

#### **MINUTES**

# CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING

July 12, 2022
City Council Chamber
1 Civic Center Plaza
Irvine, CA 92606

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

The adjourned regular meeting of the Irvine City Council was called to order at 5:10 p.m. on July 12, 2022, in the City Council Chamber, Irvine Civic Center, 1 Civic Center Plaza, Irvine, California; Mayor Khan presiding.

#### **ROLL CALL**

Present: 5 Councilmember

Councilmember Councilmember Vice Mayor

Mayor

Larry Agran

Mike Carroll Tammy Kim Anthony Kuo

Farrah N. Khan

Mayor Khan noted additional opportunities to participate in the meeting virtually; and encouraged those providing public comments to be civil, polite, and courteous when addressing one another, City staff, and members of the public.

In addition, Carl Petersen, City Clerk, provided instructions on how to participate in the meeting; and noted that the e-comment feature had been extended, which allowed members of the public the ability to submit e-comments on all agenda items, which would be included as part of the official record and uploaded to the City's website.

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#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Agran led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### INVOCATION

Malti M. Maheta, Founding Member of the Indian Community of Irvine, provided the invocation.

#### MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Khan asked for a moment of silence in memory of the victims who were injured, as well as those who succumbed to fatal injuries, as a result of the mass shooting in Highland Park; and in honor of former Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, who was fatally shot while giving a campaign speech.

#### 1. PRESENTATIONS

#### 1.1 Proclaim July 2022 as "Park and Recreation Month"

Mayor Khan introduced staff from the Community Services Department and presented a proclamation recognizing July 2022 as "Park and Recreation Month."

#### 1.2 State Route 55 (Interstate 405 to Interstate 5) Improvement Project

Mayor Khan introduced Ross Lew and Calina North from the Orange County Transportation Authority, who provided an update on the State Route 55 Improvement Project from Interstate 405 to Interstate 5.

City Council discussion included: expressing concern about traffic circulation at the McFadden Avenue northbound onramp and its interface with the Interstate 5/California State Route 55 interchange; inquired about public outreach related to the noted improvements; and suggested additional safety measures to improve traffic circulation at the McFadden Avenue onramp.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS - AGENDIZED ITEMS**

#### Item No.3.1

The following individuals spoke in support of the proposed resolution in support of women's rights and reproductive freedom:

- Scott Hansen, Irvine resident
- Jesse Billings
- Doug Elliott, Irvine resident

- Marlena Troung
- Naz Hamid, Irvine resident

#### Item No. 3.2

The following individuals spoke in opposition to the contract agreement with Casco for electronic vehicle charging at Great Park:

- Don Geller
- Johnson Chan
- Amy
- Raj Bhatia

#### Item No. 3.3

The following individuals spoke in opposition to the location and operations of the All American Asphalt plant in the City of Irvine:

- Antonio Hu
- Eric Dai
- Allen Ma
- Angelina Zhao
- Ryan Liu
- Helen Jiang
- Joseph Bohman
- Ruth Anderson
- Chloe Mo
- Quizan Huang
- Steve Wu
- Johnny Wu
- Jason Sun
- Steve Berger, Irvine resident
- Luette Forrest, Irvine resident
- Dennis Lo
- Lesley Tan, Irvine resident
- Chloe Li
- Mini Liang
- Michael Konte, Irvine resident
- Trevor Konte, Irvine resident
- Lana
- Sara
- Caden
- Tom Hazzard, Irvine resident
- Melissa Masri, Irvine resident
- Linda Chu

- Preya Shrivastava, Irvine resident
- Kavi
- Kim Konte
- Rana
- Dr. Kathleen Treseder
- Tomas Castro
- Lulu Wong
- Dee Fox, Irvine resident
- Naz Hamid, Irvine resident
- Branda Lin, Irvine resident
- Davie Wu
- Martin Lien
- Jenny
- Steve Wu
- John
- Christina Shea, Irvine resident

#### Item No. 3.4

The following individuals spoke in opposition to the proposal for district elections:

- Priscilla Huang, Irvine resident
- David Lingerfelt, Irvine resident
- Joe A.
- Alexander Kim
- Shakeela Shaik
- · Naz Hamid, Irvine resident

The following individuals spoke in support of district elections:

- Dr. Kev Abazajian, Irvine resident
- Luette Forrest, Irvine resident
- Gaston Castellanos, Democratic Party of Orange County
- Tom Chomyn, Irvine resident
- Harvey Liss, Irvine resident
- Dr. Kathleen Treseder, Irvine resident
- Zachary Griggy, Irvine resident
- Lauren Johnson- Norris, Irvine resident
- Don Geller, Irvine resident, on behalf of Michelle Johnson, Irvine resident
- Steve Berger, Irvine resident
- Marlene Gillespie
- Tomas Castro
- Melissa Masri, Irvine resident
- Ruth Anderson
- Branda Lin, Irvine resident

- Jeremy Ficarola
- Behraam Baqai, Irvine resident

The following individuals spoke in support of the proposal for both City Council expansion and district elections.

- Susan Sayre, Irvine resident
- Doug Elliott, Irvine resident

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS - NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS**

Eric Neshanian, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to Mayor Khan's international affiliations and prior attendance at a cultural event held in the City of Irvine.

Dee Fox, Irvine resident, spoke in support of term limits for Boardmembers of the Orange County Power Authority (OCPA), and suggested either amending the City's Joint Powers Agreement with the OCPA or removing an existing Boardmember.

Don Geller, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to the revised City Council Policies and Procedures related to public participation and expressed concern about technical difficulties in viewing the meeting online via Zoom.

Harvey Liss, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to the revised City Council Policies and Procedures related to public participation.

Dr. Kathleen Treseder, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to the imposed increase of fees charged to consumers for energy use from the Orange County Power Authority.

Christina Shea, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to technical difficulties experienced during remote meeting participation.

Camiar Ohadi, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to the revised City Council Policies and Procedures related to public participation, and in support of restructuring the Great Park Board.

Sabani Shaik, Irvine resident, spoke in support of community representation.

Ramsharan, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to certain community-based spaces.

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

City Manager Chi announced that former Community Development Director, Pete Carmichael, was appointed as the new Executive Director of Great Park, and former Deputy Director Tim Gehrich would fulfill the role of Director of Community Development. In addition, City Manager Chi announced that the City had commenced an initial review of the Orange County Power Authority policies related to its finances and public records requests; and that the final process of procuring an independent audit firm would be completed in the weeks to come.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCIL REPORTS

#### Vice Mayor Kuo:

• During the following week, Vice Mayor Kuo will be hosting representatives from the Irvine Police Department's Office of Emergency Services and the Orange County Fire Authority at two Wildfire Prevention presentations. These presentations will take place at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, July 19 at Turtle Rock Community Center, and at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, July 20 at Portola Springs Community Center. Members of the community are invited to join the event to learn more about public safety professionals and first responders, and how residents can help.

- Vice Mayor Kuo, along with Councilmember Kim, participated in a discussion with the City's planning staff as part of City Council sub-committee assignment related to a proposal from the Irvine Company to develop land near the Irvine Spectrum and to redevelop portions of the Irvine side of the Marketplace on Jamboree. The City is committed to hearing from the community and sharing that feedback with the landowners, and residents are encouraged to submit feedback in their preferred mode of communication.
- During the prior weekend, Vice Mayor Kuo visited the Irvine Fine Arts Center at Heritage Park for the beginning of the City's 2022 All Media exhibition. Over 50 local and regional artists participated. Included in the exhibition are paintings, sculpture, printmaking, photography, fiber, video, and mixed media. The exhibition is on display until October 8. He also expressed his appreciation to distinguished and talented guest juror Joseph Daniel Valencia.
- Vice Mayor Kuo congratulated the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Class 86 on their recent graduation. CERT is a program that helps provide citizens in the community with the basic skills they will need to protect themselves, their families, and neighbors, and to respond to the immediate needs of the community in the aftermath of a disaster when emergency services are not readily available.

#### Councilmember Kim:

- The Orange County Vector Control District will conduct mosquito larvae control
  efforts on the University of California, Irvine (UCI) marsh area on July 13, 2022
  from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Residents are encouraged to dispose of still water to avoid
  the occurrence of mosquito infestation.
- Katie Wheeler Library will host the "Orange County's Paleo Past" on July 14, 2022 at 11 a.m. to educate residents on prehistoric fossil remains discovered in the City of Irvine.

#### Mayor Khan:

• Members of the community are invited to join the virtual Town Hall Meeting on July 13 from 6 to 7 p.m. to learn about the new residential food waste recycling program that will be coming to Irvine. Learn what to expect, get answers to questions about the program, and find out how to start preparing for food waste recycling at home. The City's waste hauler, Waste Management, will also provide an overview of current recycling services and programs. To register for the meeting, visit cityofirvine.org/SB1383. A recording of last month's virtual town hall meeting is also available on the City's website.

• Members of the community to the Great Park Palm Court on Saturday, July 23, from 1 to 3 p.m. for the second of a two-part live classical music series, Contemporary Classical in the Palm Court. The performance will feature ambient, minimalist, and contemporary classical music inspired by the current art exhibition at the Great Park Gallery, *Phillip K. Smith III: Shared Light.* Pulling inspiration from composers such as Erik Satie, Terry Riley, and Philip Glass, cellist Bella Pepke and her band will perform and interpret select movements with cello, vibraphone, guitar, and violin. Bring folding chairs and blankets for seating in and around the Artist Studios and the Palm Court.

To learn more about Contemporary Classical in the Palm Court or the *Phillip K. Smith III: Shared Light* art exhibition, visit *yourgreatpark.org/arts*.

- The Sweet Shade Neighborhood Park playground will be updated to become a Universal Playground thanks to \$2.8 million dollars in State funding secured by Assemblywoman Cottie Petrie-Norris. Sweet Shade is home to Sweet Shade Ability Center, where the City's Disability Services program provides activities for individuals with sensory, physical, or cognitive disabilities, and their family members. The playground will be the first of its kind in Irvine and will be designed to meet the needs of all residents regardless of ability. The Universal Playground will include multigenerational play components to support playground usage by those with disabilities, as well as their parents and caregivers; an adaptive swing; a sensory garden; and an adjacent restroom and adult changing area. The playground will be wheelchair accessible, include interactive equipment for a variety of ages, and will be usable by all people to the greatest extent possible. This is part of the ongoing efforts to ensure Irvine is an inclusive community, with the support and partnership of Assemblywoman Petrie-Norris in providing this resource. As plans are finalized on the playground's construction, updates will be posted online at cityofirvine.org/SweetShadePlayground.
- The City of Irvine has been recognized for excellence in financial reporting for the 43rd consecutive year. The Government Finance Officers Association has presented the City with a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, which summarizes financial activity for the previous fiscal year. This award is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting, and speaks to our

continued commitment to ensuring full transparency in communicating our City's financial story. To view the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, visit cityofirvine.org/transparency and click Financial Reports.

- Mayor Khan congratulated Irvine's Pony Broncos 12 and under All Stars who made it to the super regionals located in Jurupa Valley. The team had two victories over the past weekend at Hicks Canyon Park.
- Mayor Khan provided an update regarding the Orange County Power Authority, noting that at the last Board of Directors meeting, a disclosure was made with respect to an independent investigation for whistleblower claims, which is being conducted by Jeffrey Workman, International Law Firm and S. Shaw. The reports and conclusions of the investigation will be provided to the OCPA Board at a later date for further review.

#### ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

#### 2. CONSENT CALENDAR

ACTION: Moved by Vice Mayor Kuo, seconded by Councilmember Kim, and unanimously carried to approve Consent Calendar Item Nos. 2.1 through 2.4, with the exception of Consent Calendar Item Nos. 2.3, which was removed for separate discussion.

#### 2.1 MINUTES

#### **ACTION:**

- 1) Approved the minutes of a special meeting of the Irvine City Council held on June 14, 2022.
- 2) Approved the minutes of a regular meeting of the Irvine City Council, regular joint meeting with the City of Irvine as Successor Agency to the dissolved Irvine Redevelopment Agency, and special joint meeting with the Great Park Board held on June 14, 2022.

#### 2.2 WARRANT AND WIRE TRANSFER RESOLUTION

#### **ACTION:**

Adopted RESOLUTION NO.22-66 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 APPROVAL OF PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND CONTRACT DOCUMENTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT WALNUT AVENUE AND THE MALL INTERSECTION

This item was removed for separate discussion at the request of Mayor Khan, who acknowledged the efforts of City staff who helped to improve public safety concerns at the intersection of Walnut Avenue and The Mall.

There was no City Council discussion.

## ACTION: Moved by Mayor Khan, seconded by Vice Mayor Kuo, and unanimously carried to:

- Approve the construction plans, specifications, and contract documents for Walnut Avenue/The Mall Traffic Signal, Capital Improvement Project 331906.
- 2) Approve the Engineer's Estimate, Construction Contingency, and Project Funding Summary.
- 3) Authorize staff to solicit competitive bids and award the construction contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, in accordance with the City's purchasing policies and procedures, within the approved project budget.

#### 2.4 COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUND GRANT NOMINATIONS

#### ACTION:

- 1) Approved Vice Mayor Kuo's request for Community Partnership Fund Grant Nominations to the following organizations in support of program costs:
  - a) Irvine Swim League (\$2,500)
  - b) Pacific Symphony (\$500)
- 2) Authorized the City Manager to prepare and sign a funding agreement for individual awards of \$1,000 or more.

#### 3. COUNCIL BUSINESS

### 3.1 CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY MAYOR KHAN TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION IN RESPONSE TO ROE V. WADE DECISION

This item was agendized at the request of Mayor Khan, who in response to the social impact of the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling in the Roe V. Wade Decision, asked for City Council support to adopt a resolution in support of reproductive freedom and access to abortion.

City Council discussion included: advocating for women's rights; and noted the importance of supporting the proposed resolution for reproductive freedom.

ACTION: Moved by Mayor Khan, seconded by Councilmember Kim, to:

Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 22-67 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, IN SUPPORT OF REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM AND ACCESS TO ABORTION

#### The motion carried as follows:

AYES: 3 COUNCILMEMBERS Agran, Kim, and Khan

NOES: 2 COUNCILMEMBERS: Carroll and Kuo

ABSENT: 0 COUNCILMEMBERS: None

ABSTAIN: 0 COUNCILMEMBERS: None

# 3.2 CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY VICE MAYOR KUO REGARDING ELECTRONIC VEHICLE CHARGING AT GREAT PARK, CHARGE READY INFRASTRUCTURE, AND CONTRACT WITH CASCO CONTRACTING

This item was agendized at the request of Vice Mayor Kuo, who requested an update on electric vehicle charging at Great Park, charge ready infrastructure, and the contract with Casco Contracting.

Oliver Chi, City Manager, presented the staff report and responded to questions.

City Council discussion included: clarifying the terms of the City's contracted relationship with Casco and subcontractor Noodoe; inquired about public concerns related to Casco's subcontracted services and cybersecurity matters; examined issues about the quality of manufactured charging products; reviewed the administrative process for vendors to meet specified requirements for compliance; determined organizational responsibilities to address employment regulations in contracted services; examined the timeline and decision-making process for selecting Casco for procured services; analyzed the revenue structure of Casco and prior stated estimates for a return on investment; and suggested that staff provide a future update on the prior stated terms with Casco for City Council review.

By consensus, received and filed.

### 3.3 CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY COUNCILMEMBER KIM FOR A STATUS UPDATE ON ALL AMERICAN ASPHALT

This item was agendized at the request of Councilmember Kim, who requested a status update on All American Asphalt.

Oliver Chi, City Manager, and Jeff Melching, City Attorney, presented a status update and responded to questions. Pete Carmichael, Director of Community Development, was also available for questions.

City Council discussion included: clarifying why the All American Asphalt (AAA) business license has not been overturned; questioned which factors related to the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) involvement had impeded the City's ability to take further legal action on AAA; inquired about the process of demonstrating the cause and effect of AAA business operations and community health issues: examined public feedback related to a press release from Irvine Company about the All American Asphalt's relocation; explored legal remedies and costs associated with condemnation, including imminent domain and injunctive relief; inquired about the status of litigation initiated by nearby residents; noted legislative support for earmarking funds for relocation; questioned the feasibility of filing a criminal complaint; inquired about imposed fines and pledges related to AAA by external agencies; highlighted the volume of hazardous emissions produced by AAA into the community; suggested the extension of Jeffrey Road to California State Route 241 once the All American Asphalt plant is relocated; recommended stricter legal strategies; and suggested a continuance for public discussion at a future meeting.

ACTION: Moved by Councilmember Agran to:

Pursue the following four strategies regarding All American Asphalt:

- a) Continue settlement discussions with All American Asphalt, with a goal of near-term protections for residents, and with shut-down and relocation of the asphalt plant to be achieved as expeditiously as possible.
- b) Engage the City Attorney, along with special counsel, to seek preliminary and permanent abatement of the All American Asphalt public nuisances, seeking to obtain a favorable decision from the Court prior to the end of this year.

c) Prepare an analysis of the City's ability to adopt and impose air pollutant standards in addition to and/or more stringent than those imposed by the South Coast Air Quality Management District. This analysis should specifically include the study of options to regulate maximum allowable emissions of specific target pollutants that are known carcinogens or otherwise known to be harmful to human health. The analysis should also include a timeline for both adopting and enforcing regulations, and a description of the enforcement process and remedies.

d) Direct the City Attorney and Special Counsel to prepare an outline of the steps necessary to condemn the All American Asphalt site for public use, including the creation of a parking/staging area for access to the Irvine Open Space.

Each of these four steps is to receive equal priority, and all are to be pursued expeditiously, with a goal of providing relief to Irvine residents as soon as possible. Status reports on all four of these items will be provided by staff to the City Council at the July 26, 2022 meeting.

ACTION: A friendly amendment was made by Councilmember Kim, to:

Pursue the following three strategies regarding All American Asphalt:

- a) Continue settlement discussions with All American Asphalt, with a goal of near-term protections for residents, and with shut-down and relocation of the asphalt plant to be achieved as expeditiously as possible.
- b) Engage the City Attorney, along with special counsel, to seek preliminary and permanent abatement of the All American Asphalt public nuisances, seeking to obtain a favorable decision from the Court prior to the end of this year.
- c) Direct the City Attorney and Special Counsel to prepare an outline of the steps necessary to condemn the All American Asphalt site for public use, including the creation of a parking/staging area for access to the Irvine Open Space.

Each of these three steps is to receive equal priority, and all are to be pursued expeditiously, with a goal of providing relief to Irvine residents as soon as possible. Status reports on all three of these items will be provided by staff to the City Council at the August 9, 2022 meeting.

Councilmember Agran did not accept the friendly amendment; and the main motion failed for lack of a second.

ACTION: Moved by Vice Mayor Kuo, seconded by Mayor Khan, to:

Pursue the following four strategies regarding All American Asphalt:

- a) Continue settlement discussions with All American Asphalt, with a goal of near-term protections for residents, and with shut-down and relocation of the asphalt plant to be achieved as expeditiously as possible.
- b) Engage the City Attorney, along with independent special counsel, to seek preliminary and permanent abatement of the All American Asphalt public nuisances, seeking to obtain a favorable decision from the Court prior to the end of this year.
- c) Prepare an analysis of the City's ability to adopt and impose air pollutant standards in addition to and/or more stringent than those imposed by the South Coast Air Quality Management District. This analysis should specifically include the study of options to regulate maximum allowable emissions of specific target pollutants that are known carcinogens or otherwise known to be harmful to human health. The analysis should also include a timeline for both adopting and enforcing regulations, and a description of the enforcement process and remedies.
- d) Direct the City Attorney and independent Special Counsel to prepare an outline of the steps necessary to condemn the All American Asphalt site.

Each of these four steps is to receive equal priority, and all are to be pursued expeditiously, with a goal of providing relief to Irvine residents as soon as possible. Status reports on all four of these items will be provided by staff to the City Council at the July 26, 2022 meeting.

ACTION: A friendly amendment was made by Councilmember Kim, accepted by Vice Mayor Kuo as the maker of the motion, and Mayor Khan as the seconder, and unanimously carried to:

- Pursue the following three strategies regarding All American Asphalt:
  - a) Continue settlement discussions with All American Asphalt, with a goal of near-term protections for residents, and with shut-down and relocation of the asphalt plant to be achieved as expeditiously as possible.
  - b) Engage the City Attorney, along with independent special counsel, to seek preliminary and permanent abatement of the All American Asphalt public nuisances, seeking to obtain a favorable decision from the Court prior to the end of this year.
  - c) Prepare an outline of the steps necessary to condemn the All American Asphalt site.

Each of these three steps is to receive equal priority, and all are to be pursued expeditiously, with a goal of providing relief to Irvine residents as soon as possible. Status reports on all three of these items will be provided by staff to the City Council at the July 26, 2022 meeting.

2) Direct staff to prepare an analysis of the City's ability to adopt and impose air pollutant standards in addition to and/or more stringent than those imposed by the South Coast Air Quality Management District. This analysis should specifically include the study options to regulate maximum allowable emissions of specific target pollutants that are known carcinogens or otherwise known as carcinogens or otherwise known to be harmful to human health. The analysis should also include a timeline for both adopting and enforcing regulations, and a description of the enforcement process and remedies; and return to the City Council at the July 26, 2022 meeting as a separately agendized stand-alone item from the items listed in Action No. 1 above for separate discussion.

## 3.4 CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY COUNCILMEMBERS AGRAN AND KIM TO DISCUSS A TRANSITION TO DISTRICT ELECTIONS AND COUNCIL EXPANSION

This item was agendized at the request of Councilmembers Agran and Kim to discuss a potential transition to district elections and/or City Council expansion from five to seven members.

City Council discussion included: inquiring about district elections in relation to the California Voting Rights Act and racial polarized voting; discussed ways of maintaining community representation; noted the existing threat of litigation to transition to district voting; suggested the formation of a subcommittee to discuss the municipal process of creating City Council districts; clarified the timeline and procedure for implementing charter amendments; and suggested the use of demographers and external organizations for professional guidance in exploring a transition to district elections.

Oliver Chi, City Manager and Jeff Melching, City Attorney, responded to questions.

ACTION: Moved by Mayor Khan, to:

Establish a subcommittee comprised of two Councilmembers to explore various options to transition to direct elections and/or City Council expansion from five members to seven.

ACTION: A friendly amendment was made by Councilmember Kim to:

Establish a subcommittee comprised of Councilmembers Agran and Kim to explore various options to transition to direct elections and/or City Council expansion from five members to seven; and direct staff to work with expert organizations and demographers who are experts in the California Voting Rights Act (CVRA) and racially polarized voting.

Mayor Khan did not accept the friendly amendment, and the main motion failed for lack of second.

#### ACTION: Moved by Councilmember Kim to:

Establish a subcommittee comprised of Councilmembers Agran and Kim to explore various options to transition to direct elections and City Council expansion from five members to seven, and separately, City Council expansion from five members to seven; and direct staff to work with and demographers who are experts in the California Voting Rights Act (CVRA) and racially polarized voting, and return to the City Council on July 26, 2022, with potential options for transitioning to district elections and City Council expansion from five members to seven, and separately, City Council expansion from five members to seven, for placement on the 2022 ballot.

Motion failed for lack of second.

Additional City Council discussion included: suggesting that Councilmembers Agran and Kim confer with the City Attorney in lieu of forming a formal subcommittee; and discussed the threat of litigation in favor of transitioning to district elections.

#### Moved by Councilmember Kim to:

Not move forward with submitting the question related to district elections and City Council expansion from five to seven members to the voters at the November 8, 2022, General Municipal Election.

Motion failed for lack of second.

#### ACTION: Moved by Vice Mayor Kuo, seconded by Mayor Khan, to:

Discuss the matter of transitioning to direct elections and expanding the City Council from five members to seven during Closed Session at the July 26, 2022, City Council meeting.

#### The motion carried as follows:

AYES: 4 COUNCILMEMBERS Agran, Kim, Kuo, and

Khan

NOES: 1 COUNCILMEMBERS: Carroll

ABSENT: 0 COUNCILMEMBERS: None

ABSTAIN: 0 COUNCILMEMBERS: None

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councilmember Kim, seconded by Vice Mayor Kuo, and unanimously carried to adjourn the City Council meeting at 10:41 p.m.

MAYOR OF THE CITY OF IRVINE

CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF IRVINE

August 9, 2022