



MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

June 8, 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 June 8, 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

Councilmember Kuo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

Sheikh Atef Mahgoub, Religious Director from the Islamic Center of Irvine, provided the invocation.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Khan requested a moment of silence in memory of those who lost their lives as a result of the recent shooting that occurred at a San Jose rail yard.

INTERIM CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

There was no report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Agran noted his appreciation to staff for allowing the ability for him and members of the public to participate remotely in City Council meetings, and looked forward to returning to in-person meetings.

Mayor Khan made the following announcements:

- The Movies on the Lawn series of family-friendly outdoor screenings at the Orange County Great Park will kick off on Saturday, June 26, with a showing of *The War with Grandpa*. The movie will begin after sunset at approximately 8:15 p.m. Attendees are encouraged to bring a blanket or low-back chair and enjoy the film with friends and family from individual, socially distanced picnic circles. Movies will continue various Saturday evenings through August 21. Due to limited space available, these events are open to Irvine residents only. Admission is free; however, advanced registration is required at yourirvine.org. For more information, visit ocgp.org or call 949-724-6247.

- The City of Irvine would like to remind everyone in the community to follow important water safety tips. Drowning remains the leading cause of injury and death among children under five, and among the top-five leading causes for those under the age of 18, both in Orange County and in California. The best way to keep children safe is to take a “layers of protection” approach, which includes: 1) never leaving a child alone near water, even for a few seconds; 2) making sure a supervising adult is close enough to touch the child under 4 years old near water; 3) making sure parents and child caregivers know how to perform rescue techniques in an emergency, and; 4) if a child is missing, check the pool first. The City encourages everyone in the community to take the time to learn more about water safety by visiting drowningpreventionoc.org.
- Through partnerships with local health care providers, more than 7,500 COVID-19 vaccines have been administered to members of the community. The City is proud to continue providing opportunities for residents to get vaccinated through drive-thru clinics at the Orange County Great Park and mobile clinics in Irvine neighborhoods. Over the past few weeks, clinics have been held at William Woollett, Jr. Aquatics Center, Portola Springs Community Center, South Coast Chinese Cultural Center, and Diamond Jamboree with more clinics planned. For more information about the clinic and to make an appointment, visit cityofirvine.org/vaccine. Vaccines are one of the most powerful tools to end the pandemic and keep the community safe. The City commends everyone who has received the vaccine and encourages everyone who can get vaccinated to do so.
- Irvine’s park system has been ranked 7th in the nation and 2nd in California by the nonprofit Trust for Public Land. This is the sixth consecutive year Irvine has been listed among the top 10 nationally in the annual ParkScore Index, which ranks the nation’s 100 largest cities based on factors including: park access, acreage, investment, amenities, and equity. In its ranking, the Trust for Public Land noted that 89 percent of Irvine resident live within a 10-minute walk of a park, an increase from the 2020 ranking of 82 percent. The importance the City’s parks have played in the community’s mental and physical health over the past year cannot be overstated and are one of the many reasons Irvine is an ideal home for families, children, individuals, and outdoor enthusiasts of all kinds. For more information about Irvine’s ranking visit tpl.org/parkscore; and to learn more about Irvine parks, visit cityofirvine.org/parks.
- Irvine was one of 487 cities recognized nationally last month as a Bicycle Friendly Community by the League of American Bicyclists for working to create safer streets and better bicycling for everyone. Irvine was recertified with a silver-level award, recognizing the commitment to bicycling and efforts to improve and innovate, ensuring that biking is safe and accessible to all. Everyone is encouraged to take advantage of the City’s bicycling network of 364 miles of on-street and off-street bikeways. To learn more about the City’s bikeways, visit cityofirvine.org/bikeways.

- Late last Friday, June 4, the City received the California Department of Veterans Affairs cemetery feasibility studies for the golf course and Amended and Restated Development Agreement (ARDA) locations. City staff is reviewing the study summaries and asked CalVet to provide a public presentation of the results and next steps. Both feasibility studies can be reviewed on the City's website at cityofirvine.org/veteranscemetery. For additional information about the Southern California Veterans Cemetery and to view supporting documents, visit CalVet's webpage at calvet.ca.gov.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

1. CONSENT CALENDAR

ACTION: Moved by Councilmember Carroll, seconded by Vice Mayor Kim, and unanimously carried to approve Consent Calendar Item Nos. 1.1 through 1.8, 1.10, and 1.11. Consent Calendar Item No. 1.9 was removed for separate discussion.

1.1 MINUTES

ACTION:

- 1) Approved the minutes of the special meeting of the Irvine City Council held on May 11, 2021.
- 2) Approved the minutes of the regular meeting of the Irvine City Council held on May 11, 2021.

1.2 WARRANT AND WIRE TRANSFER RESOLUTION

ACTION:

Adopted RESOLUTION NO. 21-37 - 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

1.3 PROCLAMATIONS

ACTION:

- 1) Proclaimed June 2021 as "LGBT Pride Month."
- 2) Proclaimed June 19, 2021, as "Juneteenth."

1.4 FISCAL YEAR 2020-21 THIRD QUARTER BUDGET UPDATE

ACTION:

- 1) Received and filed the Fiscal Year 2020-21 Third Quarter Budget Update.
- 2) Approve project title and scope change of CIP 361806 from Irvine Station Painting to City Infrastructure Improvements, to provide funding to address immediate facilities and infrastructure improvements throughout the City.

1.5 TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE QUARTER ENDED MARCH 31, 2021

ACTION:

Received and filed the Treasurer's Report for the quarter ended March 31, 2021.

1.6 ACCEPTANCE OF AGREEMENT FOR TRANSFER OR USE OF FUNDS TO ENHANCE ONGOING EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS EFFORTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT SUPPLEMENTAL

ACTION:

- 1) Authorized the Director of Public Safety to accept the Agreement for Transfer or use of funds to enhance ongoing emergency preparedness efforts for Fiscal Year 2020 (FY 2020) Emergency Management Performance Grant Supplemental (EMPG-S). **(Contract No. 11350)**
- 2) Approved a budget adjustment request in the amount of \$14,008 in grant revenues and appropriations for enhancements to ongoing emergency preparedness efforts.

1.7 APPROVAL OF 2021-2023 WORK PLAN AND APPOINTMENT OF AT-LARGE MEMBERS TO GREEN RIBBON ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

ACTION:

Approved the 2021-2023 Work Plan, and appointment of At-Large Members to the Green Ribbon Environmental Committee.

1.8 APPROVAL OF PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, AND CONTRACT DOCUMENTS FOR CITYWIDE CATCH BASIN CONNECTOR PIPE SCREEN INSTALLATION PROJECT PHASE 1

ACTION:

- 1) Approved the construction plans, specifications, and contract documents for the Citywide Catch Basin Connector Pipe Screen Installation Project Phase 1.

- 2) Authorized staff to award the contract in accordance with the City's procurement and competitive bidding procedures, within the approved project budget.

1.9 APPROVAL OF PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, AND CONTRACT DOCUMENTS FOR UNIVERSITY/RIDGELINE INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AND UNIVERSITY WIDENING

This item was removed for separate discussion at the request of Councilmember Kuo, who requested clarification with respect to "lowest responsive and responsible bidder;" and inquired about the mechanisms that were in place to ensure that this project would be completed on time.

Steven Carrillo, Manager of Engineering/City Engineer, responded to questions.

City Council discussion included: noting the sensitivity of the project due to its location as a major arterial in the City; and suggested these improvements be completed with minimal disruption to residents in the area.

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

- 1) Approve the construction plans, specifications, and contract documents for University/Ridgeline Intersection Improvements, CIP 311504, and University Widening, CIP 311803.
- 2) Approve the Engineer's Estimate, Construction Contingency, and Project Funding Summary.
- 3) Approve and authorize the Director of Public Works and Transportation to execute a Signage Easement Deed with the County of Orange.
- 4) Authorize staff to solicit competitive bids 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.

1.10 SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 21-06 APPROVING A ZONE CHANGE RELATED TO TECHNICAL UPDATES TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE

ACTION:

Read by title only, second reading and adoption of ORDINANCE NO. 21-06 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA APPROVING A ZONE CHANGE (00833645-PZC) TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE BY PROVIDING NEW AND REVISED ZONING PROVISIONS RELATED TO CHAPTER 1-2, GENERAL DEFINITIONS; CHAPTER 2-23, PUBLIC MEETINGS, HEARINGS, AND NOTICE PROCEDURE; CHAPTER 3-19, NONCONFORMING USES AND STRUCTURES; CHAPTER 3-35, WALL AND FENCE STANDARDS; AND DIVISION 4, PARKING, SECTION. 4-3-4, AUTOMOBILE PARKING MATRIX

1.11 COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUND GRANT NOMINATIONS

ACTION:

1) Approved Councilmember Kuo's request for Community Partnership Fund Grant Nominations to the following organizations in support of program costs:

- a) Human Options (\$500)
- b) Working Wardrobes (\$500)
- c) Great Park Garden Coalition (\$500)
- d) Irvine Historical Society (\$500)
- e) OC Chinese-American Chamber of Commerce Foundation (\$500)
- f) Woodbridge High School Athletic Boosters (\$500)
- g) Irvine High School Athletic Boosters (\$500)
- h) Northwood High School Athletic Booster Club (\$500)
- i) Bulldog All-Sport Boosters (\$500)
- j) Beckman High School Super Booster (\$500)
- k) National Charity League (\$250)
- l) Springbrook Elementary School PTA (\$250)

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

- a) Great Park Garden Coalition (\$500)
- b) Irvine Spectrum Rotary Foundation (\$500)
- c) National Charity League Irvine Chapter - Meals on Wheels (\$500)

2. COUNCIL BUSINESS

Mayor Khan reordered the agenda to consider Council Business Item No. 2.2 prior to Council Business Item No. 2.1.

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

This item was considered following Council Business Item No. 2.2.

Michelle Grettenberg, Assistant City Manager, presented the staff report and responded to questions.

City Council discussion included: suggesting that a plan be developed for a possible resurgence of the virus in the fall; reiterated that the COVID-19 Task Force was tasked with plan development in the event of a resurgence; suggested that updates be provided by the COVID-19 Task Force meetings to the City Council; and inquired about ways to make outdoor dining a permanent option.

There were no public comments.

ACTION: Moved by Mayor Khan, seconded by Vice Mayor Kim, and unanimously carried by those members present (Councilmember Carroll absent) to:

Confirm the continuation of all outdoor dining and other outdoor special event permits post-June 15.

2.2 CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR STATE LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY SERVICES

This item was considered prior to Council Business Item No. 2.1.

Michelle Grettenberg, Assistant City Manager, presented the staff report and responded to questions.

City Council discussion included: questioning whether cost was a consideration during the evaluation process, and if the two firms that responded provided different pricing; questioned whether pricing submitted by the other responding bidder was confidential; inquired about any service level issues with the existing firm; and suggested quarterly updates to the City Council rather than twice per year.

Jeff Melching, City Attorney, noted that the City Council could direct staff to negotiate with another qualified bidder.

Jason Gonsalves, Joe A. Gonsalves & Son, provided a brief summary of the services rendered and accomplishments achieved in the past on behalf of the City of Irvine, and expressed appreciation to the City Council for the opportunity to represent the City over the last eight years.

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

Authorize staff to negotiate a contract with Townsend Public Affairs for state legislative advocacy services at the same pricing submitted by the other responsive bidder, and return to the City Council on June 22, 2021 for approval.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Gil Nelsen, Irvine resident, spoke in favor of a veterans' cemetery on the Amended and Restated Development Agreement (ARDA) site; spoke in support of district elections; and spoke in opposition to a meeting between Mayor Khan, Councilmember Carroll, and representatives from FivePoint Communities.

Dr. Michael Scott provided a brief overview of Irvine International Academy, a new charter school in Irvine, and its mandarin dual-immersion program.

Philip Fuchs, spoke in support of selecting a site for a veterans' cemetery that was most economically feasible.

The following individuals spoke in support of a Veterans Cemetery at the ARDA site:

- Harvey Liss, Irvine resident
- Don Geller, Irvine resident
- 949-***-*347, Irvine resident
- Jane Roschmann, Irvine resident
- Gail Lewis, Irvine resident

The following individuals spoke in support of a Veterans Cemetery in Irvine, but in opposition to its location at the ARDA site:

- Sandra Paperny, Irvine resident
- Parissa, Irvine resident
- Rushi, Irvine resident
- Stephen Patel, Irvine resident
- Duc Nguyen, Irvine resident

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Vice Mayor Kim, seconded by Councilmember Kuo, and unanimously carried by those members present (Councilmember Carroll absent) to adjourn the meeting at 5:31 p.m.



CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF IRVINE



MAYOR OF THE CITY OF IRVINE

July 13, 2021