



MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

December 10, 2024
City Council Chamber
1 Civic Center Plaza
Irvine, CA 92606

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Irvine City Council was called to order at 4:03 p.m. on December 10, 2024, in the City Council Chamber, Irvine Civic Center, 1 Civic Center Plaza, Irvine, California; Vice Mayor Agran presiding.

ROLL CALL

Present: 4	Councilmember:	Mike Carroll
	Councilmember:	Tammy Kim
	Councilmember:	Kathleen Treseder
	Vice Mayor:	Larry Agran
Absent: 1	Mayor:	Farrah N. Khan

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

There was no report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Kim

- Councilmember Kim noted the honor of having served on the City Council, and expressed her appreciation for the trust and engagement of residents and the accomplishments made during that time. Councilmember Kim informed that she would continue to serve the community and invited members of the public to contact her at *TammyKimOC* on social media and *tammykim.com*.

Vice Mayor Agran

- Members of the public can still donate to the toy drive by attending a drive-thru, drop-off event at the Irvine Civic Center on Saturday, December 14, between 9 a.m. and noon, or by bringing a new, unwrapped gift to City Hall, the Irvine Police Department, or the Great Park this week during regular business hours. Anyone who was not able to attend Illuminate Irvine can still view the lights, decorations, and photo backdrops at the Great Park through December 29. Members of the public were reminded to submit their Letters to Santa at one of the mailboxes located at Heritage Park, Turtle Rock, or Northwood Community Centers through December 13. For more information, visit cityofirvine.org/events. Vice Mayor Agran also expressed appreciation to those who attended Illuminate Irvine and who brought donations for the annual Holiday Toy Drive for the City’s adopted 2/11 Marine Battalion.
- The Irvine Animal Care Center’s (IACC) Holiday Donation Drive will take place through January 15, a fundraising effort that allows the center to continue its lifesaving work through the Enhanced Care, Third Chance for Pets, and Foster Care programs. Thanks to community support, IACC has found homes for nearly 14,000 animals through the Third Chance for Pets program since it began in 1999; and enabled the center to provide enhanced care treatment and quality care recovery for hundreds of underaged, ill, or recuperating animals in the Foster Care program last year. For more information, visit irvineanimals.org/holidaydrive.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

1. CONSENT CALENDAR

Prior to adoption of the Consent Calendar, the following individuals spoke on the following:

1.2

Eric Neshanian, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to the “Inheritance and Innovation of Chinese Classical Cultural Day” proclamation.

Moved by Councilmember Kim, seconded by Councilmember Treseder, and unanimously carried by those members present (Mayor Khan absent), to approve Consent Calendar Item Nos. 1.1 through 1.4.

1.1 MINUTES

ACTION:

Approved the minutes of a regular meeting of the City Council held on November 12, 2024.

1.2 PROCLAMATIONS

ACTION:

Proclaimed December 23, 2024, as "Inheritance and Innovation of Chinese Classical Cultural Day."

1.3 WARRANT AND WIRE TRANSFER RESOLUTION

ACTION:

Adopted RESOLUTION NO. 24-90 - 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

1.4 ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO CITY OF IRVINE CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE

ACTION:

Adopted RESOLUTION NO. 24-91 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE CITY'S CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE AND LIST OF DESIGNATED EMPLOYEES

2. COUNCIL BUSINESS

2.1 CERTIFY RESULTS OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION HELD ON NOVEMBER 5, 2024

Carl Petersen, City Clerk, presented the staff report and responded to questions.

Wing Chow, Irvine resident, congratulated Mayor-elect Agran and spoke in support of post-election healing.

City Council discussion included: expressing appreciation to the City Clerk and staff for their guidance through the City's first district-based election.

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

- 1) Receive and file the Certificate of Results for the General Municipal Election held on November 5, 2024, for City Council and Mayoral candidates.

- 2) Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 24-92 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, RECITING THE FACT OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION HELD ON NOVEMBER 5, 2024, DECLARING THE RESULT AND SUCH OTHER MATTERS AS PROVIDED BY LAW

RECESS TO RECEPTION

Vice Mayor Agran recessed the meeting to a reception in the Main Lobby at 4:30 p.m.

RECONVENE TO THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING - 6 P.M.

Vice Mayor Agran reconvened the City Council meeting at 6:20 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - IRVINE POLICE COLOR GUARD

Chief Kent introduced the Irvine Police Color Guard and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Kevin Corrigan performed the National Anthem.

Following the national anthem, elected officials from around the region were introduced and recognized.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH OF OFFICE FOR NEWLY ELECTED MAYOR AND CITY COUNCILMEMBERS

Kenneth Agran administered the Oath of Office to Mayor-elect Larry Agran and presented him with a Certificate of Election.

Howard Hom, Esq., administered the Oath of Office to Councilmember-elect Melinda Liu and presented her with a Certificate of Election.

Dr. Nagaraj Murthy administered the Oath of Office to Councilmember-elect William Go and presented him with a Certificate of Election.

Steven Choi, former Irvine Mayor and Senator-elect administered the Oath of Office to Councilmember-elect James Mai and presented him with a Certificate of Election.

Betty Carroll administered the Oath of Office to Councilmember-elect Mike Carroll and presented him with a Certificate of Election.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Agran and Councilmembers Liu, Carroll, Go, and Mai, congratulated each other on their respective successful elections and thanked family, friends, and the community for their support. Councilmember Treseder also expressed the same.

3. COUNCIL BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

3.1 CITY COUNCIL REORGANIZATION - SELECTION OF VICE MAYOR AND INTERIM MAYOR

Mayor Agran opened the floor for nominations for the selection of Vice Mayor for the ensuing year.

Councilmember Liu nominated Councilmember Treseder, and Mayor Agran nominated Councilmember Mai, to serve as Vice Mayor for the ensuing year.

There were no other nominations.

ACTION: Moved by Councilmember Carroll, seconded by Mayor Agran, and unanimously carried by consensus to close the nomination period.

By roll call vote, each member stated their preference as follows:

<u>Councilmember</u>	<u>Nominee</u>
Carroll	Mai
Go	Treseder
Liu	Treseder
Mai	Mai
Treseder	Treseder
Agran	Mai

A subsequent roll call vote was taken, at which time each member stated their preference as follows:

<u>Councilmember</u>	<u>Nominee</u>
Carroll	Mai
Go	Treseder
Liu	Treseder
Mai	Mai
Treseder	Treseder
Agran	Mai

Following the subsequent roll call vote, the role of Vice Mayor was not selected for the ensuing year.

ACTION: Moved by Mayor Agran, seconded by Councilmember Treseder, and unanimously carried to:

Continue the selection of Vice Mayor for the ensuing year to the January 14, 2025, City Council meeting.

Following the vote, Mayor Agran opened the floor for nominations for the selection of Interim Mayor for the ensuing year.

Mayor Agran nominated Councilmember Treseder to serve as Interim Mayor for the ensuing year; however, Councilmember Treseder declined the nomination.

Councilmember Liu nominated Councilmember Carroll to serve as Interim Mayor for the ensuing year.

There were no other nominations.

ACTION: Moved by Mayor Agran, seconded by Councilmember Treseder, and unanimously carried to close the nomination period and select Councilmember Carroll as Interim Mayor for the ensuing year.

3.2 DECLARATION OF VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF COUNCILMEMBER; AND RESOLUTIONS CALLING A SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 2025, REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF ORANGE RENDER SERVICES TO THE CITY RELATED TO THE CONDUCT OF A SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION; AND ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS FOR CANDIDATE STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS AND THE COST THEREOF

Carl Petersen, City Clerk, presented the staff report and responded to questions.

Eric Neshanian, Irvine resident, noted the lack of alignment between the City and County of Orange with respect to the inclusion of Farsi as a required language; and spoke in opposition to previous actions by former Mayor Khan related to elections.

Joshua Moore, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to a special election due to the likelihood of low voter turnout.

City Council discussion included: expressing appreciation to the City Clerk and staff for their efforts.

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

- 1) Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 24-93 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING A VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF COUNCILMEMBER
- 2) Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 24-94 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, CALLING FOR THE HOLDING OF A SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 2025, FOR THE ELECTION OF A COUNCILMEMBER REPRESENTING COUNCIL DISTRICT 5 TO FILL A VACANCY AS REQUIRED BY THE PROVISIONS OF THE CITY CHARTER
- 3) Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 24-95 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING REGULATIONS FOR CANDIDATES FOR ELECTIVE OFFICE PERTAINING TO CANDIDATE STATEMENTS SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS AT A SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 2025
- 4) Approve a budget adjustment in the amount of \$625,000 from the Asset Management Plan Fund for the administration of a Special Municipal Election for Council District 5 to be held on April 15, 2025.

Prior to public comments on non-agendized items, Mayor Agran announced that he would likely be calling a City Council Special Meeting to take place on December 12, 2024, at 4 p.m. related to the status of Orange County Power Authority (OCPA) and placement of political signs.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS

Susan Sayre, Irvine resident, congratulated the recently elected Mayor and Councilmembers; expressed appreciation to former Mayor Khan and former Councilmember Kim for their service; and spoke in support of the preservation of the City's village community-oriented master plan, including walkability, the addition of Americans with Disabilities Act accessible and adaptable amenities to both affordable and market rate housing units, and increased access to public transportation for residents with disabling conditions.

Jane Roschmann and Harvey Liss, Irvine resident, congratulated the recently elected Mayor and Councilmembers, and spoke in support of a Veterans Cemetery at the Great Park.

Tom Chomyn, Irvine resident and Community Services Commissioner, congratulated the recently elected Mayor and Councilmembers, and expressed appreciation to all on the dais for their service.

Carolyn Inmon, Clerk of the South Orange County Community College District Board of Trustees, introduced Trustee Ryan Dack; congratulated the recently elected Mayor and Councilmembers; and spoke in support of increased City collaboration with Irvine Valley College regarding student housing.

Don Geller, Irvine resident and Finance Commissioner, congratulated the recently elected Mayor and Councilmembers, expressed appreciation to former Councilmember Kim for her service, and spoke in support of increased impact and input from City commissions, and commission appointee reforms.

Steve Berger, Irvine resident, congratulated the recently elected Mayor and Councilmembers, and spoke in support of City Council collaboration among colleagues, a Veterans Cemetery at the Great Park, limiting development, and addressing traffic issues.

Alan Meyerson, Irvine resident, congratulated the recently elected Mayor and Councilmembers, and expressed appreciation to Irvine voters.

Taeho Lee, Northwood High School student, spoke in support of ensuring that there are adequate resources for disabled students in Irvine.

Pat Kennedy, Irvine resident, expressed appreciation to Mayor Agran for his service and her desire for collaboration among the new City Council.

Frank McGill, Irvine resident, spoke in support of a Veterans Cemetery at the Great Park.

Hope, Irvine resident, congratulated the recently elected Mayor and Councilmembers, and expressed appreciation to former Mayor Khan for her service.

Janet Hsu congratulated the recently elected Mayor and Councilmembers, and spoke in opposition to alleged injustices committed by the third-party law firm contracted as City Attorney related to abatement of a burnt property.

Mona congratulated the recently elected Mayor and Councilmembers, and requested that they respect their constituents.

Melisa Masri, Irvine resident, congratulated the recently elected Mayor and Councilmembers, and spoke in support of the City remaining in the Orange County Power Authority.

Adam Totounji, Irvine resident, congratulated the recently elected Mayor and Councilmembers, and expressed appreciation to Councilmember Mai for his hard work and dedication and to all Councilmembers for their commitment to the City.

Ron Scolesdang, Irvine resident, congratulated the recently elected Mayor and Councilmembers, and expressed appreciation to Mayor Agran for the respect shown to him during the mayoral campaign.

Jason Garshfield, Irvine resident, spoke in support of Councilmember Treseder’s record and in opposition to the lack of traffic safety measures by Irvine Company two years after a fatal incident.

Wendy Hsu, Irvine resident, congratulated the recently elected Mayor and Councilmembers, and spoke in opposition to the presentation of false documents by an attorney.

Eric Neshanian, Irvine resident, congratulated the recently elected Mayor and Councilmembers, and spoke in opposition to previous actions by former Mayor Khan and an alleged lack of disclosure of Orange County Power Authority rate change issues by Councilmember Treseder.

Ayesha Siddiqui, Northwood High School student, spoke in opposition to traffic congestion in the school parking lot; and in support of a bus to the school and the addition of a stop to an existing Irvine CONNECT shuttle service route.

Riya Gupta, Northwood High School student, spoke in support of expanding the Irvine CONNECT shuttle service to provide students at the school with a route that serves their commuting needs.

Im spoke in opposition to implementation of a new payment system by Waste Management.

Sarah Rhee, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to text messages previously sent by Councilmember Go.

ADJOURNMENT - CITY COUNCIL

Prior to adjournment, Mayor Agran reminded attendees that he would likely be calling a City Council Special Meeting to take place on December 12, 2024, at 4 p.m. related to the status of Orange County Power Authority (OCPA) and placement of political signs.

Moved by Councilmember Carroll, seconded by Councilmember Liu, and unanimously carried by consensus to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 p.m.


MAYOR OF THE CITY OF IRVINE


CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF IRVINE

January 14, 2025