; inquired about the average cost for OCMVCD services to property owners annually; questioned whether a change in types of vectors have been realized due to climate change; inquired about OCMVCD's outreach to Homeowner Associations (HOAs) regarding community pools; suggested that the staff provide a master list of Irvine HOAs to OCMVCD; and recommended that a town hall be held for residents highlighting the services offered by OCMVCD.

**Received and filed.**

**1.2 *Irvine Police Department Diversity Recruitment Efforts***

This item was agendized at the request of Vice Mayor Kim and Councilmember Kuo, who requested a presentation on the Irvine Police Department's efforts to recruit personnel that would better reflect the diverse makeup of the City.

Mike Hamel, Chief of Police/Director of Public Safety, and James Do, Police Sergeant, provided a brief presentation and responded to questions.

City Council discussion included: reiterating the City's efforts to promote diversity, equity, and inclusion; clarified the meaning of diversity recruitment; questioned whether ethnic media was being leveraged for recruitment purposes; inquired about recruitment efforts within Irvine colleges and universities; questioned whether a contracted police academy existed, and whether the curriculum reflected Irvine's values; noted receipt of correspondence from an Irvine resident regarding her positive experience with an Irvine Police Officer; reiterated the City's "in partnership with the community" motto and its meaning.

**Received and filed.**

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

There was no report.

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

Councilmember Agran noted prior requests to place certain items on upcoming agendas for City Council consideration, and subsequently renewed his requests to agendize these items, which included: 1) a follow-up request from the June 22, 2021, meeting with respect to the location and the forward movement of the Veterans Memorial Park and Cemetery in Irvine; and 2) transitioning to district elections in response to a letter received on behalf of Attorney Kevin Shenkman.

**ACTION:** Moved by Councilmember Agran to:

Place the Veterans Memorial Park and Cemetery issue at the Amended and Restated Development Agreement (ARDA) site on the agenda at the one of the next two City Council meetings for discussion and possible City Council action to move forward.

Motion failed due to lack of a second.

At Mayor Khan's request, William Marticorena, Legal Counsel, opined on the purpose of Council Announcements and whether a Councilmember's ability to request that an item be placed on a future agenda was consistent with the Brown Act, following which Councilmember Agran noted his desire to also agendize the City Council policy that requires two signatures to place items onto the agenda.

Councilmember Kuo expressed appreciation to the Irvine Police Department and the Orange County Fire Authority for the joint outdoor Open House held at the Orange County Great Park on June 27; and announced three upcoming events at Mason Park in Irvine, which included: 1) the Fenians' performance on July 15; 2) the showing of Toy Story 4 on July 23; and 3) the showing of Willow on July 30.

Councilmember Carroll provided a brief update on the recent Orange County Power Authority meeting, at which time the Board considered the adoption of the Risk Management policy, received a presentation from Pacific Energy Advisors, Inc. (PEA), and approved a volunteer policy. He also provided a brief update on the recent Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) meeting, at which time the Board discussed the Inclusive Economic Recovery Strategy.

Vice Mayor Kim announced that she, along with Mayor Khan, had the opportunity to meet with United States Secretary of Labor Marty Walsh and Congresswoman Katie Porter, who toured Meadow Park Elementary School and the Rainbow Rising after-school program.

Mayor Khan made the following announcements:

- The 2020 Irvine Global Village Festival has been recognized with a "Thumbs Up!" Award from CalFest, the California/Nevada Festival & Events Association. The award showcases events that exhibited resourcefulness in staging events in pandemic conditions. In 2020, Community Services staff created a mix of modified in-person events, online experiences, and at-home activities to bring the community together for the City's Irvine Global Village Festival. This effort was recognized by CalFest with an award to "applaud new and seasoned events for their ability to pivot and entertain audiences during the COVID-19 pandemic." The City is grateful for everyone who worked to make last year's festival happen, giving the community something to look forward to and celebrate during an incredibly challenging year. This year, the community will be back together in person to celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Irvine Global Village Festival with a full day of food, music, art, and fun at the Orange County Great Park on Saturday, October 9, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. To inquire about sponsorship and vendor opportunities, and for more information about this year's event, visit [irvinefestival.org](http://irvinefestival.org).
- The Sizzlin' Summer Concert series returns to Mike Ward Community Park – Woodbridge and kicks off Friday, July 16, at 6 p.m., with the Irvine Barclay Theatre Jazz Band featuring the Ron Kobayashi Trio. On Saturday at 5:30 p.m., Yachty by Nature will perform soft rock from the late '70s and early '80s. This free family-friendly concert series runs through August and covers a variety of musical tastes. There are three Friday concerts presented in partnership with the Irvine Barclay Theatre, five Saturday evening concerts, and a Sunday series finale featuring Pacific Symphony. In support of the City's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, the City is encouraging all guests to donate canned food and nonperishable items to help support families in need to reach a goal of filling 50 barrels from the concert event season. All donations will support Families

Forward. General Admission is free and lawn seating is available first-come, first-served for the entire community.

- Summer Fun at the Orange County Great Park is happening throughout the summer. *Raya and the Last Dragon*, the second film in the Movie on the Lawn series, will be shown on Saturday, July 17. The movie will begin after sunset at approximately 8:15 p.m. Open seating on the Terraced Lawn will be first-come, first-served, and admission is free. Movies on the Lawn continues various Saturday evenings through August 21. Community members can also stop by the Great Park Gallery to explore the process of animation from script to screen through original art, writing, and other works created by Chuck Jones, the artist who brought to life some favorite characters Bugs Bunny and Daffy Duck. The exhibition runs through September 12. In addition, the community is invited to participate in ongoing art and creativity programs, educational lectures, and a film series inspired by Jones' work and legacy. The third Irvine Summer Art Market will take place in the Palm Court Arts Complex on Sunday, July 18, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The market features unique locally made items and live art demonstrations. Admission and parking are free. To learn more about each of these family-friendly events, visit [ocgp.org](http://ocgp.org).
- Many outstanding photos have been submitted as part of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Photo Contest, and the City looks forward to more submissions highlighting the people and places that make Irvine special. Community members can submit photos of Irvine in the following categories:
  - Cultural and Community
  - Historical
  - Outdoors
  - Pets, and
  - Submissions from those 17 and under.

The winners in each category will be revealed in the winter issue of *Inside Irvine*, and will be featured in an exhibition at the Irvine Civic Center. A grand prize will receive a \$250 gift card to the Irvine Spectrum Center. Submissions will be accepted through August 31. For more information, including official contest rules and entry guidelines, visit [cityofirvine.org/photocontest](http://cityofirvine.org/photocontest).

- The American Rescue Plan, signed into law on March 11, 2021, expanded the Child Tax Credit for 2021 to provide additional help to more families. While tax relief is typically available only when filing your taxes, Child Tax Credit payments will be provided monthly for the first time ever, beginning this month. This means much needed relief will reach families sooner and help each month with expenses. To help with the costs of raising children, families will begin to receive monthly payments of up to \$250 for each child 6 to 17 years old and \$300 for each child under age 6. Eligible recipients will receive this tax relief automatically if tax returns were filed in 2019 or 2020 and if registered to receive a stimulus check from the Internal Revenue Service. For more information about the Child Tax Credit, visit [childtaxcredit.gov](http://childtaxcredit.gov).

**ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS**

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

**2. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**ACTION:** Moved by Vice Mayor Kim, seconded by Councilmember Kuo, and unanimously carried to approve Consent Calendar Item Nos. 2.1 through 2.3, and 2.6 through 2.8. Consent Calendar Item No. 2.4 was removed for separate discussion.

**2.1 MINUTES**

**ACTION:**

- 1) Approved the minutes of the special meeting of the Irvine City Council held on June 8, 2021.
- 2) Approved the minutes of the regular meeting of the Irvine City Council held on June 8, 2021.

**2.2 WARRANT AND WIRE TRANSFER RESOLUTION**

**ACTION:**

Adopted RESOLUTION NO. 21-43 - 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

**2.3 APPROVAL OF A SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH ADVANTAGE MAILING, LLC FOR INSIDE IRVINE PRINTING AND MAILING SERVICES**

**ACTION:**

Approved a sole source contract amendment from \$72,300 to a new not-to-exceed amount of \$139,945 with Advantage Mailing, LLC for Inside Irvine printing and mailing services. **(Contract #20003A)**

**2.4 ORANGE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY SENIOR MOBILITY PROGRAM COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT**

This item was removed for separate discussion at the request of Councilmember Kuo, who questioned whether certain months had higher ridership numbers than others, and requested clarification on the cost per rider in comparison to the budget allocated to the program.

Cory Hilderbrand, Community Services Manager, responded to questions.

City Council discussion included: questioning whether approval of this item was time-sensitive; and suggested that the budgeted amount be reviewed again due to the high cost of the program.

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

- 1) Authorize the Interim City Manager to execute the Orange County Transportation Authority Senior Mobility Program Cooperative Agreement for Fiscal Years 2021-22 through 2025-26. **(Contract #11364)**
- 2) Approve the update Orange County Transportation Authority Senior Mobility Program Agency Service Plan.

**2.5      *MOVED TO COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEM 3.3***

**2.6      *ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDING FOR SENIOR SERVICES ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM***

**ACTION:**

- 1) Authorized the Interim City Manager to execute a contract for the acceptance of American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 funding in the amount of \$672,825 from the County of Orange for meal gap support initiatives in response to the public health emergency. **(Contract #11365)**
- 2) Approved a Budget Adjustment request in the amount of \$672,825 in federal revenues and appropriations for the senior services elderly nutrition program in Fiscal Year 2021-22.

**2.7      *BUDGET ADJUSTMENT FOR CIVIC CENTER FUEL STATION EMERGENCY MAINTENANCE REPAIR CONTRACT***

**ACTION:**

Approved a Budget Adjustment of \$196,838 for unanticipated emergency maintenance repair services for the Civic Center fuel station.

**2.8      *NOTICE OF REVIEW AND PENDING APPROVAL FOR TRACT MAPS IN IRVINE BUSINESS COMPLEX AND PORTOLA SPRINGS***

**ACTION:**

Received and filed.

**RECESS**

Mayor Khan recessed the City Council meeting at 6:06 p.m.

**RECONVENED**

Mayor Khan reconvened the City Council meeting at 6:18 p.m.

**3. COUNCIL BUSINESS**

**3.1 COVID-19 SITUATIONAL UPDATE AND DIRECTION TO DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES ON RELEVANT ACTION ITEMS**

Melissa Haley, Deputy City Manager, and Pete Carmichael, Director of Community Development, presented the staff report and responded to questions.

City Council discussion included: questioning whether updates on the mask requirement have been provided due to the recent uptick in the delta variant from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC); requested clarification on termination of emergency orders; and questioned whether the emergency resolutions approved by the City Council that were in line with the State's emergency orders had been extended.

There were no public comments.

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

**3.2 CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY MAYOR KHAN AND VICE MAYOR KIM TO CREATE A LIBRARY MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING NEGOTIATING SUBCOMMITTEE**

This item was agendaized as the request of Mayor Khan and Vice Mayor Kim, who requested City Council consideration to discuss the creation of a library memorandum of understanding (MOU) negotiating committee.

Marianna Marysheva, Interim City Manager, provided a brief presentation and responded to questions.

City Council discussion included: questioning whether the current MOU restricted how accumulated Irvine set-aside reserve funds could be used; inquired about whether the Orange County Library System had confirmed that set-aside funds were still available; questioned the process of negotiating an MOU; and inquired about whether the MOU would return for public input prior to City Council approval.

Lee Kathryn Handy, spoke in support of Irvine public libraries and the construction of a new public library at the Orange County Great Park; and suggested that the City Attorney review the existing MOU to determine if funding could be used to construct a new library.

Kevin Corrigan, Irvine resident, spoke in support of the rehabilitation of the Heritage Park library, and expressed concern about the facets of the memorandum that was submitted for this item.

Dee Fox, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to the appointment of Mayor Khan and Vice Mayor Kim to the subcommittee.

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

Appoint Mayor Khan and Vice Mayor Kim to a two-member Library Memorandum of Understanding Negotiating Subcommittee to commence formal discussions with the County of Orange regarding:

- The MOU that established a set-aside reserve fund for property tax revenue in excess of Irvine’s contribution to service Irvine libraries; and
- Use of the Irvine set-aside reserve fund to improve, renovate or reconstruct the Heritage Park Branch Library and the University Park Library.

**3.3 SENIOR SERVICES ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM**

Cory Hilderbrand, Community Services Manager, and Sandra Salcedo, Community Services Superintendent, presented the staff report and responded to questions.

City Council discussion included: questioning whether the quality of food served would remain the same; inquired about whether culturally appropriate food had been considered; questioned whether breakfast communal programs would still be offered by the City or transferred to Age Well Senior Services; inquired about whether staffing would be maintained at the current level; requested clarification on the Older Americans Act and whether the Act was the primary funding source; questioned whether the change in program administration would impact the Lakeview Senior Center; inquired about whether the Irvine Senior Citizens Council endorsed staff’s recommendation; questioned the involvement of Community Services staff in the program; requested clarification on whether Age Well Senior Services was a non-profit organization; inquired about Age Well Senior Services’ ability to expand the program if needed, and if the City had adequate staffing to expand the program on its own; and suggested that frequent updates related to the reassignment of the program be provided to the City Council.

Harvey Liss, Irvine resident, expressed opposition to the outsourcing of the program, noting that the meals served at the Lakeview Senior Center were extraordinary; and expressed concern about having volunteers working alongside individuals from a for-profit company.

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

Approve coordinating with the Orange County Office on Aging to reassign program administration of the Elderly Nutrition Program to Age Well Senior Services.

**3.4 CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY MAYOR KHAN AND COUNCILMEMBER CARROLL TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE ORANGE COUNTY GREAT PARK TO THE IRVINE GREAT PARK**

This item was agendaized at the request of Mayor Khan and Councilmember Carroll, who requested City Council consideration to discuss changing the name of the Orange County Great Park to the Irvine Great Park.

Joel Belding, Deputy Director of Great Park Planning and Development, provided a brief presentation and responded to questions.

City Council discussion included: inquiring about the name change process; expressed concern about the cost of renaming the Great Park and questioned whether a cost estimate to do so was available; expressed concern about rebranding; provided a history on the initiatives that were brought before voters to develop the Orange County Great Park (Great Park); questioned whether an agreement had been established with the County of Orange that required the City to use Orange County in the Great Park's name; discussed additional alternative name changes; noted that the Great Park was a municipal city park maintained and administered by the City; noted that discussion of a name change was only in the early stage; suggested cost-saving ideas; questioned whether "Orange County" was displayed on current park signage; and suggested polling members of the public via a survey similar to the one conducted for the renaming of "Suicide Hill".

William Marticorena, Legal Counsel, noted that the City Council could take action to change the name at the meeting; however, staff would recommend that the City Council's motion include direction to staff to return to the City Council with an implementation plan; and reiterated that the matter would also need to be submitted to the Orange County Great Park Board for consideration. He also noted that the agreement between the City and the County of Orange was not specific to the naming of the park and that there was no legal impediment to keep the current name.

The following individuals spoke in opposition to the renaming of the Orange County Great Park to Irvine Great Park:

Harvey Liss, Irvine resident  
Susan Sayre, Irvine resident  
Don Geller, Irvine resident  
Todd Spitzer, Orange County District Attorney

Kevin Corrigan, Irvine resident, noted his undecided position with respect to the proposed name change as the memorandum did not include a staff report and the funds could be used for other projects; and suggested that the City Council review any financial impacts prior to making a decision.

Branda Lin, Irvine resident, expressed concern about the lack of a staff report or presentation; and also requested that the City Council and public receive the financial information prior to making a decision.

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

Direct staff to initiate a feasibility study to include: 1) costs of changes to City documents; 2) signage, and 3) branding materials, as are necessary to reflect a name change from Orange County Great Park, to Irvine Great Park or Great Park of Irvine; and schedule the matter for public discussion and vote at the July 27, 2021, Orange County Great Park Board meeting.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The following individuals spoke in support of a Veterans Cemetery at the Amended and Restated Development Agreement (ARDA) site:

- Frank McGill, Irvine resident
- Steve Berger, Irvine resident
- Harvey Liss, Irvine resident
- Gail Lewis, Irvine resident
- Pam Smith, Irvine resident
- Don Geller, Irvine resident, and also on behalf of Ray Cordova and Peter Fredericks, Irvine residents, via video testimony
- Ed McNew, Irvine resident, and also on behalf of Stan Shechtman and Casie Keturakis, Irvine residents, via video testimony

Eugene Kaplan, spoke in support of a Veterans Cemetery at the ARDA site and district elections; in opposition to a re-election fundraising event for Mayor Khan and the Gypsum Canyon site for a veterans cemetery; and inquired about the status of All American Asphalt complaints.

Dee Fox, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to the Orange County Power Authority.

Lucas Roberts spoke in opposition to a Veterans Cemetery at the ARDA site and in opposition to Councilmember Agran.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by Councilmember Kuo, seconded by Councilmember Carroll, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m.**

  
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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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August 10, 2021