



MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

January 27, 2026
City Council Chamber
1 Civic Center Plaza
Irvine, CA 92606

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Irvine City Council was called to order at 4:02 p.m. on January 27, 2026, 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 LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION (Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)): One Case - Christopher Lance v. City of Irvine et al., Orange County Superior Court Case No.: 30-2023-01370018-CU-PA-WJC**

- 1.2 **CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS (Government Code § 54956.8) – Property: Portions of APNs 10411897 and 10411767; Agency Negotiators: Sean Crumby, City Manager; Pete Carmichael, Assistant City Manager; Jeffrey Melching, City Attorney; Negotiating Parties: City of Irvine; Nicole Burdette, President, Brookfield Southern California Land LLC/Brookfield Residential; Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment**

- 1.3 **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION (Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)): One Case - United States of America et al v. Live Nation Entertainment, Inc. et al., United States District Court for the Southern District of New York Case No: 24-CV-3973**

There were no requests to speak.

RECESS

Mayor Agran recessed the City Council meeting to Closed Session at 4:08 p.m.

RECONVENE TO THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Agran reconvened the City Council meeting at 5:10 p.m. City Attorney Melching, on behalf of the City Council, announced that no reportable action was taken in Closed Session.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Liu led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

Danielle Hanson, Writer-in-Residence at the University of California, Irvine, and inaugural Poet Laureate for the City of Costa Mesa, recited a self-written poem titled “Foggy Morning Hike.”

2. PRESENTATIONS

Prior to Councilmembers Liu and Treseder presenting the proclamation, the following individuals spoke in support of the proclamation:

- Alan Meyerson, Irvine resident
- Jason Garshfield, Irvine resident
- Janine, Irvine resident

Eric Neshanian, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to inconsistency in the issuance of proclamations.

2.1 Proclaim January 27, 2026, as "International Holocaust Remembrance Day"

This item was agendized at the request of Councilmembers Liu and Treseder, who introduced Julie Heimann, representing the Jewish Community Action Network and representatives from several community organizations; and presented a proclamation recognizing January 27, 2026, as "International Holocaust Remembrance Day."

ACTION: Moved by Mayor Agran, seconded by Councilmember Treseder, and unanimously carried to proclaim January 27, 2026, as "International Holocaust Remembrance Day."

2.2 Irvine Public Library Update

Julie Zeoli, Deputy Director of Community & Library Services/City Librarian, provided a brief update regarding the Irvine Public Library system and responded to questions. Sean Crumby, City Manager; Jeff Melching, City Attorney; and Chris Slama, Director of Community & Library Services, also responded to questions.

The following individuals spoke in support of the preservation of University Park Library (UPL):

- Victory Allan, Irvine resident
- Sandy Peck, Irvine resident
- Jason Garshfield, Irvine resident

Allison Walter spoke in support of the creation of more neighborhood libraries and the preservation of UPL.

Michaela Gonzalez Montaner, Irvine resident, questioned data analysis and decision-making processes associated with the Library Master Plan; and spoke in support of preservation and purchase of UPL.

Lee Handy, Irvine resident, spoke in support of promptly entering negotiations with the County related to UPL and creating a Library Advisory Committee; and expressed her appreciation to staff for the positive experience associated with her recent Public Records Act request.

City Council discussion included: inquiring about a development timetable; questioned the status of an outstanding Request for Proposal; inquired about the Library Master Plan (LMP); questioned anticipated community outreach; inquired about the potential expansion of existing facilities; discussed options related to short-term leases and mobile library services; referenced the scope of work in LMP development; suggested staff to enter into negotiations with the County regarding lease opportunities; noted the need to provide direction to staff related to University Park Library negotiations; suggested the inclusion of a Library Advisory Committee in the LMP; inquired about potential plans to acquire Asian-language books; and suggested outreach to other local organizations for acquisition of surplus Asian-language books.

By consensus, received and filed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS

Kirsten Buen, Irvine resident, spoke in support of allowing licensed adult day programs within residential homes.

Laura Melina Thieme, Irvine resident, spoke in support of providing hotel vouchers to assist individuals going through temporary crises.

Susan Sayre, Irvine resident, spoke in support of increased access to Irvine CONNECT for older adults; and in support of increased operating hours for Irvine CONNECT, WeRide, and TRIPS to allow for socialization among the senior community.

Wing Chow, Irvine resident, spoke in support of improving breakfast offerings at the Mornings with the Mayor event, collaboration with the Irvine Police Department regarding internet scams, and the installation of a traffic light at the intersection of Karen Ann Lane and Yale Avenue.

Joanne expressed appreciation to Councilmembers Treseder and Liu regarding the proclamation recognizing "International Holocaust Remembrance Day"; spoke in support of correcting a known scrivener's error as it related to open space at Oak Creek and accepting a permanent open space easement; and in opposition to the City's Council's enabling of a misleading narrative put forth by Irvine Company related to a proposed nature park in Oak Creek.

Jason Garshfield, Irvine resident, spoke in support of mental health laws and a paramedic subscription program; and in opposition to comments made by a previous public commenter.

John Albritton spoke in support of amending the Oak Creek easement offer to provide permanent open space protection, and accepting and recording the document to make it enforceable.

Mike Raugh, Laguna Woods resident, spoke in support of transparency related to Orange County Power Authority (OCPA) expenditures; and in opposition to the lack of discount programs for OCPA rates similar to those offered by Southern California Edison (SCE).

Heidi, Irvine resident, spoke in support of a digital public speaker queue at City Council meetings, and posting each City Councilmember's voting record on the City's website in a manner similar to that displayed on Mayor Agran's website.

Janine spoke in opposition to the processing and responsiveness related to a Public Records Act request that she submitted in November 2025.

Doug Elliott, Irvine resident and Community & Library Services Commissioner, spoke in support of the City's previously adopted resolution for "Fred Korematsu Day of Civil Liberties and the Constitution," and provided historical background on Mr. Korematsu.

Amir, Irvine resident, spoke in support of adopting a resolution condemning the killing of civilians and peaceful protesters in Iran, and affirming the City's commitment to human rights.

Alan Meyerson, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to genocide in Sudan and the lack of related protests and news coverage.

Dee Fox, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to Vice Mayor Mai's lack of action to shut down OCPA and neglect of his fiduciary duties as a Member of the OCPA Board of Directors.

Eric Neshanian, Irvine resident, spoke in support of appointing a poet laureate for the City; and in opposition to Mayor Agran's voting record related to the Irvine Recovery Plan Grants Program and OCPA.

Vicki Johnson spoke in support of encouraging ratepayers to opt out of OCPA; and in opposition to the lack of a discount program for OCPA ratepayers compared with those offered by SCE.

CITY MANAGERS REPORT

Luis Estevez, Director of Public Works & Sustainability, provided brief updates regarding the Venta Spur/Jeffrey Open Space Trail Pedestrian Bridge Project and Irvine Fieldhouse.

Michael Kent, Director of Public Safety/Chief of Police, noted that there had been no recent immigration enforcement activity in the City since his prior update.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Treseder

- Councilmember Treseder reiterated the requirements related to Assembly Bill (AB) 1276, California's "Skip the Stuff" law, which applies to dine-in and take-out establishments statewide and requires them to provide single-use items such as utensils, straws, napkins, and condiments only upon customer request. Businesses were requested to review their practices to ensure compliance. Reduction of single-use plastics protects the environment, reduces waste, and supports the City's sustainability goals. Enforcement of AB 1276 is conducted by the Orange County Health Care Agency's Environmental Health Division. Residents with concerns can report them to the County. City staff are available to provide guidance and support to businesses with compliance questions; and will include AB 1276 in their upcoming solid waste outreach to local businesses.

Councilmember Liu

- Councilmember Liu presided over her first meeting as Chair of the Hotel Improvement District Operating Committee on January 20 and noted a focus on leveraging upcoming global opportunities, including the 2026 FIFA World Cup and 2028 Summer Olympic Games, to drive tourism and economic growth to our City.
- In December 2025, the Orange County Fire Authority responded to 1,939 emergency incidents, including 18 fire incidents, and 1,211 rescue and Emergency Medical Services calls.
- Councilmember Liu collaborated with Hope Center for the Arts, a studio for adults with intellectual disabilities, to host its first gallery opening reception on January 15. Members of the public are invited to view artwork on display in City Hall until March, and the Center's band was invited to perform at a future Council meeting.
- To honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s (MLK) legacy of service, Councilmember Liu attended the Orange County MLK Prayer Breakfast. Later that day, Team Liu assisted with packing food boxes in collaboration with Sabil USA, a nonprofit organization dedicated to ensuring food equity.
- Councilmember Liu toured the Marine Way Grade Separation Project on January 20. The project will allow easy access for residents and visitors between the Great Park and Irvine Station, with completion scheduled for 2027.
- Team Liu attended the groundbreaking ceremony for the I-5 Improvement Project on January 23.

Councilmember Martinez Franco

- Bicycle lanes along East and West Yale Loop were upgraded with buffers to provide more space between cars and bicycles. Councilmember Martinez Franco expressed appreciation to city engineers and transit staff.
- Councilmember Martinez Franco, along with her City Council colleagues, recently attended the groundbreaking ceremony for the I-5 Improvement Project.
- Councilmember Martinez Franco provided the following updates related to the Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA):
 - The City of Irvine recently achieved a Class 1 ranking from the Insurance Services Office, meaning that fire conditions have improved and homeowners may be able to receive lower fire insurance rates in the future.
 - The OCFA Board of Directors recently elected Joshua Sweeney of the City of Laguna Hills as Chair and Nitesh Patel of the City of La Palma as Vice Chair for 2026.
- Members of the public are invited to follow Councilmember Martinez Franco's social media and register for Citywide and Council District 5 updates.

Councilmember Go

- As a Member of the Orange County Transportation Authority's (OCTA) Board of Directors, Councilmember Go provided an update regarding the I-5 Improvement Project in Irvine and Tustin, which will be led by OCTA in partnership with Caltrans. A groundbreaking ceremony recently took place. The approximately \$760 million project between Interstate 405 and State Route 55 will add a regular lane in each direction and make improvements for all commuters, a major effort to improve mobility and safety and reduce congestion along one of Orange County's busiest freeways. In addition to freeway improvements, the project includes enhancements for active transportation, such as upgraded pedestrian curb ramps, repainted bike lanes for better visibility, added lighting, and installation of new guard rails and concrete barriers. The project is expected to be completed in 2030.
- Last week, Councilmember Go attended the Metrolink Board of Directors Workshop, where the Board reviewed the agency's performance over the past year; heard from Metrolink staff regarding operations, policy, and fiscal planning; and discussed projections for 2026. Board members came together to focus on improving service, reliability, and on-time performance, especially with the 2026 FIFA World Cup and 2028 Summer Olympic Games coming to the region.

Vice Mayor Mai

- Vice Mayor Mai, as one of two City representatives to the Orange County Power Authority (OCPA) Board of Directors, noted that OCPA's rates were 12% higher than those for Southern California Edison, that Irvine residents were dropped to the Basic Choice Tier as a default service level, and that the OCPA's repayment to the City for its initial investment was ongoing. At a recent Board meeting, Vice Mayor Mai suggested that OCPA advertise rates in a transparent manner and let customers know how to opt out easily; and noted OCPA's strategy to lock rates in for a year to avoid rate fluctuations.
- Vice Mayor Mai's office recently held a Youth Leadership Conference, which included a policy brief competition that brought students from Irvine and across the County, with some participants coming from as far as Los Angeles. He also noted the participation of past and present Mayors, including Christina Shea, Sukhee Kang, Steven Choi, and Larry Agran, along with City Manager Sean Crumby, who all shared their insights with participating students. There was participation from over 140 students who were placed in 18 teams. The competition was designed to provide an intellectually rigorous, policy-focused civic experience and platform. Vice Mayor Mai extended congratulations to all winners and expressed appreciation to the Mayors and City Manager for their participation.

Mayor Agran

- Mayor Agran noted the opening of eight new pickleball courts at Mike Ward Community Park - Woodbridge next month. A ribbon cutting ceremony will take place on Tuesday, February 3, at 3 p.m., weather permitting, and will highlight the courts in action, with local pickleball organizations scheduled to play. The project includes the addition of shade structures, picnic tables, benches, and water bottle filling stations. To minimize noise impacts, the courts will be enclosed with a sound dampening barrier. The lighted courts will be available daily for community drop-in play, reservations, and programs. For more information regarding court reservations and program registration, visit yourirvine.org. For more information on the pickleball courts, visit cityofirvine.org/pickleball.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

3.2

Janine spoke in support of engagement with Persian constituents regarding the proposed art installation and noted the oddness of recognizing the contributions of the Persian community with a replica of a building in Tehran; and spoke in opposition to the lack of freedom for the Iranian people.

Eric Neshanian, Irvine resident, spoke in support of the proposed Public Arts Application for the privately funded Shahyad Tower with educational plaque.

3.4

Rima Nashashibi spoke in support of Councilmember Treseder's request for Community Partnership Fund Grant Nomination to Global Hope 365.

ACTION: Moved by Mayor Agran, seconded by Vice Mayor Mai, and unanimously carried to approve Consent Calendar Item Nos. 3.1 and 3.3.

ACTION: Moved by Mayor Agran, seconded by Councilmember Treseder, and unanimously carried to approve Consent Calendar Item Nos. 3.2 and 3.4.

3.1 WARRANT AND WIRE TRANSFER RESOLUTION

ACTION:
Adopted RESOLUTION NO. 26-04 - 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

3.2 COMMUNITY INITIATED, UNSOLICITED, PUBLIC ARTS APPLICATION

ACTION:
Approved the Community Initiated, unsolicited, Public Arts Application for the privately funded Shahyad Tower with educational plaque.

3.3 UPDATES TO MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING, EMPLOYMENT RESOLUTIONS, AND SALARY GRADE ORDER TO REFLECT RESULTS OF BIENNIAL STUDY AND CALPERS REQUIREMENTS

ACTION:

- 1) Adopted RESOLUTION NO. 26-05 - 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 RESOLUTION NO. 25-90, EFFECTIVE THE PAY PERIOD THAT INCLUDES JANUARY 3, 2026
- 2) Adopted RESOLUTION NO. 26-06 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF IRVINE AND THE IRVINE POLICE MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION (IPMA), AND SUPERSEDING RESOLUTION NO. 25-92, EFFECTIVE THE PAY PERIOD THAT INCLUDES JANUARY 3, 2026
- 3) Adopted RESOLUTION NO. 26-07 - 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. 25-12, EFFECTIVE THE PAY PERIOD THAT INCLUDES JANUARY 3, 2026
- 4) Adopted RESOLUTION NO. 26-08 – 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. 25-97, WHICH IS INCONSISTENT THEREWITH, EFFECTIVE THE PAY PERIOD THAT INCLUDES JANUARY 3, 2026

3.4 COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUND GRANT NOMINATIONS

ACTION:

- 1) Approved Councilmember Treseder's request for Community Partnership Fund Grant Nomination to Global Hope 365, a DBA of Integrated Solutions 360, in the amount of \$1,000 in support of program costs. **(Contract No. 13058)**
- 2) Authorized the City Manager to prepare and sign a funding agreement for the organization listed above.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

4.1 IRVINE ZONING ORDINANCE TECHNICAL UPDATE AND IRVINE MUNICIPAL CODE AMENDMENT

Mayor Agran opened the public hearing at 7:18 p.m.

Tiffany Lin, Senior Planner, presented the staff report and responded to questions. Nick Melloni, Principal Planner, was also available for questions.

There were no requests to speak.

City Council discussion included: noting the impact of zoning ordinances and attention to detail on the City's orderly growth.

ACTION: Moved by Mayor Agran, seconded by Councilmember Go, and unanimously carried by those members present (Vice Mayor Mai absent), to close the public hearing at 7:23 p.m.

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

Introduce for the first reading and read by title only ORDINANCE NO. 26-01 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING ZONE CHANGE 00964196-PZC TO AMEND THE IRVINE ZONING ORDINANCE TO INCLUDE NEW AND REVISED ZONING PROVISIONS RELATED TO CHAPTER 3-27- SETBACK STANDARDS, CHAPTER 3-37- ZONING DISTRICT LAND USE REGULATIONS AND DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS; CHAPTER 5-8- IRVINE BUSINESS COMPLEX RESIDENTIAL MIXED-USE OVERLAY DISTRICT; CHAPTER 5-9- RESIDENTIAL AND RESIDENTIAL MIXED-USE OVERLAY DISTRICT; AND CHAPTER 9-36- PLANNING AREA 36 (IRVINE BUSINESS COMPLEX)

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

Introduce for the first reading and read by title only ORDINANCE NO. 26-02 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING ZONE CHANGE 00969435-PZC TO AMEND THE IRVINE ZONING ORDINANCE BY PROVIDING REVISED ZONING PROVISIONS RELATED TO CHAPTER 3-18- MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL AND RESIDENTIAL MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVE DESIGN STANDARDS AND TO AMEND THE OBJECTIVE DESIGN STANDARDS MANUAL

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

Introduce for the first reading and read by title only ORDINANCE NO. 26-03 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING TITLE 5, DIVISION 5 OF THE IRVINE MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROVIDE CHANGES CORRESPONDING WITH ZONE CHANGE 00964196-PZC SPECIFIC TO PLANNING AREA 36 (IRVINE BUSINESS COMPLEX)

5. COUNCIL BUSINESS

5.1 *ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING CHANGES AND ADDITIONS TO POSTED SPEED LIMITS*

Wyatt Sing, Traffic Engineering Strategist, presented the staff report and responded to questions. Michael Kent, Director of Public Safety/Chief of Police, also responded to questions. Brad Sommers, City Traffic Engineer, was also available for questions.

City Council discussion included: inquiring about whether the proposed ordinance would formalize posted speed limits presented at a previous City Council meeting in addition to adding new ones; noted related state legislation; questioned traffic enforcement, safety trends, and associated data; and inquired about City Council notification protocols related to significant traffic collisions.

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

Introduce for first reading and read by title only ORDINANCE NO. 26-04 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, DIRECTING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF IRVINE ENGINEERING AND TRAFFIC SURVEYS FOR SPEED LIMITS, AS MAINTAINED BY THE PUBLIC WORKS AND SUSTAINABILITY DEPARTMENT AS THE OFFICIAL DOCUMENTATION OF DECLARED PRIMA FACIE SPEED LIMITS

5.2 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, TO AMEND DIVISION 7 TO TITLE 4 OF THE IRVINE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO BICYCLES, ELECTRIC BICYCLES, AND OTHER TRAFFIC ON CITY STREETS AND PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY

Shaheen Jahangard, Police Lieutenant, and Jason Scheafer, Motor Training Officer, presented the staff report and responded to questions. Jeff Melching, City Attorney, and Michael Kent, Director of Public Safety/Chief of Police, also responded to questions.

Susan Sayre, Irvine resident, spoke in support of 1) banning e-bikes and scooters on sidewalks and restricting them to street bike lanes with a requirement to ride with the flow of traffic; 2) registration requirements for all motorized bikes and scooters; 3) impounding vehicles for substantial violations; and 4) required classes for the rider and parents when the rider is a minor.

Mari Fujii, Irvine resident and Transportation Commission Chair, spoke in support of the proposed ordinance with an amendment to increase the speed limit to 20 miles per hour for bikes and e-bikes in bike lanes and on trails.

Harvey Liss, Irvine resident, spoke in support of City requirements for headlights and taillights for all bicycles and the buckling of helmets for riders.

Maria requested clarification regarding speed limits for non-electric bicycles and bicycle prohibitions on trails, and IPD approval requirements with HOAs; and spoke in support of banning all e-bikes from sidewalks except for possibly Class 1 or 2 devices.

Eric Neshanian, Irvine resident, spoke in support of incorporating class requirements into the licensing process and City enforcement in the absence of parental control.

City Council discussion included: inquiring about conformance with state law and its impact on local authority; referenced a recent e-bike safety town hall event and unsafe e-bike riding nearby; suggested increasing the speed limit from 15 to 20 miles per hour in the proposed ordinance; questioned the rationale for variance between staff and Traffic Commission recommendations; suggested differentiation of vehicles when setting speed limits; requested clarification regarding warning, citation, and impound thresholds and practices; inquired about community outreach; discussed potential measures to protect pedestrians; inquired about reaction time at different speeds; questioned current and anticipated enforcement efforts; inquired about resident reporting mechanisms; questioned monitoring of hot spots; inquired about speed limit differences between trails and sidewalks; questioned the standard used for determining parental liability; inquired about licensing requirements; questioned notification and class attendance requirements for parents of underage riders; inquired about the amount of citations issued for young e-bike riders and passengers riding without helmet(s); questioned plans to post sidewalk speed limits and their application to trails and paths; inquired about the impact of pedestrian presence on sidewalks and trails; questioned collaboration, application of speed limits, and reporting of violations within HOA boundaries; inquired about jurisdiction over Mason Park and potential collaboration with the County; inquired about the ability to set speed limits beyond school zones; inquired about the scope of the proposed ordinance; questioned the ability to impose headlight and taillight requirements; noted the need for enforcement near the University of California, Irvine; suggested future updates on implementation results; inquired about current sidewalk speed limits, associated benefits, and potential impacts related to the proposed ordinance; questioned the ability to amend the vehicle code to prohibit e-bikes on sidewalks; and questioned whether a survey of other cities was conducted pertaining to speed limits on sidewalks.

ACTION: Moved by Councilmember Treseder, seconded by Vice Mayor Mai, to:

Introduce for first reading, and read by title only ORDINANCE NO. 26-05 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING PORTIONS OF DIVISION 7 OF TITLE 4 RELATING TO BICYCLES; ADDING SECTION 4-7-206 OF THE IRVINE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO UNLAWFUL OPERATION OF MOTORIZED AND NON-MOTORIZED CONVEYANCES; AND REMOVING SECTIONS 4-7-401 THROUGH 4-7-416 RELATING TO LICENSES, **as amended to make the following modification:**

Section 4-7-205 (C) – Speed

C. No person shall operate a bicycle or electric bicycle on a bicycle path or bicycle trail at a speed greater than ~~15~~ 20 miles per hour, and in no event at a speed greater than is reasonable or prudent under the existing conditions, or at any speed which endangers the safety of persons or property.

The motion carried as follows:

AYES: 6 COUNCILMEMBERS: Go, Liu, Mai, Martinez Franco, Treseder, and Agran

NOES: 1 COUNCILMEMBERS: Carroll

ABSENT: 0 COUNCILMEMBERS: None

ABSTAIN: 0 COUNCILMEMBERS: None

5.3 CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY COUNCILMEMBER LIU AND VICE MAYOR MAI TO DISCUSS VETERAN SERVICES AND RESOURCES IN IRVINE

This item was agendized at the request of Councilmember Liu and Vice Mayor Mai, who asked for City Council consideration to discuss veteran services and resources in Irvine

Sean Crumby, City Manager, responded to questions.

Byron Salvatierra, Irvine resident, and Hilary Zappin, Executive Director of Fisher House Southern California, spoke in support.

Dee Fox and Eric Neshanian, Irvine residents, spoke in opposition to the potential for duplication of existing efforts.

City Council discussion included: clarifying the scope of the request; and noted collaboration with veterans organizations, lack of nearby services, and the possibility of consideration for medical and mental health services.

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

Direct the City Manager to return with recommendations on near-term programming, partnership opportunities, preliminary service frameworks, and next steps for a citywide resource center for veterans and their families.

5.4 CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY MAYOR AGRAN TO DISCUSS AN IRVINE BUSINESS COMPLEX ADVERTISING BUILDING WRAP PILOT

This item was agendaized at the request of Mayor Agran, who asked for City Council consideration to discuss an Irvine Business Complex advertising building wrap pilot program.

Dave Coffaro, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Greater Irvine Chamber, and Rob Jones, representing Lakeshore, provided a brief overview of the proposed pilot program and responded to questions.

“Transparent Irvine” spoke in opposition to the proposed pilot program.

Harvey Liss, Irvine resident, spoke in support of the bringing forward of suggestions for messages and designs for the pilot program.

City Council discussion included: noting the potential for leveraging upcoming large events in the region, including the Super Bowl, as part of the pilot program; inquired about the timetable for installation, display, and disassembly of proposed advertising; expressed concern about the potential expansion of the pilot program; noted concerns expressed by Irvine Company; questioned limits on events, buildings, and time period; inquired about the nature of the proposed wrapping; questioned potential revenue generation for the City; inquired about the role of Starpointe Ventures; inquired about who would manage the advertisements and the potential requirement for a Request for Proposals or Quotations; inquired about building ownership and use in the proposed pilot program area; suggested the use of lights and/or a

projector at night in lieu of wrapping; noted potential impacts to residents and quality of life in the surrounding area; and questioned visibility of signage aside from the freeway.

No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councilmember Carroll, seconded by Councilmember Treseder, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:52 p.m.


MAYOR OF THE CITY OF IRVINE


CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF IRVINE

February 24, 2026