



# MINUTES

## CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

**April 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 4:12 p.m. on April 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

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](http://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**

Vice Mayor Kim led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **INVOCATION**

Councilmember Kuo provided the invocation.

## **1. CITY COUNCIL RECOGNITIONS**

### **1.1 *Proclaim May - October 2021 as the Orange County Fire Authority's "Drowning Prevention Awareness"***

Mayor Khan introduced Shane Sherwood, Division Chief from the Orange County Fire Authority, and presented a proclamation recognizing May through October 2021 as Orange County Fire Authority's "Drowning Prevention Awareness."

Division Chief Sherwood presented a brief public service announcement related to drowning safety and prevention, and expressed his appreciation for the proclamation.

Councilmember Agran expressed his appreciation to Division Chief Sherwood, noting that the California State Assembly had recently proclaimed the third week of May as "Roxie's Wish: Drowning Prevention Week for Children" in support of drowning prevention; and suggested working collaboratively with the Orange County Fire Authority to review the City's policies to further prevent childhood drowning in the City.

## **2. PRESENTATIONS**

### **2.1 *Neighborhood Watch Update***

Bill Bingham, Police Lieutenant, provided a brief update on the Neighborhood Watch Program and responded to questions.

City Council discussion included: expressing appreciation to Public Safety staff on neighborhood watch efforts; and inquired about how the community could create their own neighborhood watch committees.

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

Marianna Marysheva, Interim City Manager, turned to Mike Hamel, Police Chief/Director of Public Safety, who noted that staff had recently received inquiries regarding the City's leash laws, and that City staff would be working with the community to address residents' concerns.

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

Councilmember Kuo requested a brief summary about a recent incident at the shopping center on Main and Harvard, to which Police Chief Hamel noted that the incident had been captured on video, and that a press release would be issued seeking the public's assistance in identifying the suspects.

Mayor Khan made the following announcements:

- The community is invited to attend a Housing Element Community Workshop on Thursday at 5:30 p.m. to learn more about the City's efforts and to provide input on housing in Irvine. Irvine, along with all California cities and counties, is required to adequately plan for and meet the housing needs of everyone in the community. In the Housing Element Update, the City must identify enough potentially developable land suitable for residential use to meet the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) allocation required by the State. The City's portion of Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) RHNA for the 2021-2029 Housing Element is 23,610 units. A flier with information on the Housing Element Update is available in eight languages, and anyone needing language assistance for the community meeting can contact Melissa Chao at [mchao@cityofirvine.org](mailto:mchao@cityofirvine.org) by April 30 to schedule an individualized meeting. To register for the meeting, subscribe for updates, or for more information on the Housing Element Update, available in multiple languages, visit [cityofirvine.org/housingelementupdate](http://cityofirvine.org/housingelementupdate).
- The City has been recognized for the innovative ways of using geographic information system to serve the public and improve internal processes. In a survey of 91 public sector GIS programs, the City ranked second in North America. It is the first time a U.S. government organization has earned a spot among the top three in the survey's history. To determine the rankings, PSD, the publisher of Public Sector Digest, conducted a survey of GIS programs using the Geospatial Maturity Index. The index is a standardized annual assessment of maturity and capacity with insight into three primary categories of competency: Readiness, Implementation, and Impact. The City's GIS team continually strives for excellence, ensuring every City department has an easy way to analyze its data, and plays a critical role during emergencies, such as the Silverado Fire. The GIS team provided real-time evacuation maps the community relied on during last year's wildfire.

- The community is invited to support the City's adopted 2/11 Marine Battalion by donating new baby gifts for expecting Marine families. Donations needed include new diapers, wipes, car seats, strollers, and car seat/stroller combos. Donations can be sent directly to the Irvine 2/11 Marine Adoption Committee through AmazonSmile, or by mail. Local pick-up can also be arranged by emailing [contact@irvine211marines.org](mailto:contact@irvine211marines.org). Additionally, monetary donations are being accepted online and via check through May 14. For more information, visit [cityofirvine.org/211](http://cityofirvine.org/211).
- Residents and businesses can participate in the National Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation to conserve water and other resources through April 30 at [mywaterpledge.com](http://mywaterpledge.com). Members of the community are invited to visit the website and commit to conserving water resources. For more information, visit [cityofirvine.org](http://cityofirvine.org).

### ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

Interim City Manager Marianna Marysheva noted that Item No. 3.5 (Beverage Sales and Sponsorship Agreement with Bottling Group, LLC for Exclusive Citywide Beverage Supplier and Sponsor Rights) would be removed from the agenda similarly to its removal from the Orange County Great Park Board meeting agenda earlier in the day, and that the item would return to the City Council at its May 25, 2021 meeting.

### 3. CONSENT CALENDAR

**ACTION: Moved by Councilmember Carroll, seconded by Vice Mayor Kim, and unanimously carried to approve Consent Calendar Item Nos. 3.1 through 3.4, and Item Nos. 3.6 through 3.8. City Council Consent Calendar Item No. 3.5 was removed from the agenda (see Additions and Deletions, p. 4); and Consent Calendar Item No. 3.9 was removed for separate discussion.**

#### 3.1 MINUTES

**ACTION:**

- 1) Approved the special meeting minutes of the Irvine City Council held on March 23, 2021.
- 2) Approved the regular meeting minutes of the Irvine City Council held on March 23, 2021.

#### 3.2 WARRANT AND WIRE TRANSFER RESOLUTION

**ACTION:**

Adopted RESOLUTION NO. 21-17 - 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

**3.3 PROCLAMATIONS**

**ACTION:**

- 1) Ratified and Proclaimed April 18-24, 2021, as "National Crime Victims' Rights Week."
- 2) Proclaimed May 2021 as "Older Americans Month."
- 3) Proclaimed May 2021 as "National Trauma Awareness Month."
- 4) Proclaimed May 20, 2021, as "National Stop the Bleed Day."
- 5) Proclaimed May 2021 as "Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month."

**3.4 FIRST AMENDMENT TO LEASE AGREEMENT WITH TANAKA FARMS, LLC**

**ACTION:**

Approved a First Amendment to the Lease Agreement with Tanaka Farms, LLC and authorize the Interim City Manager or designee to execute the First Amendment. **(Contract No. 8404A)**

**3.5 BEVERAGE SALES AND SPONSORSHIP AGREEMENT WITH BOTTLING GROUP, LLC FOR EXCLUSIVE CITYWIDE BEVERAGE SUPPLIER AND SPONSOR RIGHTS**

The item was removed from the agenda at the request of Interim City Manager Marysheva. See Additions and Deletions (p. 4).

**3.6 ACCEPTANCE OF 2020 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT**

**ACTION:**

- 1) Accepted the 2020 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant award in the amount of \$10,323 as a subgrantee of the County of Orange.
- 2) Authorized the Interim City Manager to approve and execute, and the City Clerk to attest to, a Memorandum of Understanding associated with the 2020 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program between the County of Orange and the City of Irvine. **(Contract No. 11306)**
- 3) Authorized the Interim City Manager to sign the Certification and Assurances form.
- 4) Approved a budget adjustment request in the amount of \$10,323, reflecting an increase in revenues and appropriations.

**3.7 MEASURE M2 ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANUP GRANT APPLICATION – PHASE 2 OF CITYWIDE RETROFIT OF CATCH BASINS WITH TRASH FILTERS**

**ACTION:**

Adopted RESOLUTION NO. 21-18 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE SUBMITTAL OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE ORANGE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY FOR FUNDING UNDER THE MEASURE M2 TIER 1 ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANUP PROGRAM

**3.8 APPROVAL OF PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, AND CONTRACT DOCUMENTS FOR THE CIVIC CENTER CARPET REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

**ACTION:**

- 1) Approved the construction plans, specifications, and contract documents for the Civic Center Carpet Replacement Project.
- 2) Approved the Engineer’s Estimate, Construction Contingency, and Project Funding Summary.
- 3) Authorized staff to award the contract in accordance with the City’s procurement and competitive bidding procedures, within the approved project budget.

**3.9 APPROVAL OF PROJECT REPORT AND ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FOR THE JEFFREY ROAD AT IRVINE CENTER DRIVE INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

This item was removed for separate discussion at the request of Councilmember Agran who requested a brief presentation on the proposed project. Councilmember Kuo noted a conflict of interest related to real property and left the dais at 4:50 p.m.

Jaimee Bourgeois, Deputy Director of Transportation, and Melissa Dugan, Supervising Transportation Analyst, presented the staff report and responded to questions.

City Council discussion included: questioning the associated timelines for commencement and completion of the project; inquired about potential impacts to Woodbridge residents; questioned costs associated with the project; inquired about whether additional pedestrian and/or bicycle lanes would be added; questioned the differences between a pre-right and a standard right turn; inquired about whether the nearby shopping center and/or residential communities had expressed any concerns with the proposed project; and questioned how traffic congestion would be reduced if pedestrians continued to rely on crosswalks instead of a pedestrian bridge.

**ACTION: Moved by Vice Mayor Kim, seconded by Councilmember Carroll to:**

- 1) Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 21-19 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE PROJECT REPORT AND ADOPTING THE MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE JEFFREY ROAD AT IRVINE CENTER DRIVE INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS
- 2) Authorize staff to proceed with the final design and right-of-way phase of the proposed improvements.

**The motion carried as follows:**

AYES: 4 COUNCILMEMBERS: Agran, Carroll, Kim and Khan  
 NOES: 0 COUNCILMEMBERS: None  
 ABSENT: 1 COUNCILMEMBERS: Kuo

Councilmember Kuo returned to the dais at 5:06 p.m.

Following approval of the Consent Calendar, Mayor Khan reordered the agenda to consider Council Business Item No. 5.2 prior to Public Hearing Items No. 4.1 and 4.2, and Council Business Item No. 5.1.

**4. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**4.1 APPROVAL OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT, HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS, AND EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT 2021-2022 ACTION PLAN FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS AND THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT - CARES ACT (CORONAVIRUS) AMENDMENT NO. 4 TO THE 2019-2020 ACTION PLAN FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS**

This item was considered following Council Business Item No. 5.2.

Mayor Khan opened the public hearing at 5:07 p.m.

Stephanie Takigawa, Housing Specialist, presented the staff report and responded to questions. Andrew Douglass, Acting Housing Manager; Clint Whited, Community Development Block Grant Consultant; and Charles Kovac, former Housing Manager, were also available for questions.

Kevin Trussell, Community Services Commissioner, provided a brief summary of the Community Services Commission selection process and recommendations, and spoke in support of the funding recommendations.

City Council discussion included: expressing appreciation to the Community Services Commission for its review; suggested the City take a proactive approach in reaching out to community organizations that serve underprivileged and/or underrepresented populations about available funding and the application process; and inquired as to the process used to ensure funds are allocated appropriately for Irvine residents.

Marianna Marysheva, Interim City Manager, noted that staff had recently reached out to multiple organizations and engaging in proactive efforts to ensure organizations were aware of available funding.

There were no public comments

**ACTION: Moved by Councilmember Kuo, seconded by Councilmember Carroll, and unanimously carried to close the public hearing at 5:27 p.m.**

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

- 1) Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 21-20 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE 2021-2022 ACTION PLAN FOR FEDERAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT, HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS, AND EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT ENTITLEMENT PROGRAMS
- 2) Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 21-21 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AMENDMENT NO. 4 TO THE 2019-2020 ACTION PLAN FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDING RELATED TO THE CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF, AND ECONOMIC SECURITY ACT

**4.2 ZONE CHANGE TO AMEND CHAPTERS 9-6, 9-9, AND 9-40 OF THE IRVINE ZONING ORDINANCE RELATED TO THE TRANSFER OF UNBUILT RESIDENTIAL DWELLING UNITS FROM PLANNING AREAS 9 (WOODBURY) AND 40 (CYPRESS VILLAGE) TO PLANNING AREA 6 (PORTOLA SPRINGS)**

Mayor Khan opened the public hearing at 5:28 p.m.

Stephanie Frady, Senior Planner, presented the staff report and responded to questions. Tim Gehrich, Deputy Director of Community Development, and Steven Higa, Principal Planner, were also available for questions. . Senior Planner Frady also noted a typographical error in Section 9-6-7 (B) of Exhibit A of Attachment 2, which inadvertently listed the number of units being transferred as 382 as opposed to 282 units.

Jeff Davis, Irvine Company also provided a brief summary related to the request to transfer units, and responded to questions.

City Council discussion included: expressing concern about developers requesting credits for units not yet built; inquired about ensuing public benefits if the request to transfer units was approved; suggested the affordable housing units set to expire be extended in perpetuity; referenced a letter from the Irvine Company noting the extension of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) units; inquired about traffic improvements; suggested continued collaboration between the City and the Irvine Company to meet Regional Housing Needs Assessment numbers; expressed concern that transferring units may impact the number of affordable units; reiterated the City's commitment to affordable housing; summarized the City's Master Affordable Housing Plan (MAHP) passed in 2002 and inquired as to whether the Irvine Company was in compliance with the MAHP; expressed concern with the lack of retail and shopping; and questioned alternatives if the proposed zone change was not approved.

There were no public comments.

**ACTION: Moved by Councilmember Carroll, seconded by Councilmember Kuo, and unanimously carried to close the public hearing at 6:22 p.m.**

**ACTION: Moved by Councilmember Carroll, seconded by Councilmember Kuo, to:**

- 1) Introduce for first reading ORDINANCE NO. 21-05 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING ZONE CHANGE 00818601-PZC TO AMEND CHAPTERS 9-6, 9-9, AND 9-40 OF THE IRVINE ZONING ORDINANCE SPECIFIC TO MAXIMUM RESIDENTIAL UNITS FOR PLANNING AREA 6 (PORTOLA SPRINGS), ALLOWING THE TRANSFER OF UNBUILT DWELLING UNITS FROM PLANNING AREAS 9 (WOODBURY), 40 (CYPRESS VILLAGE), AND NEIGHBORHOOD 6 OF PLANNING AREA 6 TO THE 2.3K MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL ZONE IN PLANNING AREA 6; FILED BY IRVINE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

COMPANY as amended to correct a typographical error in Section 9-6-7 (B) of Exhibit A as follows:

“ . . . In addition, up to another ~~382~~ 282 units may be transferred from Planning Area 9 . . . ”

**The motion carried as follows:**

AYES:	4	COUNCILMEMBERS:	Agran, Carroll, Kuo and Khan
NOES:	1	COUNCILMEMBERS:	Kim
ABSENT:	1	COUNCILMEMBERS:	None

**4.3 REVOCATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL’S APPROVAL RELATED TO A SIDE-YARD SETBACK FOR A PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL SECOND STORY REMODEL AND ADDITION AT 20 MANDARIN IN PLANNING AREA 15 (WOODBIDGE)**

The public hearing was canceled and removed from the agenda.

**5. COUNCIL BUSINESS**

**5.1 COVID-19 SITUATIONAL UPDATE AND PARTICIPATION IN THE STATE RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

Michelle Grettenberg, Assistant City Manager, presented the staff report.

There was no City Council discussion.

There were no public comments.

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

- 1) Receive updates from staff on relevant COVID-19 related developments.
- 2) Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 21-22 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE STATE RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM SUPERSEDING RESOLUTION NO. 21-08

**5.2 CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY COUNCILMEMBER CARROLL, CO-SPONSORED BY MAYOR KHAN, VICE MAYOR KIM, AND COUNCILMEMBERS AGRAN AND KUO, TO DISCUSS ADDING DAVID KAWASHIMA TO THE WALL OF RECOGNITION**

This item was agendaized at the request of Councilmember Carroll, co-sponsored by Mayor Khan, Vice Mayor Kim, and Councilmembers Agran and Kuo, who suggested adding David Kawashima, longtime photographer and friend recently killed in a tragic accident, be added to the City's Wall of Recognition at Colonel Bill Barber Marine Corps Memorial Park. He also suggested creating a gallery of Mr. Kawashima's work at either City Hall or the Irvine Fine Arts Center, and naming a gallery inside the Irvine Fine Arts Center in his name.

Melissa Haley, Deputy City Manager, presented a brief video montage highlighting some of Mr. Kawashima's contributions to the City.

Mayor Khan expressed her condolences to Mr. Kawashima's long-time partner, Jacqueline, and her son, who were in attendance at the meeting.

There were no public comments.

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

- 1) Immediately add David Kawashima to the Wall of Recognition at Colonel Bill Barber Marine Corps Memorial Park.
- 2) Create a gallery of David Kawashima's work, to be placed at either City Hall or the Irvine Fine Arts Center.
- 3) Name a gallery inside the Irvine Fine Arts Center after David Kawashima.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Jane Roschman, Irvine resident, spoke in favor of the veteran's cemetery at the Amended and Restated Development Agreement (ARDA) site.

Chelsea Boyle, and Ambrose Brooks, Irvine residents,, spoke in opposition to the Musick jail expansion and requested a resolution in opposition to the expansion be adopted.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Khan requested that the City Council meeting be adjourned in memory of long-time photographer and friend, David Kawashima.

**Moved by Councilmember Carroll, seconded by Councilmember Kuo, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting in memory of long-time photographer and friend David Kawashima at 6:35 p.m.**

  
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MAYOR OF THE CITY OF IRVINE

  
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CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF IRVINE

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May 25, 2021