



MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

September 30, 2025
City Council Chamber
1 Civic Center Plaza
Irvine, CA 92606

CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Irvine City Council was called to order at 12:05 p.m. on September 30, 2025, in the City Council Chamber, Irvine Civic Center, 1 Civic Center Plaza, Irvine, California; Mayor Agran presiding.

ROLL CALL

Present: 7	Councilmember:	Mike Carroll
	Councilmember:	William Go
	Councilmember:	Melinda Liu
	Councilmember:	Betty Martinez Franco
	Councilmember:	Kathleen Treseder
	Vice Mayor:	James Mai
	Mayor:	Larry Agran

1. CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Melching announced the following Closed Session items:

- 1.1 **CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS (Government Code § 54956.8) - Properties: 8000 Great Park Blvd, Irvine, CA 92618 and 17620 Fitch Avenue, Irvine CA 92614; Agency Negotiators: Sean Crumby, Interim City Manager; Pete Carmichael, Assistant City Manager; Jeffrey Melching, City Attorney; Negotiating Parties: City of Irvine; Douglas Freeman, Chief Executive Officer, OC Music and Dance: Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment**

- 1.2 CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS (Government Code § 54956.8) - Property: 8000 Great Park Blvd, Irvine, CA 92618; Agency Negotiators: Sean Crumby, City Manager; Pete Carmichael, Assistant City Manager; Jeffrey Melching, City Attorney; Negotiating Parties: City of Irvine; Ellen Pais, Executive Director, Pretend City Children’s Museum; Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment**

- 1.3 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION - Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) - City of Irvine v. Orange County Transportation Authority, et al., Orange County Superior Court Case No. 30-2023-01366419-CU-WM-CXC**

- 1.4 CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS (Government Code § 54956.8) - Property: 15207 Barranca Parkway, Irvine, CA 92618; Agency Negotiators: Sean Crumby, City Manager; Pete Carmichael, Assistant City Manager; Jeffrey Melching, City Attorney; Negotiating Parties: City of Irvine, The Regents of the University of California, a California constitutional corporation, on behalf of University of California, Irvine Extension, representative: Jason Palda, Executive Director, Real Estate Services; Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment**

Prior to convening to Closed Session, the following individuals spoke on the following:

1.1

Doug Freeman, Chief Executive Officer of OC Music and Dance (OCMD), spoke in support of an OCMD facility at the Great Park and assistance related to a bank requirement for the guarantee of a construction loan for its new proposed campus.

1.2

Ellen Pais, Executive Director of Pretend City Children’s Museum (PCCM), spoke in support of PCCM at the Great Park and assistance related to a bank requirement for the guarantee of a construction loan for its proposed campus.

1.1 and 1.2

Anita Bhat, Irvine resident and Community & Library Services Commissioner, noted the opportunity costs of providing funding to organizations such as OCMD and PCCM in lieu of community amenities such as libraries.

(917) ***-*457, Irvine resident, spoke in support of prioritizing a library in the Great Park ahead of facilities for OCMD, PCCM, and other cultural entities.

Prakash, Irvine resident, spoke in support of committing funding toward a library at the Great Park in the event that OCMD and PCCM failed to meet obligations under their current agreements.

1.3

The following individuals spoke in support of the City ending litigation against the Orange County Transportation Authority related to the Orange County Maintenance Facility:

- Dennis Bress, Newport Beach resident
- Doug Elliott, Irvine resident and Community & Library Services Commissioner
- Deborah Franza, Irvine resident
- Youssef Kaddeche, Irvine resident
- Elijah Manassero
- Kyler Chin
- Mason Buck, Irvine resident
- James Hwang, Irvine resident
- Tomas Castro, Irvine resident
- Leeza, Irvine resident

RECESS

Mayor Agran recessed the Special City Council meeting to Closed Session at 12:40 p.m.

RECONVENE TO THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Agran reconvened the Special City Council meeting at 1:45 p.m. City Attorney Melching, on behalf of the City Council, announced that no reportable action was taken in Closed Session.

RECESS

Mayor Agran recessed the Special City Council meeting to 2 p.m.

RECONVENE TO THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Agran reconvened the Special City Council meeting at 2:02 p.m.

2. STUDY SESSION

2.1 *Public Safety Considerations Regarding Spent Nuclear Fuel Stored at the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station*

This item was agendized at the request of Mayor Agran, who requested a Study Session to discuss the status of spent nuclear fuel stored at the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (SONGS) and invite public discussion.

Scotty Hong, Supervising Principal Council Executive Assistant, introduced the following individuals, who presented information related to their areas of expertise as it relates to SONGS:

- Dr. Gregory B. Jaczko, former Chairman, United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission
- Dr. David B. Richardson, Professor of Environmental and Occupational Health at University of California, Irvine
- Daniel T. Stetson, Chairman, San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station Community Engagement Panel
- Frederic Bailly, Vice President of Generation and Chief Nuclear Officer, Southern California Edison
- Manuel C. Camargo, Jr., Principal Manager of Decommissioning, Southern California Edison

The following citizen presenters spoke in support of the safe disposal of spent nuclear fuel from SONGS away from the ocean:

- Sarah Mosko, Laguna Beach resident and nuclear safety advocate
- Cathy Iwane, Fukushima nuclear accident evacuee
- Dr. Peter Andersen, past Chair of the Sierra Club's San Diego Chapter and Sierra Club California Executive Committee member
- Nadia Khawja, Program Director for the Samuel Lawrence Foundation

Citizen presenter Cameron Cosgrove, San Clemente resident and Planning Commissioner, spoke in support of the safe disposal of spent nuclear fuel from SONGS.

Citizen presenter Colton Roughen, on behalf of Congressman Mike Levin, spoke in support of a collaborative long-term solution for the safe disposal of spent nuclear fuel from SONGS.

Vice Mayor Mai and Councilmember Go left the meeting at 3:27 p.m. Councilmember Liu left the meeting at 3:37 p.m.

RECESS

Mayor Agran called a recess at 3:50 p.m. due to lack of quorum.

RECONVENE TO THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Agran reconvened the Special City Council meeting at 3:52 p.m.

2.1 *Public Safety Considerations Regarding Spent Nuclear Fuel Stored at the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (CONTINUED)*

The following individuals spoke in support of the safe disposal of spent nuclear fuel from SONGS:

- Ryan Ewart, on behalf of the Spent Fuel Solutions (SFS) coalition
- Alice McNally, Del Mar resident
- Diane Edmonds, Orange County resident
- Don Geller, Irvine resident and Finance Commission Chair
- Harvey Liss, Irvine resident
- Bruce Campbell
- Gary Headrick, San Clemente Green co-founder
- Joe Moross, Safecast lead engineer
- Haakon Williams, Deputy Director at Committee to Bridge the Gap

Jaine Torres, Encinitas resident, inquired about nuclear storage canister inspection procedures, timetables for replacement and associated processes, damage indicators, and radiation containment measures.

City Council discussion included: inquiring about the mission of the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission; questioned differences between nuclear waste disposal at the Diablo Canyon Power Plant and SONGS; inquired about requirements for a federal nuclear waste storage facility based on the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982; questioned the potential for assistance in plan preparation from the University of California, Irvine; inquired about the duration of current safety conditions; noted similarities related to the shutdown of the Plum Island Animal Disease Center in New York; noted vulnerabilities to the ocean, earthquakes, and terrorist attacks; and discussed prior nuclear accidents at Chernobyl and Fukushima.

By consensus, received and filed.

ADJOURNMENT

By consensus of the members present (Vice Mayor Mai, and Councilmembers Go and Liu absent), the meeting was adjourned at 4:22 p.m.


MAYOR OF THE CITY OF IRVINE


CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF IRVINE

October 28, 2025