



# **MINUTES**

## **CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING**

**May 13, 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 5:05 p.m. on May 13, 2025, in the City Council Chamber, Irvine Civic Center, 1 Civic Center Plaza, Irvine, California; Mayor Agran presiding.

### **ROLL CALL**

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

### **RECESS TO RECEPTION**

Mayor Agran recessed the meeting to a reception in the Main Lobby at 5:07 p.m.

### **RECONVENE TO THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Mayor Agran reconvened the City Council meeting at 6:10 p.m.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - IRVINE POLICE COLOR GUARD**

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

**INVOCATION / MUSICAL PRESENTATION**

Violinist Minji Choi, Northwood High School student, performed the National Anthem and What a Wonderful World.

**ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH OF OFFICE FOR NEWLY ELECTED CITY COUNCILMEMBER**

The Oath of Office for Councilmember-elect Betty Martinez Franco was administered by her daughter, Paola Kosmicki, who then presented her with a Certificate of Election.

**CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Martinez Franco expressed her appreciation to her family and friends, as well as the community, for their support. The Mayor and each Councilmember congratulated Councilmember Martinez Franco on her successful election.

**1. PRESENTATIONS**

**1.1 *Water Safety Season Floatie Exchange Program***

Cory Hilderbrand, Community Services Manager, and Jenn Priest, Aquatics Supervisor, provided a brief overview of the Water Safety Season Floatie Exchange Program and responded to questions.

The following individuals spoke in support:

- Julia
- Christina Shea, Irvine resident
- Phyllis Agran, Irvine resident and pediatrician at the University of California, Irvine

City Council discussion included: noting the statistics related to child drowning deaths and dangers posed by floaties; inquired about anticipated participation; questioned whether the program’s focus would be based on participation at William Woollett Jr. Aquatics Center (Woollett); reiterated the availability of existing swim classes/programs at Woollett; and suggested the formation of a water safety committee.

**By consensus**, received and filed.

**1.2 *Urban Forest Master Plan Update***

This item was agendized at the request of Mayor Agran, who requested an update presentation regarding the City’s existing tree inventory, strategies, and funding options for expanding tree canopy coverage.

Luis Estevez, Acting Director of Public Works & Sustainability, provided a brief presentation on the City's Urban Forest Master Plan (UFMP).

Jay Bruce spoke in support of the UFMP.

Beth Krom, Irvine resident and President of the Village Park Community Association Board of Directors, noted the impact of trees as they relate to insurance coverage and spoke in support of community association engagement.

Matt, Irvine resident, spoke in support of the City's due diligence related to fire maps and hazards posed by trees, including consultation with local fire authorities.

Sylvia Walker, Irvine resident, spoke in support of the UFMP and the inclusion of fruit trees for harvest and potential use in the City's food distribution program.

City Council discussion included: inquiring about the inclusion of sufficient resources for the planting and maintenance of trees in the proposed Fiscal Year 2025-27 budget; questioned the timetable for budget approval; inquired about maintenance responsibility for trees planted by the City at the request of homeowners' associations (HOAs); questioned the water needs and fire resistance of replacement trees; inquired about methods employed to remove diseased and infected eucalyptus trees; questioned the selection criteria for proposed City tree planting locations, including priority sites; inquired about specific tree species; questioned plans for the Irvine Business Complex; inquired about engagement with HOAs; suggested a review of areas with minimal tree coverage; questioned challenges experienced with forestation on the utility-owned Walnut Trail; and inquired about the number of licensed arborists in the City.

**By consensus,** received and filed.

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

Susan Sayre, Irvine resident, spoke in support of a proposed Irvine CONNECT ridership survey process that includes survey location numbers at senior centers, village community centers, independent living senior communities, mobile home parks, and City Hall; and an interactive survey structure that would inform participants of street names and amenities on proposed routes.

Alan Meyerson, Irvine resident, welcomed Councilmember Martinez Franco to the City Council; spoke in support of the City Council's diversity and anticipated collaboration; and suggested that critics of the proposed Whoosh gondola system wait for full information availability and completion of negotiations prior to taking a position.

Wing Chow, Irvine resident, spoke in support of the City's monthly distribution of 30-pound grocery boxes to eligible residents and the Irvine CONNECT system.

A representative on behalf of California Precinct Activators spoke in support of City Council accountability related to Constitutional matters and in opposition to perceived violations of the supremacy clause including Sharia law and sanctuary cities.

Robin Gurien spoke in opposition to a recent pattern of inconsistent allowances of Councilmember responses to public comments.

Patty Le and Quan Narula spoke in opposition to the proposed Whoosh gondola system in the Great Park.

Crit Van Tuyl, founder of the Irvine Dog Park Association, spoke in support of an increased number of dog parks in the City.

Jason Garshfield, Irvine resident, welcomed Councilmember Martinez Franco to the City Council; expressed concern about increased locking of merchandise at retail establishments; spoke in support of rent abatements by Irvine Company in instances where repairs violated tenants' rights; and in opposition to the time management of City Council meetings.

Mona congratulated Councilmember Martinez Franco for her election to the City Council; noted a recent Democrats of Greater Irvine meeting that took place; and spoke in support of Councilmember Liu's MENA Inclusion Act memo and freedom of speech.

Dane Carstens spoke in support of Irvine serving as a sanctuary city for its immigrant population; and spoke in opposition to Israeli military operations in Gaza and recent tactics employed by the Department of Homeland Security.

Kahlila Mudarri-Spencer spoke in support of Palestine and City Council action to prevent Immigration and Customs Enforcement activity in the City.

Jay Bruce spoke in support of utilizing public funds for programs that benefit the community such as Irvine CONNECT, and noted previous uses and applications of the term "fiscal responsibility" by the City Council.

Adam Totounji, Investment Advisory Committee member, congratulated Councilmember Martinez Franco for her election to the City Council and the service that she will provide to the community.

Doug Elliott, Irvine resident, Community Services Commissioner, and Orange County Power Authority (OCPA) Community Advisory Committee Member, noted recent community benefits provided by OCPA.

Stanley noted the incompatibility of Sharia law with the United States Constitution.

Aarti Chopra, Irvine resident, congratulated Councilmember Martinez Franco on her election to the City Council and invited members of the public to an educational event related to both Mental Health Awareness Month and Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month on Monday, May 19, from 5:30 to 9 p.m. in the City of Orange.

Eric Neshanian, Irvine resident, noted the absence of Robert Fluor, James Irvine, and James Irvine, Jr., from the Wall of Recognition; questioned the lack of business licenses held by Councilmembers Carroll and Liu; and spoke in support of dissolving the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Advisory Committee.

Jeremy congratulated Councilmember Martinez Franco on her election to the City Council and spoke in support of agendizing a ban on use of cell phones on the dais.

Dee Fox, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to a lack of transparency at the OCPA and in support of City's withdrawal.

### **CITY MANAGERS REPORT**

City Manager Chi provided a brief update regarding the Marine Way Grade Separation and Borrego Channel Undercrossing, noting that staff had worked to finalize all contracts related to the project, which would consist of on-site construction of a 100-foot wide, 100-foot deep, and 45-foot-tall box culvert beginning in June that would be jacked into place over a four-day period in December.

In response to feedback and questions related to Swyft Cities and the proposed Whoosh system in the Great Park, City Manager Chi also announced that staff was looking to agendize the matter, including its assessment of all mobility options and a complete accounting of all work completed to date, at the May 27, 2025, Great Park Board meeting.

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

#### Councilmember Go

- Councilmember Go was recently sworn in as a member of the Orange County Transportation Authority Board of Directors (Board), and expressed interest in working with the Board to deliver improvements that include Irvine Transportation Center enhancements and traffic reduction efforts near the Interstate 5 exit at Sand Canyon Avenue.
- Councilmember Go invited members of the public to attend the Wildfire Preparedness and Home Insurance Town Hall in partnership with Mayor Agran, the Office of California Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara, the Orange County Fire Authority, and Irvine Police Department. Discussion topics will include homeowner insurance, fire preparedness, local emergency response, and regional and federal initiatives. Both in-person and virtual attendance will be available.

Councilmember Liu

- As the City's representative to the Orange County Sanitation District, Councilmember Liu reported that work has continued at the Main Street Pump Station, where crews are rehabilitating pipelines, pumps, and valves. Construction will continue to take place from 7 a.m. to 5:30 pm with occasional lane reductions and increased noise on westbound Main Street.
- The Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) recently held a joint hazardous materials training at the University of California, Irvine, that included participation by campus police, the Orange County Health Care Agency, and Newport Beach Fire Department.
- The City is undertaking the following in preparation for the upcoming summer and wildfire season:
  - Adoption of the 2025 Fire Hazard Severity Zone map, which was recently released by the California Office of the State Fire Marshal. For more information, visit [cityofirvine.org/firehazardmap](http://cityofirvine.org/firehazardmap).
  - Hosting of a Wildfire Town Hall on Monday, May 19, from 6 to 8 p.m. at OCFA Headquarters. Learn about City preparations and measures residents can take to protect their homes and families. To learn about the Ready, Set, Go! Plan, visit [ocfa.org/rsg](http://ocfa.org/rsg).
- Families were encouraged to participate in the Kids Art Contest open to children from the first through twelfth grades until Friday, May 23, 2025.
- Councilmember Liu recognized two upcoming observances: Armed Forces Day on May 17 and Memorial Day on May 26.
- Councilmember Liu also noted her participation in the following events:
  - Northwood High School – donation of baseballs from the Kia Tigers;
  - Black April Remembrance at the Heroes Hall Museum;
  - 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Irvine Junior Games volunteer; and
  - Creekside High School on May 6 - expressed appreciation to teachers and staff during Teacher Appreciation Week.

Vice Mayor Mai

- Vice Mayor Mai recognized May 11-17, 2025, as National Police Week, and remembered law enforcement officers who died in the line of duty.

Mayor Agran

- The City will host its fourth annual Pride in Irvine event on Thursday, May 22, from 5 to 7 p.m., at the Irvine Civic Center Piazza, at which the Progress Flag will be raised in recognition and support of the LGBTQIA+ community. Attendees can explore programs provided by local advocacy and support organizations; and enjoy live music, refreshments, and activities. For more information, visit [cityofirvine.org/pride](http://cityofirvine.org/pride).
- The following City-hosted Memorial Day events will honor and remember the sacrifice of fallen American service members:
  - A special candle-lighting ceremony will be held at the Northwood Gratitude and Honor Memorial at Northwood Community Park on Sunday, May 25, at 4 p.m., and pay special tribute to fallen service members who served in Afghanistan and Iraq. The ceremony will be held in partnership with the Northwood Memorial Committee. Guests are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets for seating.
  - The annual Memorial Day Ceremony in the Formal Garden at Colonel Bill Barber Marine Corps Memorial Park will be held on Monday, May 26, at 10 a.m. A Commanding Officer from Irvine's adopted 2/11 Marine Battalion will speak to recognize fallen service members and their sacrifice. Guests will have the opportunity to honor family and friends who died in service to the nation by posting a brief remembrance on a memory board at the event. Cards will be available for those wishing to express gratitude to members of Irvine's adopted battalion.

For more information, visit [cityofirvine.org/specialevents](http://cityofirvine.org/specialevents).

- May is National Bike Month and E-bike use continues to increase. The Irvine Police Department (IPD) will offer a free, open to all, E-bike Safe Riding Class on Saturday, May 17, from 11 a.m. to noon at the Irvine Civic Center. For more information, please contact IPD at (949) 724-7000.
- Mayor Agran noted recent inquiries from members of the public related to the City's readiness in the event of raids and other law enforcement actions by United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement, emphasizing the importance of due process and lawful enforcement activities; and noted the potential for an agenda item for City Council consideration at the May 27, 2025, City Council meeting.

**ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS**

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

**2. CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

2.5

Jay Bruce spoke in opposition to the proposed Possession and Use Agreement with the Orange County Transportation Authority.

**Moved by Councilmember Carroll, seconded by Vice Mayor Mai, and unanimously carried to approve Consent Calendar Item Nos. 2.1 through 2.4, 2.6, and 2.7. Consent Calendar Item No. 2.5 was removed for separate discussion.**

**2.1 MINUTES**

**ACTION:**

- 1) Approved the minutes of a special meeting of the City Council held on April 8, 2025.
- 2) Approved the minutes of a regular meeting of the City Council held on April 8, 2025.

**2.2 PROCLAMATIONS**

**ACTION:**

- 1) Proclaimed May 18-24, 2025, as "National Public Works Week."
- 2) Proclaimed May 26, 2025, as "Memorial Day."
- 3) Proclaimed May - August 2025, as "Drowning Prevention Awareness Month and Season."
- 4) Proclaimed Orange County Fire Authority's "Wildfire Awareness and Prevention Season."

**2.3 WARRANT AND WIRE TRANSFER RESOLUTION**

**ACTION:**

Adopted RESOLUTION NO. 25-44 – 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

**2.4 FISCAL YEAR 2024-25 THIRD QUARTER BUDGET UPDATE**

**ACTION:**

- 1) Received and filed the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Third Quarter Budget Update.
- 2) Approved a budget adjustment to reallocate transfers of \$4.3 million from the Asset Management Plan Fund to the Insurance Fund to address higher-than-expected claims and increased self-insurance costs.

**2.5 CONSIDERATION OF A POSSESSION AND USE AGREEMENT WITH THE ORANGE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (OCTA)**

This item was removed for separate discussion at the request of Mayor Agran, who inquired about whether approval of the item was time sensitive.

Oliver Chi, City Manager, responded to questions.

City Council discussion included: inquiring about public engagement; noted the regional impacts if the agreement was approved; inquired about the use of additional sound walls to mitigate noise; and questioned the relocation of existing trees.

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

**ACTION:**

- 1) Approve the Possession and Use Agreement. **(Contract Nos. 12037 and 12038)**
- 2) Authorize the City Manager to execute future right-of-way contracts and easement deeds with OCTA as it relates to the OCTA's project noted in the Possession and Use Agreement.

**2.6 SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 25-09 AMENDING THE CITY OF IRVINE MUNICIPAL CODE TO REFLECT NECESSARY NAME CHANGES TO THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION, DEPARTMENT, AND DIRECTOR IN CONNECTION WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CITY OF IRVINE PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM**

**ACTION:**

Read by title only, second reading and adoption of ORDINANCE NO. 25-09 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE CITY OF IRVINE MUNICIPAL CODE TO REFLECT NECESSARY NAME CHANGES TO THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION, DEPARTMENT, AND DIRECTOR IN CONNECTION WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CITY OF IRVINE PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM

(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 7-0.**

**2.7 COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUND GRANT NOMINATIONS**

**ACTION:**

- 1) Approved Councilmember Go's request for Community Partnership Fund Grant Nomination to South Coast Chinese Cultural Association in the amount of \$625 in support of program costs. **(Contract No. 12039)**
- 2) Approved Mayor Agran's request for Community Partnership Fund Grant Nomination to Orange County Armenian Genocide Memorial Committee in the amount of \$1,000 in support of program costs. **(Contract No. 12040)**
- 3) Approved Councilmember Liu's request for Community Partnership Fund Grant Nomination to South Coast Chinese Cultural Association in the amount of \$625 in support of program costs. **(Contract No. 12039)**
- 4) Approved Vice Mayor Mai's request for Community Partnership Fund Grant Nomination to Orange County Armenian Genocide Memorial Committee in the amount of \$1,000 in support of program costs. **(Contract No. 12040)**
- 5) Authorized the City Manager to prepare and sign funding agreements for the organizations listed above.

**3. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**3.1 DESIGNATION OF THE CITY OF IRVINE COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2013-3(B) (GREAT PARK) IMPROVEMENT AREA NO. 15, IMPROVEMENT AREA NO. 16, IMPROVEMENT AREA NO. 17, AND IMPROVEMENT AREA NO. 18, AND SPECIAL ELECTIONS REGARDING LEVY OF SPECIAL TAXES**

Mayor Agran opened the public hearing at 8:32 p.m.

Dahle Bulosan, Director of Administrative Services, presented the staff report and responded to questions.

There were no requests to speak.

City Council discussion included: inquiring about the role of the landowner vote in the approval process.

**ACTION: Moved by Councilmember Carroll, seconded by Councilmember Go, and unanimously carried to close the public hearing at 8:40 p.m.**

Following the closing of the public hearing, Mayor Agran turned to City Clerk Petersen, who explained the procedural process for consideration of the recommended actions.

**ACTION: Moved by Mayor Agran, seconded by Vice Mayor Mai, and unanimously carried to approve Recommended Action Item Nos. 2 through 13 as follows:**

- 2) Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 25-45 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, AS THE LEGISLATIVE BODY OF CITY OF IRVINE COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2013-3(B) (GREAT PARK), DESIGNATING IMPROVEMENT AREA NO. 15 OF CITY OF IRVINE COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2013-3(B) (GREAT PARK) AND AUTHORIZING THE LEVY OF A SPECIAL TAX WITHIN SAID IMPROVEMENT AREA
- 3) Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 25-46 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, AS THE LEGISLATIVE BODY OF CITY OF IRVINE COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2013-3(B) (GREAT PARK), DESIGNATING IMPROVEMENT AREA NO. 16 OF CITY OF IRVINE COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2013-3(B) (GREAT PARK) AND AUTHORIZING THE LEVY OF A SPECIAL TAX WITHIN SAID IMPROVEMENT AREA

- 4) Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 25-47 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, AS THE LEGISLATIVE BODY OF CITY OF IRVINE COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2013-3(B) (GREAT PARK), DESIGNATING IMPROVEMENT AREA NO. 17 OF CITY OF IRVINE COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2013-3(B) (GREAT PARK) AND AUTHORIZING THE LEVY OF A SPECIAL TAX WITHIN SAID IMPROVEMENT AREA
- 5) Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 25-48 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, AS THE LEGISLATIVE BODY OF CITY OF IRVINE COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2013-3(B) (GREAT PARK), DESIGNATING IMPROVEMENT AREA NO. 18 OF CITY OF IRVINE COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2013-3(B) (GREAT PARK) AND AUTHORIZING THE LEVY OF A SPECIAL TAX WITHIN SAID IMPROVEMENT AREA
- 6) Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 25-49 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, AS THE LEGISLATIVE BODY OF CITY OF IRVINE COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2013-3(B) (GREAT PARK), DETERMINING THE NECESSITY TO INCUR BONDED INDEBTEDNESS WITHIN IMPROVEMENT AREA NO. 15 OF THE CITY OF IRVINE COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2013-3(B) (GREAT PARK) AND SUBMITTING A PROPOSITION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS THEREOF
- 7) Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 25-50 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, AS THE LEGISLATIVE BODY OF CITY OF IRVINE COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2013-3(B) (GREAT PARK), DETERMINING THE NECESSITY TO INCUR BONDED INDEBTEDNESS WITHIN IMPROVEMENT AREA NO. 16 OF THE CITY OF IRVINE COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2013-3(B) (GREAT PARK) AND SUBMITTING A PROPOSITION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS THEREOF
- 8) Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 25-51 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, AS THE LEGISLATIVE BODY OF CITY OF IRVINE COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2013-3(B) (GREAT PARK), DETERMINING THE NECESSITY TO INCUR BONDED INDEBTEDNESS WITHIN IMPROVEMENT AREA NO. 17 OF THE CITY OF IRVINE COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2013-3(B) (GREAT PARK) AND SUBMITTING A PROPOSITION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS THEREOF

- 9) Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 25-52 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, AS THE LEGISLATIVE BODY OF CITY OF IRVINE COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2013-3(B) (GREAT PARK), DETERMINING THE NECESSITY TO INCUR BONDED INDEBTEDNESS WITHIN IMPROVEMENT AREA NO. 18 OF THE CITY OF IRVINE COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2013-3(B) (GREAT PARK) AND SUBMITTING A PROPOSITION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS THEREOF
- 10) Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 25-53 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, AS THE LEGISLATIVE BODY OF CITY OF IRVINE COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2013-3(B) (GREAT PARK), CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPROVING A SPECIAL TAX IN IMPROVEMENT AREA NO. 15 OF THE CITY OF IRVINE COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2013-3(B) (GREAT PARK), THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS BY SAID IMPROVEMENT AREA OF THE DISTRICT AND ESTABLISHMENT OF AN APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT
- 11) Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 25-54 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, AS THE LEGISLATIVE BODY OF CITY OF IRVINE COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2013-3(B) (GREAT PARK), CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPROVING A SPECIAL TAX IN IMPROVEMENT AREA NO. 16 OF THE CITY OF IRVINE COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2013-3(B) (GREAT PARK), THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS BY SAID IMPROVEMENT AREA OF THE DISTRICT AND ESTABLISHMENT OF AN APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT
- 12) Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 25-55 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, AS THE LEGISLATIVE BODY OF CITY OF IRVINE COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2013-3(B) (GREAT PARK), CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPROVING A SPECIAL TAX IN IMPROVEMENT AREA NO. 17 OF THE CITY OF IRVINE COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2013-3(B) (GREAT PARK), THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS BY SAID IMPROVEMENT AREA OF THE DISTRICT AND ESTABLISHMENT OF AN APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT
- 13) Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 25-56 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, AS THE LEGISLATIVE BODY OF CITY OF IRVINE COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2013-3(B) (GREAT PARK), CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF

APPROVING A SPECIAL TAX IN IMPROVEMENT AREA NO. 18 OF THE CITY OF IRVINE COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2013-3(B) (GREAT PARK), THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS BY SAID IMPROVEMENT AREA OF THE DISTRICT AND ESTABLISHMENT OF AN APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT

Following approval of Recommended Action Item Nos. 2 through 13, City Clerk Petersen opened the ballot and read the election results, noting that all landowner votes were in favor of the proposed tax for Community Facilities District No. 2013-13(B) (Great Park) Improvement Area Nos. 15, 16, 17, and 18.

**ACTION: Moved by Mayor Agran, seconded by Councilmember Liu, and unanimously carried to approve Recommended Action Item Nos. 15 through 18 as follows:**

- 15) Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 25-57 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, AS THE LEGISLATIVE BODY OF CITY OF IRVINE COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2013-3(B) (GREAT PARK), DECLARING THE RESULTS OF A SPECIAL ELECTION HELD IN IMPROVEMENT AREA NO. 15 OF THE CITY OF IRVINE COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2013-3(B) (GREAT PARK) AND DIRECTING RECORDING OF A NOTICE OF SPECIAL TAX LIEN AND NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OF SPECIAL TAX
- 16) Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 25-58 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, AS THE LEGISLATIVE BODY OF CITY OF IRVINE COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2013-3(B) (GREAT PARK), DECLARING THE RESULTS OF A SPECIAL ELECTION HELD IN IMPROVEMENT AREA NO. 16 OF THE CITY OF IRVINE COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2013-3(B) (GREAT PARK) AND DIRECTING RECORDING OF A NOTICE OF SPECIAL TAX LIEN AND NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OF SPECIAL TAX
- 17) Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 25-59 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, AS THE LEGISLATIVE BODY OF CITY OF IRVINE COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2013-3(B) (GREAT PARK), DECLARING THE RESULTS OF A SPECIAL ELECTION HELD IN IMPROVEMENT AREA NO. 17 OF THE CITY OF IRVINE COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2013-3(B) (GREAT PARK) AND DIRECTING RECORDING OF A NOTICE OF SPECIAL TAX LIEN AND NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OF SPECIAL TAX

18) Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 25-60 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, AS THE LEGISLATIVE BODY OF CITY OF IRVINE COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2013-3(B) (GREAT PARK), DECLARING THE RESULTS OF A SPECIAL ELECTION HELD IN IMPROVEMENT AREA NO. 18 OF THE CITY OF IRVINE COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2013-3(B) (GREAT PARK) AND DIRECTING RECORDING OF A NOTICE OF SPECIAL TAX LIEN AND NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OF SPECIAL TAX

Following approval of Recommended Action Item Nos. 15 through 18, City Clerk Petersen read the title of the ordinance reflected in Recommended Action Item No. 19.

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

19) Introduce for first reading and read by title only ORDINANCE NO. 25-10 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, ACTING AS THE LEGISLATIVE BODY OF THE CITY OF IRVINE COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2013-3(B) (GREAT PARK), LEVYING SPECIAL TAXES WITHIN IMPROVEMENT AREA NO. 15 OF THE CITY OF IRVINE COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2013-3(B) (GREAT PARK)

Following approval of Recommended Action Item No. 19, City Clerk Petersen read the title of the ordinance reflected in Recommended Action Item No. 20.

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

20) Introduce for first reading and read by title only ORDINANCE NO. 25-11 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, ACTING AS THE LEGISLATIVE BODY OF THE CITY OF IRVINE COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2013-3(B) (GREAT PARK), LEVYING SPECIAL TAXES WITHIN IMPROVEMENT AREA NO. 16 OF THE CITY OF IRVINE COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2013-3(B) (GREAT PARK)

Following approval of Recommended Action Item No. 20, City Clerk Petersen read the title of the ordinance reflected in Recommended Action Item No. 21.

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

21) Introduce for first reading and read by title only ORDINANCE NO. 25-12 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, ACTING AS THE LEGISLATIVE BODY OF THE CITY OF IRVINE COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2013-3(B) (GREAT PARK), LEVYING SPECIAL TAXES WITHIN IMPROVEMENT AREA NO. 17 OF THE CITY OF IRVINE COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2013-3(B) (GREAT PARK)

Following approval of Recommended Action Item No. 21, City Clerk Petersen read the title of the ordinance reflected in Recommended Action Item No. 22.

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

22) Introduce for first reading and read by title only ORDINANCE NO. 25-13 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, ACTING AS THE LEGISLATIVE BODY OF THE CITY OF IRVINE COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2013-3(B) (GREAT PARK), LEVYING SPECIAL TAXES WITHIN IMPROVEMENT AREA NO. 18 OF THE CITY OF IRVINE COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2013-3(B) (GREAT PARK)

**3.2 APPROVAL OF THE 2025-2029 CONSOLIDATED PLAN, 2025-2026 ACTION PLAN, AND FEDERAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT, HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS, AND EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT ENTITLEMENT PROGRAMS**

Mayor Agran opened the public hearing at 8:51 p.m.

Sarah Escobedo, Management Analyst, presented the staff report and responded to questions. Frank Perez, representing MDG Associates, Inc., was also available for questions.

Kevin Trussell, Community Services Commission Chair, spoke in support.

City Council discussion included: inquiring about remaining CDBG funds, if any; suggested General Fund budgeting for items related to childcare; and noted miscellaneous correspondence received.

**ACTION: Moved by Mayor Agran, seconded by Councilmember Carroll, and unanimously carried to close the public hearing at 9:05 p.m.**

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

Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 25-61 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE 2025-2029 CONSOLIDATED PLAN, 2025-2026 ACTION PLAN, AND FEDERAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT, HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS, AND EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT ENTITLEMENT PROGRAMS

#### 4. COUNCIL BUSINESS

##### 4.1 ***MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING REGARDING CONSIDERATION OF ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW OAK PARK PLANNING AREA INCLUDING AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND OTHER PUBLIC BENEFIT MATTERS BETWEEN THE CITY OF IRVINE AND IRVINE COMPANY***

Oliver Chi, City Manager, and Jeff Melching, City Attorney, presented the staff report and responded to questions. Jeff Davis, representing Irvine Company, also provided a brief overview of the proposed project and responded to questions.

The following individuals spoke in opposition to the proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU):

- Zach Halop, Irvine resident and representing all golf head coaches in Irvine Unified School District
- Holden Geary
- Shady Shaaban, Irvine resident
- Art Brown, Irvine resident
- Frank Southern, Irvine resident
- Brian, Irvine resident
- Scott Carpenter, on behalf of the Cricket Club Homeowners Association
- Jeff Glass, Irvine resident
- Mike Ellison, Irvine resident
- Paula Miller, Irvine resident and President of the Ranch Homeowners Association
- Christina Shea, Irvine resident, and on behalf of Mike LeBlanc, former Irvine Company Vice President
- Laura Cormack

- Mahsa, Irvine resident
- Shujun Sun, Irvine resident
- Gloria He, Irvine resident
- David Hackett, Irvine resident
- Maksim E.
- Roger Philips, Vice President of the Orange Tree Patio Homes Homeowners Association
- Ken
- Eric Neshanian, Irvine resident
- (949) \*\*\*-\*462, Irvine resident
- Cesar Covarrubias, Executive Director of the Kennedy Commission
- Dee Fox, Irvine resident
- Harris
- Debra Miller Osorio

The following individuals spoke in support of the proposed MOU:

- Jay Sato, Irvine resident
- Greg Costigan, Irvine resident
- Reuben Franco, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Orange County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

Susan Sayre, Irvine resident, spoke in support of the creation of a new walkable village community, vouchers for terms greater than two years for seniors and disabled community members, and the inclusion of Americans with Disabilities Act adaptable amenities.

James Hwang, Irvine resident, spoke in support of the proposed MOU subject to the inclusion of provisions related to walkability, cyclability, and transit access, including a new Irvine CONNECT route funded by developer fees.

Heather Manchester spoke in support of the addition of affordable housing while keeping the Oak Creek Golf Club or a compromise that included a smaller golf course and driving range.

Sally Anne Sheridan and Derek Shirk, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to the proposed MOU and in support of placing the matter on the ballot for voter consideration.

## **RECESS**

Mayor Agran recessed the City Council meeting at 10:33 p.m.

## RECONVENE TO THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Agran reconvened the City Council meeting at 10:48 p.m.

### **4.1 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING REGARDING CONSIDERATION OF ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW OAK PARK PLANNING AREA INCLUDING AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND OTHER PUBLIC BENEFIT MATTERS BETWEEN THE CITY OF IRVINE AND IRVINE COMPANY (CONTINUED)**

The following additional individuals spoke in support of the proposed MOU:

- Mary Mar, Irvine resident and on behalf of Deanna Wu, Irvine resident
- Clark Colby, co-owner of Spectrum e-Commerce Solutions and Brand Marketing Solutions
- Austin Tyrovolas, Irvine resident
- Joseph L. Joseph, Executive Director of the Filipino American Chamber of Commerce of Orange County
- Geraldine Larson, President of the Filipino American Chamber of Commerce of Orange County and business owner
- Lara Sinanian
- Maryanne Wendt, Irvine resident
- Claire Na, Irvine resident and Vice President of the Korean American Chamber of Commerce of Orange County
- Ryan Dunkle, Irvine resident
- Edwin Baloloy, real estate agent
- Ryan Bates, Irvine resident and on behalf of Oak Creek neighbors
- Tom Bokosky
- Sandra Crouch, Irvine resident and Greater Irvine Chamber of Commerce executive
- Jim Wendt, Irvine resident
- Nina Hosseini, Irvine resident
- Lisa Thomas, Chair of the Greater Irvine Chamber of Commerce
- Mike Nystrom, Irvine resident
- Jeremy Ficarola, Irvine resident and President of the Cypress Village Homeowners Association
- Sylvia Walker, Irvine resident
- Bill Schultz, Irvine resident

Rae, Irvine resident, spoke in support of the proposed MOU with a compromise that maintained the existing golf course.

City Council discussion included: inquiring about expanding Irvine CONNECT; questioned term, distribution, locations, timelines, details, and disposition of housing vouchers; inquired about the planning process, anticipated timeline, and next steps; questioned the scope and potential impacts related to the proposed MOU; inquired about community outreach; discussed the concentration of affordable housing; questioned public access to existing open space and the Oak Creek Golf Club; inquired about community benefit values; questioned the composition of the City’s negotiating team; expressed concern about the expiration of housing vouchers; suggested increasing the cap on units secured through housing vouchers; inquired about the impacts related to recent Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) requirements; noted traffic concerns; questioned the current number of very low-income units in the City; and suggested a comparison of the proposed MOU with the Inclusionary Housing Ordinance.

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

Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute the Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Consideration of Establishment of a New Oak Park Planning Area Including Affordable Housing and Other Public Benefit Matters Between the City of Irvine and Irvine Company. **(Contract No. 12041)**

**4.2 CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY MAYOR AGRAN TO ADOPT A MINIMUM WAGE ORDINANCE FOR CITY STAFF AND CERTAIN SERVICE PROVIDERS**

By consensus, this item was continued to the May 27, 2025, City Council meeting.

**4.3 CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY COUNCILMEMBER LIU TO DISCUSS A SOBER LIVING AND GROUP HOMES ORDINANCE**

By consensus, this item was continued to the May 27, 2025, City Council meeting.

**4.4 CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY VICE MAYOR MAI TO DISCUSS “IRVINE’S 100 FLAGS INITIATIVE” – A PERMANENT PATRIOTIC LANDMARK PROGRAM LEADING TO AMERICA’S 250TH ANNIVERSARY**

By consensus, this item was continued to the May 27, 2025, City Council meeting.

**4.5 CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY COUNCILMEMBER LIU TO DISCUSS SUPPORT FOR ASSEMBLY BILL 91 - "MENA INCLUSION ACT"**

**By consensus**, this item was continued to the May 27, 2025, City Council meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by Mayor Agran, seconded by Councilmember Carroll, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 12:22 a.m.**

  
MAYOR OF THE CITY OF IRVINE

  
CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF IRVINE

June 10, 2025