



MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING

September 9, 2025
City Council Chamber
1 Civic Center Plaza
Irvine, CA 92606

CALL TO ORDER

The adjourned regular meeting of the Irvine City Council was called to order at 5:35 p.m. on September 9, 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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Liu led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

Lead Pastor Steve Lee from Mariners Church provided the invocation.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Agran requested a moment of silence in memory of those who were injured and lost their lives due to the recent shooting at Annunciation Catholic Church in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS

Alan Meyerson, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to the transfer of a senior center employee to another site; and noted the submission of a petition to the City Manager.

Max E. questioned the status of the easement related to open space in Oak Creek and the rationale for its absence from the City Council meeting agenda; and spoke in support of the installation of bus shelters at Irvine CONNECT stops.

Wing Chow, Irvine resident, spoke in support of a people-centered orientation, well-paid City employees, affordable housing for police officers, a \$20 per hour minimum wage, and an increase in compensation for City Councilmembers; and noted previous City Council discussions regarding development of a proposed housing project on an existing golf course.

Heidi spoke in support of implementation of a digital roster at City Council meetings for public speakers, installation of canopies for speaker kiosks, and soundproofing the area near the Chamber doors.

The following individuals spoke in support of preserving the University Park Library:

- Mary Lou Sortais, Irvine resident
- Lee Handy
- Helene Spencer, Irvine resident
- Victory Allan, Irvine resident

Laura Cormack spoke in opposition to program cuts that benefit disabled military veterans, and in support of a living wage and increased taxes on large corporations and wealthy individuals.

Joanne, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to the lack of a permanent open space easement for the Oak Creek area, and in support of the completion of a full project-level environmental impact report on the proposed Oak Park development by an independent consultant hired through the City.

Jason Garshfield, Irvine resident, expressed appreciation to Mayor Agran for maintaining decorum at the August 12, 2025, City Council meeting; and spoke in support of loosening zoning restrictions and preserving the University Park Library.

Duy Viet Le, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to: 1) comments made by public speakers at the August 12, 2025, City Council meeting; 2) an item agendized by Councilmember Carroll; and 3) the concept of skin color superseding one's right to live in the City.

Phuong Vo, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to comments made by public speakers at the August 12, 2025, City Council meeting.

Crit, on behalf of Irvine Dog Park Association (IDPA), provided an update on the City's dog park, proposed dog parks, and IDPA; and noted the City's upcoming Comedy Unleashed fundraiser event.

Eric Neshanian, Irvine resident, spoke in support of: 1) the City Council maintaining a focus on City business; and 2) dissolution of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Advisory Committee; and in opposition to Councilmembers operating businesses without appropriate business licenses.

Dee Fox, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to City Council involvement in federal matters.

CITY MANAGERS REPORT

City Manager Crumby introduced:

- Michael Kent, Director of Public Safety/Chief of Police, who provided updates on 1) recent immigration enforcement activity; and 2) electric bicycle incidents, legislation, and related education and enforcement efforts;
- Jeff Melching, City Attorney, who provided an update on immigration litigation; and
- Alex Salazar, Acting Director of Public Works & Sustainability, who provided an update on the transition of the Public Works & Sustainability Department, Community & Library Services Department, and members of the Great Park team to the Civic Center West building at 17101 Armstrong Avenue.

City Council discussion included: inquiring about a tentative timetable for the agendizing of electric bicycle education and enforcement at a future City Council meeting; questioned helmet laws; and suggested enhancing enforcement efforts.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Treseder

- Members of the public have an opportunity to provide public comments related to the City's first-ever Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP), a long-term planning and policy document that outlines measures and actions that support the City's transition to carbon neutrality by 2040. The 30-day public comment period for the draft CAAP began on September 3 and ends on October 3rd at 5 p.m. The

draft CAAP identifies strategies that help the community reduce fossil fuel use, promote reusable sources of energy, enhance natural resource and land conservation efforts, and improve the overall efficiency of the City's transportation and energy systems. For more information and to submit a comment, visit cityofirvine.org/CAAP or contact EnvironmentalPrograms@cityofirvine.org.

Councilmember Liu

- Assembly Bill 91, the MENA Inclusion Act, passed the Senate Appropriations Committee, is expected to be passed in the State Senate, and will subsequently be sent to the Governor for his signature.
- As Vice Chair of the Orange County Housing Finance Trust, Councilmember Liu presented the Mid-Year Progress Report to the Orange County Grantmakers Mid-Year Meeting on August 27, and noted multiple projects in Irvine, including Salerno at Cypress Village and Cartwright Family Apartments.
- In Fiscal Year 2024-25, the Orange County Sanitation District processed an average of 2.81 million gallons per day of dry weather urban runoff, improving coastal water quality and public health. For more information, visit ocsan.gov.
- Councilmember Liu expressed appreciation to Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) firefighters who quickly contained and extinguished the Club Fire on August 23. For more information about OCFA's efforts, visit its social media and ocfa.org.
- On September 3, Assemblymember Cottie Petrie-Norris, Councilmember Liu, and the American Red Cross hosted a blood drive at Northwood Community Center.
- On September 4, Orange County Board of Supervisors Vice Chair Katrina Foley and Councilmember Liu hosted a Firearm Safety Event at Quail Hill Community Center, with participation by the Irvine Police Department.
- On September 19, Councilmember Liu will host a Youth Conference from 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Las Lomas Community Center. For more information, visit Councilmember Liu's social media.
- On October 4, the Office of Councilmember Liu will participate in the Walk to End Alzheimer's at Orange Coast College. To register, visit act.alz.org/goto/TeamLiu.

Councilmember Martinez Franco

- Councilmember Martinez Franco referenced disruptions by public commenters who spoke in opposition to Irvine's immigrant community at the August 12, 2025, City Council meeting, and expressed appreciation to members of the community for their phone calls and messages of support.

- Councilmember Martinez Franco recently attended the California Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Convention in Pomona and connected with business organizations and leaders from across the state, including Senator Susan Rubio.
- Councilmember Martinez Franco noted that the first of the Health and Wellness Talks with Betty series recently took place at Bill Barber Park, which included an update by Corey Lakin, Deputy Director of Community & Library Services, a yoga session, and conversations with residents of Council District 5. The next event in the series will take place on Saturday, October 18, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in partnership with Human Options in observance of Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The event will begin and end at City Hall and consist of a walk along the San Diego Creek Trail to Einstein Brothers. Those interested in attending are asked to RSVP.
- University of California, Irvine (UCI), is currently formulating its long-range development plan. Members of the public will have the opportunity to provide input to shape UCI's future housing, transportation, and sustainability plans on Thursday, September 11, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at City Hall in the Conference and Training Center.
- Members of the public are invited to attend Fiesta Latina en Irvine at the Great Park on Sunday, September 14.
- Members of the public are encouraged to register via email or Councilmember Martinez Franco's social media for Citywide and Council District 5 updates.

Councilmember Carroll

- Councilmember Carroll noted the importance of the University Park Library to the community and expressed appreciation to those who spoke in support of its long-term operation.
- Irvine was named as a Clean California Community, one of the first in the state. The recognition celebrates the City's commitment to keeping Irvine clean, beautiful, and welcoming; and provides priority access to grants and resources to assist in continuing toward the zero-litter goal.

Mayor Agran

- This fall, the City will host the following events as part of a series of cultural celebrations at the Great Park to bring the community together through music, dance, food, and tradition:
 - On Sunday, September 14, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Fiesta Latina en Irvine will feature folklórico dancers, live music, Latin American cuisine, and hands-on activities for the entire family.
 - On Friday, September 26, from 5 to 9:30 p.m., the Mid-Autumn Festival, presented in partnership with the South Coast Chinese Cultural Center, will allow for guests to take part in lantern-making, enjoy cultural performances, and participate in interactive experiences.
 - On Saturday, October 11, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., the Irvine Global Village Festival, recognized as Orange County's premier multicultural event, will highlight cultures from around the world with food, music, dance, art demonstrations, and activities for all ages.

For more information, visit cityofirvine.org/specialevents.

- The Irvine Animal Care Center invites members of the public to an evening of comedy in support of shelter pets at the ninth annual Comedy Unleashed event on Tuesday, September 16, at the Irvine Improv in the Irvine Spectrum Center. The event includes dinner, three incredible comedians, and plenty of laughter for \$56. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.; the show begins at 7 p.m. The event is open to adults ages 18 and older. All proceeds benefit the Irvine Animal Care Center and support critical care, enrichment, and shelter services for animals waiting for adoption. For more information, visit irvineanimals.org/comedy.
- Members of the public are invited to celebrate the Irvine Police Department's (IPD's) 50 years of service to the community at an Open House on Saturday, September 20, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the piazza and parking lot of the Irvine Civic Center. Attendees will have the opportunity to meet IPD officers and professional staff, experience K-9 and motorcycle demonstrations, and get an up-close look at police vehicles. There will also be opportunities to take photos, play games, and receive special giveaways while supplies last. Parking will be available off-site, and free shuttles will be provided from Creekside High School, Colonel Bill Barber Marine Corps Memorial Park, and Free Chapel. For more information, visit cityofirvine.org.

- Tseng-Yao Terry Sun: The Charm of Chinese Leisure Seals, a new art exhibition, will be on display from September 10 to 24 at the Irvine Fine Arts Center. Members of the public are invited to attend the opening reception on Thursday, September 11, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., and discover the beauty and meaning of leisure seals, once carved with poetry and classic texts now reimagined by Terry Sun through bold woodcuts and calligraphy, bringing a centuries-old tradition to a contemporary audience. For more information, visit artsinirvine.org/exhibitions.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

1. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

1.2

Susan Sayre, Irvine resident, questioned the rationale for proclaiming “Constitution Day and Citizenship Day” and spoke in support of honoring the Statue of Liberty in lieu of.

Eric Neshanian, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to the absence of proclamations for “Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month” and “Constitution Month.”

1.4 and 1.6

Don Geller, Irvine resident and Finance Commission Chair, noted prior review by the Finance Commission and expressed appreciation to staff for its efforts.

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Don Geller, Irvine resident and Finance Commission Chair, noted prior review by the Finance Commission and expressed appreciation to staff for its efforts.

Beth Black, Bellemont Project founder and American Bicycling Education Association Board Member, spoke in support of allocating a reasonable portion of the Maruchan, Inc., donation to enhance e-bike safety measures.

1.8

Don Geller, Irvine resident and Finance Commission Chair, noted prior review by the Finance Commission and expressed appreciation to staff for its efforts.

1.9

Heidi, and Carol Schwartz, spoke in opposition to execution of the proposed easements and agreements.

Moved by Councilmember Carroll, seconded by Councilmember Liu, and unanimously carried to approve Consent Calendar Item Nos. 1.1 through 1.3, and 1.5 through 1.12. Consent Calendar Item No. 1.4 was removed for separate discussion.

1.1 MINUTES

ACTION:

- 1) Approved the minutes of a special meeting of the City Council held on July 22, 2025.
- 2) Approved the minutes of an adjourned regular meeting of the City Council held on July 22, 2025.
- 3) Approved the minutes of a special meeting of the City Council held on August 12, 2025.
- 4) Approved the minutes of an adjourned regular meeting of the City Council held on August 12, 2025.

1.2 PROCLAMATIONS

ACTION:

- 1) Proclaimed September 2025, as "Library Card Sign-up Month."
- 2) Proclaimed September 14-20, 2025, as "National Forensic Science Week."
- 3) Proclaimed September 17, 2025, as "Constitution Day and Citizenship Day"; and September 17-23, 2025, as "Constitution Week."
- 4) Proclaimed September 30 - October 4, 2025, as "Nonprofit Week."
- 5) Proclaimed October 12-18, 2025, as "Code Enforcement Officer Appreciation Week."

1.3 WARRANT AND WIRE TRANSFER RESOLUTION

ACTION:

Adopted RESOLUTION NO. 25-99 – 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

1.4 *TREASURER’S REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025*

This item was removed for separate discussion at the request of Mayor Agran, who inquired about the report’s projections.

Dahle Bulosan, Director of Administrative Services, responded to questions.

City Council discussion included: inquiring about whether projections of an anticipated economic downturn and recession were incorporated.

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

Receive and file the Treasurer’s Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025.

1.5 *LETTER OF CREDIT EXTENSION FOR REASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 04-20, REASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 85-7A AND ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 07-22*

ACTION:

- 1) Adopted RESOLUTION NO. 25-100 – 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. 04-20 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. 25-101 – 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. 85-7A LIMITED OBLIGATION IMPROVEMENT BONDS, ADJUSTABLE RATE SERIES A, APPROVING THE FORM OF AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO REIMBURSEMENT, CREDIT AND SECURITY AGREEMENT, AND AN AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO LETTER AGREEMENT, AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF

NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND CERTIFICATES AND RELATED ACTIONS

- 3) Adopted RESOLUTION NO. 25-102 – 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. 07-22 LIMITED OBLIGATION IMPROVEMENT BONDS, ADJUSTABLE RATE SERIES A, APPROVING THE FORM OF AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN AMENDMENT NO. 3 TO REIMBURSEMENT, CREDIT AND SECURITY AGREEMENT, AND AN AMENDMENT NO. 3 TO LETTER AGREEMENT, AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND CERTIFICATES AND RELATED ACTIONS

1.6 ACCEPTANCE OF AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS' 2025 THE RESCUE EFFECT CAMPAIGN GRANT TO SUPPORT THE IRVINE ANIMAL CARE CENTER

ACTION:

- 1) Accepted a \$20,000 grant from the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) to support fee-waived adoptions at the Irvine Animal Care Center.
- 2) Authorized the Director of Community & Library Services or designee to execute documents and accept any future animal welfare organization grants to benefit the Irvine Animal Care Center for individual no-match grant amounts that do not exceed \$50,000 within the current budget cycle (Fiscal Years 2025-26 and 2026-27).

1.7 ACCEPTANCE OF MARUCHAN, INC. DONATION

ACTION:

- 1) Accepted a \$100,000 donation from Maruchan, Inc.
- 2) Approved a budget adjustment appropriating \$100,000, reflecting an increase in revenues and appropriations.

1.8 ACCEPTANCE OF CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY SELECTIVE TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM (STEP) GRANT, MOTORCYCLE SAFETY GRANT, AND CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY PROGRAM GRANT

ACTION:

- 1) Authorized a \$490,000 STEP grant award from the California Office of Traffic Safety.
- 2) Approved a budget adjustment appropriating \$490,000 for the California Office of Traffic Safety STEP grant.
- 3) Authorized a \$20,000 Motorcycle Safety grant award from the California Office of Traffic Safety.
- 4) Approved a budget adjustment appropriating \$20,000 for the California Office of Traffic Safety Motorcycle Safety grant.
- 5) Authorized a \$29,000 Child Passenger Safety Program grant award from the California Office of Traffic Safety.
- 6) Approved a budget adjustment appropriating \$29,000 for the California Office of Traffic Safety Child Passenger Safety Program grant.

1.9 EASEMENTS AND AGREEMENTS WITH IRVINE COMPANY IN LOS OLIVOS RELATED TO THE ANDALUCIA DEVELOPMENT

ACTION:

- 1) Authorized the City Manager to execute a Bridge Funding and Maintenance Agreement and Easement Deed (Tract 17759 & 19285) with the Irvine Company. **(Contract No. 12077)**
- 2) Authorized the City Manager to execute Easement Deed & Maintenance Agreement (Tract 17759) with the Irvine Company. **(Contract No. 12078)**
- 3) Authorized the City Manager to execute Easement Deed & Maintenance Agreement for Slope Lots (Tract 19285) with the Irvine Company. **(Contract No. 12079)**

1.10 NOTICE OF REVIEW FOR A TRACT MAP IN UNIVERSITY RESEARCH PARK (PA 25)

ACTION:

Received and filed.

1.11 SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NOS. 25-22 AND 25-23 REGARDING ZONING ORDINANCE TECHNICAL UPDATE AND IRVINE MUNICIPAL CODE AMENDMENT

ACTION:

- 1) Read by title only, second reading and adoption of ORDINANCE NO. 25-22 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING ZONE CHANGE 00958503-PZC TO AMEND THE IRVINE ZONING ORDINANCE TO REFLECT NAME CHANGES TO THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, AND DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CITY OF IRVINE PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM, TO AMEND CHAPTERS 1-2, 2-2, 2-5, 2-9, 2-19, 2-22, 2-23, 2-35, 2-37, 3-3, 3-8, 3-26, 3-37, 5-9, 9-4, 9-5, 9-34, 9-36, AND 9-38, UPDATING APPEAL PROCEDURES FOR DIRECTOR-LEVEL DECISIONS; REVISING PUBLIC NOTICE REQUIREMENTS; ADDING A NEW LAND USE CATEGORY FOR ALTERNATIVE SCHOOLS AS A CONDITIONAL USE; CLARIFYING HEIGHT LIMITATIONS FOR WIRELESS FACILITIES; AMENDING STANDARDS IN THE RESIDENTIAL AND RESIDENTIAL MIXED-USE OVERLAY; AMENDING THE DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE AND CREDIT STRUCTURE FOR THE GREATER IRVINE BUSINESS COMPLEX AREA; AMENDING LAND USE REGULATIONS FOR COMMERCIAL RECREATION USES IN THE 8.1 TRAILS AND TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT ZONING DISTRICT; AMENDING LAND USE REGULATIONS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE, BUSINESS, AND PROFESSIONAL USES IN THE 5.1 IBC MULTI-USE ZONING DISTRICT; AND UPDATING ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT PROVISIONS FOR CONSISTENCY WITH STATE LAW
- 2) Read by title only, second reading and adoption of ORDINANCE NO. 25-23 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING TITLE 6, DIVISION 12 OF THE IRVINE MUNICIPAL CODE TO REFLECT EXISTING DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE REQUIREMENTS

(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 7-0.

1.12 COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUND GRANT NOMINATIONS

ACTION:

- 1) Approved Councilmember Liu's request for Community Partnership Fund Grant Nomination to Ektaa Center - South Asian Senior Association in the amount of \$2,500 to support adults with disabilities in exploring a variety of creative opportunities. **(Contract No. 12080)**
- 2) Approved Councilmember Carroll's request for Community Partnership Fund Grant Nomination to Love Irvine Inc. in the amount of \$2,000 in support of Citywide Serve Day program costs. **(Contract No. 12081)**
- 3) Authorized the City Manager to prepare and sign funding agreements for the organizations listed above.

2. PUBLIC HEARINGS

2.1 GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT, ZONE CHANGE, AND DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT FOR A 2,500-UNIT RESIDENTIAL PROJECT IN PLANNING AREA 25 (UNIVERSITY RESEARCH PARK)

Mayor Agran opened the public hearing at 7:03 p.m.

Eric Martin, Senior Planner, presented the staff report and responded to questions. Chris Chung, Principal Planner, and Alyssa Matheus, Planning Manager, also responded to questions.

Frankie Rodriguez, representing the Western States Regional Council of Carpenters, spoke in support of a requirement to select contractors that hire locally, pay prevailing wage, and utilize apprentices from state-certified apprenticeship programs.

Jeff Davis, Irvine Company, spoke in support of the proposed project; clarified that the proposed unit counts were already approved as part of the City's General Plan update and Housing Element; and noted discussions regarding transportation connectivity and utilization of labor.

Christopher Wong expressed concern about the high volume of traffic on University Drive and spoke in support of an increased number of bridges to improve walkability, and in support of financial contributions by Irvine Company for the proposed bridges and the Anteatier Express.

Pam Wykoff questioned environmental impact report requirements, new water resources secured by the Irvine Ranch Water District, impacts on bicycle paths, and approval of buildings of increased height.

City Council discussion included: inquiring about incorporation of transit connectivity into planning for the proposed project; noted housing needs in the project area; and suggested collaboration with labor organizations.

ACTION: Moved by Mayor Agran, seconded by Vice Mayor Mai, and unanimously carried to close the public hearing at 7:22 p.m.

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

- 1) Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 25-103 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT 00920015-PGA TO REDESIGNATE 131 ACRES OF LAND FROM RESEARCH/INDUSTRIAL TO MULTI-USE ON THE GENERAL PLAN LAND USE MAP AND AMEND GENERAL PLAN LAND USE ELEMENT TABLES A-1, A-1-1, AND A-2 TO ESTABLISH A MAXIMUM DWELLING UNIT CAP OF 2,500 RESIDENTIAL UNITS FOR PLANNING AREA 25 (UNIVERSITY RESEARCH PARK); FILED BY IRVINE COMPANY
- 2) Introduce for first reading and read by title only ORDINANCE NO. 25-24 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING ZONE CHANGE 00920016-PZC TO REZONE LAND FROM 5.5 MEDICAL AND SCIENCE TO 3.1I MULTI-USE AND AMEND SECTIONS 3-3-1, 3-37-17, AND CHAPTER 9-25 OF THE IRVINE ZONING ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A MAXIMUM RESIDENTIAL UNIT CAP OF 2,500 DWELLING UNITS, ADD DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS RELATIVE TO RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT, AND CREATE LAND USE REGULATIONS FOR THE 3.1I MULTI-USE ZONE FOR PLANNING AREA 25 (UNIVERSITY RESEARCH PARK); FILED BY IRVINE COMPANY

- 3) Introduce for first reading and read by title only ORDINANCE NO. 25-25 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT 00948649-PDA TO ESTABLISH PUBLIC BENEFITS AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING REQUIREMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF 2,500 DWELLING UNITS WITHIN PLANNING AREA 25 (UNIVERSITY RESEARCH PARK); FILED BY IRVINE COMPANY

3. COUNCIL BUSINESS

3.1 DESIGNATION OF VOTING DELEGATE AND ALTERNATES FOR LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES 2025 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Mayor Agran noted that, at the request of the City Clerk, the City Council was asked to appoint a Member of the City Council to serve as the voting delegate, and up to two alternates, for the General Assembly Meeting at the League of California Cities 2025 Annual Conference.

Vice Mayor Mai nominated himself to serve as the voting delegate, and Councilmembers Go and Martinez Franco to serve as alternates. Councilmember Liu also noted her attendance at the upcoming conference.

Carl Petersen, City Clerk, responded to questions.

City Council discussion included: inquiring about resolutions to be voted upon at the annual conference; and noted any resolutions to be voted upon amongst all colleagues in attendance.

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

Appoint Vice Mayor Mai to serve as the voting delegate, and Councilmembers Go and Martinez Franco to serve as alternates, for the General Assembly Meeting at the League of California Cities 2025 Annual Conference.

3.2 OPTION TO PURCHASE TWO-ACRE PARCEL ADJACENT TO GATEWAY VILLAGE RESIDENTIAL SITE

Pete Carmichael, Assistant City Manager/Chief Development Officer, presented the staff report and responded to questions. Lylyana Bogdanovich, Deputy City Manager, was also available for questions.

City Council discussion included: inquiring about current progress of the proposed site.

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

- 1) Approve and authorize the City Manager to execute an Option to Purchase Agreement between City of Irvine and County of Orange. **(Contract No. 12082)**
- 2) Approve and authorize the Mayor to execute an Addendum to Implementation Agreement No. 2 between City of Irvine and County of Orange. **(Contract No. 12083)**

3.3 CITYWIDE AMERICAN FLAG PROPOSAL

Alex Salazar, Acting Director of Public Works & Sustainability, presented the staff report and responded to questions. Michael Courtney, Public Works Manager, was also available for questions.

Susan Sayre, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to the proposal; and in support of flying flags with representations of the Statue of Liberty alongside the new flags, if the proposal were approved.

Don Geller, Irvine resident and Finance Commission Chair, and Eric Neshanian, Irvine resident, spoke in support of the Finance Commission's recommendation.

Harvey Liss, Irvine resident, spoke in support of flying flags upside down as a protest of actions by the current presidential administration.

The following individuals spoke in opposition to the proposal:

- Jeremy Ficarola, Irvine resident
- Adriana Maestas, Irvine resident
- Julie Tapp, Irvine resident

City Council discussion included: discussing staff and Finance Commission recommendations; noted a previous suggestion related to the inclusion of plaques with quotes from heroes of diverse communities; suggested alternative uses for funding; inquired about the proposed timeframe; expressed concern about potential impacts on Irvine 2/11 Marine Adoption Committee fundraising efforts; and suggested sponsorships for additional flags in front of City Hall.

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

- 1) Adopt the Finance Commission’s recommendations for the Citywide American Flag Proposal for a not-to-exceed amount of \$150,000.
- 2) Direct staff to proceed with a temporary installation plan that ensures our community is well-positioned to celebrate the 250th Anniversary.

The motion carried as follows:

AYES: 6 COUNCILMEMBERS: Carroll, Go, Liu, Mai, Treseder, and Agran

NOES: 1 COUNCILMEMBERS: Martinez Franco

ABSENT: 0 COUNCILMEMBERS: None

ABSTAIN: 0 COUNCILMEMBERS: None

3.4 CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY COUNCILMEMBERS GO AND LIU TO DISCUSS A CITY OF IRVINE CHILD CARE GRANT PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN AGED 0 TO 4

This item was agendized at the request of Councilmembers Go and Liu, who asked for City Council consideration to discuss a City of Irvine Child Care Grant Program for children ages 0 to 4.

Heather Dion, Chief Health & Wellness Director, responded to questions.

City Council discussion included: noting impacts of high child care costs on parents at different income levels; suggested exploring all existing and alternative funding sources, resources, and programs; noted available child care scholarships; suggested referring the matter to staff, the Health & Wellness Advisory Committee, and other relevant bodies; inquired about the City’s current Health & Wellness efforts; and noted recent discussions with First 5 Orange County.

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

Direct the City Manager to study the development of a City of Irvine Child Care Grant Program, specifically for children ages 0 to 4, for families that live or work in Irvine. This study should examine:

- 1) Expanding income eligibility standards tailored to Irvine's unique demographics;
- 2) Identifying sustainable public and private funding sources;
- 3) Coordinating with existing licensed in-home care providers; and
- 4) Learning from successful models to implement our own.

3.5 CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY COUNCILMEMBER TRESEDER TO RESCIND DIRECTION TO CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT NOTICE OF INTENT TO WITHDRAW FROM THE ORANGE COUNTY POWER AUTHORITY

This item was agendaized at the request of Councilmember Treseder, who asked for City Council consideration to rescind direction to the City Manager to submit a notice of intent to withdraw from the Orange County Power Authority (OCPA).

Luis Estevez, Director of Great Park, provided a brief overview of the City's membership in OCPA and responded to questions. Jeff Melching, City Attorney, also responded to questions.

The following individuals spoke in opposition to rescinding a notice of intent to withdraw from OCPA:

- Alan Meyerson, Irvine resident
- Mike Rough
- Eric Neshanian, Irvine resident
- Pam Wykoff
- Harvey Liss, Irvine resident
- Dee Fox, Irvine resident
- Vicki Johnson
- Walter Nobrega

The following individuals spoke in support of rescinding a notice of intent to withdraw from OCPA:

- Tomas Castro, Irvine resident and Climate Action Campaign advocate
- Dana Leslie, Irvine resident
- Kathy Orinsky, Irvine resident
- Derrick Peng, Irvine resident
- David Martinez, Climate Action Campaign
- Mocanh Nguyen, Irvine resident and Irvine Valley College student
- Ayn Craciun, Orange County Policy Director for Climate Action Campaign
- Livi D.
- Doug Elliott, Irvine resident, Community & Library Services Commissioner, and OCPA Community Advisory Committee Member
- Keith Linker, Irvine resident
- Robin G.
- Braedon Schmidt, Irvine resident
- Aurora Massari
- Umadevi Rao
- Delia Arvizu, California Youth Leadership Corps
- Hassan Mekky, Irvine Valley College student
- Rodin Behravan, Irvine resident
- Youssef Kaddeche, Irvine resident
- Leeza
- Dr. Kev Abazajian, Irvine resident, Sustainability Commission Chair, and University of California, Irvine, professor
- James Hwang, Irvine resident
- Siddharth Mehta, Seal Beach resident
- Dominic Bendinelli, OCPA Community Advisory Committee Chair
- Vi Thuy Nguyen, MD, general pediatrician and Chair of American Academy of Pediatrics - California Expert Committee on Environmental Health
- Ginger Osborne, Laguna Beach resident
- Danny Gray, volunteer member of the Climate Reality Project's Orange County chapter
- Julie Tapp
- Adriana Maestas, Irvine resident and Community & Library Services Commissioner
- Casey Gallagher, Orange County resident
- Tiffany, Irvine resident
- Craig Preston, Costa Mesa resident
- Jeremy
- Dr. Benjamin Leffel, University of Nevada Las Vegas professor

- Obed Leon, Anaheim resident and Fullerton College student
- Ebony Guerrero, California Youth Leadership Corps
- Lisa Ryder, Green Business Program manager
- Tiffany
- Ankur Parikh, Woodbridge High School student
- Kevin Li
- Thomas Osborne, environmental historian and Laguna Beach resident
- Max Wang, Irvine resident and Finance Commissioner
- Raquel Zeleznick
- Deeti Mitesh Shah, Irvine resident and University of California, Irvine, student

Don Geller, Irvine resident and Finance Commission Chair, spoke in support of the City remaining at the Basic Choice tier, repayment of the City's \$7.5 million loan to the Orange County Power Authority as soon as possible, and objective review by the Finance Commission.

Mona, and Amira Mansour, Irvine resident, spoke in support of referring the matter of OCPA membership to the Finance Commission and repayment to the City of the \$7.5 million loan.

Michelle Johnson, Irvine resident, spoke in support of immediate repayment to the City of the \$7.5 million loan by OCPA, and agendizing an evaluation and final determination on the notice of intent to withdraw in December 2025.

City Council discussion included: inquiring about participation levels in the 100% Renewable Energy tier; discussed consumer choices; questioned data sources; compared OCPA rates with Southern California Edison (SCE) and other Orange County jurisdictions; discussed OCPA rate and climate benefits, governance structure, organizational changes, and membership growth; noted current SCE liabilities; discussed electrical transmission line ownership; noted the status of the SCE 100% Renewable energy program; inquired about details related to the OCPA withdrawal process; questioned the 2027 repayment date, terms, and bank requirements related to the City's loan to OCPA; suggested balancing human needs and environmental concerns; inquired about the joint powers authority bylaw amendment process; discussed OCPA's projected financial future; discussed billing tiers for customers and the rationale for maintaining Irvine customers at Basic Choice; emphasized the need for accountability; questioned the status of the 2025 notice of intent to withdraw; and inquired about next steps, including restarting the withdrawal process, in the event that certain conditions were not met.

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

Rescind Section 2 of the action taken by the City Council at its special meeting of December 12, 2024, as follows:

“Withdraw from the OCPA pursuant to a notice in the form and to the parties required by Section 6.1.2 of the Orange County Power Authority Joint Powers Agreement, to be provided by the City Manager to OCPA in 2025.”

ACTION: A friendly amendment was made by Councilmember Martinez Franco to:

1) Rescind Section 2 of the action taken by the City Council at its special meeting of December 12, 2024, as follows:

“Withdraw from the OCPA pursuant to a notice in the form and to the parties required by Section 6.1.2 of the Orange County Power Authority Joint Powers Agreement, to be provided by the City Manager to OCPA in 2025.”

2) The rescission shall be contingent upon the following:

- a) That OCPA provide a full repayment of the City of Irvine’s initial investment in the organization by December 31, 2025.
- b) That OCPA amend its bylaws to ensure the City of Irvine retains two seats on the Board of Directors.

The friendly amendment was not accepted by Councilmember Treseder as the maker.

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

1) Rescind Section 2 of the action taken by the City Council at its special meeting of December 12, 2024, as follows:

“Withdraw from the OCPA pursuant to a notice in the form and to the parties required by Section 6.1.2 of the Orange County Power Authority Joint Powers Agreement, to be provided by the City Manager to OCPA in 2025.”

- 2) The rescission shall be subject to the following:
 - a) That OCPA agree to repay its \$7.5 million loan to the City of Irvine, with interest, before December 31, 2025.
 - b) That OCPA amend its bylaws to ensure the City of Irvine retains two seats on the Board of Directors.
 - c) Expansion of the City of Irvine’s number of seats on the Board of Directors to three (3) upon the addition of a new City member.
 - d) Require that OCPA maintain the default “Basic Choice” tier for Irvine customers/subscribers through the end of 2026.

The motion failed as follows:

AYES: 2 COUNCILMEMBERS: Carroll and Agran

NOES: 5 COUNCILMEMBERS: Go, Liu, Mai, Martinez Franco, and Treseder

ABSENT: 0 COUNCILMEMBERS: None

ABSTAIN: 0 COUNCILMEMBERS: None

Following the vote, a friendly amendment to the main motion was offered.

ACTION: A friendly amendment was made by Vice Mayor Mai, accepted by Councilmember Treseder as the maker and Councilmember Liu as the seconder, to:

- 1) Rescind Section 2 of the action taken by the City Council at its special meeting of December 12, 2024, to withdraw from the OCPA by the end of 2025 as follows:
 - “Withdraw from the OCPA pursuant to a notice in the form and to the parties required by Section 6.1.2 of the Orange County Power Authority Joint Powers Agreement, to be provided by the City Manager to OCPA in 2025.”*
- 2) Require that OCPA immediately commence repayment of the \$7.5 million loan, with interest, on terms to be negotiated by Vice Mayor Mai.
- 3) Require that OCPA maintain the default “Basic Choice” tier for Irvine customers/subscribers.

- 4) Direct Vice Mayor Mai to negotiate the following with OCPA:
 - a) Preservation of the City of Irvine's two seats on the Board of Directors following repayment of the \$7.5 million loan.
 - b) Expansion of the City of Irvine's number of seats on the Board of Directors to three (3) upon the addition of a new City member.

ACTION: A second friendly amendment was made by Councilmember Martinez Franco to:

- 1) Rescind Section 2 of the action taken by the City Council at its special meeting of December 12, 2024, as follows:

“Withdraw from the OCPA pursuant to a notice in the form and to the parties required by Section 6.1.2 of the Orange County Power Authority Joint Powers Agreement, to be provided by the City Manager to OCPA in 2025.”

- 2) The rescission shall be subject to the following:
 - a) That OCPA agree to repay its \$7.5 million loan to the City of Irvine, with interest, within one year.
 - b) That OCPA amend its bylaws to ensure the City of Irvine retains two seats on the Board of Directors.
 - c) Expansion of the City of Irvine's number of seats on the Board of Directors to three (3) upon the addition of a new City member.
 - d) Require that OCPA maintain the default “Basic Choice” tier for Irvine customers/subscribers through the end of 2026.

The friendly amendment was not accepted by Councilmember Treseder as the maker. Councilmember Martinez Franco then offered a substitute motion.

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

- 1) Rescind Section 2 of the action taken by the City Council at its special meeting of December 12, 2024, as follows:

“Withdraw from the OCPA pursuant to a notice in the form and to the parties required by Section 6.1.2 of the Orange County Power Authority Joint Powers Agreement, to be provided by the City Manager to OCPA in 2025.”

- 2) The City will revisit the matter of withdrawal from OCPA at the end of 2026 unless the following conditions are satisfied:
 - a) That OCPA amend its bylaws to ensure the City of Irvine retains two seats on the Board of Directors subsequent to repayment of the loan.
 - b) Require that OCPA maintain the default “Basic Choice” tier for Irvine customers/subscribers for one year.

Following discussion, Councilmember Martinez Franco withdrew her substitute motion and offered a new substitute motion.

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

- 1) Rescind Section 2 of the action taken by the City Council at its special meeting of December 12, 2024, as follows:

“Withdraw from the OCPA pursuant to a notice in the form and to the parties required by Section 6.1.2 of the Orange County Power Authority Joint Powers Agreement, to be provided by the City Manager to OCPA in 2025.”

- 2) The rescission shall be contingent upon the following:
 - a) That OCPA provide a full repayment of the City of Irvine’s initial investment in the organization, with interest, by December 31, 2025.
 - b) That OCPA amend its bylaws to ensure the City of Irvine retains two seats on the Board of Directors.

The motion failed as follows:

AYES: 3 COUNCILMEMBERS: Carroll, Martinez
Franco, and Agran

NOES: 4 COUNCILMEMBERS: Go, Liu, Mai, and
Treseder

ABSENT: 0 COUNCILMEMBERS: None

ABSTAIN: 0 COUNCILMEMBERS: None

Following discussion, a vote was taken on the friendly amendment to the main motion.

ACTION: A friendly amendment was made by Vice Mayor Mai, accepted by Councilmember Treseder as the maker and Councilmember Liu as the seconder, to:

- 1) Rescind Section 2 of the action taken by the City Council at its special meeting of December 12, 2024, to withdraw from the Orange County Power Authority (OCPA) by the end of 2025 as follows:

“Withdraw from the OCPA pursuant to a notice in the form and to the parties required by Section 6.1.2 of the Orange County Power Authority Joint Powers Agreement, to be provided by the City Manager to OCPA in 2025.”

- 2) Require that OCPA immediately commence repayment of the \$7.5 million loan, with interest, on terms to be negotiated by Vice Mayor Mai.
- 3) Require that OCPA maintain the default “Basic Choice” tier for Irvine customers/subscribers.
- 4) Direct Vice Mayor Mai to negotiate the following with OCPA:
 - a) Preservation of the City of Irvine’s two seats on the Board of Directors following repayment of the \$7.5 million loan.
 - b) Expansion of the City of Irvine’s number of seats on the Board of Directors to three (3) upon the addition of a new City member.

The motion carried as follows:

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

NOES: 2 COUNCILMEMBERS: Carroll and Agran

ABSENT: 0 COUNCILMEMBERS: None

ABSTAIN: 0 COUNCILMEMBERS: None

3.6 CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY COUNCILMEMBER CARROLL TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION OPPOSING CHANGES TO INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION THROUGH PROPOSITION 50

This item was agendized at the request of Councilmember Carroll, who asked for City Council consideration to adopt a resolution opposing changes to the California Citizens Redistricting Commission.

The following individuals spoke in opposition to the proposed resolution:

- Derrick Peng
- Doug Elliott, Irvine resident and Community & Library Services Commissioner
- Rodin Behravan
- Aurora
- Melisa Masri, Irvine resident
- Siddharth Mehta
- Amira Mansour
- Mona
- Julie Tapp

Jason Garshfield, Irvine resident, spoke in support of the proposed resolution.

City Council discussion included: expressing concern about the potential for gerrymandering; and suggested voter precedence above politicians.

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

Adopt - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING A POSITION OF OPPOSITION TO PROPOSITION 50 ON THE NOVEMBER 2025 BALLOT

The motion failed as follows:

AYES: 2 COUNCILMEMBERS: Carroll and Mai

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

ABSENT: 0 COUNCILMEMBERS: None

ABSTAIN: 0 COUNCILMEMBERS: None

No additional action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mayor Agran, seconded by Councilmember Liu, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 12:20 a.m.



MAYOR OF THE CITY OF IRVINE



CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF IRVINE

October 14, 2025