



MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

August 18, 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 11 a.m. on August 18, 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*

* via teleconference

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 items:

- 1.1 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT: Government Code Section 54957 - Title: Interim City Manager**
- 1.2 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT: Government Code Section 54957 - Title: City Clerk**

Molly Perry, City Clerk, noted that an e-comment had been received from Susan Sayre, who spoke in support of rescinding the City Manager’s ability to terminate staff without City Council approval in order to avoid the possibility of special interest influence, and requested that the vetting process for the Interim City Manager and the City Manager require that candidates have no prior business connections with Irvine developers. She also suggested that the appointment process take place in public hearings for public participation.

Mayor Shea asked City Attorney Melching to provide a brief summary as to why these matters were being considered in Closed Session, to which City Attorney Melching explained that the Brown Act allowed for consideration of public employee appointments to occur in Closed Session under Government Code Section 54957; and in the case of the City Council, there are three positions in which it appoints directly, which included the City Manager, City Clerk, and City Attorney.

RECESS

Mayor Shea recessed the City Council meeting to Closed Session at 11:07 a.m.

RECONVENE TO THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING


Mayor Shea reconvened the City Council meeting at 12:43 p.m. City Attorney Melching, on behalf of the City Council, announced that no reportable action was taken in Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councilmember Kuo, seconded by Councilmember Khan, and unanimously carried to adjourn the special City Council meeting at 12:44 p.m.



 CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF IRVINE



 MAYOR OF THE CITY OF IRVINE

 September 22, 2020