



MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

October 28, 2025
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 4:27 p.m. on October 28, 2025, in the City Council Chamber, Irvine Civic Center, 1 Civic Center Plaza, Irvine, California; Mayor Agran presiding.

ROLL CALL

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

Prior to consideration of Closed Session Item Nos. 1.1 and 1.2, Mayor Agran reordered the agenda to consider Additions and Deletions to the agenda.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

City Manager Crumby announced the removal of Council Business Item Nos. 5.3 (Confirmation of Unpaid Costs Incurred by the City to Abate Public Nuisance Conditions at 1851 Kettering Street) and 5.4 (Adoption of Climate Action and Adaptation Plan) from the agenda.

1. CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Melching announced the following Closed Session items:

- 1.1 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION - Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) – Jeffrey Gu v. City of Irvine et al. United States District Court for the Central District of California, Case No. 8:2025-cv-02134-VBF-MAA**
- 1.2 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION – Government Code Section 54957; Title: City Clerk**

Prior to convening to Closed Session, Susan Sayre, Irvine resident, spoke in support of a positive performance evaluation for City Clerk Petersen.

RECESS

Mayor Agran recessed the City Council meeting to Closed Session at 4:34 p.m.

RECONVENE TO THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Agran reconvened the City Council meeting at 5:21 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 Carroll led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

Alana Mauga, Special Olympics athlete, performed the National Anthem.

2. PRESENTATIONS

2.1 Employee Recognition – 20, 25, and 30 Years of Service

Mayor Agran introduced and recognized the following individuals, and presented Certificates of Recognition and a milestone numeral for 20, 25, and 30 years of public service to the City of Irvine:

20 Years of Service

- Jeffrey Frederiksen, Senior Equipment Mechanic
- Sherman Jones, Senior Planner

25 Years of Service

- Noelle Smiley, Assistant Chief of Police

30 Years of Service

- Shiree Lind, Program Specialist

2.2 Southern Open Space Trail

This item was agendized at the request of Councilmember Carroll, who asked for a presentation providing background and status of the Southern Open Space Trail project.

Chris Slama, Director of Community & Library Services, introduced Michael O'Connell, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Irvine Ranch Conservancy (IRC), who provided a brief overview of IRC's assessment of wildlife and human activity in the Veeh Creek and Mule Deer Open Space areas.

Jeremy Ficarola, Irvine resident, spoke in support of the Southern Open Space Trail that would ultimately complete the connection between mountains and sea.

City Council discussion included: expressing appreciation to IRC for its efforts in preserving open space for future generations, and to past and present City staff for their contributions; inquired about images and activities captured on cameras at Bommer Canyon; questioned potential challenges with managing large open space areas; inquired about access to water features for those coming from Irvine; questioned whether IRC recommended changes in the City's practices in managing the area in question and surrounding areas; inquired about opportunity to increase access without damaging the environment; and questioned any illegal activity by electric bicycle operators.

By consensus, received and filed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS

Patrick Thomas, Director of Government Relations for Cityside Fiber, provided a status update on the deployment of fiber optic infrastructure for high-speed internet in the City.

Susan Sayre, Irvine resident, spoke in support of ongoing financial, legal, housing, and other types of assistance for those impacted by immigration enforcement activity.

Allison Walter spoke in support of the reopening of the Katie Wheeler Library and potential lease extension; an extension of the University Park Library lease; and prioritizing permanent small library branches.

Victory Allan, Irvine resident, spoke in support of a main library at the Great Park and small community library branches throughout the City; and noted the distance between the University Park Library and the proposed library at Colonel Bill Barber Marine Corps Memorial Park.

Alan Meyerson, Irvine resident, spoke in support of converting the temporary Great Park Live amphitheater into a permanent facility.

Mona spoke in support of funding for legal services for community members in connection with the city's diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) efforts; and in opposition to certain demeanor displayed at a recent DEI Advisory Committee meeting.

Lee Handy spoke in support of leasing space for additional libraries; and using space at public locations such as schools, fire stations, and City Hall for small libraries.

Joanne Slobodien spoke in support of correcting the General Plan overlay to restore the Oak Creek Driving Range's recreational designation, recording the easement associated with Initiative Resolution 88-1, and releasing records related to her public records request.

Sandra spoke in support of preserving open space at the site of the Oak Creek Golf Club.

Heidi Francois, Irvine resident, read a draft of her proposed Local Control Defense Resolution.

Rima Nashashibi, Founder and President of Global Hope 365, spoke in opposition to child marriage and human trafficking; expressed appreciation to Mayor Agran, Vice Mayor Mai, Councilmember Carroll, and their staffs, for co-hosting and co-sponsoring the organization's Global Hope 365 Walk/Run; and expressed appreciation to Lupe Aburto, Facilities Reservations Coordinator, for her assistance with navigating the reservation process.

Dennis Lo, President of the Orchard Hills 3 Reserve Homeowners Association, requested an in-person meeting with Councilmembers Liu and Martinez Franco related to the proposed Northwood High School Field Lighting and Public Address Improvement Project.

Dee Fox, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to the lack of verifiable data related to Orange County Power Authority claims of lower carbon emissions.

Daniel Campos, Irvine resident, spoke in support of Pretend City Children's Museum and its upcoming move to the Great Park.

Melissa Cabrera, Irvine resident, expressed concerns regarding health and safety due to ongoing work on spaces around residential areas of the Great Park made possible by Community Facilities District funds.

CITY MANAGERS REPORT

City Manager Crumby noted that Mayor Agran was honored with the Legacy Award at the Jamboree Housing 35th Anniversary Gala for his decades-long efforts to expand affordable housing and create inclusive communities in the City.

Michael Kent, Director of Public Safety/Chief of Police, announced that there had been no recent immigration enforcement activity in the City.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Liu

- On October 16, Councilmember Liu attended the 25th Annual Black Chamber of Commerce Banquet to honor Mary Anne Foo for her 28 years of service with Orange County Asian and Pacific Islander Community Alliance (OCAPICA), which has had a positive impact on the Asian American community through its providing of resources and education.
- On October 25, Councilmember Liu attended the Cool Irvine “Irvine Conference of International and Transnational Youth (ICITY)” and spoke about using civic engagement to address climate change in their communities.
- On October 22, Councilmember Liu’s office attended Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training provided by the Irvine Police Department.
- On November 7, Councilmember Liu’s office, in partnership with Radiant Futures, will host an event to address the impact of human trafficking. For more information, visit Councilmember Liu’s website and social media.
- On November 8, Love Irvine will host its 2025 Citywide Serve Day. Members of the community are encouraged to participate.
- Councilmember Liu expressed appreciation to the Orange County Fire Authority for its quick and life-saving response following a recent fall involving her father.

Councilmember Martinez Franco

- Councilmember Martinez Franco's office hosted a Health and Wellness Talk, which featured updates from representatives of the Department of Health & Wellness on current initiatives and programs that benefit the community. Additionally, Human Options provided an overview of resources and support services offered to victims of domestic violence.
- Earlier in the month, Councilmember Martinez Franco attended the Shine the Light event with Human Options in recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month.
- Councilmember Martinez Franco's office recently participated in the Trunk or Treat event at Westpark Elementary School.
- Councilmember Martinez Franco expressed appreciation for a prompt response by City Manager Crumby and team members from the Department of Public Works & Sustainability, led by Acting Director Alex Salazar, to a request for and installation of a bench and shelter at the Irvine CONNECT shuttle stop near Lakeview Senior Center.
- Members of the public are invited to register for Citywide and Council District 5 updates.

Councilmember Carroll

- Councilmember Carroll noted his attendance at the groundbreaking ceremony for the Flying Leatherneck Aviation Museum at the Great Park. The museum will honor the legacy of the Marines who served at Marine Corps Air Station El Toro and the role that the site played in shaping both Irvine and the nation. Once completed, the museum will be the cornerstone of the Great Park's Cultural Terrace, celebrating the spirit of service and the innovation that defines the Irvine community.
- Councilmember Carroll noted that effective October 20, 2025, the Orange County Power Authority (OCPA) had increased power rates for customers on the Basic Choice tier by 13.67%; clarified that Southern California Edison (SCE) rate increases did not require the same by OCPA; and noted unchanged power costs for OCPA due to long-term contracts.

Vice Mayor Mai

- Vice Mayor Mai provided an update on negotiations with OCPA, which included the securing of an agreement with OCPA and its bank for immediate commencement of repayment of the \$7.5 million owed to the City, with a wire payment confirmed for November. In addition, OCPA has committed to keeping its rates below those charged by SCE; and based on the agreed-upon amortization schedule, the City will retain two seats on the OCPA Board of Directors until the debt is repaid in full.
- Vice Mayor Mai's office hosted an Anti-Bullying Expo, which provided resources for children facing bullying and had over 100 attendees. Vice Mayor Mai also expressed appreciation to event sponsors and attendees.
- Vice Mayor Mai expressed appreciation to Cityside Fiber for committing over \$50 million for infrastructure upgrades throughout the City.
- On November 6, 2025, Vice Mayor Mai will host a Council District 3 Town Hall to discuss district and Citywide matters.

Mayor Agran

- Members of the public are invited to attend this year's Veterans Day Ceremony on Tuesday, November 11, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the formal garden at Colonel Bill Barber Marine Corps Memorial Park. At this gathering, military members, past and present, will be honored. Veterans, families, and military organizations that continue to inspire through their strength, sacrifice, and unwavering commitment will be recognized. For more information, call 949-724-6606 or visit cityofirvine.org/specialevents.
- Members of the community can support active-duty military members this holiday season by donating new, unwrapped gifts suitable for infants or children ages 12 and younger to the annual Holiday Toy Drive. Held in partnership with the Irvine 2/11 Marine Adoption Committee, the gift drive runs from November 1 through December 13 and includes two drive-thru drop-off events on Sunday, December 7, and Saturday, December 13, from 9 a.m. to noon. For more information, visit irvine211marines.org.
- Members of the community are invited to attend the 43rd annual Holiday Faire on Saturday, November 8, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Great Park Palm Court Arts Complex. The event offers handmade works for sale by over 100 local and regional makers; features seasonal décor, ceramics, jewelry, folk art, and more; live music; and a fun, creative atmosphere. Admission and parking are free. For more information, visit artsinirvine.org.

- The City of Irvine has partnered with Love Irvine for the fifth annual Love Irvine Citywide Serve Day on Saturday, November 8, from 7:30 a.m. to noon. The partnership connects people who want to participate in volunteer opportunities with nonprofit service providers, faith-based organizations, government entities, and schools. There are more than 30 projects available and many ways for residents to make an impact. A kickoff event will begin at 7:30 a.m. at Woodbridge Village Center, followed by volunteers reporting to their respective volunteer locations. For more information, visit loveirvine.org/serveday.
- The City of Irvine is accepting nominations for the Wall of Recognition (WOR) from November 1 through December 30. Established at Colonel Bill Barber Marine Corps Memorial Park in 2006, the WOR honors those who have made significant and lasting contributions to the community. Eligible nominees must have lived, worked, studied, or operated within the City and demonstrated meaningful impact through excellence, initiative, or long-term dedication. Completed applications are due December 30 by 5 p.m. and can be submitted by email, in person, or by mail. For more information, visit cityofirvine.org/publicrecognition.
- On October 30, members of the community are invited to attend a Wildfire Safety Briefing at Irvine City Hall for an informative session with experts from the Orange County Fire Authority and the City's Community Emergency Response Team. The event will begin with a meet and greet from 5:30 to 6 p.m. and the program will take place from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

3.4

The following individuals spoke in support of a main library at the Great Park:

- Phil Pham, Irvine resident
- Lee Handy
- Michaela Montaner
- Prakash, Irvine resident
- Anita B.
- Jennifer C.
- Melissa Cabrera, Irvine resident
- (954) ***-*819, Irvine resident

3.5

City Clerk Petersen noted the submission of an Errata memo dated October 27, 2025 related to Consent Calendar Item No. 3.5, which included an additional action item for approval.

3.7

Jay Bruce spoke in support of proposed staffing and budget adjustments related to the incorporation of the Katie Wheeler Library into the Irvine Public Library System, and in support of preparations to have a library site, even if temporary, by the end of the lease in 2029.

3.8

Jay Bruce spoke in support of the contract amendment to increase the On-Call Street Rehabilitation Slurry Seal Contract amount by \$19,000,000 and contrasted the proposed amount with concerns expressed at a previous City Council meeting related to Irvine CONNECT expansion costs.

Moved by Mayor Agran, seconded by Councilmember Treseder, and unanimously carried to approve Consent Calendar Item Nos. 3.1 through 3.3, and 3.6 through 3.10. Consent Calendar Item Nos. 3.4 and 3.5 were removed for separate discussion.

3.1 MINUTES

ACTION:

Approved the minutes of a special meeting of the City Council held on September 30, 2025.

3.2 WARRANT AND WIRE TRANSFER RESOLUTION

ACTION:

Adopted RESOLUTION NO. 25-106 – 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

3.3 LETTER OF CREDIT EXTENSION FOR REASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 05-21 AND ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 03-19

ACTION:

- 1) Adopted RESOLUTION NO. 25-107 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE EXTENSION OF THE STATED EXPIRATION DATE OF AN EXISTING LETTER OF CREDIT FOR THE REASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 05-21 LIMITED OBLIGATION IMPROVEMENT BONDS, ADJUSTABLE RATE SERIES A, APPROVING THE FORM OF AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN AMENDMENT NO. 4 TO REIMBURSEMENT, CREDIT AND SECURITY AGREEMENT, AND AN AMENDMENT NO. 4 TO LETTER AGREEMENT, AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND CERTIFICATES AND RELATED ACTIONS
- 2) Adopted RESOLUTION NO. 25-108 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE EXTENSION OF THE STATED EXPIRATION DATE OF AN EXISTING LETTER OF CREDIT FOR THE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 03-19 LIMITED OBLIGATION IMPROVEMENT BONDS, ADJUSTABLE RATE SERIES A AND ADJUSTABLE RATE SERIES B, APPROVING THE FORM OF AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN AMENDMENT NO. 4 TO REIMBURSEMENT, CREDIT AND SECURITY AGREEMENT, AND AN AMENDMENT NO. 4 TO LETTER AGREEMENT, AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND CERTIFICATES AND RELATED ACTIONS

3.4 ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO FORMALLY INCORPORATE AND EXPEDITIOUSLY BUILD A CENTRAL OR MAIN LIBRARY BRANCH IN THE NORTHERN SECTOR OF THE GREAT PARK FRAMEWORK PLAN AND EXPLORE FUNDING OPTIONS OUTSIDE OF THOSE ALREADY ALLOCATED IN PHASE I

This item was removed for separate discussion at the request of Councilmember Carroll, who inquired about the impact of the acquisition of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) control tower on the proposed resolution.

Sean Crumby, City Manager, responded to questions.

City Council discussion included: inquiring about whether the FAA control tower acquisition can be incorporated in the proposed resolution.

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

Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 25-109 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, TO FORMALLY INCORPORATE A CENTRAL OR MAIN LIBRARY INTO THE NORTHERN SECTOR OF THE GREAT PARK FRAMEWORK PLAN, TO EXPLORE FUNDING SOURCES THEREFOR, AND, UPON IDENTIFICATION OF FUNDING SOURCES, TO EXPEDITIOUSLY BUILD SAID LIBRARY

3.5 IRVINE CHAMBERS GRANTS PROGRAM

This item was removed for separate discussion at the request of Councilmember Carroll, who inquired about the funding source for the proposed grants program.

Sean Crumby, City Manager, and Hillary Ahluwalia, Assistant to the City Manager, responded to questions. Pete Carmichael, Assistant City Manager, was also available for questions.

City Council discussion included: inquiring about whether the funds from the proposed program would come from the general fund; questioned the timeline for the proposed grants; and inquired about safeguards and eligibility requirements for the selection of grant recipients.

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

- 1) Approved the program design for the Irvine Chambers Grants Program.
- 2) Authorized staff to develop and execute a funding agreement with the Greater Irvine Chamber of Commerce to launch the Irvine Chambers Grants Program.
- 3) Authorize a budget adjustment to reallocate \$250,000 for the Irvine Chambers Grants Program from Irvine Recovery Plan Funds.¹

¹ Per the Errata memo dated October 27, 2025. See page 9.

3.6 FIRST AMENDMENT TO REGULATORY AGREEMENT AND DECLARATION OF RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS FOR THE MEADOWS MOBILE HOME PARK

ACTION:

Approved and authorized the City Manager to sign the First Amendment to Regulatory Agreement and Declaration of Restrictive Covenants for the Meadows Mobile Home Park Project. **(Contract No. 13032)**

3.7 APPROVAL OF STAFFING AND BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS RELATED TO THE INCORPORATION OF THE KATIE WHEELER LIBRARY INTO THE IRVINE PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM

ACTION:

- 1) Approved the proposed staffing and budget adjustments related to the incorporation of the Katie Wheeler Library into the Irvine Public Library System.
- 2) Adopted RESOLUTION NO. 25-110 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING FULL-TIME POSITIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF COMPENSATION RESOLUTIONS AND SUPERSEDING RESOLUTION NO. 25-76, WHICH IS INCONSISTENT THEREWITH

3.8 CONTRACT AMENDMENT FOR THE ON-CALL STREET REHABILITATION AND SLURRY SEAL CONTRACT WITH EXCEL PAVING COMPANY

ACTION:

Approved a contract amendment to increase the On-Call Street Rehabilitation Slurry Seal Contract amount by \$19,000,000. **(Contract No. 21487A)**

3.9 FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-27 THROUGH 2031-32

ACTION:

Adopted RESOLUTION NO. 25-111 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, WHICH CERTIFIES THAT THE CITY OF IRVINE HAS THE RESOURCES TO FUND THE PROJECTS IN THE FEDERAL FISCAL YEARS 2026-27 TO 2031-32 THE FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND AFFIRMS ITS COMMITMENT TO IMPLEMENT ALL PROJECTS IN THE PROGRAM

3.10 AWARD OF A CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT CONTRACT AMENDMENT AND CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER FOR THE JEFFREY OPEN SPACE TRAIL (JOST)/I-5 BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE PROJECT (CIP 341502)

ACTION:

- 1) Approved and authorized the Mayor to execute a contract amendment to the professional services contract with T. Y. Lin International in the amount of \$1,062,000 for additional construction management services during construction for the JOST/I-5 Bicycle and Pedestrian Bridge Project, CIP 341502. **(Contract No. 21024A)**
- 2) Approved and authorized the Director of Public Works and Sustainability to execute a contract change order in the amount of \$3,750,000 to Guy F. Atkinson for the construction of the Jeffrey Open Space Trail (JOST) Extension Project.
- 3) Approved a budget adjustment appropriating \$4,812,000 M2 Fairshare Funds to the JOST/I-5 Bicycle and Pedestrian Bridge Project, CIP 341502.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

4.1 2025 CALIFORNIA BUILDING STANDARDS CODE ADOPTION

Mayor Agran opened the public hearing at 7:43 p.m.

Jesse Cardoza, Deputy Director of Community Development/Chief Building Official, presented the staff report. Claudia Landeras-Sobaih, Deputy Building Official, was also available for questions.

There were no requests to speak.

There was no City Council discussion.

ACTION: Moved by Councilmember Carroll, seconded by Mayor Agran, and unanimously carried to close the public hearing at 7:50 p.m.

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

- 1) Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 25-112 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, SETTING FORTH FINDINGS WITH RESPECT TO LOCAL CONDITIONS THAT REQUIRE CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO THE 2025 CALIFORNIA BUILDING STANDARDS CODE, AS DEEMED REASONABLY NECESSARY FOR BUILDING OCCUPANCIES IN THE CITY OF IRVINE
- 2) Introduce for first reading and read by title only ORDINANCE NO. 25-26 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTERS 1 THROUGH 5 OF DIVISION 9 OF TITLE 5 OF THE IRVINE MUNICIPAL CODE TO ESTABLISH THE IRVINE BUILDING STANDARDS CODE THROUGH ADOPTION OF THE 2025 CALIFORNIA BUILDING STANDARDS CODE WITH LOCAL AMENDMENTS

4.2 RESOLUTIONS FINDING AND DETERMINING THE PUBLIC INTEREST AND NECESSITY FOR ACQUIRING, AND AUTHORIZING THE CONDEMNATION OF, PORTIONS OF VARIOUS PROPERTIES LOCATED AT THE NORTHEAST AND SOUTHEAST CORNER OF JAMBOREE ROAD AND BARRANCA PARKWAY IN THE CITY OF IRVINE (APNs 434-011-20, -27, 435-192-01, -09, -12, -13, -16), FOR PURPOSES OF THE JAMBOREE AND BARRANCA INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (CIP 311206)

Mayor Agran opened the public hearing at 7:51 p.m.

Andrew Pham, Principal Civil Engineer, presented the staff report. Lincoln Lo, Deputy Director of Public Works & Sustainability/City Engineer, 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 7:58 p.m.

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

- 1) Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 25-117 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, FINDING AND DETERMINING THE PUBLIC INTEREST AND NECESSITY FOR ACQUIRING AND AUTHORIZING THE CONDEMNATION OF PORTIONS OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 84, 86, & 92 CORPORATE PARK IN THE CITY OF IRVINE (APN 435-192-09,-12,-13,-14,-15,-16) FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE JAMBOREE AND BARRANCA INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (OWNER: ERD ENTERPRISES LIMITED PARTNERSHIP)
- 2) Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 25-118 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, FINDING AND DETERMINING THE PUBLIC INTEREST AND NECESSITY FOR ACQUIRING AND AUTHORIZING THE CONDEMNATION OF PORTIONS OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 96 CORPORATE PARK IN THE CITY OF IRVINE (APN 435-192-01) FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE JAMBOREE AND BARRANCA INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (OWNER 96 CORPORATE PARK, LLC)
- 3) Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 25-119 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, FINDING AND DETERMINING THE PUBLIC INTEREST AND NECESSITY FOR ACQUIRING AND AUTHORIZING THE CONDEMNATION OF PORTIONS OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2801 BARRANCA PARKWAY IN THE CITY OF IRVINE (APN 434-011-27) FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE JAMBOREE AND BARRANCA INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (OWNER: THRIFTY OIL COMPANY)
- 4) Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 25-120 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, FINDING AND DETERMINING THE PUBLIC INTEREST AND NECESSITY FOR ACQUIRING AND AUTHORIZING THE CONDEMNATION OF PORTIONS OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2803 BARRANCA PARKWAY IN THE CITY OF IRVINE (APN 434-011-20) FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE JAMBOREE AND BARRANCA INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT. (OWNER: BLACKBURG INC)

- 5) Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 25-121 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, FINDING AND DETERMINING THE PUBLIC INTEREST AND NECESSITY FOR ACQUIRING AND AUTHORIZING THE CONDEMNATION OF PORTIONS OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 96 CORPORATE PARK (LOT D) IN THE CITY OF IRVINE (APN 435-192-01) FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE JAMBOREE AND BARRANCA INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (OWNER: OWNERS OF LOT D)

5. COUNCIL BUSINESS

5.1 AGREEMENT FOR EMPLOYMENT OF SEAN CRUMBY AS CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF IRVINE

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

Susan Sayre, Irvine resident, spoke in support of an open search process for a new City Manager.

Alan Meyerson, Irvine resident, spoke in support of the appointment of Sean Crumby as City Manager and noted that open search processes do not always work out.

City Council discussion included: inquiring about legal requirements for an open search process; and questioned residency requirements, if any, specific to the City Manager.

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

Approve Agreement for Employment of City Manager between City of Irvine and Sean Crumby. **(Contract No. 12060A)**

5.2 CITY OF IRVINE JOINT COMMUNITIES FACILITIES AGREEMENTS AND CITY OF IRVINE COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2013-3 (GREAT PARK) IMPROVEMENT AREA NO. 11 2025 SPECIAL TAX BONDS

Dahle Bulosan, Director of Administrative Services, presented the staff report and responded to questions. John Kim, representing Stifel, also provided a brief overview of financial market conditions. Anna Sarabian and Chelsea Redmon, representing Fieldman, Rolapp & Associates, were also available for questions.

Prakash questioned specific funding uses from the proposed bonds, including potential expansion of Solis Park Elementary and Portola High Schools.

City Council discussion included: inquiring about specific funding uses for school expansion; questioned the net flow through to the City; inquired about the inclusion of administrative costs in the proposed \$155 million amount; questioned bond length; inquired about the potential to purchase insurance and an option to refinance in the event of a drop in the bond market; questioned next steps at the conclusion of the 35-year term; inquired about underwriting fees and whether they were set at market rate; questioned the ability to negotiate underwriting fees; inquired about the frequency of market checks of underwriting service providers; and questioned legal service providers and related fee structures.

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

- 1) Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 25-113 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, AS THE LEGISLATIVE BODY OF CITY OF IRVINE COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2013-3 (GREAT PARK), APPROVING THE FORM OF JOINT COMMUNITY FACILITIES AGREEMENT WITH THE IRVINE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT AND DECLARING THE INTENTION TO REIMBURSE EXPENDITURES TO BE ISSUED BY THE CITY FOR AND ON BEHALF OF CITY OF IRVINE COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2013-3 (GREAT PARK)
- 2) Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 25-114 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, AS THE LEGISLATIVE BODY OF CITY OF IRVINE COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2013-3(B) (GREAT PARK), APPROVING THE FORM OF JOINT COMMUNITY FACILITIES AGREEMENT WITH THE IRVINE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT AND DECLARING THE INTENTION TO REIMBURSE EXPENDITURES TO BE ISSUED BY THE CITY FOR AND ON BEHALF OF CITY OF IRVINE COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2013-3(B) (GREAT PARK)

3) Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 25-115 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, ACTING AS THE LEGISLATIVE BODY OF THE CITY OF IRVINE COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2013-3 (GREAT PARK), AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF ITS IMPROVEMENT AREA NO. 11 2025 SPECIAL TAX BONDS, IN A PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-FIVE MILLION DOLLARS (\$155,000,000) AND APPROVING CERTAIN DOCUMENTS AND TAKING CERTAIN OTHER ACTIONS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

5.3 CONFIRMATION OF UNPAID COSTS INCURRED BY THE CITY TO ABATE PUBLIC NUISANCE CONDITIONS AT 1851 KETTERING STREET

This item was removed from the City Council meeting agenda. See Additions and Deletions (page 1).

5.4 ADOPTION OF CLIMATE ACTION AND ADAPTATION PLAN

This item was removed from the City Council meeting agenda. See Additions and Deletions (page 1).

5.5 SEE PUBLIC HEARING ITEM 4.2²

5.6 CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY COUNCILMEMBER TRESEDER TO CREATE AN LGBTQIA+ RESOURCE CENTER WITHIN THE CENTER FOR HEALTHY LIVING

This item was agendaized at the request of Councilmember Treseder, who asked for City Council consideration to discuss creating an LGBTQIA+ Resource Center within the Center for Healthy Living.

Heather Dion, Director of Health & Wellness, responded to questions. Sean Crumby, City Manager, also responded to questions.

The following individuals spoke in support of the proposed LGBTQIA+ resource center:

- Heidi
- Jay Bruce
- Harvey Liss, Irvine resident

² This item was moved to Public Hearing Item 4.2 per the Revised Agenda published on October 23, 2025.

- Kevin Li
- Jeremy
- Mona

City Council discussion included: noting the efforts by the Center for Healthy Living; suggested certain mandates for the Center; requested clarification of the proposed recommended action; questioned the status of an agreement with Hoag; and suggested a timetable for a follow-up report back to the City Council.

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

Request that the City Manager instruct City staff, including the Director of Health & Wellness, to explore LGBTQIA+-focused programming for the Irvine Center for Healthy Living, and return to the City Council with an implementation plan within 90 days that includes potential partnerships and programming.

The motion carried as follows:

AYES: 5 COUNCILMEMBERS: Go, Liu, Martinez Franco, Treseder, and Agran

NOES: 2 COUNCILMEMBERS: Carroll and Mai

ABSENT: 0 COUNCILMEMBERS: None

ABSTAIN: 0 COUNCILMEMBERS: None

5.7 CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY COUNCILMEMBER MARTINEZ FRANCO TO DISCUSS A PROPOSAL FOR A CITYWIDE WOMEN’S CONFERENCE IN MARCH 2026

This item was agendaized at the request of Councilmember Treseder, who asked for City Council consideration to discuss a proposal for a Citywide women’s conference in March 2026.

Luelle Forrest, Irvine resident and Sustainability Commissioner, and IR, spoke in support of the proposal.

City Council discussion included: requesting clarification on a spending cap for the proposed conference; inquired about the ability for fathers to participate in the conference; noted the potential for sponsorships to cover costs; suggested adding a historical component based on the upcoming 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence; and questioned the anticipated location and duration of the conference.

ACTION: Moved by Councilmember Martinez Franco, seconded by Councilmember Treseder, to:

Direct staff to:

- 1) Plan a Women's Conference to be held in March 2026 in alignment with Women's History Month and the City's 2021 Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) Resolution.
- 2) Explore potential conference themes that align with the goals of the CEDAW framework and reflect the needs and aspirations of women in the Irvine community.
- 3) Identify possible community partners, sponsors, and organizations that could collaborate in planning, funding, and implementing the event.
- 4) Develop a preliminary budget not to exceed \$40,000 from the general fund and logistical framework outlining anticipated costs, potential funding sources, and proposed venues.

ACTION: A friendly amendment was made by Mayor Agran, accepted by Councilmember Martinez Franco as the maker and Councilmember Treseder as the seconder, and unanimously carried to:

Direct staff to:

- 1) Plan a Women's Conference to be held in March 2026 at Irvine City Hall in alignment with Women's History Month and the City's 2021 Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) Resolution.
- 2) Explore potential conference themes that align with the goals of the CEDAW framework and reflect the needs and aspirations of women in the Irvine community.
- 3) Identify possible community partners, sponsors, and organizations that could collaborate in planning, funding, and implementing the event.

- 4) Develop a preliminary budget not to exceed \$40,000 from the general fund and logistical framework outlining anticipated costs, potential funding sources, and proposed venues.

5.8 CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY COUNCILMEMBER MARTINEZ FRANCO FOR AN UPDATE REGARDING THE IMPLEMENTATION STATUS OF THE OFFICE OF INCLUSIVE EXCELLENCE

Councilmember Martinez Franco asked that this item be continued to a future City Council meeting; however, following brief discussion and consensus of the City Council, it was suggested that the item move forward for the purpose of allowing for public comments.

Jeff Melching, City Attorney, and Sean Crumby, City Manager, responded to questions.

The following individuals spoke in support of more transparency and the City reviewing existing diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) measures, and analyzing data and potential gaps prior to the creation of the proposed Office of Inclusive Excellence:

- Joanne Slobodien
- Myra Firth, Irvine resident
- Sandi L.
- Wendy, DEI Advisory Committee Vice Chair
- Julie
- Julie M.
- Janine

Julie H. spoke in opposition to the lack of transparency related to establishment of an Office of Inclusive Excellence and in support of obtaining an understanding of the office's scope.

Carol L. provided a chronological history of City Council meeting agenda memorandums related to the proposed Office of Inclusive Excellence and spoke in opposition to a lack of transparency related to its establishment and funding.

Reuben spoke in support of full City Council consideration and a vote regarding major policy processes before the establishment of any new DEI-related office or policy.

Robin noted that the scope of the proposed Office of Inclusive Excellence was unclear and spoke in support of distributing unused allocated funds to members of the community who need assistance in the short-term based on current economic circumstances.

Staci spoke in opposition to the lack of measurable accountability related to the establishment of the proposed Office of Inclusive Excellence; and questioned associated costs, funding sources, and staffing.

Mona spoke in opposition to certain demeanor demonstrated at a recent DEI Advisory Committee meeting by previous speakers, and in support of community outreach by the committee.

IR spoke in opposition to use of the word “dangerous” to characterize the establishment of the Office of Inclusive Excellence by previous speakers, and the lack of a permanent person that could be held accountable for implementing the City’s DEI initiatives.

George spoke in support of diversity, equity, and inclusion, and recited a previous quote by Mayor Agran related to the City’s transition to a multicultural community and its role as a model for the nation.

City Council discussion included: suggesting the need to further explore and analyze the matter; questioned the legality of establishing the Office of Inclusive Excellence as approved by the City Council at a previous meeting; suggested involvement of the DEI Advisory Committee; and inquired about the implementation status and staffing for the Office of Inclusive Excellence.

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

Continue the matter with the understanding that staff will begin to review the record and return to the City Council as soon as reasonably possible.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mayor Agran, seconded by Councilmember Carroll, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:25 p.m.


MAYOR OF THE CITY OF IRVINE


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