



## MINUTES



# CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AND SPECIAL JOINT MEETING WITH THE ORANGE COUNTY GREAT PARK BOARD

**September 10, 2019**  
**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 4:04 p.m. on September 10, 2019, in the City Council Chamber, Irvine Civic Center, One Civic Center Plaza, Irvine, California; Mayor Shea presiding.

### ROLL CALL

Present: 5 Councilmember:	Michael C. Carroll
Councilmember:	Melissa Fox*
Councilmember:	Farrah N. Khan
Mayor Pro Tempore:	Anthony Kuo
Mayor:	Christina Shea

\* Councilmember Fox arrived at 4:05 p.m.

**1. CLOSED SESSION**

City Attorney Melching announced the following Closed Session items:

- 1.1 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION – Government Code Section 54957; Title: City Clerk**
- 1.2 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION - Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: One case**
- 1.3 CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS (Government Code § 54956.8); Property: 17861 Cartwright Road, Irvine CA; Agency Negotiators: John Russo, City Manager, Peter Carmichael, Director of Community Development, and Steve Holtz, Manager of Neighborhood Services; Negotiating Parties: City of Irvine; Todd Cottle, C&C Development, and Sean Rawson, Waterford Group; Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment**
- 1.4 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION: Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) or (3) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: One case**

There were no requests to speak.

**RECESS**

Mayor Shea recessed the City Council meeting to Closed Session at 4:05 p.m.

**RECONVENE TO THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Mayor Shea reconvened the City Council meeting at 5:11 p.m. City Attorney Melching, on behalf of the City Council, announced that with respect to Closed Session Item Nos. 1.1 through 1.3, no reportable action was taken in Closed Session; and noted that the City Council did not discuss Closed Session Item No. 1.4.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Pro Tempore Kuo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**INVOCATION**

Pastor Frank Winans from Woodbridge Community Church in Irvine provided the invocation.

**2. PRESENTATIONS**

**2.1 *Commendation for Irvine Resident Imran Ahmed***

Mayor Shea and Councilmember Khan introduced Irvine resident and Long Beach Marriott General Manager Imran Ahmed, and presented him with a commendation recognizing his efforts in preventing a mass shooting at the hotel.

**2.2 *Presentation by Team Kids***

***This item was removed from the agenda originally posted on August 29, 2019.***

**2.3 *Commendation for Irvine Resident Mahnaz Lavasani***

Mayor Shea and Councilmember Fox introduced Irvine resident Mahnaz Lasvasani, and presented her with a commendation for her heroic efforts in performing Cardio Vascular Resuscitation (CPR) and saving the life of Greg Schaeffer, Store Manager of Home Depot located in Woodbury Town Center.

**2.4 *Presentation by Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG)***

Councilmember Carroll, as the City's delegate to the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), introduced Morgan Kopecky, recent Woodbridge High School graduate and City of Irvine summer intern, who was awarded a \$4,000 scholarship from SCAG.

**2.5 *Update on the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) Methodology***

Kerwin Lau, Manager of Planning Services, and Marika Poynter, Principal Planner, provided the staff report and responded to questions.

City Council discussion included: noting the number of units allocated to the City during prior RHNA cycles; inquired about the timeline and RHNA methodology estimate for the next draft allocation to the City; inquired about the last two previous RHNA cycles and why the allocated number of units from those cycles have significantly declined; questioned how units currently in the pipeline would impact the upcoming draft estimates; and provided a brief summary of the recent public hearing conducted by SCAG at City Hall.

**By consensus, received and filed.**

## CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Assistant City Manager Marysheva introduced Mike Hamel, Chief of Police, who announced that several members of the Irvine Police Department were recognized by the California Peace Officers Association at an event on August 20 for their contribution to the profession and to the Community. The Irvine Police Department received three awards, which included: 1) the "12 Under 12" Award, 2) the "Award of Distinction"; and 3) the "Outstanding Cold Case" award.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Khan recognized and congratulated Irvine resident Antonio Soni, who celebrated his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on August 31; and noted that she, along with Community Services Commissioner Branda Lin, held a community bike ride on August 31 in partnership with the Bicycle Club of Irvine, and Irvine Police Officers Cronin and Wright.

Mayor Shea made the following announcements:

- The City of Irvine is launching a feasibility study and implementation plan for the Irvine Business Complex (IBC) to explore opportunities for the development of multi-use trails or linear parks that would provide connections to all of these destinations and enhance our new residential community. The multi-use trails will be designed to prioritize and improve accessibility, mobility, and safety for bicyclists, pedestrians, and others by creating pathways independent from the existing street network. Community members are invited to attend a pop-up event this week to learn more about this study and provide feedback, or take an online survey at [ibconnects.org](http://ibconnects.org).
- The fourth annual Comedy Unleashed fundraiser will be held on Tuesday, September 17, at the Irvine Improv, located in the Irvine Spectrum Center. The \$35 admission fee includes dinner and a show featuring comedians Pete Lee, Nick Guerra, and J.F. Harris. Nearly half the proceeds will go toward the Irvine Animal Care Center, which provides shelter, care, and enrichment for homeless, neglected, abused, or unwanted animals.
- September is National Preparedness Month, and residents and businesses are strongly encouraged to take steps now to help protect family members and employees in any type of disaster, including earthquakes, fires, floods, and utility outages. Residents who live in areas at high-risk for wildfire will be receiving door hangers with wildlife preparedness tips. The "ready, Set, Go" campaign is part of a partnership between the Irvine Police Department and the Orange County Fire Authority. For a list of tips to help prepare for the unexpected, visit [cityofirvine.org/prepare](http://cityofirvine.org/prepare).

- The City's affordable housing website has been enhanced in order for community members to quickly find information. The site has been designed to be a one-stop shop for anyone looking to find out if they qualify for affordable housing, locate affordable housing, and access services and resources for individuals and families experiencing homelessness or who are at risk of homelessness. For information, visit [cityofirvine.org/affordablehousing](http://cityofirvine.org/affordablehousing).
- The California State Senate and Assembly passed a joint proposal to have CalVet, under Assembly Bill 368 approved as amended by Assemblywoman Sharon Quirk-Silva, assess both the Amended and Restated Development Agreement (ARDA) and golf course sites for a Veterans Cemetery. The direction provided to CalVet was to choose the most economically feasible site to move the project forward as soon as possible.

### ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

### 3. CONSENT CALENDAR

**ACTION: Moved by Councilmember Fox, seconded by Councilmember Carroll, and unanimously carried to approve Consent Calendar Item Nos. 3.1 through 3.7.**

#### 3.1 MINUTES

**ACTION:**

- 1) Approved the minutes of a regular meeting of the Irvine City Council held on July 23, 2019.
- 2) Approved the minutes of a special meeting of the Irvine City Council with the Orange County Great Park Board held on July 23, 2019.

#### 3.2 PROCLAMATIONS

**ACTION:**

- 1) Proclaimed September 17, 2019 as Daughters of the American Revolution's "Constitution Day and Citizenship Day"; and September 17-23, 2019 as "Constitution Week."
- 2) Proclaimed September 22, 2019 as "Living Kidney Donors Day."
- 3) Proclaimed September 2019 as "Childhood Cancer Awareness Month."

**3.3 WARRANT AND WIRE TRANSFER RESOLUTION**

**ACTION:**

Adopted RESOLUTION NO. 19-81 - 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 APPROVAL OF SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT AMENDMENT FOR PROJECT INDEPENDENCE TO PROVIDE MAIL CENTER SERVICES**

**ACTION:**

Approved a sole source contract amendment for Project Independence to provide Mail Center services in the amount of \$116,800 for Fiscal Year 2019-20. (Contract No. 9875C)

**3.5 TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019**

**ACTION:**

Received and filed the Treasurer's Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019.

**3.6 APPROVAL OF THE FINAL FISCAL YEAR 2019-2022 CONSULTANT TEAM LIST**

**ACTION:**

Approved the final recommended Fiscal Year 2019-2022 Consultant Team List.

**3.7 COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUND GRANT NOMINATIONS**

**ACTION:**

- 1) Approved Councilmember Khan's request for Community Partnership Fund Grant Nominations to the following organizations in support of program costs:
  - a) Irvine Evergreen Chinese Senior Association (\$500)
  - b) Irvine Korean Evergreen Association (\$500)
  - c) Ektaa Center (\$500)
  - d) NEDA Association of Iranian-American Seniors (\$500)

- 2) Approved Councilmember Carroll's request for Community Partnership Fund Grant Nomination to the following organizations in support of program costs:
  - a) Irvine 2/11 Adoption Committee Inc. (\$1,000) (**Contract No. 10839**)
  - b) The Boys and Girls Club of Central Orange Coast (\$500)
  - c) Irvine Rotary Foundation (\$250)
  - d) Irvine Swim League (\$250)
- 3) Authorized the City Manager to prepare and sign the funding agreement for individual awards of \$1,000 or more.

#### 4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

##### 4.1 **ZONING ORDINANCE UPDATE TO CLARIFY PROVISIONS RELATED TO ADDITIVE DEVELOPMENT INTENSITY**

Mayor Shea opened the public hearing at 5:58 p.m.

Joel Belding, Principal Planner, and Tim Genrich, Deputy Director of Community Development, presented the staff report and responded to questions.

City Council discussion included: a review of the Planning Commission's recommendation; noted prior concerns related to "double-dipping" between additive intensity and density bonus credits; expressed concern about updating the Zoning Ordinance based on one specific circumstance; reiterated that General Plan Amendments must be considered by the City Council; expressed concern about retroactive projects; and inquired about whether the update only applied to residential and not commercial development.

**ACTION: Moved by Mayor Pro Tempore Kuo, seconded by Councilmember Khan, and unanimously carried to close the public hearing at 6:07 p.m.**

**ACTION: Moved by Mayor Pro Tempore Kuo, seconded by Mayor Shea, and unanimously carried to:**

Introduce for first reading and read by title only ORDINANCE NO. 19-13 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING ZONE CHANGE (00782631-PZC) TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO CLARIFY REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO ADDITIVE DEVELOPMENT INTENSITY; FILED BY THE CITY OF IRVINE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

**4.2 APPROVAL OF TAX-EXEMPT BOND ISSUANCE BY THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC FINANCE AUTHORITY FOR FINANCING AND REFINANCING FOR IRVINE INN APARTMENTS**

Kristin Griffith, Director of Financial Management and Strategic Planning, presented the staff report and responded to questions.

Mayor Shea opened the public hearing at 6:10 p.m.

Joe McLaughlin, Irvine resident, spoke in support.

**ACTION: Moved by Councilmember Khan, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Kuo, and unanimously carried to close the public hearing at 6:13 p.m.**

There was no City Council discussion.

**ACTION: Moved by Councilmember Fox, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Kuo, and unanimously carried to:**

Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 19-82 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE ISSUANCE BY THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC FINANCE AUTHORITY OF MULTIFAMILY HOUSING REVENUE BONDS IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$32,000,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING OR REFINANCING THE ACQUISITION AND REHABILITATION OF IRVINE INN APARTMENTS AND CERTAIN OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO

**5. COUNCIL BUSINESS**

**5.1 CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY MAYOR SHEA AND COUNCILMEMBER CARROLL TO DIRECT STAFF TO ESTABLISH A SAFE COMMUNITY TASK FORCE**

This item was agendaized at the request of Mayor Shea and Councilmember Carroll, who asked for City Council support to establish a “Safe Community Task Force 2020” for a period of six months with the goals of gathering information from community stakeholders; and examining incidents that have occurred in other communities, raising awareness, and prevention efforts.

The following individuals spoke in support of a Safe Community Task Force:

Susan Sayre, Irvine resident  
Stephanie Martinez, Irvine resident  
Mark Newgent, Irvine resident  
Savanna Newgent, Irvine resident  
Ray Genneway, Irvine resident  
Russell Stein, Irvine resident  
Sai Sai, Irvine resident  
William Lewis, Irvine resident

Laurel Davila, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition; and suggested a public hearing be held for transparency and public outreach on red flag laws.

Alex Loriak, Irvine resident, submitted a Request to Speak but did not speak.

City Council discussion included: discussing the importance of public outreach, noting a recent town hall meeting hosted by Councilmember Khan on local public safety laws and Irvine Police Department programs; expressed concern that the goals of the proposed task force were too broad, and suggested agendaizing Gun Violence Restraining Order (GVRO) laws at an upcoming meeting for discussion; clarified the goals of the task force; and reiterated the importance of building relationships with community members and working collaboratively with community partners.

Police Chief Hamel provided a brief summary on GVRO laws and efforts made by Public Safety to educate the community.

**ACTION:** Moved by Councilmember Fox to:

Implement a public awareness program regarding California's "Red Flag" law, hold trainings on the Red Flag law for the members of the Irvine Police Department, and direct Law Enforcement Officers to use the GVRO when appropriate.

Discussion of motion included: reiterating the need for collaboration between the proposed Task Force and Public Safety; and expressed concern that public outreach should include more than social media efforts.

Motion failed for lack of second.

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

Direct the City Manager to:

- 1) Establish a "Safe Community Task Force 2020" for a period of six months with up to twelve members, with Mayor Shea and Councilmember Carroll serving as co-chairs and selecting the remaining members with the goals of:
  - a) Gathering information from community stakeholders;
  - b) Examining incidents that have occurred in other communities;
  - c) Analyzing neighborhood community safety issues, campus safety issues, cultural and ethnic diversity issues, safety ethics, and mental health issues; and
  - d) Raising awareness including prevention awareness and laws known as "red flag" laws.
  
- 2) Direct the City Manager to provide staff support to the Task Force, work with the Mayor and Councilmember Carroll to develop agendas, and prepare regular updates to the City Council on the progress made by the Task Force; and to issue a final comprehensive report at the completion of the Task Force, to be presented and issued to the City Council and to the residents of the City of Irvine.

**5.2 CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY MAYOR SHEA AND COUNCILMEMBER KHAN TO FORMALIZE A RELATIONSHIP WITH THE CITY OF GUMI, REPUBLIC OF KOREA**

This item was agendized at the request of Mayor Shea and Councilmember Khan, who asked for City Council support to establish a Friendship City relationship with the City of Gumi, Republic of Korea.

City Council discussion included: questioning what the Friendship City relationship would require; and whether there would be travel costs.

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

Formalize a Friendship City relationship with the City of Gumi, Republic of Korea. **(Contract No. 10840)**

**CONVENE TO THE SPECIAL JOINT MEETING WITH THE ORANGE COUNTY GREAT PARK BOARD**

Mayor/Director Shea convened the special joint meeting with the Orange County Great Park Board at 7:39 p.m. and noted for the record that all Councilmembers and Directors were present.

**6. CITY COUNCIL / BOARD BUSINESS**

**6.1 AMENDED AND RESTATED AGREEMENT FOR EMPLOYMENT OF JOHN A. RUSSO AS CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF IRVINE**

Jeff Melching, City Attorney/Board Counsel, presented the staff report and responded to questions.

City Council/Board discussion included: clarifying that the salary increase was temporary and would not be considered by Public Employee Retirement System (PERS) as salary for the purposes of determining retirement compensation.

Susan Sayre, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to the proposed agreement for employment.

**ACTION: Acting as the Orange County Great Park Board, moved by Director Shea, seconded by Director Carroll, and unanimously carried to:**

Recommend to the City Council that it approve the Amended and Restated Agreement for Employment of City Manager between the City of Irvine and John A. Russo.

**ACTION: Acting as the City Council, moved by Mayor Shea, seconded by Councilmember Carroll, and unanimously carried to:**

Approve the Amended and Restated Agreement for Employment of City Manager between the City of Irvine and John A. Russo. **(Contract No. 10291A)**

**6.2 CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY CHAIRWOMAN/COUNCILMEMBER KHAN AND MAYOR PRO TEMPORE/VICE CHAIRMAN KUO FOR DISCUSSION TO REVISE THE CITY COUNCIL POLICY / PROCEDURE REGARDING GREAT PARK BOARD- AND COMMISSION-INITIATED AGENDA ITEMS**

This item was agendized at the request of Councilmember/Director Khan and Mayor Pro Tempore/Vice Chairman Kuo, who suggested revising the City Council Policy and Procedure regarding Great Park Board- and Commission-initiated agenda items.

City Council/Board discussion included: reiterating that amending the existing City Council Policy and Procedure to include Great Park Board- and Commission-initiated items would improve communications between colleagues; and expressed concerns with respect to the potential for Brown Act violations.

The following individuals spoke in opposition to the proposed policy change:

Laurel Davila, Irvine resident  
Ken Montgomery, Vice Chair, Transportation Commission  
Joe McLaughlin, Irvine resident  
Lauren Johnson-Norris, Chairwoman, Community Services Commission  
Dr. Kev Abazajian, Irvine resident

Steve Greenberg, Irvine resident, spoke in favor to the proposed policy change.

City Attorney Melching clarified that bylaws for each of the Commissions would require amendments to include the new policy language, and would require City Council approval.

**ACTION: Acting as the Orange County Great Park Board, moved by Chairwoman Khan, seconded by Vice Chairman Kuo, to:**

Recommend that the City Council revise the City Council Policy and Procedure extending the requirement to the Orange County Great Park Board and City Commissions that items could be placed on the agenda by the Chair or two members of the Board or Commission.

**The motion carried as follows:**

AYES: 4	DIRECTORS:	Carroll, Khan, Kuo and Shea
NOES: 1	DIRECTORS:	Fox
ABSENT: 0	DIRECTORS:	None

**ACTION: Acting as the City Council, moved by Councilmember Khan, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Kuo, to:**

Revise the City Council Policy and Procedure extending the requirement to the Orange County Great Park Board and City Commissions that items could be placed on the agenda by the Chair or two members of the Board or Commission.

**The motion carried as follows:**

AYES: 4	COUNCILMEMBERS:	Carroll, Khan, Kuo and Shea
NOES: 1	COUNCILMEMBERS:	Fox
ABSENT: 0	COUNCILMEMBERS:	None

**ADJOURNMENT - SPECIAL JOINT MEETING WITH THE ORANGE COUNTY GREAT PARK BOARD**

**By consensus, Mayor/Director Shea adjourned the special joint meeting with the Orange County Great Park Board at 8:10 p.m.**

**RECONVENE TO THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Mayor Shea reconvened the regular City Council meeting at 8:11 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT - CITY COUNCIL**

Dan Daley, Alzheimer’s Association, invited the City Council to participate in the Walk for Alzheimer’s on November 11 at Angel Stadium in Anaheim.

Susan Sayre, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to the City Council agenda e-Comment feature.

Saga Conroy, Irvine resident, expressed concern about guns and gun control.

Margie Wakeham, CEO, Families Forward, expressed appreciation to the City Council for its support over the years, and announced her upcoming retirement on October 1; and introduced Madeline Hirneise, Senior Director, Families Forward.

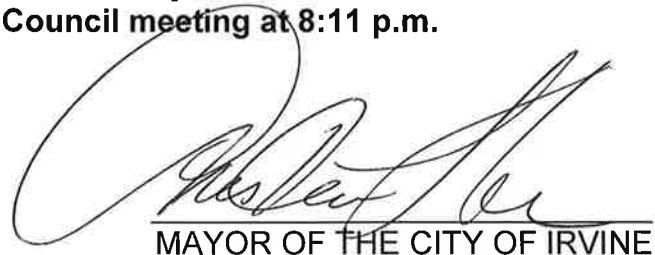
Joe McLaughlin, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to the City Council agenda e-Comment feature, suggested that meeting participants have the ability to request to speak in advance of a meeting, and expressed concern about an outstanding Public Records Act request.

Nisreen Qanbiyah, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to a Veterans Cemetery at the Orange County Great Park golf course site.

Faruk Bhagami, Irvine resident, spoke in support to a Veterans Cemetery at the Orange County Great Park golf course site.

**ADJOURNMENT - CITY COUNCIL**

**Moved by Mayor Pro Tempore Kuo, seconded by Councilmember Carroll, and unanimously carried to adjourn the City Council meeting at 8:11 p.m.**

  
MAYOR OF THE CITY OF IRVINE

  
CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF IRVINE

October 10, 2019