



MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

May 11, 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 5:10 p.m. on May 11, 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. Mayor Khan 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.

In addition, Carl Petersen, City Clerk, provided instructions on how to submit live comments via Zoom and 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, and 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

Commander Noelle Smiley introduced the Irvine Police Color Guard and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

Pastor Frank Winans from Woodbridge Community Church provided the invocation.

1. CITY COUNCIL RECOGNITIONS

1.1 Proclaim May 9-15, 2021, as “National Police Week”

Mayor Khan introduced Police Officers Gavin Hudson and Pat Ryan, and presented a proclamation recognizing May 9-15, 2021, as “National Police Week.”

The following individuals spoke in opposition to the proclamation:

- Stephen Coffey, Irvine resident
- Kyler Chin, Irvine resident
- Chelsea Boyle, Irvine resident

1.2 Proclaim May 18, 2021, as “Asian American and Pacific Islander Day Against Bullying and Hate”

Mayor Khan presented a proclamation recognizing May 18, 2021, as “Asian American and Pacific Islander Day Against Bullying and Hate.”

INTERIM CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

There was no report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCIL REPORTS

Vice Mayor Kim presented a video by the Racial Equality Club at Woodbridge High School, and suggested contacting club representatives for those interested in learning more about the club or planting an equality tree at a school or business.

Councilmember Agran referenced correspondence from Attorney Kevin Shenkman with the Southwest Voter Project, which alleged that the City was in violation of the California Voting Rights Act as the current at-large voting system discriminated against racial and ethnic minorities; and further noted that while he agreed with the City Attorney that the City could win a potential lawsuit, he suggested consideration of enlarging the City Council to seven seats and moving to voting districts. He also noted that he would be seeking City Council support to place the item on an upcoming agenda for City Council and community discussion.

Mayor Khan made the following announcements:

- Last month, the City opened a drive-thru vaccination clinic at the Orange County Great Park in partnership with Providence Health System. The clinic is open Monday through Friday from 8 to 11:30 a.m. in Parking Lot 2. Both Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines are being administered at the vaccination site. Appointments can be made at myturn.ca.gov or by calling 833-422-4255. For information, visit cityofirvine.org/vaccine.
- The City is excited to announce the launch of the 50th Anniversary Photo Contest. Community members are invited to submit their best photos of Irvine in the following categories:
 - Cultural and Community
 - Historical
 - Outdoors
 - Pets
 - Submissions from those 17 and under

Winners in each category will be revealed in the winter issue of Inside Irvine and featured in an exhibition at the Irvine Civic Center. A grand prize winner 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.

- The City's traditional Memorial Day events have been modified this year to allow the community to honor fallen service members while still maintaining health and safety precautions. The Northwood Memorial Candle Lighting will take place over two days. Community members are encouraged to visit the memorial on Saturday, May 29, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Sunday, May 30, from noon to 8 p.m. to pay their respects to the fallen. Staff will be on-site to assist and ensure social distancing and gathering guidelines are being maintained. On Monday, May 31, at 10 a.m., the annual Memorial Day Ceremony will be presented online. A pre-recorded video presentation featuring tributes to military fallen by commanding officers from Irvine's adopted 2/11 Marine Battalion and presentations from former ceremonies will be available online at cityofirvine.org. For more information, please call 949-724-6606.

- On May 22, the community is invited to participate in Love Irvine’s first Citywide Serve Day, which provides an opportunity for the entire community to work together to serve and make a difference by participating in a beautification project along the Jeffrey Open Space Trail. Participants will be picking up litter along the trail from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and can meet at the Trabuco Center, where gloves and trash bags will be provided. For more information and to register, visit cityofirvine.org or loveirvine.org.

Mayor Khan also invited Pastor Jason Aguilar from Arise Church Irvine to provide additional information on the Love Irvine initiative.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

ACTION: Moved by Vice Mayor Kim, seconded by Councilmember Carroll, and unanimously carried to approve Consent Calendar Item Nos. 2.1 through 2.3, and 2.5 through 2.7. 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 April 13, 2021.
- 2) Approved the minutes of the regular meeting of the Irvine City Council held on April 13, 2021.

2.2 PROCLAMATIONS

Prior to approval of the Consent Calendar, 949-***-366 and Nissreen spoke in support of Food Allergy Awareness Week.

ACTION:

- 1) Ratified and Proclaimed April 30, 2021, as "Arbor Day."
- 2) Proclaimed May 9-15, 2021, as "Food Allergy Awareness Week."
- 3) Proclaimed May 2021 as "Mental Health Awareness Month."

2.3 WARRANT AND WIRE TRANSFER RESOLUTION

ACTION:

Adopted RESOLUTION NO. 21-23 - 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

2.4 CONTRACT BUDGET APPROPRIATION FOR DEMOLITION AT 1851 KETTERING

This item was removed for separate discussion at the request of Councilmember Kuo, who inquired about the time sensitivity of the abatement and public nuisance that was originally approved by the City Council in June 2020.

Keri Bullock, Neighborhood Services Administrator, and Pete Carmichael, Director of Community Development, responded to questions.

City Council discussion included: questioning delays related to demolition; inquired about the lien process and remedies available if funds for demolition were not reimbursed by the property owner; questioned the differences between the Kettering property and a former residential public nuisance (“Castle House”); expressed concerns about the delay in demolition based on City Council approval in June 2020; inquired about the authority granted for a 30-day extension; and questioned whether estimated construction costs included any abatement of hazardous materials.

Jeff Melching, City Attorney, noted that a nuisance abatement situation provides the City with the ability to place an assessment on the property and collect the amount of fees owed; and that while the Castle House experience was similar, the City moved the building into receivership, which enabled a third-party custodian to take responsibility for remediating the property and collecting fees against the property owner.

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

- 1) Approve a budget adjustment appropriating funds in the amount of \$565,358 from the Asset Management Fund.
- 2) Authorize staff to negotiate and award a contract for the necessary work for the demolition at 1851 Kettering in accordance with the City's procurement and competitive bidding procedures.

2.5 ACCEPTANCE OF HIGHWAY SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM GRANT FUNDS

ACTION:

- 1) Authorized the Director of Public Works and Transportation to approve and accept a Highway Safety Improvement Program Grant to Prepare a Local Roadway Safety Plan in the amount of \$72,000.
- 2) Authorized the Director of Public Works and Transportation to approve and accept a Highway Safety Improvement Program Grant to construct pedestrian improvements in the amount of \$248,162.
- 3) Approved a budget adjustment in the amount of \$320,162 reflecting an increase in revenues and appropriations and establish a Capital Improvement Project to construct pedestrian improvements in the amount of \$291,400.

2.6 COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUND GRANT NOMINATIONS

Prior to approval of the Consent Calendar, the following spoke in opposition to Community Partnership Fund Grant Nomination funding for Team Kids, Inc.:

- Kyler Chin, Irvine resident
- Stephen Coffey, Irvine resident

Justin Fong, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to Community Partnership Fund Grant Nomination funding for Team Kids, Inc. and Crime Survivors.

Kevin Corrigan, Irvine resident, spoke in support of Community Partnership Fund Grant Nomination funding for Team Kids, Inc.

ACTION:

Approved Mayor Khan's request for Community Partnership Fund Grant Nominations to the following organizations in support of program costs:

- a) Human Options (\$500)
- b) South County Outreach (\$500)
- c) Working Wardrobes (\$500)
- d) Crime Survivors (\$500)
- e) Orange County Asian and Pacific Islander Community Alliance (\$500)
- f) Team Kids, Inc. (\$500)
- g) Assistance League of Irvine (\$500)

2.7 SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 21-05 - APPROVING A ZONE CHANGE RELATED TO THE TRANSFER OF UNBUILT RESIDENTIAL DWELLING UNITS FROM PLANNING AREAS 9 (WOODBURY) AND 40 (CYPRESS VILLAGE) TO PLANNING AREA 6 (PORTOLA SPRINGS)

ACTION:

Read by title only, second reading and adoption of ORDINANCE NO. 21-05 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING ZONE CHANGE 00818601-PZC TO AMEND CHAPTERS 9-6, 9-9, AND 9-40 OF THE IRVINE ZONING ORDINANCE SPECIFIC TO MAXIMUM RESIDENTIAL UNITS FOR PLANNING AREA 6 (PORTOLA SPRINGS), ALLOWING THE TRANSFER OF UNBUILT DWELLING UNITS FROM PLANNING AREAS 9 (WOODBURY), 40 (CYPRESS VILLAGE), AND NEIGHBORHOOD 6 OF PLANNING AREA 6 TO THE 2.3K MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL ZONE IN PLANNING AREA 6; FILED BY IRVINE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMPANY

Approved 4-1 (Vice Mayor Kim opposed)

3. COUNCIL BUSINESS

3.1 COVID-19 SITUATIONAL UPDATE; PROPOSED REOPENING PLAN FOR COMMUNITY FACILITIES; AND EXTENSION OF CITY'S COVID-19 ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS THROUGH JUNE 23, 2021

Michelle Grettenberg, Assistant City Manager, and Pamela Baird, Director of Community Services, presented the staff report and responded to questions.

City Council discussion included: inquiring about the Global Village Festival and the potential for in-person attendance; and suggested that the City send a letter to State representatives and the Employee Development Department to support return to work efforts for small businesses.

Hgo, Irvine resident, spoke in support of re-opening the Turtle Rock Community Center Multi-Purpose Room for table tennis.

Kevin Corrigan, Irvine resident, spoke in support of continuing the summer drive-in movies and concerts at the Orange County Great Park.

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

Extend all previously issued City orders and resolutions related to COVID-19 through at least June 23, 2021.

3.2 CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY VICE MAYOR KIM, CO-SPONSORED BY MAYOR KHAN, TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION URGING THE ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO HOLD A PUBLIC MEETING CONCERNING THE EXPANSION OF THE JAMES A. MUSICK JAIL FACILITY

This item was agendized at the request of Vice Mayor Kim, and co-sponsored by Mayor Khan, who requested City Council consideration of adoption of a resolution urging the Orange County Board of Supervisors to hold a public meeting concerning the expansion of the James A. Musick Jail Facility.

City Council discussion included: noting multiple attempts by the City in the past opposing the expansion; expressed concern about language within the resolution with respect to the County not holding a public forum; suggested minor modifications within the proposed resolution; and suggested that the resolution be conveyed to the Orange County Board of Supervisors in the strongest terms to prevent further delays.

The following individuals spoke in support of the proposed resolution:

- Jacob Reisberg
- Kyler Chin, Irvine resident
- Stephen Coffey
- Michele M.
- Chelsea Boyle, Irvine resident
- Karen Hernandez, Irvine resident
- Sylvester Ani, Irvine resident
- Melisa Masri, Irvine resident
- Pat Davis, Irvine resident

ACTION: Moved by Vice Mayor Kim to:

Adopt – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, STRONGLY URGING THE ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO HOLD A PUBLIC MEETING CONCERNING THE EXPANSION OF THE JAMES A. MUSICK JAIL FACILITY **as amended** to include the following modification:

*“WHEREAS, the citizens **of Irvine** and Orange County deserve a forum...”*

ACTION: A friendly amendment was made by Mayor Khan, accepted by Vice Mayor Kim as the maker of the motion, seconded by Mayor Khan, and unanimously carried to:

Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 21-24 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, STRONGLY URGING THE ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO HOLD A PUBLIC MEETING CONCERNING THE EXPANSION OF THE JAMES A. MUSICK JAIL FACILITY **as amended** to include the following modifications:

- 1) *“WHEREAS, the City of Irvine opposes **and condemns** the expansion of Musick Jail...”*
- 2) *“WHEREAS, the citizens **of Irvine** and Orange County deserve a forum...”*

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kyler Chin, Irvine resident, suggested that the City Council pass an Irvine green new deal.

Melisa Masri, Irvine resident, requested that the City Council keep the public more apprised of a potential transition from at-large to district elections; and suggested that the policy for agendaing items by Councilmembers be altered to eliminate the need for a second signature.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councilmember Kuo, seconded by Vice Mayor Kim, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m.



 MAYOR OF THE CITY OF IRVINE



 CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF IRVINE

 June 8, 2021