



# MINUTES

## CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

**March 25, 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 4:16 p.m. on March 25, 2025, in the City Council Chamber, Irvine Civic Center, 1 Civic Center Plaza, Irvine, California; Mayor Agran presiding.

### ROLL CALL

Present: 6 Councilmember:	Mike Carroll
Councilmember:	William Go
Councilmember:	Melinda Liu
Councilmember:	Kathleen Treseder
Vice Mayor:	James Mai
Mayor:	Larry Agran

### 1. CLOSED SESSION

Assistant City Attorney Farrell announced the following Closed Session items:

- 1.1 CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS**  
**(Government Code § 54956.8) - Property: 8000 Great Park Blvd;**  
**Agency Negotiators: Oliver Chi, City Manager; Pete Carmichael,**  
**Assistant City Manager; Negotiating Parties: City of Irvine;**  
**Almquist, Inc., Dan Almquist, representative; Under Negotiation:**  
**Price and Terms of Payment**

**1.2 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION  
(Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)): Workers'  
Compensation Case No. ADJ17770244**

There were no requests to speak.

**RECESS**

Mayor Agran recessed the City Council meeting to Closed Session at 4:19 p.m.

**RECONVENE TO THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Mayor Agran reconvened the City Council meeting at 5:18 p.m. Assistant City Attorney Farrell, 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**

Sydney Noelle, vocal soloist from Concordia University Irvine, performed the National Anthem.

**2. PRESENTATIONS**

**ACTION: Moved by Mayor Agran, seconded by Councilmember Carroll, and unanimously carried to approve Presentation Item No. 2.1 as amended per the errata memo dated March 25, 2025.**

**2.1 Proclaim April 13-19, 2025, as "National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week"**

Mayor Agran introduced members of the Irvine Police Department's and Orange County Fire Authority's Communications Bureaus, and presented a proclamation recognizing April 13-19, 2025, as "National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week."

**2.2 Goat Grazing for Fire Prevention**

This item was agendized at the request of Councilmember Carroll, who requested a presentation in partnership with Sage Environmental Group regarding the use of goats for fire prevention.

Christina Shea, Irvine resident and former mayor, provided historical background on the non-toxic pesticide and goat programs in Irvine.

Alissa Cope, Principal, Sage Environmental Group (Sage), provided a brief overview of Sage's fire prevention efforts. Oliver Chi, City Manager, responded to questions.

City Council discussion included: expressing appreciation for Sage's fire prevention efforts and partnership; and inquired about current and future goat deployment plans.

**By consensus**, received and filed.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

Prior to consideration of public comments for non-agendized items, Mayor Agran turned to City Manager Chi, who provided an update on the construction and development of the City's 112,000 square foot gym facility on a 7.3-acre site located at the corner of Red Hill and McGaw. He also noted that staff was seeking to include ten dedicated all-purpose courts, ten dedicated badminton courts, space for all types of gym recreational activity, and food service in the facility. Community Services staff has also conducted outreach to various segments of the sports community. Groundbreaking is expected to occur in mid-to late April and gym use projected to begin the first half of 2026.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS - NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS**

Susan Sayre, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to City Manager Chi's alleged lobbying of other cities to withdraw their membership from the Orange County Power Authority.

The following individuals spoke in support of the proposed dog park plan in Oak Creek:

- Darren Parker, Irvine resident
- Thomas Renner, Irvine resident
- Crit Van Tuyl
- Audrey Van Tuyl
- Akshay Bhavsar, Irvine resident
- Nancy Solomon

Mary Frouhar spoke in opposition to the new traffic circulation pattern employed in the parking lot for the current dog park.

Eplanet Thunderstriker spoke in opposition to obstruction of justice, violation of the California Public Records Act, official misconduct, and deprivation of rights under color of law; and noted his previous document submissions and public comments.

Jodi Benal, Irvine resident, noted customer service issues with Waste Management, the City's Public Works and Community Services Departments, and Irvine CONNECT.

Wing Chow, Irvine resident, spoke in support of Mayor Agran's State of the City address and improvements to food service at Lakeview Senior Center, and expressed appreciation to the City for allowing his wife, Minna Chow, to display her art at City Hall.

Minna Chow expressed her appreciation to Mayor Agran and the City Council for their promotion of the arts and her art exhibition at City Hall; and presented Mayor Agran with one of her works of art for permanent display at City Hall.

Viet Le spoke in opposition to the deportation of a Columbia University student for attending a protest.

Jason Garshfield, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to Mayor Agran's inconsistent definition of free speech for previous protests at the University of California, Irvine, and disruptions in the City Council Chamber.

Eric Neshanian, Irvine resident, spoke in support of free speech; spoke in opposition to his inability to provide live comments at the March 11, 2025, City Council meeting due to technical issues with Zoom; and also noted additional Zoom related issues at the February 25, 2025, City Council meeting.

Matthew Motta spoke in support of addressing the escalation of coyote attacks.

Walter Nobrega and Dee Fox spoke in opposition to the Orange County Power Authority.

Alan Meyerson, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to Councilmember Treseder's demeanor at the Mayor's State of the City address.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCIL REPORTS**

Councilmember Liu

- Councilmember Liu expressed appreciation to Mayor Agran for the presentation of a Certificate of Recognition for Autism Awareness Day.
- Councilmember Liu, in partnership with Councilmember Go and the Office of Assemblywoman Cottie Petrie-Norris, recently hosted the Women's Health and Wellness Fair.
- The Office of Councilmember Liu has received several art submissions for the "Earth Heroes in Action" environmental art contest held in collaboration with Cool Irvine. Students in grades K-6 can participate by dropping off artwork at Irvine City Hall by April 11. For more details, visit Councilmember Liu's social media.

- Councilmember Liu and members of her staff attended the recent Orange County Fire Authority Open House event, which included a tour of the emergency call center where some of the individuals that were recognized as part of the "National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week" were stationed.
- The Office of Councilmember Liu, in partnership with South Coast Chinese Cultural Center (SCCCC) and Pretend City Children's Museum, is hosting a kids art contest through April 30. The contest is open to students from grades one through twelve. Artwork can be submitted at City Hall, SCCC, or Pretend City. The winning artwork will be displayed in Councilmember Liu's office.

### Councilmember Go

- As part of his first 100 days in office, Councilmember Go noted his hosting of two district events, the resolution of twelve constituent requests, the presentation of 35 certificates of recognition and proclamations, and his service on numerous boards representing the City.
- The Orange County Power Authority Board of Directors met to refine its strategic plan and set priorities to guide the agency through 2025-26. Councilmember Go has advocated for the Board to offer affordability programs that provide grants and loans for City residents and businesses to install solar and battery storage infrastructure, and investment in new infrastructure at the Great Park that will generate a significant amount of renewable energy.
- Councilmember Go and Vice Mayor Mai attended their first meeting as members of the Irvine Barclay Theatre Board of Directors, which reviewed programming, marketing, and finances for the 2025-26 season. For more information, visit [thebarclay.org](http://thebarclay.org).

### Vice Mayor Mai

- Members of the public are invited to celebrate the spring season at Egg-a-POOL-Looza on Saturday, April 5, from 1 to 5 p.m., at the William Woollett Jr. Aquatics Center. Children and families can enjoy splash time, egg hunt stations, face painting, spring crafts and games, an opportunity to take photos with a special guest bunny, bounce houses, and free train rides. Snacks and drinks will also be available for purchase. For more information, visit [cityofirvine.org/eggapoollooza](http://cityofirvine.org/eggapoollooza).

- Vice Mayor Mai expressed his appreciation to City Manager Chi, Heather Dion, Denise Bennett, and others for assisting with food distribution efforts at Heritage Park, a program launched in February to provide 30-pound food boxes monthly to at-risk Irvine residents as a response to high food prices. The initial event served 40 people, while the second distribution event on March 13 served 211 residents. The program was implemented with the support of the Community Services team and Youth Action Team volunteers who helped assemble and distribute the boxes. The City is coordinating with Community Action Partnership (CAP) Orange County to expand the program, funded through federal and state nutrition programs, in April to serve approximately 400 participants.
- In collaboration with CAP, the City provides food program and Medi-Cal resident enrollment support efforts every third Thursday of each month from 9 a.m. to noon. In addition, the City is partnering with Community Health Initiative of Orange County to provide Medi-Cal enrollment assistance at Heritage Community Center the fourth Friday of every month from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Mayor Agran

- Mayor Agran noted his hosting of informal “Mornings with the Mayor” sessions to connect with residents and hear their thoughts, questions, and suggestions. Members of the public are invited to attend the next session on Saturday, March 29, from 9 to 10 a.m. at City Hall. Registration is not required.
- Mayor Agran noted that he would adjourn the meeting in memory of Juanita Moe, a 46-year Irvine resident whose advocacy efforts laid the foundation for the extensive network of bicycle trails in the City. He also noted that the Quail Hill Trail, now in Council District 4, was renamed in her honor in 2015. A celebration of her life will take place at the Good Shepherd Chapel at Concordia University Irvine on Saturday, April 12, at 3 p.m.

**ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS**

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

**3. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Moved by Councilmember Carroll, seconded by Councilmember Liu, and unanimously carried to approve Consent Calendar Item Nos. 3.1 through 3.8.**

**3.1 MINUTES**

**ACTION:**

Approved the minutes of a regular meeting of the City Council held on February 25, 2025.

**3.2 WARRANT AND WIRE TRANSFER RESOLUTION**

**ACTION:**

Adopted RESOLUTION NO. 25-29 - 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 RESOLUTIONS OF INTENTION TO INITIATE CHANGE PROCEEDINGS AND DESIGNATE COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2013-3(B) (GREAT PARK) IMPROVEMENT AREA NO. 15, IMPROVEMENT AREA NO. 16, IMPROVEMENT AREA NO. 17, AND IMPROVEMENT AREA NO. 18, AUTHORIZE LEVY OF SPECIAL TAXES AND INCUR BONDED INDEBTEDNESS**

**ACTION\*:**

1) Adopted RESOLUTION NO. 25-30 - A RESOLUTION OF CONSIDERATION AND INTENTION 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), TO CHANGE AND MODIFY AN EXISTING IMPROVEMENT AREA AND THEREBY DESIGNATE ADDITIONAL IMPROVEMENT AREAS, IMPROVEMENT AREA NO. 15, IMPROVEMENT AREA NO. 16, IMPROVEMENT AREA NO. 17, AND IMPROVEMENT AREA NO. 18, WITHIN CITY OF IRVINE COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2013-3(B) (GREAT PARK) AND TO AUTHORIZE THE LEVY OF SPECIAL TAXES

- 2) Adopted RESOLUTION NO. 25-31 - 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), DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO INCUR BONDED INDEBTEDNESS FOR IMPROVEMENT AREA NO. 15, IMPROVEMENT AREA NO. 16, IMPROVEMENT AREA NO. 17, AND IMPROVEMENT AREA NO. 18 OF THE CITY OF IRVINE COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2013-3(B) (GREAT PARK)

\* As amended per the errata memo dated March 24, 2025.

**3.4      *AGREEMENT FOR THE DESIGN AND PURCHASE OF GREAT PARK PARKING LOT 0 ADMINISTRATION TRAILERS, CIP 372503***

**ACTION:**

- 1) Awarded an agreement in the amount of \$1,182,060.55 to Mobile Modular Management Corporation for the design and purchase of Great Park Parking Lot 0 Administration Trailers. **(Contract No. 21984)**
- 2) Delegated authority to the City Manager to amend the contract within the project budget.

(Unless otherwise directed by a member of the City Council, the vote on this matter will reflect the prior action of each Councilmember when he or she sat and voted as a member of the Board of Directors of the Great Park Corporation. However, if a Councilmember is not present at the City Council meeting, his or her vote will be reflected as absent.)

**Approved 6-0.**

**3.5      *ACCEPTANCE OF PROPOSITION 69 FUNDS***

**ACTION:**

- 1) Accepted Proposition 69 Funds in the amount of \$114,545.
- 2) Approved a budget adjustment in the amount of \$114,545, reflecting \$114,545 in revenues and appropriations.

**3.6 SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 25-02 ESTABLISHING CHANGES AND ADDITIONS TO POSTED SPEED LIMITS**

**ACTION:**

Read by title only, second reading and adoption of ORDINANCE NO. 25-02 - 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 & SUSTAINABILITY DEPARTMENT AS THE OFFICIAL DOCUMENTATION OF DECLARED PRIMA FACIE SPEED LIMITS

(Unless otherwise directed by a Member of the City Council, the vote at second reading will reflect the same vote as at first reading. However, if a Councilmember was absent at first reading, his or her vote cast at second reading will be reflected. If a Councilmember is not present at the second reading/adoption, the vote will be reflected as absent.)

**Approved 6-0.**

**3.7 SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 25-03 ESTABLISHING A HEALTH AND WELLNESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**ACTION:**

Read by title only, second reading and adoption of ORDINANCE NO. 25-03 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, ADDING DIVISION 8 TO TITLE 3 OF THE IRVINE MUNICIPAL CODE ESTABLISHING A HEALTH AND WELLNESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

(Unless otherwise directed by a Member of the City Council, the vote at second reading will reflect the same vote as at first reading. However, if a Councilmember was absent at first reading, his or her vote cast at second reading will be reflected. If a Councilmember is not present at the second reading/adoption, the vote will be reflected as absent.)

**Approved 6-0.**

**3.8 COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUND GRANT NOMINATIONS**

**ACTION:**

- 1) Approved Councilmember Liu's request for Community Partnership Fund Grant Nomination to PTA - Northwood High School PTSA California Congress Association in the amount of \$800 in support of program costs. **(Contract No. 12024)**
- 2) Approved Councilmember Carroll's request for Community Partnership Fund Grant Nominations to the following organizations in support of program costs:
  - a. Crime Survivors Inc. (\$1,000) **(Contract No. 12025)**
  - b. Irvine Childrens Fund (\$750) **(Contract No. 12026)**
- 3) Authorized the City Manager to prepare and sign funding agreements for the organizations listed above.

**4. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**4.1 ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT FOR LOGISTICS FACILITIES AND WAREHOUSES**

Mayor Agran opened the public hearing at 6:53 p.m.

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

Continue the public hearing to the regularly scheduled City Council meeting of May 27, 2025, at 5 p.m. or soon thereafter.

**4.2 BOND ISSUANCE BY THE CALIFORNIA ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR ORANGE COUNTY MUSIC AND DANCE; LENDER CONSENT; AND SUBLESSEE CONSIDERATION**

Mayor Agran opened the public hearing at 6:55 p.m.

Steve Torelli, Deputy Director of Great Park, presented the staff report and responded to questions. Dahle Bulosan, Director of Administrative Services, was also available for questions.

Eplanet Thunderstriker noted complexities in transparency and oversight, as well as the large amount of money brought in by Orange County cities.

There was no City Council discussion.

**ACTION: Moved by Councilmember Carroll, seconded by Vice Mayor Mai, and unanimously carried to close the public hearing at 7:03 p.m.**

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

- 1) Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 25-32 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS BY THE CALIFORNIA ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$50,000,000 FOR THE PURPOSES OF FINANCING THE COSTS OF CONSTRUCTION, DEVELOPMENT, INSTALLATION, IMPROVEMENT, EQUIPPING AND FURNISHING OF CERTAIN CULTURAL, EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES AND CERTAIN OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO
- 2) Approve Lender Consent for Orange County Music and Dance and authorize the City Manager to execute.
- 3) Authorize Ednovate as a sublessee under Orange County Music and Dance's Ground Lease.

**4.3 ZONE CHANGES TO ALLOW THE "RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (R&D)" LAND USE AS A USE PERMITTED BY RIGHT WITHIN THE 5.6 BUSINESS PARK ZONING DISTRICT OF PLANNING AREA 4 (LOWER PETERS CANYON) AND THE 4.8 IRVINE CENTER GARDEN COMMERCIAL ZONING DISTRICT OF PLANNING AREA 33 (IRVINE SPECTRUM CENTER)**

Mayor Agran opened the public hearing at 7:07 p.m.

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

There were no requests to speak.

There was no City Council discussion.

**ACTION: Moved by Mayor Agran, seconded by Vice Mayor Mai, and unanimously carried to close the public hearing at 7:12 p.m.**

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

- 1) Introduce for first reading and read by title only ORDINANCE NO. 25-04 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING ZONE CHANGE 00933499-PZC TO PERMIT THE "RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (R&D)" LAND USE BY RIGHT WITHIN THE 5.6 BUSINESS PARK ZONING DISTRICT OF PLANNING AREA 4 (LOWER PETERS CANYON); FILED BY PIRZADEH AND ASSOCIATES ON BEHALF OF IRVINE COMPANY OFFICE PROPERTIES
- 2) Introduce for first reading and read by title only ORDINANCE NO. 25-05 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING ZONE CHANGE 00933500-PZC TO PERMIT THE "RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (R&D)" LAND USE BY RIGHT WITHIN THE 4.8 IRVINE CENTER GARDEN COMMERCIAL ZONING DISTRICT OF PLANNING AREA 33 (IRVINE SPECTRUM CENTER); FILED BY PIRZADEH AND ASSOCIATES ON BEHALF OF IRVINE COMPANY OFFICE PROPERTIES

#### **4.4 ZONING ORDINANCE TECHNICAL UPDATE**

Mayor Agran opened the public hearing at 7:14 p.m.

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

There were no requests to speak.

There was no City Council discussion.

**ACTION: Moved by Mayor Agran, seconded by Vice Mayor Mai, and unanimously carried by those members present (Councilmember Carroll absent), to close the public hearing at 7:19 p.m.**

**ACTION: Moved by Mayor Agran, seconded by Councilmember Liu, and unanimously carried by those members present (Councilmember Carroll absent), to:**

Introduce for the first reading and read by title only ORDINANCE NO. 25-06 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING ZONE CHANGE 00947581-PZC TO AMEND THE IRVINE ZONING ORDINANCE BY PROVIDING NEW AND REVISED ZONING PROVISIONS RELATED TO CHAPTER 1-2- DEFINITIONS; CHAPTER 2-2- ADMINISTRATIVE RELIEF PROCEDURES; CHAPTER 2-5- APPEAL AND CALL-UP REVIEW PROCEDURE; CHAPTER 2-23- PUBLIC MEETINGS, HEARINGS AND NOTICE PROCEDURES; CHAPTER 2-33- ADMINISTRATIVE USE PERMIT; CHAPTER 3-37- ZONING DISTRICT LAND USE REGULATIONS AND DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS; CHAPTER 9-33- PLANNING AREA 33 (IRVINE SPECTRUM CENTER); AND CHAPTER 9-34- PLANNING AREA 34 (IRVINE SPECTRUM 5)

**5. COUNCIL BUSINESS**

**5.1 CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY VICE MAYOR MAI TO DISCUSS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INAUGURAL IRVINE NON-PROFIT WEEK PROGRAM**

This item was agendaized at the request of Vice Mayor Mai, who asked for City Council consideration regarding the establishment of an inaugural Irvine non-profit week program.

Ron Scolesdang and Im, Irvine residents, spoke in support.

Eplanet Thunderstriker spoke in support of a global holiday on both equinoxes and proposed methods of using the proposed weeklong time frame to mark the occasions; and suggested that the possibility of world peace is less of a fantasy than the resolution of corruption.

Eric Neshanian, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition.

City Council discussion included: suggesting that participation be expanded to non-profit organizations that are non-Irvine based but provide service to Irvine residents; inquired about program locations; suggested collaboration with the University of California, Irvine; and questioned the timing of the event.

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

Direct the City Manager to work on the development of an inaugural Irvine Non-Profit Week program, to take place at some point in 2025.

**5.2 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION UPDATE**

Melissa Haley, Director of Communications & Engagement, presented the staff report and responded to questions. Karena Lee, Community Services Superintendent, and Oliver Chi, City Manager, were also available for questions.

Doug Elliott, Irvine resident and Community Services Commissioner, read into the record excerpts from the Declaration of Independence.

Susan Sayre, Irvine resident, spoke in support postponing a Fourth of July celebration until 2026, the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, and also read into the record excerpts from the Declaration of Independence.

Alan Meyerson, Irvine resident, also read excerpts from the Declaration of Independence, and spoke in support of a drone show in lieu of fireworks.

Eric Neshanian, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to the proposed Fourth of July celebration and the lack of review by City commissions.

Don Geller, Irvine resident and Finance Commission Chair, expressed concern about an expedited approval process; and spoke in support of postponing the proposed event to 2026 to allow for the incorporation of the event into the City's budget, provide additional time for planning and coordination, and, whenever possible, provide the Finance Commission the opportunity to review changes in budgeted expenses.

Jason Garshfield, Irvine resident, spoke in support of the proposed Fourth of July event.

City Council discussion included: inquiring about potential financial sponsorships; expressed concerns about program costs; suggested review by the Finance and Community Services Commissions, and questioned what aspects of the proposal that each commission would review; and inquired about an approximate timeframe for a follow-up report to the City Council.

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

Approve up to \$250,000 of Fiscal Year 2023-25 General Fund savings for the implementation of a 4th of July event.

**5.3 ESTABLISHMENT OF DESIGN-BUILD AND PROGRESSIVE DESIGN-BUILD CONTRACT PROCUREMENT PROCEDURES**

Luis Estevez, Acting Director of Public Works & Sustainability, presented the staff report and responded to questions. Oliver Chi, City Manager, also responded to questions.

City Council discussion included: inquiring about procurement award thresholds; questioned whether the recommended action provided additional authority for staff; inquired about potential unintended consequences; suggested that the City Council be consulted prior to electing the progressive design-build route; questioned changes, if any, to the formal bid process and potential impacts to the bid evaluation process; inquired about the evaluation of other qualifications; expressed concern about a potential reduction in transparency; and questioned limitations on smaller firms and their ability to partner with other small firms.

**ACTION: Moved by Councilmember Carroll, seconded by Mayor Agran, to:**

Introduce for first reading and read by title only ORDINANCE NO. 25-07 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SECTION 6-10-102 OF CHAPTER 1 AND 6-10-201 AND 6-10-215 OF CHAPTER 2 OF DIVISION 10 OF TITLE 6 OF THE IRVINE MUNICIPAL CODE TO INCORPORATE PROVISIONS PERMITTING THE AWARD OF DESIGN-BUILD CONTRACTS PURSUANT TO CHAPTERS 4 AND 4.7 OF PART 3 OF DIVISION 2 OF THE PUBLIC CONTRACT CODE

**The motion carried as follows:**

AYES: 5 COUNCILMEMBERS: Carroll, Go, Liu, Mai, and Agran

NOES: 1 COUNCILMEMBERS: Treseder

ABSENT: 0 COUNCILMEMBERS: None

ABSTAIN: 0 COUNCILMEMBERS: None

**5.4 CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY COUNCILMEMBERS LIU AND GO TO DISCUSS REVIEWING VEHICLE AND PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC CONTROL**

This item was agendized at the request of Councilmembers Liu and Go, who asked for City Council consideration regarding a review of vehicle and pedestrian traffic control.

Wyatt Sing, Traffic Engineering Administrator, provided an overview of the City's implementation of Leading Performance Intervals (LPIs) and responded to questions. Luis Estevez, Acting Director of Public Works & Sustainability, and Oliver Chi, City Manager, were also available for questions.

The following individuals spoke in support of expanding the use of LPIs:

- Doug Elliott, Irvine resident and Community Services Commissioner
- Tomas Castro, Irvine resident
- David Martinez
- Youssef Kaddeche, Irvine resident and Transportation Commissioner
- James, Irvine resident
- Ankur Parikh, Woodbridge High School student
- Dylan Slayton, California State University Long Beach student
- Nishka Mittal, Irvine resident
- Dane Carstens
- Melisa Masri, Irvine resident
- Adriana Maestas
- Joshua Moore, Irvine resident

Jay B., Irvine resident, spoke in support of proceeding with proposed requests for specific intersections, and then considering their merits on a case by case basis; and noted an existing LPI near Northwood High School.

Jason Garshfield, Irvine resident, suggested finding alternatives to make driving faster prior to increasing LPI implementation.

City Council discussion included: inquiring about when the LPI pilot program commenced and data-driven reports provided since that time; noted current LPI implementation efforts and ongoing studies; noted the need for additional intersection data; suggested a formal presentation be made at a future City Council meeting later in the year; noted additional intersections that would benefit from LPis; provided information on state law updates; questioned the active pursuit of new LPI locations; inquired about consultant engagement and budgetary considerations; and suggested that the Transportation Commission conduct a study session and review of the matter.

**ACTION:** Moved by Councilmember Liu, seconded by Councilmember Go, to:

- 1) Direct staff to identify opportunity areas for increased Leading Pedestrian Interval (LPI) signal timing and begin gradual implementation, where appropriate, with a request that staff specifically evaluate the following areas for potential LPI installations:
  - Intersections with permissive left turns and double-right turn lanes
  - School routes
  - Senior communities
  - Intersections with high volumes of pedestrian activity
- 2) Direct staff to return to the City Council with their findings within the next 60 days.

**ACTION:** A substitute motion was made by Councilmember Carroll, seconded by Vice Mayor Mai, to:

- 1) Refer the matter to the Transportation Commission for the purpose of conducting a study session on LPis.
- 2) Direct staff to return to the City Council within the next 30 days with the Transportation Commission's findings.

Following discussion, Mayor Agran suggested that in lieu of Councilmember Carroll's substitute motion, the main motion could perhaps be amended to incorporate Councilmember Carroll's substitute motion as follows:

- 1) Direct staff to identify opportunity areas for increased Leading Pedestrian Interval (LPI) signal timing and begin gradual implementation, where appropriate, with a request that staff specifically evaluate the following areas for potential LPI installations:
  - Intersections with permissive left turns and double-right turn lanes
  - School routes
  - Senior communities
  - Intersections with high volumes of pedestrian activity
- 2) Direct staff to return to the City Council with their findings within the next 60 days, subject to referral to the Transportation Commission for its review.

Though not amenable to Mayor Agran's suggestion, Councilmember Carroll withdrew his substitute motion.

Following additional discussion, Councilmember Liu amended her motion.

**ACTION: Moved by Councilmember Liu, seconded by Councilmember Go, and unanimously carried to:**

Provide staff up to 90 days to:

- 1) Complete a Leading Pedestrian Interval (LPI) study inclusive of specific evaluation of the following areas for potential LPI installations, inclusive but not limited to:
  - Intersections with permissive left turns and double-right turn lanes
  - School routes
  - Senior communities
  - Intersections with high volumes of pedestrian activity
- 2) Refer the item to the Transportation Commission for its review and analysis.
- 3) Return to the City Council for full consideration.

At 9:50 p.m., the City Council determined which of the remaining agenda items would be considered and acted upon prior to adjournment and which items would be continued to a future City Council meeting. By consensus, the City Council continued Council Business Item Nos. 5.5 and 5.6.

**5.5      *CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY COUNCILMEMBER LIU TO DISCUSS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PERMANENT LIBRARY/COMMUNITY CENTER IN DISTRICT 1***

This item was continued to the April 8, 2025, City Council meeting.

**5.6      *CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY MAYOR AGRAN FOR AN URBAN FOREST MASTER PLAN UPDATE***

This item was continued to a future City Council meeting.

**5.7      *CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY COUNCILMEMBER TRESEDER FOR A CLIMATE ACTION AND ADAPTATION PLAN UPDATE***

This item was agendized at the request of Councilmember Treseder, who asked for City Council consideration regarding an update on the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP).

Luis Estevez, Acting Director of Public Works & Sustainability, provided a summary related to the City's development of a CAAP and responded to questions. Melissa You, Manager of Sustainability, and Oliver Chi, City Manager, also responded to questions.

Eplanet Thunderstriker spoke in opposition to expediting adjournment of the City Council meeting as an attempt to limit unfavorable public comments, racketeering and conspiracy based on a lack of action in response to his previous complaints, and media collusion with criminal enterprises.

Doug Elliott, Irvine resident, Community Services Commissioner, and Orange County Power Authority (OCPA) Community Advisory Committee Member, spoke in support of approving the CAAP as developed which assumes a 2040 carbon neutral date and 100% renewable electricity option, and direct staff to bring the final draft of the CAAP document back to the City Council for adoption in June 2025 (Option 1).

The following individuals spoke in support of Option 1 and the City's continued membership in the OCPA:

- Emily Nguyen, Irvine resident, University of California Los Angeles student, and former Green Ribbon Environmental Committee Member
- Tomas Castro, Irvine resident and Climate Action Campaign
- David
- Kevin Li, Irvine resident
- Tiffany Iwin, researcher in the biomedical industry and climate advocate
- Dylan Slayton
- James, Irvine resident
- Melisa Masri, Irvine resident
- Casey Gallagher, climate activist
- Raquel Z.

Umadevi Rao, Irvine resident, spoke in support of adoption of the CAAP and the City's continued membership in the OCPA.

The following individuals spoke in support of the City's continued membership in the OCPA:

- Ankur Parikh, Woodbridge High School student
- Brennan Alayna Kraus, University of California, Irvine, student
- Siddharth "Sid" Mehta, Seal Beach resident
- Craig Preston, Costa Mesa resident
- Ayn Craciun, Climate Action Campaign

Dee Fox and Harvey Liss, Irvine residents, spoke in opposition to the OCPA.

Don Geller, Irvine resident and Finance Commission Chair, spoke in support of the City Council postponing action on the CAAP pending review by the Sustainability Commission and a consultant.

City Council discussion included: suggesting a vote on the CAAP as a policy document to avoid delay in implementation; inquired about the size of the CAAP policy document; suggested the item be continued to a future meeting to allow a more in-depth review and discussion; inquired about fiscal impacts; clarified that the California Environmental Quality Act would not be included in a proposed motion; inquired about the distribution of the draft CAAP to the City Council; and questioned the date of submittal of the item's memorandum to agendize the matter for City Council discussion.

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

Approve the CAAP as developed currently, which assumes a 2040 carbon neutral date and 100% renewable energy option.

**ACTION\*:** A substitute motion was made by Councilmember Carroll, seconded by Vice Mayor Mai, to:

Continue the item to a future City Council meeting.

**The motion carried as follows:**

AYES: 4 COUNCILMEMBERS: Carroll, Go, Liu, and Mai

NOES: 2 COUNCILMEMBERS: Treseder and Agran

ABSENT: 0 COUNCILMEMBERS: None

ABSTAIN: 0 COUNCILMEMBERS: None

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by Mayor Agran, seconded by Councilmember Carroll, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting in memory of Irvine resident Juanita Moe at 11:03 p.m.**

  
MAYOR OF THE CITY OF IRVINE

  
CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF IRVINE

April 22, 2025