



# MINUTES

## CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

**July 27, 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 5:25 p.m. on July 27, 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

Chairwoman 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**

Councilmember Agran led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **INVOCATION**

Pastor Jim Gwatney from Light of Christ Lutheran Church of Irvine provided the invocation.

## **1. PRESENTATIONS**

### **1.1 *Commendation Recognizing the STARTALK Program***

Mayor Khan introduced students and teachers who participated in the StarTalk Program and presented a commendation.

Vice Mayor Kim expressed her appreciation to the National Foreign Language Center and the National Security Agency for providing Irvine students an opportunity to learn languages critical to national security.

## **RECESS**

Mayor Khan recessed the City Council meeting at 5:36 p.m.

## **RECONVENE**

Mayor Khan reconvened the City Council meeting at 5:59 p.m.

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

There was no report.

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

Councilmember Kuo expressed best wishes to all those competing in the Olympics, including the men's and women's water polo teams whose headquarters is based in Irvine; and Irvine natives Amber Neben (cyclist) and Jack Williams (archery).

Councilmember Agran reiterated his prior requests for support to agendaize for discussion the following items on the August 10, 2021, City Council meeting agenda for City Council discussion:

- 1) Veteran's Memorial Park and Cemetery project;
- 2) District Elections; and
- 3) City Council Policy for Councilmembers to place items on the City Council agenda.

Jeff Melching, City Attorney, clarified that a motion to add items to a future agenda under this item would not be the appropriate vehicle to do so; however, Councilmember Agran could ask for support from his colleagues to place these items on future agendas.

Councilmember Kuo offered his support to agendaize the matter of district elections as a Closed Session item given the potential threat of litigation.

Councilmember Carroll announced that the Southern California Associations of Governments had completed its Regional Housing Needs Assessment plan, and that the City of Irvine received the sixth largest allocation of housing in Southern California totaling 50,000 units.

Mayor Khan made the following announcements:

- The Irvine Community Television (ICTV) team was recently recognized for outstanding government communications. The team, which creates videos and programming for the City's television station, social media, and City events, received eight Star Awards from the States of California and Nevada Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors. ICTV received four 1st place awards for: 1) Event coverage of the Wildland Management Event; 2) The Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon Public Service Announcement; 3) The 2021 State of the City Address; and 4) Virtual event coverage of the 2020 Holiday Tree Lighting. ICTV also received three 2<sup>nd</sup> place awards and one 3<sup>rd</sup> place award in a variety of categories, including Environmental, Public Affairs, Talk Show, and Senior Citizen Audience. ICTV can be viewed on Cox Communications Channel 30, on AT&T U-verse Channel 99, [cityofirvine.org/ictv](http://cityofirvine.org/ictv), and at [youtube.com/ictv30](http://youtube.com/ictv30).
- As part of the City's commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion, a number of new initiatives are being implemented, which include the following:
  - City staff has developed an outreach and training program for women-owned and minority-owned businesses. The training program will expand awareness of the City's bidding opportunities, how to get started and register as a vendor, procurement processes, and more. Numerous training dates are available. Visit [cityofirvine.org/purchasing](http://cityofirvine.org/purchasing) for more information, and select a training date and time.
  - A new invoice payment portal has also been developed to provide residents and businesses with an easy way to make online payments. The new user-friendly service allows customers to view unpaid invoices, such as false alarm fees and special event reimbursements, and make partial or full payments using a secure third-party site. To access the portal, visit [cityofirvine.org/transparency](http://cityofirvine.org/transparency).

- Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, there has been an increase in the use of third-party food delivery services. In order to make third-party delivery services more affordable for consumers and to reduce the impacts to retail food establishments, the City Council approved an ordinance establishing limitations of third-party food delivery fees. A portal was created where community members can report ordinance violations using a simple online form. To view the ordinance and submit a violation, visit [cityofirvine.org/covid19](http://cityofirvine.org/covid19) and click on Executive Orders, Resolutions, and Ordinances.
- Ten years ago, the Palm Court Arts Complex opened at the Orange County Great Park, bringing more public, accessible art to the community. To celebrate its 10th anniversary, and the community is invited to a special reception for the Great Park Gallery's summer exhibition, Chuck Jones: Season of Creativity. The exhibition explores the process of animation from script to screen through original art and writing by Chuck Jones, who brought to life some of the most famous Warner Bros.' characters. Invited the community attend the reception on Sunday, August 1, at noon at the Great Park Gallery. Attendees can meet renowned Disney animator, director, and Chuck Jones protégée Eric Goldberg, as well as members of Jones' family, including: 1) Craig Kausen, chairman of the Chuck Jones Center for Creativity, and 2) Chuck Jones' grandson, a longtime Irvine resident. Photos can be taken near the iconic memorabilia, including one of Jones' Oscars and the actual desk he used during his career to create characters such as Bugs Bunny, Daffy Duck, Marvin the Martian, Wile E. Coyote, and the Road Runner. Afterward, attendees can enjoy the Chuck Jones Lecture & Film Series event from 1 to 3 p.m. at Hangar 244. The event is free. No registration is required, and all ages are welcome. For information, visit [cityofirvine.org/chuckjones](http://cityofirvine.org/chuckjones).
- The Irvine Police Department will once again host National Night Out at three locations across the City: Woodbury Community Park, Turtle Rock Community Park, and Mike Ward Community Park – Woodbridge. National Night Out, a highly anticipated summer tradition, will take place on Tuesday, August 3 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The community is invited to attend the free event featuring police vehicles and fire engines, appearances by the Mounted, SWAT, and K9 Units, Drone Team demonstrations, crime prevention tips, face painting, and other activities for kids. Food trucks will have items available for purchase, and kids get a free IPD police fidget toy while supplies last.

## **ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS**

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

## 2. CONSENT CALENDAR

Prior to approval of the Consent Calendar, Mayor Khan noted an errata memo received for Item 2.3, which included a slight modification to Action Item No. 3.

**ACTION: Moved by Councilmember Kuo, seconded by Vice Mayor Kim, and unanimously carried to approve Consent Calendar Item Nos. 2.1 through 2.3.**

### 2.1 MINUTES

**ACTION:**

- 1) Approved the minutes of the special meeting of the Irvine City Council held on June 22, 2021.
- 2) Approved the minutes of a regular meeting of the Irvine City Council and special joint meeting with the Orange County Great Park Board held on June 22, 2021.

### 2.2 WARRANT AND WIRE TRANSFER RESOLUTION

**ACTION:**

Adopted RESOLUTION NO. 21-44 - 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 PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, AND CONTRACT DOCUMENTS FOR ORANGE COUNTY GREAT PARK PALM COURT STOCKPILE RELOCATION

**ACTION:**

- 1) Approved the construction plans, specifications, and contract documents for the Orange County Great Park Palm Court Stockpile Relocation, Capital Improvement Project 361812.
- 2) Approved the Engineer's Estimate, Construction Contingency, and Project Funding Summary.
- 3) Authorized staff to solicit competitive bids.\*

\* **Amended** per errata memo dated July 26, 2021, to remove the following language:

~~“...and award the construction contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, in accordance with the City's purchasing policies and procedures, within the approved project budget.”~~

**3. COUNCIL BUSINESS**

**3.1 CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY COUNCILMEMBER KUO AND COUNCILMEMBER CARROLL TO DISCUSS THE INSTALLATION OF AN IDENTIFICATION MARKER AT THE BARTON MOUND HISTORIC SITE**

This item was agendaized at the request of Councilmembers Kuo and Carroll, who provided a brief history of the historic site, and requested City Council support for the installation of an identification marker placed in a visible location for the public to recognize it along the San Diego Creek Trail on the Los Olivos side of California Interstate 405 within the vicinity of Barton Mound.

Tim Gehrich, Deputy Director of Community Development, provided a brief presentation and responded to questions.

City Council discussion included: noting the significance of the site's local history; inquired about the potential costs related to the installation of the marker; and suggested that consideration be given to the perspectives of all the people involved to ensure that the true history of the site and related events is respected.

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

Direct staff to evaluate an appropriate location along the San Diego Creek Trail and return with design considerations for the identification marker.

**3.2 EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ROUND 2 AUTHORIZATION TO PARTICIPATE**

Keri Bullock, Neighborhood Services Administrator, and Andrew Douglass, Interim Housing Manager, presented the staff report and responded to questions.

City Council discussion included: requesting clarification about rent relief available to University of California Irvine students; inquired about options available for the distribution of funds; inquired about when and where applications would be available; and noted that an emergency rental assistance hotline had been created to assist residents with the program.

Kevin Corrigan, Irvine resident, spoke in support of the Emergency Rental Assistance Program, and suggested the City continue to provide regular COVID-19 updates.

Kellie Odom inquired about the availability of applications, and expressed concern about the potential public disclosure of personal information contained within applications.

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

Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 21-45 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE STATE RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM - 2

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The following individuals spoke in support of the veteran's cemetery at the Amended and Restated Development Agreement (ARDA) site:

- Gail Lewis, Irvine resident
- Janel Roshmann, Irvine resident
- Dee Fox, Irvine resident
- Ed McNew, Irvine resident
- Steve Clark
- Joyce Kassouf, Irvine resident
- Harvey Liss, Irvine resident
- Don Geller, Irvine resident
- Mike Chamberlin
- Steve Burger, Irvine resident
- Patricia Kennedy

Michelle Johnson expressed opposition to a veteran's cemetery at Gypsum Canyon site in Anaheim.

Ashton Gilbert and Emily Nguyen, Green Ribbon Environmental Committee Youth Members, spoke in support of a bi-monthly public report on Orange County Public Authority (OCPA) activities and updates.

Dee Fox, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to the community choice energy program.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by Councilmember Kuo, seconded by Vice Mayor Kim, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 p.m.**

  
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CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF IRVINE

  
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MAYOR OF THE CITY OF IRVINE

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September 14, 2021