



MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING

**January 14, 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 5:10 p.m. on January 14, 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:	James Mai
Councilmember:	Kathleen Treseder
Mayor:	Larry Agran

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Go led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Agran requested a moment of silence in memory of Kevin Skinner, a Fire Apparatus Engineer who served with the Orange County Fire Authority for over 25 years; the 14 people killed in New Orleans in a New Year's Day terror attack; former President Jimmy Carter; and those who lost their lives in the recent Los Angeles County wildfires.

INVOCATION / DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. RECOGNITION

Mayor Agran presented a brief video highlighting excerpts from Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech.

1. PRESENTATIONS

Prior to Mayor Agran presenting the proclamations, the following individuals spoke in support of the proclamation recognizing Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day:

- Mona
- Jason Garshfield, Irvine resident

1.1 *Proclaim January 13, 2025, as "Korean American Day"*

Mayor Agran introduced Matt Kern, District Director on behalf of Representative Dave Min, and representatives from several Korean American organizations, and presented a proclamation recognizing January 13, 2025, as "Korean American Day."

1.2 *Proclaim January 20, 2025, as "Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day"*

Mayor Agran introduced representatives from several organizations, and presented a proclamation recognizing January 20, 2025, as "Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day."

PUBLIC COMMENTS - NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS

Wing Chow, Irvine resident, expressed his appreciation and support of the new City Council.

Susan Sayre, Irvine resident, spoke in support of updates to Irvine's housing design policies, codes, and ordinances to make units more accessible to residents with disabilities.

Larry Torres spoke in support of painting street names on bridges to assist with the identification of such streets for bicycle path users.

Amy B. referenced a Los Angeles Times article about the recent Orange County Hate Crime Report; spoke in support of the City's hate crime reporting system; and spoke in opposition to the occurrence of hate incidents and hateful disruptions at City Council meetings.

Carol spoke in support of transparency in government; spoke in opposition to Irvine Community News and Views (ICNV); and spoke in support of City enforcement of Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) codes and rules.

Wendy congratulated the recently elected and re-elected members of the City Council and expressed concern about Mayor Agran's priorities.

Sandi L. expressed appreciation to the Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) for its assistance in fighting the Los Angeles County fires and provided information on how to make donations to OCFA firefighters.

Julie H. congratulated the recently elected Councilmembers and spoke in opposition to ICNV.

Staci K. expressed appreciation to OCFA for its assistance in fighting the Los Angeles County fires and spoke in support of enforcement of decorum at City Council meetings.

Julie M. congratulated the recently elected Councilmembers; and spoke in support of the enforcement of decorum, limiting public testimony to matters within the body's subject matter jurisdiction, and the appointment of representatives for groups of speakers.

Ralph Futch, Orange County Power Authority (OCPA) Community Advisory Committee Member, spoke in support of energy sustainability and the OCPA.

Mona spoke in opposition to alleged misstatements by other members of the public and the behavior of Councilmembers in attendance at a recent Democrats of Greater Irvine meeting.

Jason Garshfield, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to minimal notice from Irvine Company regarding carport painting without the provision of alternate parking arrangements or rent abatement, and the lack of traffic safety measures by the company two years after a fatal incident.

Harvey Liss, Irvine resident, spoke in support of all Councilmember actions serving the public interest.

Melisa Masri, Irvine resident, spoke in support of OCPA.

Alan Meyerson, Irvine resident, spoke in support of Councilmember collaboration.

Karen spoke in support of Councilmembers exhibiting humility, listening, learning, empathy, passion, respect, and integrity.

Pam Wykoff offered condolences related to death and destruction from the fires in Los Angeles County and spoke in support of enhanced fire prevention measures.

Barbara Boarnet, Irvine resident, congratulated the recently elected Councilmembers, expressed appreciation to firefighters, spoke in support of Irvine remaining in OCFA, and spoke in opposition to ICNV.

Galina Bukh spoke in support of the condemnation of hate speech by Councilmembers and First Amendment free speech protections.

Dee Fox, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to OCPA and claims of ICNV ownership by Mayor Agran.

Eric Neshanian, Irvine resident, spoke in support of a City poet laureate program; spoke in opposition to former Councilmember Kim's perceived inaction related to the inclusion of Farsi ballots in the upcoming Special Municipal Election; and in opposition to contradictions in previous actions by Mayor Agran related to his support for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Sarah spoke in opposition to former Councilmember Kim's alleged interference with petitioning conducted by members of the public.

CITY MANAGERS REPORT

City Manager Chi noted the increased volume of questions from members of the public related to the Los Angeles County fires, and subsequently introduced Bobby Simmons, Manager of Emergency Services, who provided a brief overview of the City's wildfire preparedness efforts.

City Council discussion included: noting ongoing efforts to update evacuation and preparedness plans; referenced prior wildfire evacuations and outcomes in the City; expressed appreciation to firefighters, police officers, and other first responders; noted concerns related to insurance implications; suggested improving accessibility of information on the City website and enhancing community engagement; and reiterated the importance of preparedness by residents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Go

- Councilmember Go noted his recent bicycle commute from Council District 2 to Irvine City Hall that took less time than traveling by automobile. Members of the public interested in commuting by alternate transportation are invited to ask questions regarding his extensive bicycle commuting experience and watch a short video of his ride via his official Instagram account, @williamgoirvine.

- Councilmember Go's recent attendance at various events included:
 - A meeting with the University of California, Irvine (UCI) Government Affairs team;
 - The Chinese American Association of Orange County's Lunar New Year Celebration Gala at the Barclay Theatre; and
 - The Modern Makers Mart at Woodbury Town Center, at which time Councilmember Go presented his first certificate of recognition to Hello Kitty. Modern Makers Mart is a free community space that features handmade items, local foods and live music, and will return to Woodbury Town Center on February 8 and 9.
- Upcoming events include UCI's Lunar New Year Celebration, the Portola High School Proms concert, and Advance Beauty College's Tet Lunar New Year's Eve Celebration.

Councilmember Treseder

- Councilmember Treseder provided an update on the Orange County Power Authority (OCPA), which includes a setup of weekly meetings with Chief Executive Officer Joe Mosca and City Manager Chi to facilitate communication. OCPA will begin moving Irvine's 100% Renewable Choice customers to Basic Choice on February 1 and will finish on February 28, and OCPA customers have been notified of the transition via e-mail. OCPA began sending out mail notifications on January 10. OCPA will send a secondary notification mailer to customers after February 28 and subsequent mailer 30 days later.
- Southern California Edison (SCE) anticipates reducing its generation rate price by approximately 8% this year. The generation rate price reduction will be countered by a 43% increase in the power charge and difference adjustment. Based on this information, OCPA anticipates that there will be no change in its rate structure for the upcoming year. OCPA anticipates that it will be able to keep the 3% discount on generation rates for Basic Choice customers in comparison to SCE, but not associated fees. Smart Choice customers will pay one cent more per kilowatt hour than Basic Choice and 100% Renewable Choice customers will pay 1.5 cents more per kilowatt hour. These rates will be discussed at the next meeting of the OCPA Board of Directors on January 22 at the OCPA main facility.

Councilmember Mai

- Councilmember Mai expressed appreciation to City Manager Chi and staff for their assistance with food distribution to families in need during and immediately following the holidays. Families in need are invited to contact Councilmember Mai's office directly for information.

- Councilmember Mai expressed appreciation to residents in Irvine who have donated clothes, socks, hygienic supplies, and other needed supplies resulting from the Los Angeles County fires. Members of the public were asked to please contact Councilmember Mai's office prior to arriving with donations to City Hall in order to better coordinate delivery.

Councilmember Liu

- Councilmember Liu's office is preparing care packages to show appreciation to Orange County Fire Authority firefighters and hand crews. Members of the public interested in assisting with this effort are invited to visit Councilmember Liu's Instagram or Facebook pages, where she will post the wish lists for these packages; and assist to conclude preparation prior to the Day of Service.

Councilmember Carroll

- Councilmember Carroll expressed his sympathy to everyone affected by the wildfires in Los Angeles County, and announced that he would be requesting a presentation by City staff, the OCFA division fire chief, Irvine Chief of Police, Southern California Edison (SCE), and other organizations at an upcoming City Council meeting related to fire prevention efforts in the open spaces on the northern and southern spheres of the City, including the potential use of goats to eat and limit the overgrowth of brush and weeds; SCE's efforts to stop power transmission during days of high fire danger; and the Irvine Police Department's efforts in the successful evacuation of one-third of the City's population during the Silverado Fire.
- Councilmember Carroll is seeking involvement in a brush-clearing event in coordination with community organizations in response to the request of some Turtle Rock residents to clear brush themselves.

Mayor Agran

- The City of Irvine was awarded a Top Workplaces 2024 honor, ranking 11th among large companies with 500 or more employees in The Orange County Register's 17th annual list of Top Workplaces. This is the fourth consecutive year the City has received this recognition, which celebrates organizations that have built an outstanding company culture. Irvine, the only Orange County municipality among 152 companies on the list, moved up from 14th place last year. This achievement highlights the City's ongoing commitment to fostering a respectful and collaborative environment for its employees. To learn more about the award and view current job opportunities, visit cityofirvine.org.

- The City of Irvine is transitioning Library services from the County of Orange to a new Irvine Public Library System, allowing for a more personalized, local approach to library services. In preparation for this transition, the City is holding a series of informational meetings, the first of which will take place on Thursday, January 30, from 6:00 to 6:45 p.m. at Quail Hill Community Center. For more information, visit cityofirvine.org/Libraries.
- In response to the wildfires in Los Angeles County, the City of Irvine reached out to the City of Los Angeles to offer support and learn the best ways the Irvine community could help. For a list of organizations that are assisting victims shared by the City of Los Angeles, visit lacity.gov/LAstrong. To learn how to help those who have been impacted, visit cityofirvine.org/IrvineGives. Mayor Agran expressed appreciation to all organizations and individuals supporting relief efforts; to the brave firefighters, including members of the Orange County Fire Authority, and law enforcement personnel working tirelessly to protect lives, homes, and businesses; members of the City's Emergency Management team and Irvine Police Public Information Office who have assisted with the emergency management response.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR (ESTIMATED START TIME: 6:30 P.M.)

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

2.6

Jeanne Cullen and Michelle Johnson, Irvine residents, spoke in support of the proposed lease agreement related to Katie Wheeler Library.

Moved by Councilmember Treseder, seconded by Councilmember Liu, and unanimously carried to approve Consent Calendar Item Nos. 2.1 through 2.10, with the exception of Consent Calendar Item No. 2.4, which was removed for separate discussion.

2.1 MINUTES

ACTION:

- 1) Approved the minutes of a special joint meeting of the City Council and the Great Park Board held on November 26, 2024.
- 2) Approved the minutes of an adjourned regular meeting of the City Council and special joint meeting with the Great Park Board held on November 26, 2024.

- 3) Approved the minutes of a regular meeting of the City Council held on December 10, 2024.
- 4) Approved the minutes of a special meeting of the City Council held on December 12, 2024.

2.2 PROCLAMATIONS

ACTION:

- 1) Ratified and Proclaimed January 13, 2025, as "Korean American Day."
- 2) Proclaimed January 20, 2025, as "Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day."

2.3 WARRANT AND WIRE TRANSFER RESOLUTION

ACTION:

Adopted RESOLUTION NO. 25-01 - 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 2025 CITY COUNCIL MEETING CALENDAR

This item was removed for separate discussion at the request of Councilmember Carroll, who asked for clarification on City Council meeting calendar modifications specified in the Errata memo dated January 14, 2025.

Carl Petersen, City Clerk, responded to questions.

City Council discussion included: suggesting the cancellation of the November 25 meeting in recognition of the Thanksgiving holiday; and noted the ability to call a special meeting at any time should the need arise based on the cancellation of the proposed meetings.

ACTION: Moved by Councilmember Carroll, seconded by Councilmember Treseder, and unanimously carried to:

Approve the proposed 2025 City Council Meeting Calendar, **as amended** to include the cancellation of the September 23, 2025, City Council meeting in observance of the Rosh Hashanah holiday as reflected in the Errata memo dated January 14, 2025, and cancel the November 25, 2025, City Council meeting in recognition of Thanksgiving week.

2.5 *DECLARATION OF SURPLUS LAND ON PORTIONS OF APN 580-76-523*

ACTION:

- 1) Adopted RESOLUTION NO. 25-02 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING PORTIONS OF ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBER 586-765-23 IN THE CITY OF IRVINE SURPLUS LAND PURSUANT TO THE SURPLUS LAND ACT (GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 54220 ET SEQ.)
- 2) Directed staff to issue a Notice of Availability for the surplus land.

2.6 *AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF ORANGE AND THE CITY OF IRVINE FOR THE LEASE OF KATIE WHEELER LIBRARY (13109 MYFORD ROAD)*

ACTION:

Approved the Agreement between the County of Orange and the City of Irvine for lease of the Katie Wheeler Library and authorize the City Manager to finalize and execute the Agreement and take all necessary actions to implement the lease. **(Contract No. 12001)**

2.7 *ENHANCED MOBILITY FOR SENIORS AND INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES GRANT*

ACTION:

Accepted Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Grant of \$644,992 and authorize staff to include associated costs in the 2025-26 Fiscal Year Budget.

2.8 *UPDATE TO THE PERSONNEL RULES AND PROCEDURES TO REFLECT CURRENT LAW AND PRACTICE REGARDING MILITARY LEAVE*

ACTION:

Adopted RESOLUTION NO. 25-03 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING ARTICLE 14, SECTION 8 "MILITARY LEAVE" OF THE CITY OF IRVINE PERSONNEL RULES AND PROCEDURES TO CONTINUE TEMPORARY SUPPLEMENTAL MILITARY BENEFITS FOR CITY EMPLOYEES CALLED INTO ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY

2.9 AWARD OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES CONTRACT FOR JAMBOREE ROAD/MICHELSON DRIVE PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE PROJECT (CIP 321601)

ACTION:

- 1) Awarded a construction contract in the amount of \$25,499,882.34 for the Jamboree Road/Michelson Drive Pedestrian Bridge Project, CIP 321601, to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, M. S. Construction Management Group. **(Contract No. 21588)**
- 2) Approved the budget adjustment appropriating \$5,200,000 in IBC Funds, to the Jamboree Road/Michelson Drive Pedestrian Bridge Project, CIP 321601.
- 3) Approved and authorized the Mayor to execute a professional services contract with SYRUSA Engineering, Inc. (SYRUSA) in the amount not-to-exceed \$2,726,647.08 for construction management, inspection, materials/acceptance testing, and survey quality assurance services, for construction of the Jamboree Road/Michelson Drive Pedestrian Bridge Project, CIP 321601. **(Contract No. 21830)**

2.10 COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUND GRANT NOMINATIONS

ACTION:

- 1) Approved Councilmember Carroll's request for Community Partnership Fund Grant Nomination to the Irvine 2-11 Marine Adoption Committee Inc. in the amount of \$1,770 in support of program costs.
- 2) Authorized the City Manager to prepare and sign a funding agreement for the organization listed above. **(Contract No. 12002)**

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 7:30 p.m.

Stephanie Frady, Director of Community Development, presented the staff report and responded to questions. Alyssa Matheus, Planning Manager, was also available for questions.

Mario Albuquerque, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to the proposed warehouse facility at the Von Karman Corporate Center.

There was no City Council discussion.

ACTION: Moved by Councilmember Carroll, seconded by Councilmember Treseder, and unanimously carried to:

Continue the public hearing to January 28, 2025, at 5 p.m. or soon thereafter.

3.2 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)

Mayor Agran opened the public hearing at 7:36 p.m.

Eric Martin, Senior Planner, presented the staff report and responded to questions. Alyssa Matheus, Planning Manager, was also available for questions.

There were no requests to speak.

There was no City Council discussion.

ACTION: Moved by Mayor Agran, seconded by Councilmember Treseder, and unanimously carried by those members present (Councilmember Carroll absent), to close the public hearing at 7:42 p.m.

ACTION: Moved by Councilmember Carroll, seconded by Councilmember Mai, and unanimously carried to:

Introduce for first reading and read by title only 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

3.3 CONSIDERATION TO INCREASE CONTRACT TOW AND STORAGE FEES

Mayor Agran opened the public hearing at 7:45 p.m.

Shaheen Jahangard, Police Lieutenant, presented the staff report and responded to questions.

Tyler Miller, G & W Towing, and Jody Campbell, MetroPro Road Services, spoke in support of the proposed contract.

There was no City Council discussion.

ACTION: Moved by Mayor Agran, seconded by Councilmember Carroll, and unanimously carried to close the public hearing at 7:49 p.m.

ACTION: Moved by Councilmember Carroll, seconded by Councilmember Mai, and unanimously carried to:

Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 25-04 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, TO UPDATE THE “TOW AGENCY CHARGES” FEES

3.4 SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 24-23 APPROVING ZONE CHANGE 00946138-PZC TO AMEND SECTION 7-3-3 OF CHAPTER 7-3 OF DIVISION 7 OF ZONING ORDINANCE RELATING TO SIGN TYPE #107 TEMPORARY NON-COMMERCIAL SIGNS

Mayor Agran opened the public hearing at 7:50 p.m.

Jeff Melching, City Attorney, presented the staff report and responded to questions.

There were no requests to speak.

There was no City Council discussion.

ACTION: Moved by Mayor Agran, seconded by Councilmember Liu, and unanimously carried to close the public hearing at 7:55 p.m.

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

Read by title only, second reading and adoption of ORDINANCE NO. 24-23 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING ZONE CHANGE 00946138-PZC TO AMEND SECTION 7-3-3 OF CHAPTER 7-3 OF DIVISION 7 OF ZONING ORDINANCE RELATING TO SIGN TYPE #107 TEMPORARY NON-COMMERCIAL SIGNS

RECESS

Mayor Agran recessed the City Council meeting at 7:56 p.m.

RECONVENE THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Agran reconvened the City Council meeting at 8:13 p.m.

4. COUNCIL BUSINESS

4.1 CITY COUNCIL REORGANIZATION - SELECTION OF VICE MAYOR

Prior to opening the nomination period open for the selection of Vice Mayor for the ensuing year, Mayor Agran noted that at its meeting of December 10, 2024, the City Council continued the item to the meeting of January 14, 2025.

Mona and Sarah spoke in opposition to Councilmember Treseder serving as Vice Mayor for the ensuing year.

Wendy and Sandi L. spoke in support of Councilmember Treseder serving as Vice Mayor for the ensuing year.

Harvey Liss, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to Councilmember Treseder serving as Vice Mayor for the ensuing year and in support of selecting Councilmember Mai for that role.

Eric Neshanian, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to Councilmembers Mai and Treseder serving as Vice Mayor for the ensuing year, and in support of selecting Councilmember Carroll for that role.

Andrea spoke in opposition to Councilmember Treseder serving as Vice Mayor for the ensuing year, and in support of the selection of Councilmember Carroll for that role.

(949) ***-*347 spoke in opposition to Councilmember Treseder serving as Vice Mayor for the ensuing year, and in support of selecting Councilmembers Carroll or Mai for that role.

Following public comments, Mayor Agran opened the floor for nominations for the selection of Vice Mayor for the ensuing year.

Councilmember Carroll nominated Councilmember Mai, and Councilmember Liu nominated Councilmember Treseder, to serve as Vice Mayor for the ensuing year.

There were no other nominations.

ACTION: By consensus, the nomination period was closed.

By roll call vote, each member stated their preference as follows:

<u>Councilmember</u>	<u>Nominee</u>
Carroll	Mai
Go	Mai
Liu	Treseder
Mai	Mai
Treseder	Treseder
Agran	Mai

Following the roll call vote, Councilmember Mai was selected to serve as Vice Mayor for the ensuing year.

4.2 APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS OF CITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES TO CITY ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES

City Manager Chi provided an overview of the process in which Mayor Agran made his proposed appointment recommendations following discussions with his City Council colleagues; and summarized the procedure by which representatives would be appointed by way of three votes, which included:

- One vote for all committees and agencies aside from the Orange County Power Authority (OCPA) and Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA); and
- Two separate votes for the OCPA and OCFA Boards of Directors; summarized selection processes for the appointments for the OCPA and OCFA Boards of Directors.

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

Eric Neshanian, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to the reappointment of Councilmember Treseder to the OCPA Board of Directors.

City Council discussion included: noting vacant appointments that would be filled upon the election of a seventh Councilmember representing Council District 5; inquired about the number of OCPA appointments under consideration; questioned the return on investment from OCFA membership; inquired about the number of member cities in OCFA; questioned the expiration date related to the City's contract with OCFA; inquired about financial implications related to the potential early withdrawal from OCFA; questioned when the OCFA funding and service levels study would be coming before the City Council; and expressed concern about the potential absence of a representative on the OCFA Board of Directors.

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

- 1) Appoint City Council delegates and alternates to outside governmental agencies on which the City has representation for the 2025 calendar year, **as amended**, to include changes noted in the revised Errata memo dated January 14, 2025, and excluding appointments to the OCPA and OCFA Boards of Directors.
- 2) Appoint City Council representatives and approve staff appointments to various City of Irvine advisory Commissions, Committees and Task Forces for the 2025 calendar year.
- 3) Adopt Fair Political Practices Commission Public Official Appointment Form 806 and direct the City Clerk to post an amended form to the City website to report any change in appointments to the governmental agencies providing stipends as determined by the City Council.

Following the vote, Mayor Agran opened the floor for nominations of two delegates to the OCPA Board of Directors.

Councilmember Treseder, Councilmember Go, and Vice Mayor Mai nominated themselves to serve as the City's delegates to the OCPA Board of Directors for the ensuing year.

There were no other nominations.

By consensus, Mayor Agran declared the nomination period closed.

By roll call vote, each member stated their preference as follows:

<u>Councilmember</u>	<u>Nominees</u>
Carroll	Go and Mai
Go	Go and Mai
Liu	Go and Treseder
Treseder	Mai and Treseder
Mai	Go and Mai
Agran	Go and Mai

Following the roll call vote, Vice Mayor Mai and Councilmember Go were selected to serve as representatives to the OCPA Board of Directors for the ensuing year.

Mayor Agran subsequently opened the floor for nominations for the selection of a delegate to the OCFA Board of Directors for the ensuing year.

Councilmember Treseder nominated Councilmember Liu.
Councilmember Carroll nominated Vice Mayor Mai.

There were no other nominations.

Mayor Agran declared the nomination period closed.

By roll call vote, each member stated their preference as follows:

<u>Councilmember</u>	<u>Nominee</u>
Carroll	Mai
Go	Liu
Liu	Liu
Treseder	Liu
Mai	Mai
Agran	Mai

Following the roll call vote, there was no selection of a delegate to serve on the OCFA Board of Directors for the ensuing year. Mayor Agran then noted that the matter would be revisited upon the election of a Councilmember serving Council District 5.

4.3 CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY MAYOR AGRAN AND COUNCILMEMBER TRESEDER TO DISCUSS ENHANCED WAREHOUSE & LOGISTIC FACILITY REGULATIONS

This item was agendized at the request of Mayor Agran and Councilmember Treseder, who asked for City Council consideration to discuss enhanced warehouse and logistic facility regulations.

Oliver Chi, City Manager, responded to questions.

Steven Masura, Rexford Industrial Realty, expressed concerns regarding enhanced warehouse and logistic facility regulations; and spoke in support of a process for input from property owners and businesses should the City consider modifying warehouse and logistic facility regulations.

The following individuals spoke in support of enhanced warehouse and logistic facility regulations:

- Alan Meyerson, Irvine resident
- Susan Sayre, Irvine resident
- Sylvia Walker, Irvine resident

Mihran Toumajan, National Association of Industrial and Office Properties Southern California chapter, expressed concerns about the proposed regulations and spoke in support of not allowing the development of multi-family or mixed-use residential units adjacent to existing industrial zones and uses.

City Council discussion included: noting that the feasibility of the proposed regulations could diminish over time; reiterated the size of the project; and inquired about the timeline for future City Council consideration.

ACTION: Moved by Councilmember Treseder, seconded by Councilmember Liu, to:

Direct the City Manager to update the previously proposed warehouse and logistics facility regulations and return with those updated rules for full City Council consideration.

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

4.4 CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY COUNCILMEMBER MAI TO DISCUSS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PACE PROGRAM IN IRVINE

This item was agendaized at the request of Vice Mayor Mai, who asked for City Council consideration regarding the establishment of a Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) program in Irvine.

Oliver Chi, City Manager, responded to questions.

Robin Gurien spoke in support.

Eric Neshanian, Irvine resident, spoke in support of conducting additional research related to the proposed PACE program; and indicated that the proposed program may add another layer of bureaucracy.

Pam Wykoff spoke in support of exclusive PACE program eligibility for "legal" Americans and in opposition to the yielding of medical freedoms as a condition for the aid.

City Council discussion included: questioning the funding source, costs, and budgetary implications for the proposed program; inquired about the proposal's relationship to the City's larger Health and Wellness program; inquired about staffing; and suggested the conducting of a needs assessment.

ACTION: Moved by Vice Mayor Mai, seconded by Councilmember Carroll, and unanimously carried to:

Direct staff to develop plans for the establishment of a PACE program in Irvine.

4.5 CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY COUNCILMEMBER MAI TO DISCUSS THE CREATION OF A NEW \$1.5 MILLION ALLOCATION TO FACILITATE THE NEXT ONE IRVINE PROGRAM FUNDING ROUND

This item was agendaized at the request of Vice Mayor Mai, who asked for City Council consideration regarding the creation of a new \$1.5 million allocation to facilitate the next One Irvine program funding round.

Keri Bullock, Health and Wellness Officer, and Oliver Chi, City Manager, responded to questions.

City Council discussion included: requesting a description of the Green Home Grants program; questioned the percentage of Home Improvement Loan recipients that used funds for solar panel installation; inquired about the amount of unused loan funds; questioned the anticipated funding source and suggested the exploration of additional funding sources; proposed the expansion of program qualifications to include homes built from after 1975 to 1980; inquired about the use of a third party servicer to administer these loans; questioned administrative costs; and expressed appreciation to former Housing Administrator Steve Holtz for his role in initiating the program.

ACTION: Moved by Vice Mayor Mai, seconded by Councilmember Carroll, and unanimously carried to:

Direct staff to consider creating a new \$1.5 million allocation to facilitate the next One Irvine program funding round that will include houses built from after 1975 to 1980 and allow for the incorporation of budget suggestions.

4.6 CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY COUNCILMEMBER MAI TO DISCUSS A BUSINESS LICENSE EXEMPTION FOR SMALL BUSINESSES

This item was agendaized at the request of Vice Mayor Mai, who asked for City Council consideration regarding a business license exemption for small businesses.

Oliver Chi, City Manager, responded to questions.

Marlene Dandler, Irvine businessowner, spoke in support of the proposed exemption.

Eric Neshanian, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to the City's perceived inability to enforce business license requirements and suggested further study on the amount of forfeited revenue.

Don Geller, Irvine resident and Finance Commission Chair, suggested that the Finance Commission review potential revenue impacts of the proposed exemption.

City Council discussion included: inquiring about incentives and unintended consequences; questioned adjustments in requirements based on changes in business circumstances; inquired about fiscal impacts; noted that a business license also serves as a registration mechanism with respect to public safety; suggested that the Finance Commission review the proposal prior to City Council consideration; and suggested exploration of outsourcing the program to the chamber of commerce.

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

Direct that the City Manager develop and return with a program to exempt businesses with fewer than 10 employees from having to pay the costs associated with Irvine's annual business license fee and return with a proposal for full City Council consideration that is in conjunction with the budget process.

ADJOURNMENT

Prior to adjournment, Mayor Agran inquired about procedural requirements related to changes in the City's representation on the Orange County Power Authority Board of Directors.

Jeff Melching, City Attorney, responded to questions.

Moved by Mayor Agran, seconded by Councilmember Carroll, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 p.m.



CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF IRVINE



MAYOR OF THE CITY OF IRVINE

February 11, 2025