



MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Steven Choi
Mayor

Lynn Schott
Mayor Pro Tempore

Beth Krom
Councilmember

Jeffrey Lalloway
Councilmember

Christina Shea
Councilmember

March 8, 2016

4:00 PM

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 4:00 p.m. on March 8, 2016 in the City Council Chamber, Irvine Civic Center, One Civic Center Plaza, Irvine, California; Mayor Choi presiding.

ROLL CALL

Present:	5	Councilmember:	Beth Krom
		Councilmember:	Jeffrey Lalloway
		Councilmember:	Christina Shea
		Mayor Pro Tempore:	Lynn Schott
		Mayor:	Steven Choi

1. CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Melching announced the following Closed Session items:

- 1.1 **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION**
Orange County Fire Authority and the City of Irvine v. All Persons Interested [In second Amendment to Amended Joint Powers Authority Agreement], Fourth Appellate District, Division Three, Appellate Case No. G050687 (Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1))

- 1.2 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2): one (1) potential case

- 1.3 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION – Government Code Section 54957; Title: City Manager**

There were no requests to speak to the Closed Session items.

RECESS

Mayor Choi convened the City Council meeting to Closed Session at 4:02 p.m.

RECONVENE TO THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Choi reconvened the regular City Council meeting at 5:14 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 Choi led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Choi requested a moment of silence in memory of former First Lady Nancy Reagan, who passed away at the age of 94.

INVOCATION

Mayor Choi invited Pastor Graham McGuinness from Woodbridge Community Church in Irvine to provide the Invocation.

MUSICAL PRESENTATION

Mayor Choi introduced students from A Little Dynasty Chinese School, who performed “God Bless America” followed by “Golden Snake Dance.”

2. PRESENTATIONS

2.1 *Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) Deuce Awards*

Mayor Choi introduced Ray Martinez representing Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), who presented MADD's "Deuce Awards" to the following officers for making over 25 DUI arrests during 2015:

- Justin Ortega
- Kyle Kestly
- Jacob Lollar
- Keith Herter

2.2 *Recognition of Cynthia Kole, Irvine Educational Partnership Fund Advisory Committee Member*

Mayor Choi introduced Cynthia Kole, Irvine Educational Partnership Fund Advisory Committee Member, and presented her with a Certificate of Recognition for ten years of dedicated service.

2.3 *Introduction of Legal Team*

City Manager Joyce introduced representatives from the City's legal team, which included City Attorney Melching and members from Rutan & Tucker, Daniel Spradlin representing Woodruff Spradlin & Smart, and Scott Tiedemann representing Liebert Cassidy Whitmore.

Councilmember Shea recognized City Attorney Melching for his accomplishments related to the dissolution of the former Redevelopment Agency; the settlement agreement with the State of California; and expressed her appreciation to members of the City's legal team.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

There was no report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Choi made the following announcements:

- The Irvine Animal Care Center is seeking the public's help to provide needed supplies during the Foster Donation Drive. Throughout March, the Center is collecting donations to aid in the care of sick and young animals. A complete list of needed supplies is available on the Center's gift registry at amazon.com or cityofirvine.org/animal-care-center.

- Taxpayers who live, work or attend school in Irvine and earned less than \$60,000 in 2015 are eligible for free tax-preparation services. The City has partnered with Orange County United Way, Irvine Valley College and the Orange County One-Stop Center to provide assistance from IRS-trained volunteers. To schedule an appointment at Irvine Valley College, Orange County One-Stop Center or Cypress Community Park, call 1-888-434-8248. For information, visit cityofirvine.org or unitedway.org.
- The City of Irvine, in partnership with Second Harvest Food Bank, is hosting the "Irvine Has Heart" food drive through March 31. Donation barrels are located at City facilities, including the Civic Center and Police Department. For a complete list of drop-off sites, visit cityofirvine.org.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

ACTION: Moved by Councilmember Lalloway, seconded by Councilmember Shea, and unanimously carried to approve City Council Calendar Item Nos. 3.1 through 3.13. Councilmember Krom abstained on Item No. 3.4.

3.1 MINUTES

ACTION:
Approved the minutes of a regular meeting of the Irvine City Council held on February 23, 2016.

3.2 PROCLAMATIONS

- ACTION:**
- 1) Proclaimed March 7 - 13, 2016 as "Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week."
 - 2) Proclaimed March 20, 2016 as commencement of "Nowruz - Persian New Year."

3.3 WARRANT AND WIRE TRANSFER RESOLUTION

ACTION:

Adopted RESOLUTION NO. 16-21 - 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

3.4 WARRANT AND WIRE TRANSFER RESOLUTION - AT&T

ACTION:

Adopted RESOLUTION NO. 16-22 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, ALLOWING CERTAIN CLAIMS AND DEMANDS OF AT&T AND SPECIFYING THE FUNDS OUT OF WHICH THE SAME ARE TO BE PAID

Councilmember Krom abstained.

3.5 APPROVAL OF NOMINATIONS TO WALL OF RECOGNITION

ACTION:

Approved nominated individuals and organizations for inclusion on the Wall of Recognition.

3.6 ACCEPTANCE OF AGREEMENT FOR TRANSFER OR PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT/SERVICES OR FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF TRAINING COSTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015 URBAN AREAS SECURITY INITIATIVE GRANT

ACTION:

- 1) Authorized the Director of Public Safety to accept the Agreement for Transfer or Purchase of Equipment/Supplies or for Reimbursement of Training Costs for Fiscal Year 2015 Urban Areas Security Initiative Grant.
- 2) Authorized the Director of Public Safety to accept equipment, technology, services or supplies purchased by the City of Santa Ana and transferred to the City of Irvine to enhance countywide emergency preparedness.
- 3) Approved a budget adjustment request in the amount of \$95,000 in grant revenues and appropriations for training costs and necessary personnel; as well as equipment, supplies or services.
- 4) Authorized the Director of Public Safety to submit for reimbursement up to \$25,000 in training and personnel costs, and \$70,000 in approved equipment, supplies or services through the Fiscal Year 2015 Urban Areas Security Initiative Grant.

3.7 ACCEPTANCE OF TARGET GRANT FOR COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM PROGRAM

ACTION:

- 1) Accepted the Target grant for Community Emergency Response Team programs in the amount of \$5,000.
- 2) Approved a budget adjustment request in the amount of \$5,000, reflecting an increase in revenues and appropriations.

3.8 EASEMENT DEED AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH THE GROVES AT ORCHARD HILLS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION FOR EASTFOOT BASIN LANDSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS

ACTION:

Approved and authorized the Mayor to execute an easement deed and maintenance agreement with the Groves at Orchard Hills Community Association for Eastfoot Basin landscape improvements.

3.9 ABANDONMENT OF A PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENT

ACTION:

Adopted RESOLUTION NO. 16-23 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, TO ORDER THE VACATION OF A UTILITY EASEMENT (PLANNING AREA 51) PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 4, SUMMARY VACATION, STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE SECTION 8330 ET. SEQ.

3.10 APPROVAL OF SPECIFICATIONS AND CONTRACT DOCUMENTS FOR TRAFFIC SIGNAL EMERGENCY BATTERY BACK-UP SYSTEM INSTALLATION

ACTION:

- 1) Approved specifications and contract documents for the Traffic Signal Emergency Battery Back-Up System Installation Capital Improvement Project 331604 and 331505.
- 2) Approved the Engineer's Estimate, Construction Contingency and Funding Summary.
- 3) Authorized staff to solicit competitive bids and to award the construction contract to the lowest responsive bidder in accordance with the City's financial policies and purchasing procedures.

3.11 APPROVAL OF SPECIFICATIONS AND CONTRACT DOCUMENTS FOR TRAFFIC SIGNAL LIGHTING UPGRADES

ACTION:

- 1) Approved specifications and contract documents for the Traffic Signal LED Indicator Upgrades, Capital Improvement Project 331602.
- 2) Approved the Engineer's Estimate, Construction Contingency and Funding Summary.
- 3) Authorized staff to solicit competitive bids and to award the construction contract to the lowest responsive bidder in accordance with the City's financial policies and purchasing procedures.

3.12 EMERGENCY PLUMBING REPAIRS AT TURTLE ROCK COMMUNITY PARK

ACTION:

Received and filed.

3.13 COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUND GRANT NOMINATIONS

ACTION:

- 1) Approved Councilmember Krom's request for Community Partnership Fund Grant nomination to the Ebell Club of Irvine in the amount of \$300 in support of their "Botanical Signs for the Jeffrey Open Space Trail" project.
- 2) Approved Councilmember Shea's requests for Community Partnership Fund Grant nominations to Irvine Historical Society in the amount of \$500, to Irvine Pony Baseball in the amount of \$1,000 and to KidScholly in the amount of \$500 in support of program costs.
- 3) Authorized the City Manager to prepare and sign the funding agreements listed in Actions 1 and 2.

4. COUNCIL BUSINESS

4.1 ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH CHANGES AND ADDITIONS TO POSTED SPEED LIMITS

Matt August, Police Sergeant, and Tran Tran, Senior Transportation Engineer, presented the staff report and responded to questions.

City Council discussion included: establishing speed limits within five miles per hour above or below the 85th percentile speed of free-flowing traffic; proposed speed limit reduction on Portola near the State Route 241 and whether speed related accidents were the cause of the speed limit reduction; total number of roadway segments in the City and how the

proposed segments were selected for evaluation; whether street surveys were conducted several times per day, including peak and non-peak hours; whether all street segments were evaluated on a five-year cycle; noted the Citywide Traffic Study currently underway; questioned the relationship between traffic management and how motorists drive; differences between peak and non-peak hours and how data is factored; questioned why speed limits on major arterials are inconsistent; evaluating driving patterns and pedestrian safety as part of street surveys; accountability and enforcing speed limits; noted State parameters in which cities are bound when evaluating speed limits; questioned the proposed increase in speed limit on Culver between Irvine Blvd. and Meadowood; noted the posting of speed limit signs in areas not previously posted in Quail Hill; and whether statistics reflect an increase in speeding tickets.

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

Introduce for first reading, and read by title only - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, DIRECTING AN AMENDMENT TO THE "CITY OF IRVINE ENGINEERING AND TRAFFIC SURVEYS FOR SPEED LIMITS," AS MAINTAINED BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AS THE OFFICIAL DOCUMENTATION OF DECLARED PRIMA FACIE SPEED LIMITS

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Courtney Santos, Irvine resident, spoke in support of allowing the delivery of medical marijuana in the City.

Alan Meyerson, Irvine resident, read excerpts of correspondence from the Department of Toxic Substances (DTS) to Irvine Unified School District (IUSD) into the record, expressing his support of a work plan between DTS and IUSD to further evaluate contamination concerns near the Portola High School site.

Ilya and Robert Tseglin reiterated a domestic issue related to an autistic family member.

Randy Kiefer spoke in support of bicycle planning and implementation of the most recent bicycle plans conducted by the City.

Mary Ann Gaido, Irvine resident, noted correspondence from the Department of Toxic Substances to Irvine Unified School District and spoke in support of a work plan between DTS and IUSD for further evaluation of contamination concerns.

Councilmember Lalloway left the meeting at 6:46 p.m.

Councilmember Shea asked City Manager Joyce to inform the City Council of any further developments related to additional evaluation of contaminated soil near the Portola High School site. Councilmember Krom briefly noted correspondence from the Department of Toxic Substances to the Irvine Unified School District.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mayor Pro Tempore Schott, seconded by Mayor Choi, and unanimously carried by those members present (Councilmember Lalloway absent) to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m.



CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF IRVINE



MAYOR OF THE CITY OF IRVINE

March 22, 2016