



# MINUTES

## CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING

**January 28, 2025**  
**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 5:25 p.m. on January 28, 2025, in the City Council Chamber, Irvine Civic Center, 1 Civic Center Plaza, Irvine, California; Mayor Agran presiding.

### ROLL CALL

Present: 6 Councilmember:	Mike Carroll
Councilmember:	William Go
Councilmember:	Melinda Liu
Councilmember:	Kathleen Treseder
Vice Mayor:	James Mai
Mayor:	Larry Agran

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Mayor Mai led the Pledge of Allegiance

### INVOCATION / LUNAR NEW YEAR

Mayor Agran turned to Councilmembers Liu and Go, as well as Vice Mayor Mai, who introduced individuals from various groups and organizations in traditional dress in celebration of the Lunar New Year, with each sharing their traditions and perspective on the meaning of the Lunar New Year.

**1. PRESENTATIONS**

**1.1 *Commend Northwood High School Flag Football Team CIF-SS Division 2 Champions***

Mayor Agran introduced coaches and members of the Northwood High School Flag Football Team and presented a commendation in recognition of the team's recent CIF-SS Division 2 championship.

**1.2 *Irvine Ranch Conservancy***

Mayor Agran introduced Michael O'Connell, President and Chief Executive Officer, Irvine Ranch Conservancy, who provided a brief overview of the organization's mission and programs through its partnership with the City of Irvine.

City Council discussion included: expressing appreciation for IRC's efforts in preserving open spaces; and inquired about the frequency of Wilderness Access Days.

**By consensus**, received and filed.

**1.3 *A Report on Irvine's Innovation Economy: Trends and Opportunities***

Oliver Chi, City Manager; Pete Carmichael, Assistant City Manager; and Dave Coffaro, President and Chief Executive Officer, Greater Irvine Chamber of Commerce, provided an update regarding Irvine's innovation economy and responded to questions. Hillary Ahluwalia, Assistant to the City Manager, was also available for questions.

Eric Neshanian, Irvine resident, spoke in support of keeping the historical nature of the City intact.

Don Geller, Irvine resident and Finance Commission Chair, expressed appreciation to the Greater Irvine Chamber of Commerce and spoke in support of commission assistance related to municipal matters.

Im spoke in support of City prioritizing a robust affordable housing plan prior to attracting more innovation businesses and employees.

City Council discussion included: inquiring about ways to overcome housing affordability issues for lower income workers; noted the importance of enhancing transportation and workforce housing infrastructure; discussed the facilitation of business initiation; and suggested a more in-depth presentation at a future study session.

**By consensus**, received and filed.

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

Wing Chow, Irvine resident, wished everyone a happy Chinese New Year and spoke in support of City Council collaboration.

Susan Sayre, Irvine resident, spoke in support of the gas-powered landscaping equipment ban and City grants to make affordable the transition to electric landscaping equipment.

Harvey Liss, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to Tammy Kim's candidacy for Council District 5.

Beverly Ulvan spoke in support of relocating homeless individuals to nonprofit organizations and facilities as a method of improving public safety.

Alan Meyerson, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to Tammy Kim's candidacy for Council District 5, and questioned whether a freeze on federal grants would impact the City.

Jason Garshfield, Irvine resident, spoke in support of Tammy Kim's candidacy to represent Council District 5 and spoke in opposition to the lack of traffic safety measures by Irvine Company at one of its properties following a fatal incident.

Mecca McFadden, Policy Fellow in the Office of Orange County Supervisor Katrina Foley, provided an update on Supervisor Foley's policy and governmental initiatives.

Carol L. spoke in support of reading aloud the International Holocaust Remembrance Day proclamation and in opposition to the absence of an invitation to Holocaust survivors.

Eric Neshanian, Irvine resident, noted that the Master Plan did not address foreign language signage and spoke in support of by-district selection of commissioners and committee members.

John Brock, Irvine resident, noted the cancellation of Metrolink train service on the Orange County Line due to downed power lines on tracks in Los Angeles and spoke in support of working collaboratively with the Orange County Transportation Authority to build the proposed Orange County rail maintenance facility in Irvine.

Adel Hijazi spoke in opposition to Tammy Kim's candidacy for Council District 5 and expressed appreciation to Mayor Agran for his support of free speech rights.

Jane B. spoke in opposition to the increase in antisemitism over the last year.

Sarah Rhee spoke in opposition to Tammy Kim's candidacy for Council District 5 and Councilmember Go's view of the matter.

### **CITY MANAGERS REPORT**

There was no report.

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

#### Councilmember Liu

- Councilmember Liu provided an update regarding Orange County Sanitation District's Wastewater 101 Citizen's Academy, a series of four workshops that begins on March 6 and concludes with a plant tour on April 26. The program is free and open to adults aged 18 and over. To register and view the schedule, visit [ocsan.gov/wastewater101](https://ocsan.gov/wastewater101). In addition, the upcoming Irvine Airport Loop Sewer Rehabilitation Project will involve the modification of pumps and connecting pipes at the Main Street Pump Station. For more information, visit [ocsan.gov/airwayairport](https://ocsan.gov/airwayairport).
- Councilmembers Liu and Go recently toured the Bowerman Landfill and observed efforts to repurpose green and food wastes to create mulch, which is also available for pickup by members of the public. Members of the public were encouraged to visit as well.
- On Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, members from Councilmember Liu's office, along with those of Councilmembers Go and Treseder, the Irvine Unified Council and Northwood High School Parent, Teacher, and Student Association, conducted a care package drive for Irvine firefighters assisting other jurisdictions with fighting wildfires. The goal was to prepare 25 care packages, with more than 60 people participating, including Congressman Dave Min. For information on how to participate, contact [melindaliu@cityofirvine.org](mailto:melindaliu@cityofirvine.org).

Councilmember Go

- Councilmember Go participated in the following activities:
  - Hosted his first district partnership event with Novaquatics in order to inform more residents about Irvine's aquatics programs.
  - Spent a day with the Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) visiting fire stations in fire risk zones and learning more about potential risks and evacuation plans for the City's districts.
  - Toured the James A. Musick Facility on the Irvine city boundary in Council District 2 due to concerns expressed by residents about its expansion.
  - Toured the Bowerman Landfill with Councilmember Liu and City Manager Chi to learn about extensive measures taken to ensure the County's waste is disposed of in an efficient and environmentally responsible manner that protects quality of life.
- Upcoming events include the Heritage Oak Tree Planting in the Great Park, the University of California, Irvine men's basketball game for City of Irvine Day, and the Lunar New Year celebration at the Irvine Spectrum.

Vice Mayor Mai

- Vice Mayor Mai and his staff participated in the following activities:
  - Collaborated with high school students to collect toys from members of the community and delivered them to Children's Hospital of Orange County.
  - Worked with PIMCO, Community Action Partnership of Orange County, and Feed our Cities, along with City Manager Chi, to deliver food to Irvine City Hall that was distributed to families in need.
  - Presented a certificate of recognition to the Southern California Youth Engagement Association for their work with youth in the community.
  - Investigated complaints at Sweet Shade Neighborhood Park due to children being injured by sliding on the sand, and worked with the Department of Public Works & Sustainability on a redeployment to enhance safety for children.
  - Attended a neighborhood meet-and-greet at The Ranch, where he met with approximately 200 residents and listened to their concerns.

- Recognized Crime Survivors, an organization that serves Irvine and provides advocacy for crime victims throughout the County, with a community grant.
- Promoted small businesses and spotlighted Annapoorna, an Indian restaurant located at the intersection of Walnut Avenue and Culver Drive for 15 years.
- Attended the Orange County Chinese New Year Gala and the University of California, Irvine (UCI) Lunar New Year event.
- Attended presentations from Edwards Life Sciences and other biotech companies.
- Hosted an event for new business owners, architects, and many other businesses that selected Irvine.
- Attended the 40th anniversary celebration of Friends of Outreach at Lakeview Senior Center with Mayor Agran, and other Councilmembers.
- Attended a tour of new housing at UCI.
- Toured the James A. Musick Facility with Councilmember Go to observe the jail's expansion.

Councilmember Treseder

- Councilmember Treseder spoke in opposition to comments made by Gil Nelsen directed toward Councilmember Go during the City Council Special Meeting held earlier in the day. She also noted Mr. Nelsen's attendance at previous City Council meetings and aggressive comments made by him that were directed toward her and her family, and the "cease and desist" letter sent to Mr. Nelsen by the City Attorney.

**ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS**

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda; however, Mayor Agran requested that Council Business Item No. 4.7 (Consideration of a Request by Mayor Agran to Discuss the Creation of a City Council Fire Services and Safety Response Committee) be considered before the remainder of the Council Business items.

## 2. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

### 2.1

The following individuals spoke in support of the International Holocaust Remembrance Day proclamation:

- Dara, Irvine resident
- Sandi L.
- Stacy K.
- Carol L.
- Debby B.
- Jerry Isaak-Shapiro, Senior Director of the Rose Project at the Jewish Federation of Orange County
- Amy B.
- E.J.
- Jason Garshfield, Irvine resident
- Jeff Dreyer
- Karen
- Gerard
- Cherol Katz and her mother, Piri Katz

Alan Meyerson, Irvine resident, spoke in support of the International Holocaust Remembrance Day proclamation and in opposition to hatred shown toward Mayor Agran in the Council Chamber.

Jane B. spoke in support of the International Holocaust Remembrance Day proclamation and the addition of important Holocaust dates to the Great Park Walkable Historical Timeline.

Eric Neshanian, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to perceived City alignment with Armenian genocide deniers and the alleged use of the Holocaust as propaganda by some individuals.

**Moved by Councilmember Treseder, seconded by Vice Mayor Mai, and unanimously carried to approve Consent Calendar Item Nos. 2.2 through 2.4, and 2.6 and 2.7. Consent Calendar Item Nos. 2.1 and 2.5 were removed for separate discussion.**

**2.1 PROCLAMATIONS/COMMENDATIONS**

This item was removed for separate discussion at the request of Councilmember Treseder as it pertained to the International Holocaust Remembrance Day proclamation.

Erik Ludwig, Chief Executive Officer of the Jewish Federation of Orange County, expressed appreciation to the Mayor and City Council for bringing forward the International Holocaust Remembrance Day proclamation.

City Council discussion included: noting instances of Holocaust denial; announced the development of a space known as "The Great Remembrance" at the Great Park and suggested a large piece to be devoted to the Holocaust; and noted a desire to agendize a presentation in recognition of International Holocaust Remembrance Day at the April 22, 2025, City Council meeting.

Prior to a vote, Councilmember Carroll read the International Holocaust Remembrance Day proclamation into the record.

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

- 1) Ratify and Proclaim January 27, 2025, as "International Holocaust Remembrance Day."
- 2) Proclaim January 29, 2025, as "Lunar New Year."
- 3) Commend Northwood High School Flag Football Team CIF-SS Division 2 Champions.

**2.2 WARRANT AND WIRE TRANSFER RESOLUTION**

**ACTION:**

Adopted RESOLUTION NO. 25-05 - 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 AWARD OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR GREAT PARK PARKING LOT 6 EXPANSION, CIP 372415**

**ACTION:**

Awarded a construction contract in the amount of \$3,206,765.20 for the Great Park Parking Lot 6 Expansion, CIP 372415 to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, MDB General Engineering, Inc. **(Contract No. 21779)**

(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 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 6-0.**

**2.4 GREAT PARK LIVE TEMPORARY AMPHITHEATER CAPITAL UPDATES, RENTALS AND UPDATES TO PACIFIC SYMPHONY MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

**ACTION:**

a) Approve the following recommended action:

3) Authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute an amendment to our existing MOU with Pacific Symphony to serve as the resident orchestra at Great Park Live. **(Contract No. 11763A)**

b) Continued the following action items with such adjustments as staff deems appropriate to a special meeting of the Great Park Board of Directors at the earliest appropriate time:

- 1) Recommend the City Council appropriate an amount not to exceed \$4.9 million annually for the purchase and rental of capital equipment for Great Park Live.
- 2) Recommend the City Council authorize the City Manager to execute and enter into agreements for the procurement of capital goods and services for Great Park Live, including a sole source with the Bar None Group, Inc., for an amount not to exceed \$3.4 million.

(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 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 6-0.**

**RECESS**

Mayor Agran recessed the City Council meeting at 8:57 p.m.

**RECONVENE THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Mayor Agran reconvened the City Council meeting at 9:17 p.m.

**2.5 RESOLUTIONS APPROVING LABOR CONTRACTS WITH REPRESENTED EMPLOYEES AND PROVIDING COMPARABLE BENEFITS TO NON-REPRESENTED EMPLOYEES**

This item was removed for separate discussion at the request of Mayor Agran, who noted the collaborative efforts that took place between City management and employee associations.

Oliver Chi, City Manager, responded to questions.

City Council discussion included: summarizing what was achieved during negotiations; reiterated that a large part of City budget included employee compensation; and noted adjusted salaries for unrepresented employees.

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

- 1) Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 25-06 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF IRVINE AND THE ASSOCIATED SUPERVISORY/ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL (ASAP), AND SUPERSEDING ALL PREVIOUS ASAP MEMORANDUMS OF UNDERSTANDING, EFFECTIVE THE PAY PERIOD THAT INCLUDES JANUARY 28, 2025

- 2) Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 25-07 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF IRVINE AND THE IRVINE CITY EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION (ICEA), AND SUPERSEDING ALL PREVIOUS ICEA MEMORANDUMS OF UNDERSTANDING, EFFECTIVE THE PAY PERIOD THAT INCLUDES JANUARY 28, 2025
- 3) Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 25-08 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF IRVINE AND THE IRVINE POLICE ASSOCIATION (IPA), AND SUPERSEDING ALL PREVIOUS IPA MEMORANDUMS OF UNDERSTANDING, EFFECTIVE THE PAY PERIOD THAT INCLUDES JANUARY 28, 2025
- 4) Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 25-09 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF IRVINE AND THE IRVINE PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION (IPEA), AND SUPERSEDING ALL PREVIOUS IPEA MEMORANDUMS OF UNDERSTANDING, EFFECTIVE THE PAY PERIOD THAT INCLUDES JANUARY 28, 2025
- 5) Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 25-10 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF IRVINE AND THE IRVINE POLICE MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION (IPMA), AND SUPERSEDING ALL PREVIOUS IPMA MEMORANDUMS OF UNDERSTANDING, EFFECTIVE THE PAY PERIOD THAT INCLUDES JANUARY 28, 2025
- 6) Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 25-11 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING A CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION POLICY FOR CONFIDENTIAL EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, AND SUPERSEDING RESOLUTION NO. 24-67 EFFECTIVE THE PAY PERIOD THAT INCLUDES JANUARY 28, 2025
- 7) Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 25-12 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING A CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION POLICY FOR MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, AND SUPERSEDING RESOLUTION NO. 24-66 EFFECTIVE THE PAY PERIOD THAT INCLUDES JANUARY 28, 2025

- 8) Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 25-13 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING A CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION POLICY FOR PART-TIME EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, AND SUPERSEDING RESOLUTION NO. 24-65 EFFECTIVE THE PAY PERIOD THAT INCLUDES JANUARY 28, 2025
- 9) Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 25-14 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING A CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION POLICY FOR NON-REPRESENTED EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, AND SUPERSEDING RESOLUTION NO. 24-66 EFFECTIVE THE PAY PERIOD THAT INCLUDES JANUARY 28, 2025
- 10) Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 25-15 – 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. 24-73, WHICH IS INCONSISTENT THEREWITH

**2.6 SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 25-01 APPROVING ZONE CHANGE TO INCREASE THE VEHICLE TRIP BUDGET AND ALLOW ANAND PEDIATRIC ASSOCIATES TO OPERATE AT 78 DISCOVERY IN PLANNING AREA 31 (IRVINE SPECTRUM 6)**

**ACTION:**

Read by title only, second reading and adoption of ORDINANCE NO. 25-01 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING ZONE CHANGE 00927538-PZC TO INCREASE THE VEHICLE TRIP BUDGET FOR 78 DISCOVERY, LOCATED IN PLANNING AREA 31 (IRVINE SPECTRUM 6); FILED BY DOUGLAS ELY ON BEHALF OF ANAND PEDIATRIC ASSOCIATES

(Unless otherwise directed by a Member of the City Council, the vote at second reading will reflect the same vote as at first reading. However, if a Councilmember was absent at first reading, his or her vote cast at second reading will be reflected. If a Councilmember is not present at the second reading/adoption, the vote will be reflected as absent.)

**Approved 6-0.**

**2.7 COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUND GRANT NOMINATIONS**

**ACTION:**

- 1) Approved Councilmember Liu's request for Community Partnership Fund Grant Nomination to the Northwood High School Athletic Booster Club - Softball in the amount of \$2,500 in support of program costs.
- 2) Authorized the City Manager to prepare and sign a funding agreement for the organization listed above. **(Contract No. 12012)**

**3. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**3.1 APPEAL OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION DECISION APPROVING A MASTER PLAN MODIFICATION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN APPROXIMATELY 540,000-SQUARE-FOOT WAREHOUSE FACILITY LOCATED AT VON KARMAN CORPORATE CENTER IN PLANNING AREA 36 (IRVINE BUSINESS COMPLEX)**

Mayor Agran opened the public hearing at 9:26 p.m., at which time Jeff Melching, City Attorney, left the meeting due to a conflict-of-interest. Ajit Thind, Special Counsel, attended the hearing on behalf of the City.

Hernan DeSantos, Senior Planner, presented the staff report and responded to questions. Alyssa Matheus, Planning Manager, was also available for questions. Oliver Chi, City Manager; Carl Petersen, City Clerk; Sun-Sun Tvedten-Murillo, Manager of Transportation Planning; and Ajit Thind, Special Counsel, also responded to questions.

Sean Matsler, representing Cox, Castle & Nicholson and on behalf of the applicant, noted procedural issues related to the request for withdrawal of the appeal by the appellant.

The following individuals spoke in support of the proposed project:

- Ben Seybold, commercial real estate practitioner and Orange County resident
- Robert Ruiz, Irvine resident
- John Tafoya, representative with Western States Regional Council of Carpenters
- Josh Gastellum
- Zack Cohoon
- Henry Hillebrecht, representing plumbers and steamfitters with Local 582
- Danny Osborne, business agent for Ironworkers Local 433
- Randy Wetmer, Ironworkers Local 416

- John Griffin, local industrial building owner
- Ralph Santiago, Irvine resident and member of Laborers Union Local 652
- Zach Strasters, CARE CA

Alan Meyerson, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to the proposed project and Patrick Strader's role related to the matter.

Harvey Liss, Irvine resident, spoke in support of further study of the proposed project prior to City Council consideration.

David Coulter, appellant, spoke in support of withdrawal of the appeal.

The following individuals spoke in opposition to the proposed project:

- Mario Albuquerque, Irvine resident
- Youssef Kaddeche, Irvine resident
- Susan Sayre, Irvine resident
- Eric Neshanian, Irvine resident
- Mari Fujii, Irvine resident and Transportation Commissioner
- Doug Elliott, Irvine resident and Community Services Commissioner
- James, Irvine resident
- Jeremy, Irvine resident
- Valer Cupsa, Irvine resident
- Dane Carstens
- John Brock, Irvine resident

City Council discussion included: noting recent correspondence received from Patrick Strader; inquired about whether Mr. Strader registered as a lobbyist with the City Clerk's Office; questioned whether qualitative features were included in the analysis; inquired about the procedural process for withdrawal of the appeal by the appellant; questioned whether Councilmembers had the ability to appeal Planning Commission decisions; inquired about public notification requirements; and questioned the project's height.

**ACTION: Moved by Councilmember Carroll, seconded by Councilmember Treseder, and unanimously carried to close the public hearing at 10:26 p.m.**

ACTION: Moved by Mayor Agran to:

Continue the matter to a future meeting to provide additional time for the parties to work collaboratively toward a resolution.

Prior to a vote, Mayor Agran amended his motion.

**ACTION: Moved by Mayor Agran, seconded by Councilmember Liu, to:**

Continue the matter to the February 11, 2025, City Council meeting.

**The motion carried as follows:**

AYES: 4 COUNCILMEMBERS: Go, Liu, Treseder, and Agran

NOES: 2 COUNCILMEMBERS: Carroll and Mai

ABSENT: 0 COUNCILMEMBERS: None

ABSTAIN: 0 COUNCILMEMBERS: None

Following consideration of Public Hearing Item No. 3.1, Mayor Agran reordered the agenda to consider Council Business Item No. 4.7 prior to all other Council Business items. See page 6 (Additions and Deletions).

Jeff Melching, City Attorney, returned to the meeting at 10:42 p.m.

**4. COUNCIL BUSINESS**

**4.7 CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY MAYOR AGRAN TO DISCUSS THE CREATION OF A CITY COUNCIL FIRE SERVICES AND SAFETY RESPONSE COMMITTEE**

This item was agendized at the request of Mayor Agran, who asked for City Council consideration regarding the creation of a City Council Fire Services and Safety Response Committee.

Jeff Melching, City Attorney, responded to questions.

The following individuals spoke in support of the proposed committee:

- Eric Neshanian, Irvine resident
- Pamela Wykoff
- Jay Bruce

City Council discussion included: expressing concerns regarding duplication of efforts, response delays, and committee composition in relation to the Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA); suggested appointing a Board Member to OCFA in lieu of the proposed committee; noted the importance of expanding the committee’s scope to include non-fire related safety issues; suggested continuing the item to allow time for the formation of a working group; inquired about discussions with OCFA and other organizations; questioned the proposed committee’s role in enhancing the City’s evacuation plan; suggested feedback from first responders on evacuation plans; inquired about OCFA funding; and questioned the purpose and scope of the committee.

**ACTION:** Moved by Mayor Agran, seconded by Vice Mayor Mai, to:

Direct the City Manager to facilitate the creation of a formal City Council Fire Services and Safety Response Committee, and return with a status update at the February 11, 2025, City Council meeting.

The motion failed as follows:

AYES: 3 COUNCILMEMBERS: Carroll, Mai, and Agran

NOES: 3 COUNCILMEMBERS: Go, Liu, and Treseder

ABSENT: 0 COUNCILMEMBERS: None

ABSTAIN: 0 COUNCILMEMBERS: None

No action was taken.

**ACTION:** At 11:24 p.m. by consensus of the City Council, Council Business Item Nos. 4.3, 4.4, 4.5, and 4.6 were continued to the February 11, 2025, City Council meeting.

**4.1 AUTHORIZATION OF POSITIONS AND BUDGET ALLOCATION FOR CITY-OPERATED LIBRARY SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025**

Chris Slama, Director of Community Services, and Julie Zeoli, Deputy Director of Community Services/City Librarian, presented the staff report and responded to questions. Oliver Chi, City Manager, also responded to questions.

Jay Bruce spoke in support of reducing the closure time at Irvine Katie Wheeler Library during the transition to City library operations.

City Council discussion included: inquired about the ability of current County library employees to apply for employment at City-operated libraries; suggested the assistance from the Newport Library Foundation leadership with the transition of the library system; and questioned the possibility of shortening the closure time for Katie Wheeler Library.

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

- 1) Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 25-16 - 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 SUPERSEDING RESOLUTION NO. 24-89, WHICH IS INCONSISTENT THEREWITH
- 2) Approve a budget adjustment appropriating \$2,837,349 from the Asset Management Plan Fund (Fund 002) to fund 56.4 FTE positions and the operational budget for the Library Services Division of the Community Services Department for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2024-2025, with those funds set to be repaid from future library funds that the City will receive as part of the operational transition.
- 3) Approve a budget adjustment appropriating \$2,600,000 Asset Management Plan Fund (002) to Library Improvements, CIP 362507, for immediate repairs and equipment.

**4.2 SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 24-22 REGARDING MODIFICATIONS TO MAXIMUM WORKLOAD LIMITATIONS, MINIMUM COMPENSATION REQUIREMENTS, AND ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO HOTEL WORKERS AND THEIR EMPLOYERS**

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

The following individuals spoke in support of the ordinance:

- Clay Dines, McWhinney
- Danny Fierro, Orange County Hotel and Lodging Association
- Sid Raamani, Area General Manager at the Hyatt Regency Irvine

The following individuals spoke in opposition to the proposed ordinance:

- Perry Meade
- Yusiro Noyola, housekeeper
- Doug Elliott, Irvine resident and Community Services Commissioner

City Council discussion included: inquiring about the enforcement of worker protection provisions; questioned the economic hardship appeal process, timelines, and amount of and status of filed appeals; inquired about demands for staff to evaluate waiver applications and hold hearings; questioned the status of enforcement during application waiver review; and noted challenges that ensued for both hoteliers and hotel workers.

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

Read by title only, second reading and adoption of ORDINANCE NO. 24-22 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, REVISING DIVISION 6 TO TITLE 3 OF THE IRVINE MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING HOTEL WORKER PROTECTIONS

**The motion carried as follows:**

AYES: 4 COUNCILMEMBERS: Carroll, Go, Liu, and Mai

NOES: 2 COUNCILMEMBERS: Treseder and Agran

ABSENT: 0 COUNCILMEMBERS: None

ABSTAIN: 0 COUNCILMEMBERS: None

**4.3 CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY COUNCILMEMBER TRESEDER TO DISCUSS EXTENSION AND MODIFICATIONS FOR IRVINE CONNECT PUBLIC TRANSIT PROGRAM**

This item was continued to the February 11, 2025, City Council meeting. See page 16.

**4.4 CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY COUNCILMEMBER GO TO DISCUSS A CITY-OPERATED AQUATICS FACILITY IN GREAT PARK**

This item was continued to the February 11, 2025, City Council meeting. See page 16.

**4.5 CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY VICE MAYOR MAI TO DISCUSS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ADDITIONAL BROADBAND INTERNET OPTIONS IN IRVINE**

This item was continued to the February 11, 2025, City Council meeting. See page 16.

**4.6 CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY VICE MAYOR MAI TO DISCUSS THE INSTALLATION OF A RYAN CHOMYN MEMORIAL PLAQUE AT HERITAGE COMMUNITY PARK**

This item was continued to the February 11, 2025, City Council meeting. See page 16.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by Councilmember Treseder, seconded by Councilmember Carroll, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 12:11 a.m.**

  
MAYOR OF THE CITY OF IRVINE

  
CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF IRVINE

February 25, 2025