



MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

January 22, 2019
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 4:02 p.m. on January 22, 2019 in the City Council Chamber, Irvine Civic Center, One Civic Center Plaza, Irvine, California; Mayor Wagner presiding.

ROLL CALL

Present:	5	Councilmember:	Melissa Fox
		Councilmember:	Farrah N. Khan
		Councilmember:	Anthony Kuo
		Mayor Pro Tempore:	Christina Shea
		Mayor:	Donald P. Wagner

Following roll call, Mayor Wagner reordered the agenda to consider Item Nos. 1.2 (Greater Irvine Chamber of Commerce) and 1.3 (Assumptions and Baseline Projections for Fiscal Year 2019-21 Two-Year Budget and Fiscal Year 2019-24 Five-Year Plan), followed by Item No. 1.1 (Proclaim February 11, 2019 as "Irvine 2/11 Marine Battalion Day"). See Item Nos. 1.1 through 1.3.

INVOCATION

Pastor Frank Winans from Woodbridge Community Church in Irvine provided the invocation.

1. PRESENTATIONS

1.1 Proclaim February 11, 2019 as "Irvine 2/11 Marine Battalion Day"

Mayor Wagner introduced members of the Irvine 2/11 Battalion, 11th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, and presented a proclamation recognizing February 11, 2019 as "Irvine 2/11 Marine Battalion Day."

1.2 Greater Irvine Chamber of Commerce

Mayor Wagner introduced Greater Irvine Chamber of Commerce representatives Bryan Starr, President and CEO, and Linda DiMario, Executive Vice President of Economic Development and Tourism, who provided an a brief report on the Greater Irvine Chamber of Commerce and Irvine's economic vitality.

City Council discussion included: providing an overview of the Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT); noted marketing efforts by the Greater Irvine Chamber of Commerce (Chamber) to promote business in the City; questioned the recent increase in TOT; suggested a report provided by the Chamber to assess the needs and challenges faced by local businesses and the Chamber; differentiated between the Chamber and "Destination Irvine;" noted the significance of ribbon-cutting ceremonies; suggested additional efforts be placed on small business retention; and inquired about the Chamber's participation in the Rose Bowl as in past years.

1.3 Assumptions and Baseline Projections for Fiscal Year 2019-21 Two-Year Budget and Fiscal Year 2019-24 Five-Year Plan

Kristin Griffith, Director of Administrative Services, and Barbara Arenado, Budget Officer, presented the staff report and responded to questions.

City Council discussion included: reiterating the benefits of a two-year budget cycle and five-year plan; noted that the expansion of the budget process, including public participation and additional time for the City Council to review and mitigate upcoming fiscal challenges; inquired whether budget assumptions at this stage were fluid and in line with the Strategic Business Plan; expressed concern about the proposed increase in development fees and related impacts; and emphasized the importance of being transparent, accountable, and engaging the public in the budget process.

Director of Administrative Services Griffith noted that developer fees had not increased since 2007; and that development fees would still be below average compared to other cities if the proposed increase was adopted.

Received and filed assumptions and resulting baseline projections for the Fiscal Year 2019-21 Two-Year Budget and Fiscal Year 2019-24 Five-Year Financial Plan, for the City's General Fund, as well as details on Gas Tax, Building and Safety, and Development Services Funds. The Orange County Great Park fund baseline assumptions will be presented separately in March 2019. No action was taken.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

There was no report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Khan announced her recent attendance at the Irvine Barclay Board of Directors meeting, and encouraged members of the public to visit irvinebarclay.org for information on upcoming performances; as well as her attendance at the Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District Board meeting, noting that important information will be brought forward in the coming months to encourage residents to stay safe during the upcoming summer season.

Mayor Pro Tempore Shea encouraged members of the community be respectful of signs when fields are closed following rain events.

Councilmember Kuo provided a list of those individuals who he appointed to various City commissions and committees, and noted additional appointments were forthcoming.

Mayor Wagner made the following announcements:

- The community is invited to the grand opening of Portola Springs Community Park, located at 900 Tomato Springs, from 4 to 6 p.m. on Saturday, January 26, which features more than 14,000 square feet with a multipurpose room, expansive patio area, two classrooms, and a Native American Wing. The 32-acre community park includes a nature-themed playground, native garden, lighted softball and soccer fields, a sand volleyball court, lighted pickleball and tennis courts, and a concession building. The dedication event features self-guided tours of the facility, a cultural display in the Native American Wing, light refreshments, pickleball courts open for play, softball demonstrations by Irvine Girls Softball Association, and musical entertainment by Concerts for Charities Club. No RSVP is needed. For information, visit cityofirvine.org/specialevents or call 949-724-6192.

- The City of Irvine has been awarded national and state awards for its budget efforts. The Distinguished Budget Presentation Award by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada represents the highest form of recognition in government budgeting for a municipal entity, reflecting the City’s commitment to meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting. In addition, the City received the Excellence Award for Fiscal Year 2018-19 Operating Budget from the California Society of Municipal Finance Officers, which recognizes criteria set by the Society in meeting overall budgeting excellence.
- The City of Irvine has released a newly upgraded version of its mobile application, “Access Irvine,” which gives users immediate access to the latest news, events, and alerts. App users can also submit and receive updates for service requests and crime tips. This upgrade ensures compatibility with modern mobile devices, enhances services, and increases engagement with Irvine residents, businesses, and visitors. Additional features will be added in future releases, so residents are encouraged to select automatic updating when the application is downloaded. The “Access Irvine” application is available in the Apple and Google Play stores. For information, visit cityofirvine.org/accessirvine.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

ACTION: Moved by Mayor Pro Tempore Shea, seconded by Councilmember Khan, and unanimously carried to approve City Council Consent Calendar Item Nos. 2.1 through 2.8, with the exception of Consent Calendar Item Nos. 2.6 and 2.7, which were removed for separate discussion.

2.1 MINUTES

ACTION:

Approved the minutes of a regular meeting of the Irvine City Council held on December 11, 2018.

2.2 WARRANT AND WIRE TRANSFER RESOLUTION

ACTION:

Adopted RESOLUTION NO. 19-04 - 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

2.3 2019 CITY COUNCIL MEETING CALENDAR

ACTION:

Approved the proposed 2019 City Council Meeting Calendar.

2.4 EXCLUSIVE NEGOTIATING AGREEMENT WITH PRETEND CITY FOR A CHILDREN'S MUSEUM AT THE ORANGE COUNTY GREAT PARK

ACTION:

Approved the Exclusive Negotiating Agreement with Pretend City, Children's Museum of Orange County and authorize the City Manager to execute. **(Contract No. 10504)**

(Unless otherwise directed by a member of the City Council, the vote on this matter will reflect the prior action of each Councilmember when he or she sat and voted as a member of the Board of Directors of the Orange County Great Park Corporation. However, if a Councilmember is not present at the City Council meeting, his or her vote will be reflected as absent.)

Approved 5-0.

2.5 RECOMMENDED REALIGNMENT OF DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR POSITIONS TO REFLECT BEST PRACTICES AND ADDRESS INTERNAL EQUITY

ACTION:

- 1) Adopted RESOLUTION NO. 19-05 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING A CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION POLICY FOR MANAGEMENT AND NON-REPRESENTED EMPLOYEES (EXEMPT) OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, AND SUPERSEDING RESOLUTION NO. 18-59, WHICH IS INCONSISTENT THEREWITH
- 2) Adopted RESOLUTION NO. 19-06 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING FULL-TIME POSITIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF COMPENSATION RESOLUTIONS AND THE OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE 2018-19 FISCAL YEAR, AND SUPERSEDING RESOLUTION NO. 18-60, WHICH IS INCONSISTENT THEREWITH

- 3) Adopted RESOLUTION NO. 19-07 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING THE SALARY GRADE ORDER STRUCTURE AND SALARY RANGES FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, AND SUPERSEDING RESOLUTION NO. 18-61, WHICH IS INCONSISTENT THEREWITH

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Approved 5-0.

2.6 NOTICE OF REVIEW FOR A TRACT MAP IN THE GREAT PARK NEIGHBORHOODS (HERITAGE FIELDS EL TORO, LLC)

This item was removed for separate discussion at the request of Susan Sayre, Irvine resident, who expressed concerns about conflicts of interest in the decision making process, and suggested that Mayor Wagner and Mayor Pro Tempore Shea recuse themselves from this project.

City Council discussion included: noting that campaign contributions were irrelevant with respect to tract map approval.

By consensus, received and filed.

2.7 ADOPT A RESOLUTION MODIFYING THE COMPOSITION AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF CIRCULATION PHASING TASK FORCE

This item was removed at the request of Susan Sayre, Irvine resident, who spoke in support of the task force and its mission; and suggested that the Transparency Portal on the City's website be used as a means for listing current and future circulation projects, as well as an opportunity for interactive communication with members of the public, regarding project concerns and circulation issues.

City Council discussion included: inquiring about the Circulation Phasing Report and why it was prepared on a five-year cycle; questioned the number of task force meetings that would be required; and suggested that each Commission be charged with appointing its own members rather than the proposed resolution requiring chairs to serve as delegates, and vice chairs to serve as alternates.

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

Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 19-08 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, SUPERSEDING ALL PORTIONS OF PREVIOUS RESOLUTIONS THAT PERTAIN TO THE COMPOSITION AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CITYWIDE CIRCULATION PHASING TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND TASK FORCE **as amended** to revise Section 2 of the resolution by deleting the requirement for the chair and vice chair of each Commission to serve as designated and alternate members, respectively, thereby providing the opportunity for each Commission to appoint amongst its own membership.

2.8 COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUND GRANT NOMINATIONS

ACTION:

- 1) Approved Councilmember Kuo's request for Community Partnership Fund Grant nomination to Irvine Youth Volunteers, Inc. in support of the Irvine Police Explorers (\$500). **(Contract No. 10505)**
- 2) Authorized the City Manager to prepare and sign the funding agreement listed in Action 1.

3. COUNCIL BUSINESS

3.1 CONSIDERATION OF COUNCILMEMBER KUO'S REQUEST FOR AMENDMENTS TO SECTIONS 1-2-202 AND 1-2-213 OF THE IRVINE MUNICIPAL CODE

This item was agendaized at the request of Councilmember Kuo, who expressed concern about the Municipal Code requirements for filling vacancies on the City Council, and suggested amending Sections 1-2-202 and 1-2-213 to reduce the amount of time of vacancies in the office of Mayor or on the City Council by simplifying the timelines for filling such vacancies.

City Council discussion included: noting ambiguities discovered in the Municipal Code when former Mayor Choi resigned and subsequent Code updates.

ACTION: Moved by Mayor Pro Tempore Shea, seconded by Councilmember Fox, and unanimously carried to:

Introduce for first reading and read by title only ORDINANCE NO. 19-01 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SECTIONS 1-2-202 “METHODS OF FILLING VACANCY” AND 1-2-213 “ORDER OF SUCCESSION” OF CHAPTER 2 OF DIVISION 2 OF TITLE 1 OF THE IRVINE MUNICIPAL CODE

Councilmember Fox left the meeting at 5:40 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Susan Sayre and Jane Olinger, Irvine residents, spoke in support of updates to the Irvine Code of Ethics.

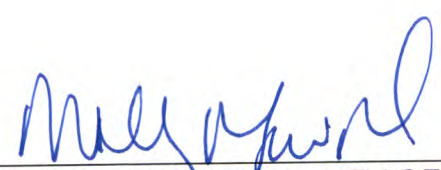
Valdis Vitols spoke in support of planting fruit trees to honor the natural environment.

Shawna Martin spoke about her new pet services business, Club Cat.

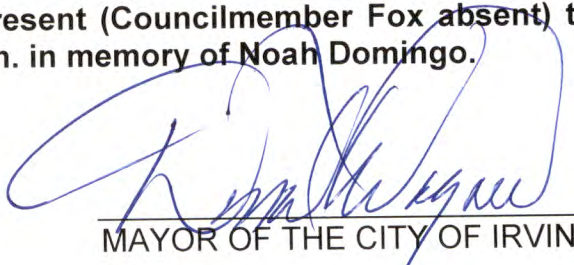
ADJOURNMENT

Prior to adjournment, Councilmember Kuo asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of 18-year-old University of California, Irvine student Noah Domingo, who passed away at an off-campus home on January 13, 2019.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tempore Shea, seconded by Councilmember Khan, and unanimously carried by those members present (Councilmember Fox absent) to adjourn the City Council meeting at 5:51 p.m. in memory of Noah Domingo.



CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF IRVINE



MAYOR OF THE CITY OF IRVINE

February 26, 2019
