



MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

April 10, 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 5:05 p.m. on April 10, 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.

1. CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Melching announced the following Closed Session item:

1.1 THREAT TO PUBLIC SERVICES OR FACILITIES (Gov. Code Section 54957): Consultation with Chief of Police and City Attorney

There were no requests to speak.

RECESS

Mayor Shea recessed the City Council meeting to Closed Session at 5:07 p.m.

RECONVENE TO THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Shea reconvened the City Council meeting at 6:14 p.m. City Attorney Melching, on behalf of the City Council, announced that no reportable action was taken in Closed Session.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Shea led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

Councilmember Kuo provided the invocation.

2. CITY COUNCIL RECOGNITION

2.1 Proclaim April 2020 as "Sexual Assault Awareness Month."

This item was agendaized at the request of Mayor Shea and Councilmember Khan.

Following Mayor Shea's proclamation of April 2020, as "Sexual Assault Awareness Month," Councilmember Khan noted the importance of awareness and acknowledgment of sexual assault.

3. COUNCIL BUSINESS

3.1 CONFIRMATION OF DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES ORDER REGARDING USE OF FACE COVERINGS AND OTHER SOCIAL DISTANCING AND INFECTION CONTROL MEASURES IN RETAIL, GROCERY, RESTAURANT, AND BANKING BUSINESSES

Jeff Melching, City Attorney, presented the item and responded to City Council questions.

City Council discussion included: expressing concern for unprotected retail workers and lack of protective equipment; discussed enforcement and implementation of fines for non-compliance; suggested strengthening the Executive Order (Order) by: 1) requiring the use of face coverings; 2) considered incorporating additional provisions into the existing Order such as face coverings outside the home and at retail establishments; 3) inclusion of commercial services and businesses; 4) social distancing requirements for businesses; and 5) potential closure of stores that fail to provide social distancing and/or use of face coverings; noted recent gatherings on certain hiking trails; questioned how compliance would be monitored; requested extensive community outreach; and suggested that violations be enforced by retailers.

Mike Hamel, Director of Public Safety/Chief of Police, provided a brief summary of enforcement protocol and extensive outreach provided to the retail community.

John Russo, City Manager, confirmed that the existing Order already required certain social distancing measures.

Molly Perry, City Clerk, read into the record an “e-comment” submitted by Tammy SmeckerHane, Irvine resident, who spoke in support of everyone wearing facial masks to combat coronavirus.

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

Confirm Director’s Order of the City Manager of the City of Irvine in his Capacity as Director of Emergency Services and Member of the Irvine Disaster Council dated April 8, 2020 **as amended** to include the following additional provisions:

- 1) Addition of strong encouragement all people in Irvine to wear face coverings when outside the home.

- 2) Requirement that (in addition to employees) patrons of retail, food, banking, and commercial services business wear face coverings.
- 3) Expansion of the scope of the order to include commercial services businesses (e.g., storage businesses, postal businesses, dry cleaners)
- 4) Requirement that businesses enforce social distancing requirements.
- 5) Provision for the potential closure of stores that fail to provide for social distancing or fail to mandate the use of face coverings by employees and patrons.

3.2 DISCUSSION OF OTHER MEANS OF HELPING THE COMMUNITY TO SLOW THE SPREAD OF COVID-19

Mayor Shea provided brief opening remarks, noting that concerns had been raised related to the installation of 5G technology and its potential relationship to COVID-19.

Tim Gehrich, Deputy Director of Community Development, provided a brief report on 5G technology and related concerns.

City Council discussion included: inquiring about any existing 5G technology in the City; suggested placing a copy of the City's wireless ordinance online for members of the public; reiterated that no existing applications related to 5G technology had been submitted to date; discussed recent hate crimes against Asian-American community members; and noted economic impacts to middle and lower-income families.

Mike Hamel, Director of Public Safety/Chief of Police, provided a brief summary of mental health resources that are available to the community; noted that emergency and non-emergency call volume realized a recent reduction of 30-40%; and confirmed that no recent hate crimes had been reported in the City.

Mayor Shea, Vice Mayor Carroll, and Councilmembers Fox, Khan, and Kuo, each provided a brief summary of their respective Community Partnership Fund Grant nominations to various community organizations.

Molly Perry, City Clerk, read into the record “e-comments” submitted by the following individuals:

Jeanne Baran, Irvine resident, who suggested that the City Council consider lighting the clock tower at the Irvine Civic Center, as well as Irvine Business Complex, Irvine Spectrum, and other areas to join the City in lighting up their properties or displaying messages of hope to express appreciation to front line workers.

John Haffner, Irvine resident, who suggested 1) use of face masks by all; 2) temperature checks at entrances to buildings/businesses; 3) hand sanitization stations at every building main entrance, park, pool, and gas station; 4) sterilization of streets and public areas; 5) additional support to school-aged children; and 6) free access to mouth covers.

Mayor Shea suggested that staff look into lighting the clock tower at the Irvine Civic Center, and also suggested reaching out to the Irvine Company about lighting the Ferris Wheel at the Irvine Spectrum.

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

- 1) Approve Mayor Shea’s requests for Community Partnership Fund Grant nominations to the following organizations:

a)	Irvine Children’s Fund (Irvine Junior Games) (Contract No. 11039)	\$700
b)	I. Irvine Unified Council Parent Teachers Association (Distributed to Elementary and K-8 Schools - \$200 per school) (Contract No. 11034) II. Tustin Unified School District Parent Teacher Organizations (Distributed to Elementary and K-8 Schools in Irvine - \$200 per school)	\$2,500
c)	Resource Center at Mariner’s Church	\$800
d)	Second Harvest Food Bank (Contract No. 11032)	\$1,000
e)	Team Kids	\$600

- 2) Approve Vice Mayor Carroll's requests for Community Partnership Fund Grant nominations to the following organizations:

I. Irvine Unified Council Parent Teachers Association (Distributed to Elementary and K-8 Schools - \$200 per school) (Contract No. 11034)	\$4,250
II. Tustin Unified School District Parent Teacher Organizations (Distributed to Elementary and K-8 Schools in Irvine - \$200 per school)	

- 3) Approve Councilmember Fox's requests for Community Partnership Fund Grant nominations to the following organizations:

a)	Second Harvest Food Bank (Contract No. 11032)	\$2,000
b)	Irvine Adult Day Health Services	\$500
c)	Irvine Korean Evergreen Association	\$500
d)	Irvine Community Drug Prevention	\$500
e)	OC Veterans Memorial Park Foundation	\$500
f)	Arts Orange County	\$500
g)	Ektaa Center	\$500
h)	Orange County Food Bank (Contract No. 11035)	\$2,000
i)	Families Forward (Contract No. 11033)	\$500
j)	Sea & Sage Audubon Society	\$500
k)	Irvine Barclay Theatre	\$500
l)	Irvine Chinese Evergreen Association	\$500
m)	Irvine Children's Fund (Irvine Junior Games) (Contract No. 11039)	\$500
n)	Association of Iranian American Seniors (NEDA)	\$500

As amended to include funding to Jamboree Housing in the amount of \$500.

- 4) Approve Councilmember Khan’s requests for Community Partnership Fund Grant nominations to the following organizations:

a)	Boys and Girls Club of Irvine (Disinfectant/Sanitizing Product Drive)	\$250
b)	Families Forward (Contract No. 11033)	\$500
c)	Irvine Rotary Foundation (Rotary Face Shield Project)	\$250
d)	National Charity League of Irvine (Irvine Meals on Wheels Program)	\$500
e)	Second Harvest Food Bank (Contract No. 11032)	\$500

As amended to include funding to Irvine Unified and Tustin Unified Parent Teachers Associations in the amount of \$1,350, to be divided evenly amongst Irvine elementary and K-8 schools within their respective Districts. (**Contract No. 11034**)

- 5) Approve Councilmember Kuo’s requests for Community Partnership Fund Grant nominations to the following organizations:

a)	Families Forward (Contract No. 11033)	\$250
b)	Grace City Church	\$250
c)	Good Shepherd Lutheran Church	\$250
d)	Irvine Rotary Foundation (supporting the Rotary Face Shield Project)	\$500

As amended to increase funding to Grace City Church by \$250 for a total allocation of \$500.

- 6) Authorize the City Manager to prepare and sign funding agreements for individual awards of \$1,000 or more.

3.3 SUMMARY OF MEMBERSHIP, ROLES, AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF IRVINE DISASTER COUNCIL AND IRVINE EMERGENCY SERVICES DIRECTOR

Jeff Melching, City Attorney, provided a brief summary of the membership, roles, and responsibilities of the Irvine Disaster Council and Irvine Emergency Services Director.

There was no City Council discussion.

Received and filed. No action was taken.

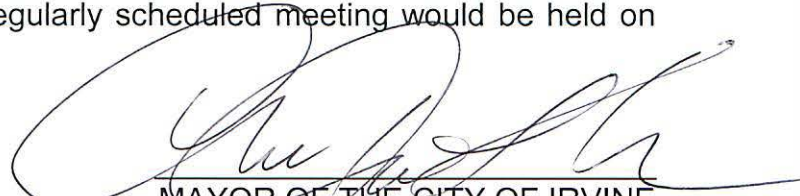
Vice Mayor Carroll left the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Prior to adjournment, Mayor Shea wished members of the community a Happy Easter, Ramadan, and Passover; and encouraged those needing assistance to contact the City.

Moved by Councilmember Kuo, seconded by Mayor Shea, and unanimously carried by those members present (Vice Mayor Carroll absent), to adjourn the City Council meeting at 7:58 p.m.

Mayor Shea also reminded members of the public that the regular City Council meeting of April 14 was cancelled, and that the next regularly scheduled meeting would be held on Tuesday, April 28.



MAYOR OF THE CITY OF IRVINE



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May 12, 2020