

MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING July 6, 2012

City Council Chamber
One Civic Center Plaza
Irvine, CA 92606

CALL TO ORDER

A special meeting of the Irvine City Council was called to order at 12:02 p.m. on July 6, 2012 in the City Council Chamber, Irvine Civic Center, One Civic Center Plaza, Irvine, California; Mayor Kang presiding.

ROLL CALL

Present:	5	Councilmember:	Larry Agran
		Councilmember:	Steven Choi
		Councilmember:	Jeffrey Lalloway
		Mayor Pro Tempore:	Beth Krom
		Mayor:	Sukhee Kang

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Kang led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. COUNCIL BUSINESS

- 1.1 STATUS UPDATE AND CONFIRMATION OF MARCH 13, 2012
DIRECTION CONCERNING APPLICATION PROCESSING TIMELINE
FOR GREAT PARK NEIGHBORHOODS (PLANNING AREAS 51 AND 30)**

Mayor Kang read his memo dated July 3, 2012 into the record in which he requested that a special meeting be conducted. He indicated that the Great Park Neighborhoods Subcommittee, comprised of both he and Councilmember Lalloway, reached a point where the members have a split view on whether to continue with negotiations working toward a timeline that would permit the City Council to consider the application and corresponding public benefits by the October 31, 2012 timeline requested by the applicant. He requested that the City Council confirm the actions taken on March 13, 2012 directing staff to expedite the processing of the General Plan Amendment and Zone Change Application and corresponding environmental review, and provide direction concerning the application processing timeline. He also recommended the City Council direct the City Manager to immediately release the Draft Environmental Impact Report.

City Manager Joyce provided a chronology of events since the March 13, 2012 Scoping Session held by the City Council.

Patrick Strader, Starpointe Ventures on behalf of the applicant, spoke in support of the project and of releasing the draft Environmental Impact Report.

Kate Klimow, Vice President of Government Affairs with the Orange County Business Journal, spoke in support of development at and around the Orange County Great Park, and expediting the application process.

Mayor Kang read correspondence from the Irvine Chamber of Commerce dated July 6, 2012 into the record reflecting support for development.

Christina Shea spoke in opposition to the conducting of a special meeting on a day and time that may potentially be difficult for the general public to attend.

ACTION: Moved by Councilmember Lalloway, seconded by Councilmember Choi, to continue the item to the July 10, 2012 regular City Council meeting.

City Council discussion included: potential impacts by continuing discussion to the next regular meeting; whether or not the draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is ready and should be released; potential assumptions reflected in the draft EIR and whether the EIR can be amended based on those assumptions; and whether the City or the applicant processes the costs for the EIR and any future amendments.

ACTION: A substitute motion was made by Mayor Kang, seconded by Councilmember Agran, to:

Direct the City Manager to release the Great Park Neighborhoods

Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report at the earliest convenience.

The motion carried as follows*:

AYES:	3	COUNCILMEMBERS:	Agran, Krom and Kang
NOES:	2	COUNCILMEMBERS:	Choi and Lalloway
ABSTAIN:	0	COUNCILMEMBERS:	None

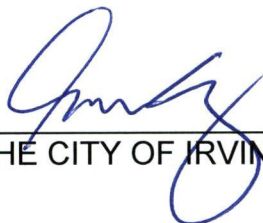
*The substitute motion carried and takes precedence over the main motion; therefore, a vote was not taken on the main motion.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (Limited to 3 minutes per speaker)

There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mayor Pro Tempore Krom, seconded by Councilmember Choi, and unanimously carried to adjourn the special meeting at 1:31p.m.



MAYOR OF THE CITY OF IRVINE



CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF IRVINE

July 24, 2012