



MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AND SPECIAL JOINT MEETING WITH THE ORANGE COUNTY GREAT PARK BOARD

June 22, 2021
City Council Chamber
One Civic Center Plaza
Irvine, CA 92606

CALL TO ORDER

The regular joint meeting of the Irvine City Council was called to order at 4:11 p.m. on June 22, 2021, in the City Council Chamber, Irvine Civic Center, One Civic Center Plaza, Irvine, California; Mayor/Chairwoman Khan presiding.

ROLL CALL

Present: 5 Councilmember/Boardmember Larry Agran
Councilmember/Boardmember Mike Carroll
Councilmember/Boardmember Anthony Kuo
Vice Mayor/Vice Chairwoman Tammy Kim
Mayor/Chairwoman Farrah N. Khan

Chairwoman Khan announced that City Hall was now open to the public, allowing members of the public to physically attend and participate in Great Park Board meetings, and noted the current guidelines for face coverings. She also noted that 1) the meeting was broadcast live on Cox Communications Local Access Channel 30 and AT&T U-Verse Channel 99, and livestreamed online at cityofirvine.org; 2) members of the public would continue to have the ability to provide live comments on agenda items via Zoom; and 3) the City of Irvine continued to sanitize surfaces and equipment in the Council Chamber and throughout City Hall.

In addition, Carl Petersen, Secretary / Clerk of the Board, provided instructions on how to participate in the meeting; and noted that the e-comment feature had been extended, which allowed members of the public the ability to submit e-comments on all agenda items, which would be included as part of the official record and uploaded to the City's website.

Mayor Khan also announced that general public comments for the City Council on items not on the agenda would be considered at approximately 6:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Khan introduced Boy Scout Troop 2279, who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

Malti Maheta, founding member from Indian Community of Irvine, provided the invocation.

1. PRESENTATIONS

1.1 *Enforcement Efforts by Irvine Police Department on Loud Exhaust and Racing Vehicles*

This presentation was agendized at the request of Councilmembers Agran and Kuo, who noted concerns expressed by residents related to loud exhaust and racing vehicles and the importance of addressing those concerns.

Jasper Kim and Garrett Gales, Police Sergeants, provided a brief update on enforcement efforts by the Irvine Police Department.

City Council discussion included: questioning whether those arrested were primarily residents or residents of other cities; inquired about whether new enforcement efforts were effective; questioned fiscal impacts associated with street racing; noted certain locations of areas needing enforcement; questioned whether loud exhaust equipment was an aftermarket issue or if stock automobiles were also contributing factors; inquired about whether closed circuit television (CCTV) cameras assisted with enforcement efforts; questioned available resources and whether any additional ones were needed to assist with enforcement efforts; questioned the inspection process for modified vehicles; and inquired about whether air support was used for enforcement efforts.

Mike Hamel, Director of Public Safety/Chief of Police, noted that enforcement efforts are concentrated on specific areas when identified..

Justin Fong, Irvine resident, expressed concern related to certain road designs.

Gil Nelsen, Irvine resident, suggested grant funds be used toward technology to assist with enforcement efforts.

Steve L, Irvine resident, noted his support for public safety, and expressed concerns related to street racing and lack of enforcement on some City streets.

1.2 *Municipal Broadband Assessment Study*

This presentation was agendized at the request of Mayor Khan and Vice Mayor Kim.

Nick Rycroft, Technology Program Manager, provided an overview of the assessment study and responded to questions.

City Council discussion included: noting consistent concerns expressed by resident with respect to reliable broadband service and the importance of providing such service; suggested internet services be made part of the City's infrastructure; explore revenue opportunities related to providing/leasing broadband services; and questioned next steps.

Kristen Camuglia, Cox Communications representative, noted that the company was looking forward to working with staff and consultants during the assessment study process.

Jose Cantañeda suggested that staff and consultants work collaboratively, and noted the importance of Councilmembers' involvement and community input with respect to broadband service in the City.

INTERIM CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

There was no report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Khan made the following announcements:

- A Virtual Town Hall meeting, hosted by Waste Management, will be held on Wednesday, June 23 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. to discuss residential service and COVID-19 staffing. Waste Management will also provide information about updating online account communication preferences and how to contact their Customer Service. Waste Management representatives will be available for questions following the presentation. No registration is required. For information on how to participate in the meeting, visit cityofirvine.org.

- Mayors are taking part in the U.S. Conference of Mayors Challenge to get 70% of adults vaccinated with at least one shot before July 4. Irvine can take it even further, and has set a goal of having 75% of eligible Irvine residents fully vaccinated by the Fourth of July. The City was well in the way to reaching that goal, with 69% of eligible Irvine residents fully vaccinated and 78% having received at least one dose. Vaccines are one of the most powerful tools to end the COVID-19 pandemic and keep the community safe. There are several opportunities for vaccinations, which include a vaccination event at Diamond Jamboree Shopping Center on Wednesday, July 15 and Sunday, July 18 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Appointments can be made at yourirvine.org. The Orange County Great Park drive-thru vaccination clinic is also available on Wednesday, July 15 and Friday, July 23, from 8 to 11 a.m. To learn more, visit cityofirvine.org/vaccine. As the City focuses on bringing additional vaccination clinics to local neighborhoods, the Great Park site will transition to a more convenient and accessible mobile unit in early July. For a list of all vaccination sites in Irvine, visit the City's website at cityofirvine.org/covid19 and click on COVID-19 Vaccine Resources.
- The City had been recognized for excellence in financial reporting for the 42nd consecutive year. The Government Finance Officers Association presented the City with a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, which summarizes financial activity for the previous fiscal year. The award is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting, and represents a significant accomplishment by staff in the Financial Management & Strategic Planning Department. The Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) is available via the City's website at cityofirvine.org/transparency by clicking Financial Reports.
- Community members are invited to attend the Joint Irvine Police Department and Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) Open House on Sunday, June 27 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Orange County Great Park. OCFA's equipment display will include a fire engine, fire truck, hazardous material truck, and the Jaws of Life rescue equipment. Irvine Police will also have an interactive display, including a Police K-9, horses from the Mounted Unit, drones, a photo booth with police equipment, and a SWAT rescue vehicle. To register, visit cityofirvine.org and click June 27 on the City's calendar.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR – CITY COUNCIL

ACTION: Moved by Councilmember Carroll, seconded by Vice Mayor Kim, and unanimously carried to approve Consent Calendar Item Nos. 2.1, 2.2, and 2.4 through 2.11 Consent Calendar.

2.1 MINUTES

ACTION:

- 1) Approved the minutes of a special meeting of the Irvine City Council held on May 25, 2021.
- 2) Approved the minutes of a regular meeting of the Irvine City Council, regular joint meeting with the City of Irvine as Successor Agency to the dissolved Irvine Redevelopment Agency, and special joint meeting with the Orange County Great Park Board held on May 25, 2021.

2.2 WARRANT AND WIRE TRANSFER RESOLUTION

ACTION:

Adopted RESOLUTION NO. 21-38 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, ALLOWING CERTAIN CLAIMS AND DEMANDS AND SPECIFYING THE FUNDS OUT OF WHICH THE SAME ARE TO BE PAID

2.3 REMOVED

This item was removed from the agenda originally published on June 10, 2021.

2.4 CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR STATE LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY SERVICES

ACTION:

Authorized the Interim City Manager to enter into a one-year consulting services agreement for State legislative advocacy services with Townsend Public Affairs (TPA) with four one-year options to renew, subject to amendments by the City Council. **(Contract No. 20047)**

2.5 ANNUAL MEASURE M2 ELIGIBILITY SUBMITTAL

ACTION:

- 1) Approved and authorized staff to submit the Annual Measure M2 eligibility verification package to Orange County Transportation Authority for Fiscal Year 2021-22, including the City's Seven-Year Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 2020-21 through 2027-28 to comply with Measure M2 eligibility criteria.
- 2) Adopted RESOLUTION NO. 21-39 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, CONCERNING THE STATUS AND UPDATE OF THE CIRCULATION ELEMENT, THE MITIGATION FEE PROGRAM, AND THE PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE MEASURE M (M2) PROGRAM

2.6 CONTRACT AWARD FOR CLIMATE ACTION AND ADAPTATION PLAN

Prior to approval of the Consent Calendar, the following individuals spoke in support of the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan:

- Tomas Castro, Irvine resident
- Justin Fong, Irvine resident
- Alejandro, Sunrise Movement Orange County
- Stephen Coffey
- Suyama Bodhinayake, Irvine resident
- Kyler Chin, Sunrise Movement of Orange County
- Ayn Craciun, Irvine resident and Climate Action Campaign Representative
- Jose Castañeda, Irvine resident

Councilmember Agran suggested monthly status updates be provided to the City Council.

ACTION:

- 1) Authorized staff to award a professional services contract in the amount of \$447,145 to Ascent Environmental, Inc. to develop the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan for the City of Irvine. **(Contract No. 20077)**
- 2) Approved a budget adjustment releasing \$197,145 in Rehabilitation Reserve funds from the Irvine Station Painting Capital Improvement Project (#361806) and appropriate to the Environmental Programs FY 21-22 Operations Budget.
- 3) Directed staff to prepare a resolution to set climate goals for the City of Irvine that will guide development of the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan.

2.7 CONTRACT AWARD FOR IRRIGATION CONTROLLER REHABILITATION, CIP 362017

Prior to approval of the Consent Calendar, Councilmember Carroll reiterated that a smart irrigation control system would save water and electricity, and was an investment in the City's future and the environment.

ACTION:

Approved and authorized the Mayor to execute an irrigation controller rehabilitation service contract with American Landscape, Inc., the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, for a not-to-exceed amount of \$1,081,178.00. **(Contract No. 20032)**

2.8 IRVINE STRATEGIC ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

ACTION:

Adopted the Irvine Strategic Active Transportation Plan.

2.9 IRVINE BUSINESS COMPLEX TRAIL FEASIBILITY STUDY AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

ACTION:

Approved the Irvine Business Complex Trail Feasibility Study and Implementation Plan and direct staff to proceed with the preliminary engineering and environmental clearance phase for Segment 3 and Segment 6.

2.10 BUDGET ADJUSTMENT AND APPROVAL OF PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, AND CONTRACT DOCUMENTS FOR VENTA SPUR / STATE ROUTE 133 BICYCLE-PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE (VENTA SPUR BRIDGE) PROJECT, CIP 321701

Prior to adoption of the Consent Calendar, Philip Fuchs, Irvine resident, spoke in support of the bridge project, and noted that the project would allow for residents to safely cross the intersection and allow east/west access.

Councilmember Kuo suggested that staff explore the possibility of connecting the portion of the trail on Venta Spur to Jeffrey Road.

ACTION:

1) Approved the construction plans, specifications, and contract documents for Venta Spur Bridge Project, CIP 321701.

- 2) Approved the Engineer's Estimate, Construction Contingency, and Project Funding Summary.
- 3) Approved a budget adjustment increasing Developer Contributions by \$923,165 and allocate to CIP 321701 Venta Spur/State Route 133 Bicycle-Pedestrian Bridge.
- 4) Authorized staff to solicit competitive bids and award the construction contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, in accordance with the City's purchasing policies and procedures, within the approved project budget.

2.11 COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUND GRANT NOMINATIONS

ACTION:

- 1) Approved Councilmember Agran's request for Community Partnership Fund Grant Nominations to the following organizations:
 - a) Friends of Outreach (\$2,000) in support of program costs **(Contract No. 11351)**
 - b) Rainbow Rising (\$2,000) for scholarship assistance
- 2) Authorized the Interim City Manager to prepare and sign funding agreements for individual awards of \$1,000 or more. **(Contract No. 11352)**

2.12 PROCLAMATIONS

ACTION:

Proclaimed June 2021 as "Immigrant Heritage Month."

CONVENE TO THE SPECIAL JOINT MEETING WITH THE ORANGE COUNTY GREAT PARK BOARD

Mayor/Chairwoman Khan convened the special joint meeting with the Orange County Great Park board at 5:50 p.m., noting for the record that all City Councilmembers and Orange County Great Park Board Directors were present.

3. CITY COUNCIL / BOARD BUSINESS

3.1 APPROVAL OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-23 BIENNIAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM BUDGET AND ASSOCIATED FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Mark Steuer, Director of Public Works and Transportation Officer, presented the staff report and responded to questions. Debby Platt, Community Services Planner, also responded to questions.

City Council/Board discussion included: inquiring about whether specific requests or concerns ensued following review by City Commissions; questioned any additional needs if funding was available; inquired about landscape replacement options; suggested that staff explore the possibility of adding a sidewalk on Irvine Center Drive between Deerwood and Yale; noted the challenges of moving forward with new projects and the upkeep of the older facilities; requested clarification that the suggestions by the Planning and Transportation Commissions were incorporated in the recommendations; questioned whether structures at the Great Park had existing solar or were solar ready; and inquired about whether a capacity issue could ensue at some point at the senior centers.

ACTION: Moved by Councilmember/Director Carroll, seconded by Vice Mayor/Director Kim, and unanimously carried to:

- 1) Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 21-40 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING AND APPROVING THE APPROPRIATIONS BUDGET AND FINANCIAL POLICIES FOR THE CITY OF IRVINE FOR FISCAL YEARS 2021-23, for the purposes of approving the FY 2021-23 Biennial Capital Improvement Program budget.
- 2) Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 21-41 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-22, for the purposes of approving the FY 2021-23 Biennial Capital Improvement Program budget.

ADJOURNMENT - SPECIAL JOINT MEETING WITH THE ORANGE COUNTY GREAT PARK BOARD

Moved by Vice Mayor/Director Kim, seconded by Councilmember/Director Carroll, and unanimously carried to adjourn the special joint meeting with the Orange County Great Park Board of Directors at 6:08 p.m.

RECONVENE TO THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Mayor Khan reconvened the City Council meeting at 6:08 p.m.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

4.1 APPROVAL OF BOND ISSUANCE BY THE CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL FINANCE AUTHORITY TAX-EXEMPT BONDS FOR CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY

Mayor Khan opened the public hearing at 6:08 p.m.

Gemma Calilong, Management Analyst II, presented the staff report and responded to questions.

City Council discussion included: requesting clarification of the bond issuance process; and questioned whether there would be any financial impacts to the City.

Jeff Melching, City Attorney, clarified the bond process, noting that the role of the City was that of facilitating a public hearing forum. He also confirmed that the City was not liable nor impacted by the bond issuance.

Dr. Michael Thomas, Concordia University President, spoke in support, noting his availability to address any City Council questions.

ACTION: Moved by Councilmember Kuo, seconded by Vice Mayor Kim, and unanimously carried to close the public hearing at 6:16 p.m.

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

Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 21-41 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS BY THE CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL FINANCE AUTHORITY IN A MAXIMUM AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$35,000,000 FOR THE PURPOSES OF REFINANCING THE COSTS OF CERTAIN EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES AND CERTAIN OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO

5.1 COVID-19 SITUATIONAL UPDATE AND DIRECTION TO DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES ON RELEVANT ACTION ITEMS

Melissa Haley, Deputy City Manager, presented the staff report and responded to questions.

City Council discussion included: inquiring about the end of the State's executive orders; questioned whether the City had applied for additional funds to support small businesses; expressed concern about a possible surge impacting unvaccinated children; and suggested community messaging be focused on vaccinating children.

There were no public comments.

ACTION: Moved by Councilmember Kuo, seconded by Vice Mayor Kim, and unanimously carried to:

Extend all orders and resolutions through July 31, 2021.

5.2 RESIDENTIAL BEEKEEPING

This item was agendaized at the request of Mayor Khan, who noted that several residents had expressed an interest in getting more involved with residential beekeeping.

Justin Equina, Senior Planner, presented the staff report and responded to questions.

City Council discussion included: questioning interaction between the different species of bees; inquired about how a successful implementation of the program could be defined; suggested a no-kill policy be included; suggested a public service announcement be made and/or that an information booth be set up at the Farmer's Market; noted a possible interface with the botanical garden; questioned requirements for those wanting to take part in the program; and inquired about safety measures needed in the City's neighborhood communities.

The following spoke in support of a residential beekeeping program:

- Farzad Izadi Kharazi, Irvine resident
- Kyler Chin, Executive Director of Sunrise Movement of Orange County
- Jose Castañeda
- Ayn Cracium, Irvine resident

Avram Grossman, Irvine resident, spoke in support, and responded to questions related to safety measures in neighborhood communities.

Karime Pouliuen, Beekeeping Instructor for the California Master Beekeeping Program, noted that individuals can earn a California Master Bee Program certificate by taking online science based courses and hands-on practical tests, and that course information could be found at camp.ucdavid.edu.

ACTION: Moved by Mayor Khan, seconded by Councilmember Kuo, and unanimously carried to:

Direct staff to develop a residential beekeeping program, which includes a “No Kill” provision, in Irvine.

5.3 REQUEST FOR MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH BE WELL OC TO DEVELOP A MOBILE CRISIS RESPONSE TEAM PILOT PROGRAM

This item was agendaized at the request of Mayor Khan, who noted suggested an enhancement to existing services to further meet the needs of the community.

Dave Klug, Police Lieutenant, presented the staff report and responded to questions.

City Council discussion included: inquiring about the type of clinician services provided; questioned whether the response team would be in official police uniforms; inquired about the the program at other agencies; and questioned how unsheltered members would be supported.

Parrisa Yazdani, Irvine resident, expressed concerns related to the treatment of the homeless.

Susan Sayer, Irvine resident, suggested police involvement be minimized and ensuring participation by plain-clothed officers.

Camiar Ohadi, Irvine resident, suggested mental health issues be handled by social services and social workers, and noted additional funding toward these type of programs benefit the community as a whole.

ACTION: Moved by Vice Mayor Kim, seconded by Councilmember Kuo, and unanimously carried to:

- 1) Authorize the Chief of Police to enter into a 12 month Memorandum of Understanding with Be Well OC to explore a pilot program to improve mental health crisis response services in the City of Irvine.
- 2) Direct staff to explore funding options for a pilot program.

5.4 CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY MAYOR KHAN, CO-SPONSORED BY COUNCILMEMBER KUO, TO DISCUSS THE SITE SELECTION FOR THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA VETERANS CEMETERY

This item was agendaized at the request of Mayor Khan and Councilmember Kuo.

Councilmember Kuo noted his participation in a recent phone with Mayor Khan and CalVet representatives, and was hopeful that a cemetery could be delivered to our veterans.

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

City Council discussion included: noting proximity and cultural concerns raised by nearby residents; discussed the different site locations and the adoption of the recent initiative petition for the Amended and Restated Development Agreement (ARDA) site; inquired about whether the selection of a different site require submittal to the voters; discussed potential next steps; inquired about fiscal impacts for both sites; discussed available federal and state funding; noted land use restrictions on the ARDA site; and clarified that the ARDA site had not been moved up to the priority list due to lack of community support and funding.

The following individuals spoke in support of a Veterans Cemetery at the ARDA site:

- Theodore Johnson, Irvine resident
- 714-722 _ Arthor Hubert, Irvine resident
- Gil Nelsen, Irvine resident
- Jamica Aaron, Irvine resident

The following individuals spoke in support of a Veterans Cemetery, but in opposition to its location at the ARDA site:

- Debora Kreimer, Irvine resident
- Sandra Papemy, Irvine resident
- Carine, Irvine resident
- Parissa Yazdani, Irvine resident
- Cecilia, Irvine resident
- Ryan P, Irvine resident
- Rushi, Irvine resident
- Alan G, Irvine resident
- Simon Wen, Irvine resident
- Tiffany Park, Irvine resident

- Diana Tran-Kim, Irvine resident
- Shan Wu, Irvine resident
- Mahesha Siddegowda, Irvine resident
- Wayne Sung, Irvine resident
- Zee Zhang, Irvine resident
- 415-XXX-211, Irvine resident
- John Youn, Irvine resident
- Mir Said, Irvine resident
- BJ, Irvine resident
- Eva, Irvine resident,
- Marie-Claire Marshall, Irvine resident
- Harry Lin, Irvine resident,
- Annie Lu, Irvine resident,
- Anshul Garg, Irvine resident
- Brad Yan, Irvine resident
- Rick, Irvine resident
- JB, Irvine resident
- Cissie Chen, Irvine resident
- Andy, Irvine resident
- Denise, Irvine resident

The following individuals spoke in support of a Veterans Cemetery at the Anaheim site:

- Lixin Ding, Irvine resident
- Faruk Bhagani, Irvine resident
- Chandler Young, Irvine resident

Jamica Aaron, Irvine resident, suggested the site selection for the veteran's cemetery item be submitted to the voters.

RECESS

Mayor Khan recessed the City Council meeting at 9:42 p.m.

RECONVENED

Mayor Khan reconvened the City Council meeting at 10:03 p.m.

The following individuals spoke in support of a Veterans Cemetery at the ARDA site:

- Susan Sayer, Irvine resident
- Harvey Liss, Irvine resident
- Pat Fuscoe, Irvine resident
- Mary Ann Gaido, Irvine resident
- Carolyn Inmon, Irvine resident

- Gene Kaplan, Irvine resident,
- Pat Kennedy, Irvine resident,
- Jane Roschmann, Irvine resident
- Abraham Navarro, Irvine resident
- Nick Carter, Irvine resident
- Kathy Koukl, Irvine resident
- Lurette Forrest, Irvine resident
- Alan Meyerson, Irvine resident
- Dr. Kev Abazajan, Irvine resident
- Dee Fox, Irvine resident
- Michelle Johnson, Irvine resident
- Steve Berger, Irvine resident
- Robert Lewis, Irvine resident
- Joyce Kassouf
- Pam Smith, Irvine resident
- Donald Geller, Irvine resident
- Gail Lewis, Irvine resident

The following individuals spoke in support of a Veterans Cemetery, but in opposition to its location at the ARDA site:

- Steve Spriggs, Military Veteran
- Lauren Hu, Irvine resident
- Mr. Johnson (via translator), Irvine resident
- Zhiguang Kang (via translator), Irvine resident
- Sarah, Irvine resident
- Allison, Irvine resident
- Marjorie Ma, Irvine resident
- Nissren, Irvine resident
- Eugenie, Irvine resident
- Chen Zhang (via translator), Irvine resident
- Annie, Irvine resident
- Ging, Irvine resident

The following individuals spoke in support of a Veterans Cemetery at the Anaheim site:

- Philip Fuchs, Irvine resident
- Robert Brower, Irvine resident
- Ron Bengochea
- Camiar Chadi, Irvine resident
- Michelle De La Cruz

Jack Fancher, Irvine resident, spoke in support of the golf course site.

Bill Cook, Chairman of the Orange County Veteran's Memorial Park Foundation, Board Member of Valor and on behalf of the Southern California Veteran's Cemetery Group spoke in support placing the veteran's cemetery on the Anaheim site.

Peter Katz, Military Veteran, spoke in support of a veteran's cemetery in Orange County.

Philip Fuchs, Irvine resident, suggested a veteran's memorial be placed at the ARDA site, and the veteran's cemetery be placed at the Anaheim location.

I.C. Aguilera, Irvine resident, expressed concern about FivePoints and future development at the Great Park.

Nick Berardino, President of the Veterans Alliance of Orange County, spoke in support of the Anaheim site

Kevin Corrigan, Irvine resident, spoke in support of a veterans cemetery somewhere at the former El Toro Marine Corp.

Branda Lin, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to FivePoint Communities not disclosing the possibility of a veterans cemetery near Great Park Neighborhoods.

ACTION: Moved by Mayor Khan to direct staff to work with the State of California to identify the portions of the Amended and Restated Development Agreement (ARDA) and Golf Course sites that would work well together to build the cemetery in Irvine.

The motion failed for lack of a second.

Additional City Council discussion included: noting some support for the Anaheim location; reiterated that that the veterans cemetery was not fully funded; expressed concern about committing City funds without a funding commitment from the State; suggested that the City negotiate a land transfer agreement with the State to acquire full funding for the veteran's memorial and cemetery; and suggested that mitigated measures could be put in place to address nearby residents' concerns.

ACTION: Moved by Councilmember Agran to adopt the following provisions in the form of a City Council resolution:

- 1) Reaffirm the selection of the City-owned, 125-acre ARDA site as the only available location in the City of Irvine for the development of the Southern California Veterans Memorial Park & Cemetery
- 2) Actively and aggressively pursue development of the Southern California Veterans Memorial Park & Cemetery at the ARDA site
- 3) Not pursue or permit the development of the Southern California Veterans Memorial Park & Cemetery at any other location within the City of Irvine; and
- 4) Not sell, lease, or otherwise convey any property within the City of Irvine, other than the ARDA site, for development or use as the Southern California Veterans Memorial Park & Cemetery.
- 5) Direct the City Manager to return to the City Council within 30 days with:
 - a. Demolition, cleanup and site clearance plan for the ARDA site, including a start-date for on-site demolition to commence on or before September 1, 2021
 - b. Request for Proposals for conceptual plans for the following features of the Veterans Memorial Park:
 - i. the approximately 25-acre perimeter park surrounding the Veterans Cemetery and the entire ARDA site, comprised of large berms, trees, trails, memorial/botanical gardens, and other appropriate memorial installations;
 - ii. the restoration and repurposing of the historic on-site aircraft control tower and airplane hangars as an aviation museum; and
 - iii. the forestation of the approximately 35 acres of the ARDA site bounded by Cadence, Pusan Way and Irvine Boulevard.
- 6) The City-incurred costs to implement the demolition, cleanup and site clearance plan for the ARDA site, estimated at \$5 million, shall be paid from the City's Great Park Development Funds — to be reimbursed by the State and/or the Federal Government as part of the negotiated ARDA site acquisition and transfer agreements that will establish the state-owned, state-funded Southern California Veterans Memorial Park & Cemetery, anticipated to become operational by Veterans Day, 2024.
- 7) Within 24 hours after adoption of this Resolution, the Mayor shall transmit a letter notifying the Director of CalVet and other key State officials that the City Council has reaffirmed the City's selection of the ARDA site, and is prepared to make the ARDA site available for development of the Southern California Veterans Memorial Park & Cemetery, in accordance with appropriate land acquisition and land transfer agreements.

Motion failed due to the lack of a second.

By consensus, received and filed. No action was taken.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Gil Nelsen, Irvine resident, and Camiar Ohadi, spoke in opposition to an off-site meeting between Mayor Khan, Councilmember Carroll, and members of FivePoint Communities.

Alan Meyerson, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to the City Council Policy requiring concurrence by two Councilmembers to add an item to the agenda, as well as Councilmember Carroll's use of taxpayer funds.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councilmember Kuo, seconded by Vice Mayor Kim, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 12:45 a.m.



MAYOR OF THE CITY OF IRVINE



CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF IRVINE

July 27, 2021