



## MINUTES

### CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING



### REGULAR JOINT MEETING WITH THE CITY OF IRVINE AS SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE DISSOLVED IRVINE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

### SPECIAL JOINT MEETING WITH THE GREAT PARK BOARD

**June 11, 2024**  
**City Council Chamber**  
1 Civic Center Plaza  
Irvine, CA 92606

#### CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Irvine City Council and regular joint meeting with the City of Irvine as Successor Agency to the dissolved Irvine Redevelopment Agency was called to order at 4:05 p.m. on June 11, 2024, in the City Council Chamber, Irvine Civic Center, 1 Civic Center Plaza, Irvine, California; Mayor/Chairwoman Khan presiding.

#### ROLL CALL

Present: 5 Councilmember/Boardmember: Mike Carroll  
Councilmember/Boardmember: Tammy Kim  
Councilmember/Boardmember: Kathleen Treseder  
Vice Mayor/Vice Chairman: Larry Agran  
Mayor/Chairwoman: Farrah N. Khan

**1. CLOSED SESSION**

City Attorney Melching announced the following Closed Session items:

- 1.1 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION: Significant Exposure to Litigation (Gov. Code Section 54956.9(d)(2) or (3)): Two Cases**
- 1.2 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION: Initiation of litigation (Government Code section 54956.9(d)(4)): One case**
- 1.3 CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS (Government Code § 54956.8) - Property: APN 463-10-401; Agency Negotiators: Oliver Chi, City Manager; Pete Carmichael, Assistant City Manager; Jeffrey Melching, City Attorney; Negotiating Parties: City of Irvine; Lori Pritchett, Project Manager Site Development, West Region, American Tower Company; Dan Vozenilek, External Affairs, AT&T; Dominique Cano-Stocco, Executive Director, External & Government Affairs, Verizon; Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment**

The following individuals spoke in opposition to a cell phone tower located within close proximity to their homes in Turtle Rock:

- Amy
- (949) \*\*\*-\*956
- Jaleh Youssefiha, Irvine resident
- Ali Youssefiha, Irvine resident
- Raj Bhatia, Irvine Planning Commissioner
- Rechelle, Irvine resident
- Adeleh Youssefiha, Irvine resident

**RECESS**

Mayor Khan recessed the City Council meeting to Closed Session at 4:16 p.m.

**RECONVENE TO THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Mayor Khan reconvened the City Council meeting at 5:24 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

Pastor Ralph Williamson from Christ Our Redeemer A.M.E. Church provided the invocation.

## 2. PRESENTATIONS

### 2.1 *Proclaim June 17-23, 2024, as "Amateur Radio Week"*

Mayor Khan introduced the following individuals and presented a proclamation recognizing June 17-23, 2024, as "Amateur Radio Week":

- Michael Kent, Director of Public Safety/Chief of Police;
- Bobby Simmons, Manager of Emergency Services;
- Sergeant Steve Meyer;
- Detective Jameson Roberts;
- Irvine Disaster Emergency Communications (IDEC) Captain, Ben Caterinicchio; and
- Additional members of the IDEC team

### 2.2 *Wall of Recognition Honorees*

Mayor Khan introduced the 2023 inductees into the Wall of Recognition and presented each with a plaque for their contributions to the community. Councilmember Treseder and Michael Kent, Director of Public Safety/Chief of Police, were also recognized as Perpetual Plaque and Civic Leader Honorees, respectively.

Eric Neshanian, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to the induction of Director of Public Safety/Chief of Police Michael Kent into the Wall of Recognition.

### 2.3 *Irvine 2/11 Marine Battalion Update*

Irvine 2/11 Marine Adoption Committee President Tina Anderson; Vice President Kim Strassner; and Commanding Officer 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines, 1st Marine Division, Lieutenant Colonel Jeremy Colwell, provided a brief update on activities and accomplishments over the past year.

There was no City Council discussion.

**By consensus**, received and filed.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS - CITY COUNCIL - NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS**

Joanne S. spoke in opposition to Vice Mayor Agran's perceived allowance for hate speech against the Jewish community.

Wendy Bokota spoke in opposition to Mayor Khan's comments relating to a protest at the University of California, Irvine.

Sandi L. spoke in opposition to previous comments made by Mayor Khan.

Jason G. spoke in opposition to the perceived lack of inaction by Mayor Khan and Vice Mayor Agran related to hate speech.

Susan Sayre, Irvine resident, spoke in support of the Irvine CONNECT shuttle.

Dick Owens, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to the removal of sports fields for use of the temporary amphitheater.

Senny spoke in opposition to perceived anti-capitalist positions held by Mayor Khan and Vice Mayor Agran.

Amal Alkalla, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to harassment related to the conflict in the Middle East.

Dr. Tom Tracy, Irvine resident, spoke in support of regulations and enforcement related to electric bicycles.

Alan Meyerson, Irvine resident, expressed appreciation to the City Council for its stewardship of the budget, and in opposition to hatred on both sides of the Middle East conflict.

Harvey Liss, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to free speech perceived as antisemitism.

Eric Neshanian, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to certain responses to recent First Amendment audits by City staff, and in opposition to Israeli military policy and widely accepted definitions of antisemitism.

Vyacheslav Ryaboy, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to antisemitism and Mayor Khan's comments related to the protest at the University of California, Irvine.

Jeremy Ficarola, Irvine resident, spoke in support of Susan Sayre's induction into the Wall of Recognition and cell phone towers in Turtle Rock due to poor reception.

(949) \*\*\*-\*299 spoke in opposition to the allowance of perceived hate speech at City Council meetings and the lack of objectivity in Irvine Community News & Views.

Jamie Pollack, Irvine resident, spoke in support of the City Council focusing on municipal issues only.

Robin Gurien spoke in opposition to support for the Veterans Cemetery at the Great Park by Irvine Community News & Views.

Dee Fox, Irvine resident, presented a video in opposition to the Orange County Power Authority.

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

City Manager Chi expressed appreciation to Director of Public Safety/Chief of Police Michael Kent for his leadership of the Irvine Police Department and his service to the community.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCIL REPORTS**

#### Mayor Khan

- The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual SoCal Startup Day, the largest conference for founders, investors, and startups in Southern California, sponsored by Mayor Khan, will return to Irvine on June 12 from 12 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Great Park. Programming includes Community, Venture Capital, and Angel Panels; and the return of Survivor X, TCVN's Major Pitch Competition. Members of the public are invited to connect with entrepreneurs, startups, and local organizations. In addition, there will be speakers, fireside chats, top rated food trucks, and an evening networking party.
- Mayor Khan will host a Financial Literacy 101 Town Hall on Thursday, June 27, at 6 p.m. The panel of three financial experts aims to provide insights and advice on achieving financial well-being for businesses, youth, seniors, and everyone in between. Attendees will be provided the location when RSVPing for the event.
- Members of the public are invited to join Mayor Khan and City staff to discuss the General Plan Update on Monday, July 8, at 6 p.m. Additional information is forthcoming.
- Great Park Live, the City's temporary amphitheater and event facility, will open on Friday, June 14, and serve as a summer home for Pacific Symphony and will feature additional live music performances. The venue will also be a food and beverage hub and provide space for community events. Great Park Live will be the site of Irvine Nights, which returns that same day from 5:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. The event will feature local food and beverage, shopping vendors, and live entertainment by DSB – A Tribute to Journey. For information, to buy tickets, or for a list of future events, visit [greatparklive.com](http://greatparklive.com).

- Summer in the City events, which include Movies on the Lawn at Great Park Live and summer concerts at Mike Ward Community Park – Woodbridge, will be taking place this summer. Movies on the Lawn will be held on Thursdays this year, with the first event taking place on June 27 with a showing of Elemental. Movies and concerts will continue through August. For more information on Summer in the City events, visit [cityofirvine.org/summer](http://cityofirvine.org/summer).
- The City is hosting its annual Fourth of July Field of Valor event from July 1 through 14 at the Irvine Civic Center lawn, which consists of flags sponsored by community members in honor or in memory of veterans, active duty, and fallen service members. Members of the community are invited to honor military heroes by sponsoring a flag in honor of a loved one or visiting the flag display. The flags are three (3) feet by five (5) feet on a ten-foot pole and will be individually illuminated. Flag sponsorships are \$65, with proceeds to benefit the Irvine 2/11 Marine Adoption Committee and will include an attached card displaying the honoree's information. Flag sponsorship submissions must be received by Friday, June 21. To sponsor a flag or learn more about the Field of Valor, visit [cityofirvine.org/fieldofvalor](http://cityofirvine.org/fieldofvalor).
- Adults and children of all swimming abilities are invited to participate in Super Swim Lesson, Irvine's largest group swim lesson, on Friday, June 21, to raise awareness for drowning prevention. Attendees are encouraged to check in at 5:30 p.m. with lessons beginning at 6 p.m. Those in attendance are welcome to stay for the free recreation swim that includes a water slide, giant inflatables, diving boards, and activities. At dusk, Trolls Band Together will play on the big screen. Lifeguards will also be on duty. This event is for ages three and older; for recreation swim, children ages six and younger must be accompanied by an adult in the water. To learn more about the event, visit [cityofirvine.org/superswim](http://cityofirvine.org/superswim). To learn more about water safety, visit [cityofirvine.org/aquatics](http://cityofirvine.org/aquatics) or [ocfa.org](http://ocfa.org).
- Members of the public are invited to attend Better Together, a free event open to everyone ages ten and older on Saturday, June 29, from 10 a.m. to noon at Lakeview Senior Center. Attendees will have the opportunity to enjoy activities and games, participate in an opportunity drawing for exciting prizes, get active with fitness demos, test their luck at Bingo, learn gardening tips, and more. To register for this limited-space event, visit [yourirvine.org](http://yourirvine.org). For more information, call 949-724-6900.
- After nearly 20 years, the summer issue of Inside Irvine has a new look that reflects the innovative, vibrant spirit of the City's diverse community and ensures its status as the go-to resource for all things Irvine. The issue contains details on fun summer events, the construction of the Jeffrey Open Space Trail Bicycle and Pedestrian Bridge project, Great Park development updates, and summer camps and classes. The summer issue can be found at City facilities or at [cityofirvine.org/insideirvine](http://cityofirvine.org/insideirvine). To register for camps and classes, visit [yourirvine.org](http://yourirvine.org).

Councilmember Treseder

- Councilmember Treseder also expressed her appreciation for Director of Public Safety/Chief of Police Michael Kent’s leadership of the Irvine Police Department and his service to the community, and congratulated him on his induction to the Wall of Recognition.

**ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS**

City Manager Chi requested the continuation of Consent Calendar Item No. 3.10 (Irvine Adult Day Health Services, Inc. Funding Agreement) to the June 25, 2024, City Council meeting, and noted the withdrawal of Council Business Item No. 7.4 (Consideration of a Request by Councilmember Kim to Shift her Appointment to Councilmember Treseder on the Irvine Liaison and Coordinating Committee – Irvine Unified School District) at the request of Councilmember Kim.

**CONVENE TO THE JOINT MEETING WITH THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY**

Mayor/Chairwoman Khan convened the regular joint meeting of the City Council with the City of Irvine as Successor Agency to the dissolved Irvine Redevelopment Agency at 6:55 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS - SUCCESSOR AGENCY - NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS**

There were no requests to speak.

**3. CONSENT CALENDAR - CITY COUNCIL**

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

Item 3.6

Don Geller, Irvine resident, spoke in support of the California Volunteers Youth Service Corps Program.

Item 3.8

Melinda Liu, Irvine resident, spoke in support of working with the County and improving air quality near the Bowerman Landfill.

Michelle Johnson, Irvine resident, expressed concern related to changes in landfill maximum capacity and the City’s assumption of liability related to the Bowerman Landfill (Landfill), and spoke in support of increased community outreach related to the Landfill.

**Moved by Councilmember/Boardmember Carroll, seconded by Mayor/Chairwoman Khan, and unanimously carried to approve City Council Consent Calendar Item Nos. 3.1 through 3.15; and Successor Agency Consent Calendar Item Nos. 4.1 and 4.2, with the exception of City Council Consent Calendar Item No. 3.8, which was removed for separate discussion, and City Council Consent Calendar Item No. 3.10, which was continued to the City Council meeting of June 25, 2024 at City Manager Chi's request (see page 7).**

**3.1 MINUTES**

**ACTION:**

Approved the minutes of a special meeting of the City Council and special joint meeting with the City of Irvine as Successor Agency to the dissolved Irvine Redevelopment Agency held on May 14, 2024.

**3.2 PROCLAMATIONS**

**ACTION:**

- 1) Proclaimed June 17-23, 2024, as "Amateur Radio Week."
- 2) Proclaimed June 19, 2024, as "Juneteenth."
- 3) Proclaimed June 20, 2024, as "World Refugee Day."

**3.3 WARRANT AND WIRE TRANSFER RESOLUTION**

**ACTION:**

Adopted RESOLUTION NO. 24-30 - 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

**3.4 FISCAL YEAR 2023-24 THIRD QUARTER BUDGET UPDATE**

**ACTION:**

- 1) Received and filed the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Third Quarter Budget Update.
- 2) Approved a budget adjustment of \$8.2 million for revenues and \$4.4 million for expenditures in FY 2023-24 Special Funds and transfers.

**3.5 ADOPTION OF THE PUBLIC AGENCY RETIREMENT SYSTEM TRUST PROGRAM FOR THE CITY OF IRVINE DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN**

**ACTION:**

- 1) Adopted RESOLUTION NO. 24-31 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING THE PUBLIC AGENCY RETIREMENT SYSTEM TRUST (PARS) AS THE TRUST PROGRAM FOR THE CITY OF IRVINE DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN (PLAN), THE APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC AGENCY RETIREMENT SERVICES AS TRUST ADMINISTRATOR AND U.S. BANK N.A. AS TRUSTEE OF THE PLAN
- 2) Terminated agreement with Principal Financial Group as the Plan’s record keeper and custodian.
- 3) Appointed Public Agency Retirement Services Trust as the administrator of the Plan and U.S. Bank N.A. as Trustee and custodian of plan assets.
- 4) Appointed the Director of Administrative Services as plan administrator to execute legal and administrative documents.

**3.6 BUDGET ADJUSTMENT FOR YOUTH SERVICE CORPS PROGRAM**

**ACTION:**

Approved a budget adjustment to receive and appropriate \$1,678,020 from the State's California Volunteers Youth Service Corps Program for Fiscal Years 2023 to 2026.

**3.7 CIVIC CENTER EXPANSION AND LEASES FOR TEMPORARY OFFICE SPACE**

**ACTION:**

Authorized the City Manager to finalize and execute leases and associated transactional documents for approximately 40,000 square feet of space at 5300 and 5301 California for short-term office space during retrofit and expansion of Civic Center and Armstrong facilities. (Contract Nos. 11810 and 11811)

**3.8 RESOLUTION REGARDING BOWERMAN LANDFILL AND GATEWAY VILLAGE**

This item was removed for separate discussion at the request of Vice Mayor Agran, who requested assistance from staff to respond to concerns raised by members of the public.

Oliver Chi, City Manager, and Jeff Melching, City Attorney, responded to questions. Pete Carmichael, Assistant City Manager, and Sean Crumby, Director of Public Works & Sustainability, were also available for questions.

City Council discussion included: questioning whether the proposed resolution would be binding; inquired about truck traffic on City streets; suggested briefings and workshops for interested members of the public; and inquired about indemnification provisions.

**ACTION: Moved by Councilmember Kim, seconded by Councilmember Treseder, and unanimously carried to:**

Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 24-32 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING PARAMETERS FOR COORDINATION WITH THE COUNTY OF ORANGE REGARDING THE DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATION OF THE GATEWAY PRESERVE, THE GATEWAY RESIDENTIAL VILLAGE, THE BOWERMAN LANDFILL, AND TOLL ROAD ACCESS TO THE BEE CANYON ACCESS ROAD

**3.9 RENEWAL OF LEASE AGREEMENT WITH IRVINE COMMUNITY NURSERY SCHOOL**

**ACTION:**

Approved the renewal of lease agreement with Irvine Community Nursery School and authorize the City Manager or designee to execute the attached lease agreement. (Contract No. 11812)

**3.10 IRVINE ADULT DAY HEALTH SERVICES, INC. FUNDING AGREEMENT**

This item was continued to the June 25, 2024, City Council meeting at the request of City Manager Chi. See page 7 (Additions and Deletions).

**3.11 ANNUAL MEASURE M2 ELIGIBILITY SUBMITTAL**

**ACTION:**

Approved and authorized staff to submit the Annual Measure M2 Seven-year Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 2024-25 through 2030-31 to comply with Measure M2 eligibility criteria.

**3.12 BAKE PARKWAY AND JERONIMO ROAD INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (CIP 314210)**

**ACTION:**

Adopted RESOLUTION NO. 24-33 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE PROJECT REPORT AND ADOPTING THE INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM FOR THE BAKE PARKWAY AND JERONIMO ROAD INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS

**3.13 NOTICE OF REVIEW FOR TRACT MAPS IN CYPRESS VILLAGE AND GREAT PARK NEIGHBORHOODS**

**ACTION:**

Received and filed.

**3.14 ADOPT THE LIST OF PROJECTS PLANNED TO BE FUNDED IN FISCAL YEAR 2024-25 WITH ROAD MAINTENANCE AND REHABILITATION ACCOUNT REVENUES**

**ACTION:**

Adopted RESOLUTION NO. 24-34 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING THE LIST OF PROJECTS PLANNED TO BE FUNDED IN FISCAL YEAR 2024-25 WITH ROAD MAINTENANCE AND REHABILITATION ACCOUNT REVENUES

**3.15 CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES GOVERNING BODY RESOLUTION FOR DESIGNATION OF APPLICANT AGENT**

**ACTION:**

- 1) Adopted RESOLUTION NO. 24-35 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, DESIGNATING APPLICANT'S AGENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF BEING ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT (EMPG) AND HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM (HSGP)
- 2) Authorized the positions of City Manager, Director of Administrative Services, and Director of Public Safety to sign and execute and the City Clerk to certify Applicant's Agent Resolution.

**4. CONSENT CALENDAR - SUCCESSOR AGENCY**

**4.1 MINUTES**

**ACTION:**

Approved the minutes of a special joint meeting of the City of Irvine as Successor Agency to the dissolved Irvine Redevelopment Agency with the Irvine City Council held on May 14, 2024.

**4.2 WARRANT AND WIRE TRANSFER RESOLUTION – CITY COUNCIL AS SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE DISSOLVED IRVINE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

**ACTION:**

Adopted RESOLUTION NO. 24-04 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, AS SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE DISSOLVED IRVINE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY ALLOWING CERTAIN CLAIMS AND DEMANDS OF THE CITY COUNCIL AS SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE DISSOLVED IRVINE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY AND SPECIFYING THE FUNDS OUT OF WHICH THE SAME ARE TO BE PAID

**ADJOURNMENT - REGULAR JOINT MEETING WITH THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY**

**Moved by Councilmember/Boardmember Kim, seconded by Councilmember/Boardmember Carroll, and unanimously carried to adjourn the regular joint meeting with the Successor Agency at 7:28 p.m.**

**CONVENE TO THE SPECIAL JOINT MEETING WITH THE GREAT PARK BOARD**

Mayor/Director Khan convened the special joint meeting with the Great Park Board at 7:28 p.m. and asked the City Clerk to note for the record that all Councilmembers and Directors were present.

**5. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**5.1 FISCAL YEAR 2023-25 MID-CYCLE BUDGET REVIEW**

Mayor Khan opened the public hearing at 7:28 p.m.

Dahle Bulosan, Director of Administrative Services, and Jonathan Nih, Manager of Budget & Purchasing, presented the staff report and responded to questions.

There were no requests to speak.

**ACTION: Moved by Councilmember/Director Kim, seconded by Councilmember/Director Treseder, and unanimously carried to close the public hearing at 7:52 p.m.**

City Council/Board discussion included: inquiring about City Councilmember budget allocations and staffing support related to Measure D based on the transition to district representation; questioned the City's level of reserve funding in comparison to other cities; suggested a drawdown of partial reserve funds and potential uses for those funds; questioned whether drawdown funds used to enhance Irvine Unified School District services would be performed by City employees or Irvine Unified School District employees using a chargeback model; and discussed the need to renegotiate existing contracts based on living wage requirements.

**ACTION: Moved by Councilmember/Director Kim, seconded by Councilmember/Director Treseder, and unanimously carried to:**

- 1) Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 24-36 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING AND APPROVING THE APPROPRIATIONS BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF IRVINE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-25
- 2) Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 24-37 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-25
- 3) Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 24-38 - 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. 23-99, WHICH IS INCONSISTENT THEREWITH
- 4) Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 24-39 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING THE SALARY GRADE ORDER STRUCTURE AND SALARY RANGES FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, AND SUPERSEDING RESOLUTION NO. 23-109, WHICH IS INCONSISTENT THEREWITH
- 5) Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 24-40 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO LEVY AND COLLECT ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS, APPROVING THE ENGINEER'S ANNUAL LEVY REPORT AND ORDERING THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS FOR THE IRVINE LANDSCAPE, LIGHTING AND PARK MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT, FISCAL YEAR 2024-25

- 6) Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 24-41 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, REPLACING CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 23-55, ESTABLISHING DEVELOPMENT PROCESSING AND INSPECTION FEES, ESTABLISHING BUSINESS LICENSE FEES, AND REPLACING AND SUPERSEDING ALL PREVIOUS RESOLUTIONS THAT ARE INCONSISTENT THEREWITH
- 7) Approve the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Great Park Budget, as required by the Fiscal Transparency and Reforms Act.

**ACTION: Moved by Councilmember/Director Kim, seconded by Councilmember/Director Treseder, and unanimously carried to:**

Introduce for first reading and read by title only ORDINANCE NO. 24-11 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING TITLE 2, DIVISION 9, CHAPTER 7 OF THE CITY OF IRVINE MUNICIPAL CODE

**ACTION: Moved by Vice Mayor/Vice Chairman Agran, seconded by Mayor/Director Khan, and unanimously carried to:**

- 1) Direct the City Manager to study the feasibility of drawing down reserve funds by approximately \$6 million.
- 2) Refer the question and advisability of drawing down reserve funds to the Finance Commission for review and return to the City Council for consideration of the Finance Commission's recommendation, and propose and discuss how to allocate those funds.

## **6. CITY COUNCIL / BOARD BUSINESS**

### **6.1 GREAT PARK BALLOON AND CAROUSEL FEES**

Chris Slama, Director of Community Services, and Steven Stewart, Community Services Superintendent, presented the staff report and responded to questions.

Harvey Liss, Irvine resident, inquired about the cost to collect admission fees and spoke in opposition to special fees.

Eric Neshanian, Irvine resident, spoke in support of the Great Park Balloon as a loss leader to attract visitors to Great Park.

City Council/Board discussion included: inquiring about the status of FivePoint’s sponsorship of balloon fees; questioned anticipated revenues from balloon tickets; inquired about the rationale for increasing balloon over carousel fees; suggested the possibility of a deposit-based and other types of reservation systems; questioned the fee structure related to those 18 years of age and younger; inquired about the potential for new sponsorship; and questioned the rationale for the proposed fee.

**ACTION: Moved by Councilmember/Director Kim, seconded by Vice Mayor/Vice Chairman Agran, to:**

- 1) Approve charging Great Park Balloon admission fees as established by City Council Resolution 14-06 effective November 1, 2024.
- 2) Authorize City Manager to suspend Carousel admissions fees to offer a one-year promotion, effective July 1, 2024, to ride the Great Park Carousel for free and at the end of the promotion, continue to promote free or discounted admissions as established by City Council Resolution 13-77, taking into consideration fiscal impacts, maintenance, and quality customer service.
- 3) Approve a budget adjustment to reduce Fund 180 Carousel revenues in the amount of \$150,000 in Fiscal Year 2024-25.
- 4) Direct staff to explore a refundable deposit for residents of the Great Park Neighborhoods.

**The motion carried as follows:**

AYES: 4 COUNCILMEMBERS: Agran, Kim, Treseder, and Khan

NOES: 1 COUNCILMEMBERS: Carroll

ABSENT: 0 COUNCILMEMBERS: None

ABSTAIN: 0 COUNCILMEMBERS: None

**6.2 SOLE SOURCE CONTRACTS WITH AEROPHILE CALIFORNIA, LLC FOR THE 2026 BALLOON ENVELOPE PROJECT AND FOR CONTINUED OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE OF GREAT PARK BALLOON**

Chris Slama, Director of Community Services, and Cory Hilderbrand, Community Services Manager, presented the staff report and responded to questions.

City Council/Board discussion included: inquiring about the vendor's performance and safety record.

**ACTION: Moved by Councilmember/Director Kim, seconded by Councilmember/Director Treseder, and unanimously carried to:**

- 1) Authorize Mayor to execute a sole source contract with Aerophile California, LLC (Aerophile) in an amount not-to-exceed \$2 million for the 2026 Balloon Envelope Project. **(Contract No. 20408)**
- 2) Authorize City Manager to execute sole source contract with Aerophile in an amount not-to-exceed \$800,000 per year for continued operation and maintenance of Great Park Balloon through the end of Fiscal Year 2030-31. **(Contract No. 21432)**

## **ADJOURNMENT - SPECIAL JOINT MEETING WITH THE GREAT PARK BOARD**

Moved by Councilmember/Director Kim, seconded by Councilmember/Director Treseder, and unanimously carried to adjourn the special joint meeting with the Great Park Board at 8:44 p.m.

## **RECONVENE TO THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Mayor Khan reconvened the City Council meeting at 8:44 p.m.

## **7. COUNCIL BUSINESS**

### **7.1 RESOLUTIONS CALLING THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 5, 2024; REQUESTING CONSOLIDATION WITH THE PRESIDENTIAL GENERAL ELECTION; AND ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS FOR CANDIDATE STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS AND THE COST THEREOF**

Carl Petersen, City Clerk, presented the staff report and responded to questions.

Harvey Liss, Irvine resident, clarified Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) campaign sign requirements and inquired about rules related to sign obstruction.

City Council discussion included: inquiring about FPPC and City regulations related to financial disclosure on campaign signs; and suggested that the restriction to place campaign signs be adjusted to allow placement no sooner than 60 days from when vote-by-mail ballots are mailed to voters.

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

- 1) Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 24-42 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, CALLING FOR THE HOLDING OF A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2024, FOR THE ELECTION OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AS REQUIRED BY THE PROVISIONS OF THE CITY CHARTER
- 2) Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 24-43 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF ORANGE TO CONSOLIDATE A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 5, 2024, WITH THE PRESIDENTIAL GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE SAME DATE PURSUANT TO § 10403 OF THE ELECTIONS CODE
- 3) Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 24-44 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING REGULATIONS FOR CANDIDATES FOR ELECTIVE OFFICE PERTAINING TO CANDIDATES STATEMENTS SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS AT A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2024
- 4) Receive and file the Temporary Non-Commercial Sign (Political Signs) Guidelines and Policy.

**7.2 UPDATES TO THE IRVINE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO COMMUNICATIONS & ENGAGEMENT**

Jeff Melching, City Attorney, presented the staff report and responded to questions. Melissa Haley, Director of Communications & Engagement, also responded to questions.

Harvey Liss, Irvine resident, spoke in support of managing and maintaining the City website under the purview of the Department of Communications & Engagement.

Dee Fox, Irvine resident, spoke in support of monitoring of City Councilmember social media accounts by the Department of Communications & Engagement.

City Council discussion included: inquiring about the role of Public Information Officer.

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

Introduce for first reading and read by title only ORDINANCE NO. 24-12 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, ADDING TITLE 7 TO THE IRVINE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS & ENGAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

**7.3 CLIMATE ACTION AND ADAPTATION PLAN UPDATE**

Sean Crumby, Director of Public Works & Sustainability, and Joel Belding, Deputy Director of Great Park & Sustainability, presented the staff report and responded to questions.

Vicki Johnson and Mike Rough, Laguna Woods residents, spoke in opposition to the inclusion of Orange County Power Authority (OCPA) in the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP).

Rania, Irvine resident, spoke in support of additional discussion on the CAAP, and alignment with the General Plan and Environmental Impact Report.

Harvey Liss, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to OCPA and the slow progress of the CAAP.

Alan Meyerson, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to OCPA and noted OCPA donations to Climate Action Campaign.

Leeza, Irvine resident and Irvine Valley College student, spoke in opposition to delays in implementing the CAAP.

James, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to the CAAP as presented.

Doug Elliott, Irvine resident, spoke in support of the Sustainability Commission's recommendations and treatment of the CAAP as a regulatory document.

Yui Saito, Youssef Kaddeche, and Max Wang, Irvine residents, spoke in support of aligning the goals of the General Plan with CAAP goals.

Tomas Castro, Irvine resident and advocate with Climate Action Campaign, spoke in support of a legally binding CAAP and in opposition to Recommended Actions 3 and 4.

Hoiyin Ip, Irvine resident, spoke in support of Sustainability Commission recommendations.

Ayn Craciun, Irvine resident and Sustainability Commission Chair, and Lexi Hernandez, Climate Action Campaign, spoke in opposition to the recommended actions as presented.

Ankur Parikh, Woodbridge High School student, spoke in support of a legally binding CAAP.

Eric Neshanian, Irvine resident, spoke in support of identifying Councilmember Treseder's staff as City employees during public comment periods.

Dee Fox, Irvine resident, presented a video in opposition to claims of renewable and clean energy by OCPA.

City Council discussion included: inquiring about the inclusion of Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) targets and the need for additional public feedback; questioned the rationale behind the CAAP's lack of CEQA certification and existence as a policy instead of regulatory document; inquired about the possibility of making portions of the CAAP into a legal document to include CEQA certification; questioned policy and regulatory approaches by other cities; inquired about achieving carbon neutrality by 2040; discussed the potential alignment with the General Plan; inquired about redlines from the Sustainability Commission and timeline for implementation; questioned potential VMT limits on residents, as well as enforcement mechanisms and measures; inquired about possible mandates for all residents to use 100% renewable energy under OCPA; and questioned enforcement and the potential for litigation if CEQA components were not met.

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

- 1) Direct staff to proceed with completion of the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP), including all implementation and supporting documents, **as amended**, to a) explore the potential for a 2040 carbon neutrality date; b) seek to achieve California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) certification for as many Measures as possible as they move through the process; and c) consider the redlined recommendations provided by the Sustainability Commission.
- 2) Direct staff to utilize the current Measures and Actions (Measures) as the basis for the CAAP.
- 3) Direct qualification of the Measures under CEQA for each individual Measure as the program associated with that Measure is developed and advanced for approval.

- 4) Direct staff to develop each Measure in consultation with the Sustainability Commission, feedback from stakeholder outreach, and any necessary technical or cost impact analysis.
- 5) Direct staff to explore potential funding opportunities to facilitate implementation of these Measures.

Following discussion, Mayor Khan suggested an amendment to the motion removing consideration of the recommendations made by the Sustainability Commission as not all members of the City Council had received copies of those redlines.

**ACTION\*: A friendly amendment was made by Mayor Khan, and accepted by Councilmember Treseder as the maker and Councilmember Kim as the seconder, to:**

- 1) Direct staff to proceed with completion of the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP), including all implementation and supporting documents, **as amended**, to a) explore the potential for a 2040 carbon neutrality date; and b) seek to achieve California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) certification for as many Actions and Measures (Measures) as possible as they move through the process.
- 2) Direct staff to utilize the current Measures as the basis for the CAAP.
- 3) Direct qualification of the Measures under CEQA for each individual Measure as the program associated with that Measure is developed and advanced for approval.
- 4) Direct staff to develop each Measure in consultation with the Sustainability Commission, feedback from stakeholder outreach, and any necessary technical or cost impact analysis.
- 5) Direct staff to explore potential funding opportunities to facilitate implementation of these Measures.

**The motion carried as follows:**

AYES: 4 COUNCILMEMBERS: Agran, Kim, Treseder, and Khan

NOES: 1 COUNCILMEMBERS: Carroll

ABSENT: 0 COUNCILMEMBERS: None

ABSTAIN: 0 COUNCILMEMBERS: None

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

**7.4 CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY COUNCILMEMBER KIM TO SHIFT HER APPOINTMENT TO COUNCILMEMBER TRESEDER ON THE IRVINE LIAISON AND COORDINATING COMMITTEE – IRVINE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

This item was withdrawn at the request of Councilmember Kim. See Additions and Deletions (page 7).

**ADJOURNMENT - CITY COUNCIL**

**Moved by Councilmember Kim, seconded by Councilmember Carroll, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:19 p.m.**

  
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MAYOR OF THE CITY OF IRVINE

  
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CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF IRVINE

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July 9, 2024