



MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

July 23, 2024
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 4:02 p.m. on July 23, 2024, in the City Council Chamber, Irvine Civic Center, 1 Civic Center Plaza, Irvine, California; Vice Mayor Agran presiding.

ROLL CALL

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| Present: 4 | Councilmember: | Mike Carroll |
| | Councilmember: | Tammy Kim |
| | Councilmember: | Kathleen Treseder |
| | Vice Mayor: | Larry Agran |

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| Absent: 1 | Mayor: | Farrah N. Khan |
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Following roll call, Vice Mayor Agran noted that Mayor Khan was ill and would not be in attendance.

RECESS

Vice Mayor Agran recessed the City Council meeting at 4:03 p.m.

RECONVENE THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Vice Mayor Agran reconvened the City Council meeting at 5:05 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Treseder led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

Pastor Muriu Makumi from Mariners Church provided the invocation.

1. PRESENTATIONS

1.1 *Irvine Valley College*

Vice Mayor Agran introduced Dr. John Hernandez, President of Irvine Valley College (IVC), who provided a brief overview of IVC's mission and programs through its partnership with the City of Irvine.

Mona and Teyebah Malakoutian spoke in support of the value that Irvine Valley College provides to the community.

City Council discussion included: expressing appreciation for the opportunities provided by the college; and suggested the enhancement of IVC's partnership with the City.

By consensus of the members present (Mayor Khan absent), received and filed.

1.2 *One Irvine Workforce Summer Program*

Wendy Brown, Human Resources Manager, provided an overview of the One Irvine Workforce Summer Program, and responded to questions.

City Council discussion included: inquiring about funding sources and continuation of the program.

By consensus of the members present (Mayor Khan absent), received and filed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS

Susan Sayre, Irvine resident, expressed appreciation to the City Council and staff for a new Orange County Transportation Authority bus stop bench near Regents Point, and in support of the City working with the University of California, Irvine, Anteater transportation system to provide residents additional opportunities for activities.

Eplanet Thunderstriker spoke in support of accountability and oversight in the music industry.

“Recall Tammy” spoke in support of the investigation of hate claims and in opposition to the mischaracterization of a recent protest held outside a synagogue in Los Angeles.

Alan Meyerson, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to recent verbal attacks against Vice Mayor Agran and Irvine Community News & Views.

EJ spoke in opposition to a proposed sister city relationship between Irvine and Gaza City.

Jason Garshfield spoke in opposition to damaged posters being displayed in the City related to the conflict in the Middle East.

Michael Diaz spoke in opposition to Islamophobia and behavior shown by certain members of the City Council.

Konstantin Evchenko, Irvine resident, spoke in support of Irvine CONNECT.

Parrisa spoke in support of protection of the Great Park Farmers Market from outside competitors and expediting maintenance of the Bosque area.

“Concerned” spoke in support of saving reserve funds for emergencies.

Robin Gurien spoke in support of increased transparency pertaining to Irvine Community News & Views.

(949) ***-149 spoke in opposition to a perceived lack of transparency at the City Council meeting of July 9, 2024.

“Citizens for Transparency” spoke in opposition to hate and intimidation in the Council Chamber, a proposed sister city relationship between Irvine and Gaza City, and a perceived lack of transparency in relation to Vice Mayor Agran’s proposal for use of reserve funds.

Gordon spoke in opposition to a perceived lack of transparency in relation to Vice Mayor Agran’s proposal for use of reserve funds.

Mona spoke 1) in support of comments made by Alan Meyerson; 2) in opposition to the mischaracterization of a recent protest outside a synagogue in Los Angeles; 3) in opposition to Councilmember Kim’s memorandum regarding use of reserve funds, and 4) in opposition to Islamophobia.

Julie Tapp, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to an irregular process for use of reserve funds and donation of funds to groups based outside of the City.

Michael Wauschek spoke in opposition to Israeli military policy.

Shaimaa spoke in opposition to Israeli military policy and recent actions by Councilmember Kim.

Julie H. spoke in opposition to the lack of public noticing regarding fund allocations that took place at the City Council meeting of July 9, 2024, and the characterization of Irvine Community News & Views as an independent newspaper.

Sarah spoke in opposition to Councilmember Kim's proposal to fund secured parking for sworn personnel instead of The Cube in Santa Ana.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

There was no report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Kim

- Registration will open on August 5 for the Orange County Fire Authority's fifth annual Girls Empowerment Camp. Through carefully crafted messages and interactive real life firefighting scenarios, participants will discover the strength to overcome obstacles and embrace new opportunities. The camp will run from September 28-29. For more information, visit joinocfa.org.
- As the City's representative to the Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District, Councilmember Kim noted that mosquito season is underway and encouraged residents to prevent the spread of disease by discarding any standing water around their properties. For more information, contact the Office of Councilmember Kim or visit ocvector.org.

Councilmember Carroll

- Councilmember Carroll expressed appreciation to Boy Scout Andrew Park and Boy Scout Troop 1747, for a recent Eagle Scout project. Park's contributions to Sierra Vista Middle School included leading his troop and dozens of volunteers in installing gardens, building a redwood bench, and creating two beautiful murals that reflect the heritage and the future of Irvine.

Vice Mayor Agran

- Members of the public are invited to submit photos of their pets as part of the Irvine Animal Care Center (IACC) annual Photo Fundraiser, which helps provide top-tier care and life-saving programs. Photo submissions will be accepted August 1–31. Those interested can submit their favorite photo of their pet online and vote for their pet's photo. Family and friends are also encouraged to do so. All eligible photos with a minimum of five votes by the end of the contest will be included in the 2025 IACC wall calendar, and the top 13 winners will have their pets featured with a full-page photo in the calendar. The entry fee is \$25 per photo and votes are \$1 each. To enter and/or cast a vote, visit irvineanimals.org/photofundraiser. In addition, the IACC has joined the annual Clear the Shelters adoption event in partnership with the NBC and Telemundo stations of NBC Universal to help

animals in need find forever homes. Adoption fees are \$20 for all cats, kittens, puppies, and dogs, and adoption fees will be waived for all small animals from August 10 through September 9. For more information on the adoption process and to view available animals, visit irvineanimals.org/adopt.

- Members of the public are invited to join the Irvine Police Department for National Night Out on Tuesday, August 6, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., at the Great Park Palm Court Arts Complex. Attendees will have an opportunity to get to know their Irvine police officers and Orange County Fire Authority firefighters, and enjoy a fun evening that includes: police and fire vehicles on display; activities, games, and face painting; photo opportunities and giveaways; and food trucks. In addition, attendees are invited to bring non-perishable food items to support the local nonprofit organization, Families Forward. For more information, call 949-724-7042.
- Members of the public are invited to participate in the Collectible Card Challenge in celebration of Park and Recreation Month. Throughout July and the first week of August, residents can collect 17 unique cards representing the City's nationally ranked parks and facilities, along with a bonus card available to residents who ride the free Irvine CONNECT shuttle. Upon collection of at least eight cards, participants can present them at the City Hall reception desk to receive an exclusive Park and Recreation Month pin. For more information, visit cityofirvine.org/parks.
- Members of the public are invited to attend Great Park Live on Thursday, July 25, for Irvine Nights, with Nirvanna Tribute. The first summer concert at Mike Ward Community Park – Woodbridge will take place on Saturday, July 27, with 80s band, The Reflexx. Pacific Symphony's Rhapsody in Blue at 100 will take place on Saturday, July 27, at Great Park Live. To view the complete schedule for Great Park Live, visit greatparklive.com. For information on concerts at Mike Ward Community Park – Woodbridge, visit cityofirvine.org/summer. Those visiting the park on weekends can purchase food and beverages at The Layover, open weekends from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and located at the Terraced Lawn within the Great Park Sports Complex. The venue also offers free games and inflatable slides for children.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

City Manager Chi announced that the public hearing for Public Hearing Item No. 3.1 (2045 General Plan) Update would be opened for City Council and public feedback, and subsequently continued to the August 13, 2024, City Council meeting upon the return of Mayor Khan.

In addition, with concurrence from Councilmember Treseder, Council Business Item No. 4.1 (Modifications to City Lobbying Ordinance) was continued to the August 13, 2024, City Council meeting.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

Item 2.2

Susan Sayre, Irvine resident, spoke in support of City Council consideration and awareness of Americans with disabilities in all its decisions.

“Recall Tammy – Hope” spoke in opposition to attacks on disabled Palestinians.

The following individuals spoke in support of the Americans with Disabilities Act Awareness Day and American Muslim Appreciation and Awareness Month proclamations:

- Dillon Foster
- Mae Ali
- Mona

Michael Diaz spoke in opposition to the views of certain City Councilmembers regarding the Americans with Disabilities Act Awareness Day and American Muslim Appreciation and Awareness Month proclamations.

The following individuals spoke in support of the American Muslim Appreciation and Awareness Month proclamation:

- Sadik Premjee, Irvine resident
- Teyebeh Malakoutian
- Ayesha Wazir

Sarah spoke in support of the American Muslim Appreciation and Awareness Month proclamation and in opposition to inclusion of a quote from the Anti-Defamation League in Councilmember Kim’s memorandum relating to the City’s reserve policy.

Tiffany, Irvine resident, spoke in support of the Americans with Disabilities Act Awareness Day proclamation and noted opportunities for improvement.

(949) ***-*360 spoke in opposition to violence in the world and divisiveness caused by proclaiming months for certain groups.

Lulu Hammad presented a video regarding the Americans with Disabilities Act Awareness Day Proclamation.

“www dot recalltammykim do” spoke in opposition to use of tax funds to cause disability in the Palestinian population.

Moved by Councilmember Carroll, seconded by Councilmember Kim, and unanimously carried by those members present (Mayor Khan absent), to approve City Council Consent Calendar Item Nos. 2.1 through 2.7.

2.1 MINUTES

ACTION:

Approved the minutes of a regular meeting of the City Council and regular joint meeting with the City of Irvine as Successor Agency to the dissolved Irvine Redevelopment Agency held on June 25, 2024.

2.2 COMMENDATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

ACTION:

- 1) Commended the U19 Strikers FC Irvine as MLS NEXT Cup Champions.
- 2) Proclaimed July 26, 2024, as "Americans with Disabilities Act Awareness Day."
- 3) Proclaimed August 2024, as "American Muslim Appreciation and Awareness Month."
- 4) Proclaimed August 4, 2024, as "BAPS Day."

2.3 WARRANT AND WIRE TRANSFER RESOLUTION

ACTION:

Adopted RESOLUTION NO. 24-48 - 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

2.4 APPROVAL TO INCREASE MICROSOFT 365 LICENSING COST TO AN ANNUAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,145,630 FOR FY 24-25 AND FY 25-26

ACTION:

- 1) Approved to spend \$1,145,630 in FY 24-25 with Dell Inc. for Microsoft 365 Licensing.
- 2) Approved to spend \$1,145,630 in FY 25-26 with Dell Inc. for Microsoft 365 Licensing.
- 3) Delegated authority to the City Manager to effectuate any Microsoft licensing updates or renewals.

2.5 RESOLUTIONS OF INTENTION TO INITIATE CHANGE PROCEEDINGS AND DESIGNATE COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2013-3(B) IMPROVEMENT AREA NO. 14, AUTHORIZE LEVY OF SPECIAL TAXES, AND INCUR BONDED INDEBTEDNESS

ACTION:

- 1) Adopted RESOLUTION NO. 24-49 - 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 AN ADDITIONAL IMPROVEMENT AREA, IMPROVEMENT AREA NO. 14, 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. 24-50 - 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. 14 OF THE CITY OF IRVINE COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2013-3(B) (GREAT PARK)

2.6 PURCHASE OF A SPONSORSHIP FOR THE IRVINE PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOUNDATION "SPIRIT OF EXCELLENCE" EVENT

ACTION:

Approved the purchase of a Gold sponsorship for the November 9, 2024 Irvine Public Schools Foundation "Spirit of Excellence" fundraising event at a cost of \$12,500.

2.7 COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUND GRANT NOMINATIONS

ACTION:

- 1) Approved Councilmember Carroll's request for Community Partnership Fund Grant Nominations to the following organizations in support of program costs:
 - a. Working Wardrobes (\$5,000) **(Contract No. 11844)**
 - b. Irvine Historical Society (\$5,000) **(Contract No. 11845)**
 - c. Pretend City Children's Museum (\$5,000) **(Contract No. 11846)**
 - d. Families Forward (\$5,000) **(Contract No. 11847)**
- 2) Authorized the City Manager to prepare and sign funding agreements for the organizations listed above.

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS

3.1 2045 GENERAL PLAN UPDATE

Vice Mayor Agran opened the public hearing at 7:28 p.m., noting a truncated version of the presentation and subsequent continuation of the item to the August 13, 2024, City Council meeting.

Alyssa Matheus, Principal Planner, presented the staff report and responded to questions. Oliver Chi, City Manager, Jeff Melching, City Attorney, and Marika Poynter, Manager of Planning Services, were also available for questions.

Susan Sayre, Irvine resident, spoke in support of allocating at least 15% of affordable housing in the low- and very low-income categories as ADA compliant and accessible with occupancy limited to disabled residents, and in support of having an Irvine circulation only public transportation system in place for disabled passengers prior to construction of new housing.

Adam Wood, Building Industry Association, noted that the General Plan Update was a planning document and not a production document, and spoke in support of the City Council providing itself with flexibility to maintain local control.

Gang Chen, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to amending the General Plan.

The following individuals spoke in support of Option 1 to build up to 57,656 housing units:

- Dillon Foster
- James Hwang
- Alex Lewis, Irvine resident
- Kyler Chin, University of California, Irvine student
- Leeza Bondarchuk, Irvine Valley College student
- Sohrob Habibi, Irvine resident
- Miles Huntley-Fenner
- Krishan Patel
- Youssef Kaddeche, Irvine resident, spoke in support of Option 1 to build up to 57,656 units.
- Melisa Masri
- Doug Elliott, Irvine resident and Community Services Commissioner
- Sylvia Walker, Irvine resident

- Tomas Castro
- Jeremy, Irvine resident
- Kyle Brodie, Irvine resident
- Mona

Shareen Young, Irvine resident and Finance Commissioner, spoke in support of adhering to the existing Master Plan and not bowing to pressure from the State.

Steven Alves, Irvine resident, spoke in support of responsibly managed growth and in opposition to state housing mandates.

Suzanne Stopani, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to 57,000 new housing units in the City and in support of delaying a decision to allow for further study and feedback from residents.

Parrisa spoke in support of postponing a decision until after the City Council transitions to districting.

Anon inquired about City Council consideration of housing for the middle class, and in support of considering the impacts of future growth on schools, utility grids, and distributing new housing across all districts.

Sarah, Irvine resident, spoke in support of affordable housing.

Im spoke in support of affordable housing for low- and middle-income families.

Ryan Dack spoke in support of the General Plan Update to preserve open space and local control.

City Council discussion included: inquiring about the timeline for submission to the state; noted the large amount of affordable housing in Irvine in comparison to other Orange County cities; inquired about the City's ability to provide infrastructure to absorb growth; questioned the possibility of additional collaboration with the state; inquired about Environmental Impact Report (EIR) certification; questioned potential air quality and traffic impacts; and inquired about the Airport Land Use Commission review and override process.

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

- 1) Continue the public hearing to August 13, 2024, at 5 p.m. or soon thereafter.
- 2) Direct staff to prepare and agendize a resolution initiating the override process for the Airport Land Use Commission's June 20, 2024, determination that the addition of 15,000 units in Planning Areas 36 and 19 is inconsistent with the Airport Environs Land Use Plan for consideration at the August 13, 2024, City Council meeting.

Prior to a vote, it was suggested that the motion above be bifurcated.

ACTION*: A friendly amendment was made by Vice Mayor Agran as the seconder, accepted by Councilmember Carroll as the maker, and unanimously carried by those members present (Mayor Khan absent), to:

Direct staff to prepare and agendize a resolution initiating the override process for the Airport Land Use Commission's June 20, 2024, determination that the addition of 15,000 units in Planning Areas 36 and 19 is inconsistent with the Airport Environs Land Use Plan for consideration at the August 13, 2024, City Council meeting.

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

ACTION: Moved by Councilmember Kim, seconded by Councilmember Treseder, and unanimously carried by those members present (Mayor Khan absent), to:

Continue the public hearing to August 13, 2024, at 5 p.m. or soon thereafter.

3.2 ZONING ORDINANCE UPDATE FOR BROADBAND BATCH PERMIT PROCESSING UNDER ASSEMBLY BILL 965

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

Continue the public hearing to August 13, 2024, at 5 p.m. or soon thereafter.

4. COUNCIL BUSINESS

4.1 MODIFICATIONS TO CITY LOBBYING ORDINANCE

This item was continued to the August 13, 2024, City Council meeting. See Additions and Deletions (page 6).

4.2 AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF ORANGE AND THE CITY OF IRVINE FOR TRANSFER OF LIBRARY SERVICES AND PROPERTY TAX EXCHANGE

Chris Slama, Director of Community Services, presented the staff report and responded to questions. Oliver Chi, City Manager, also responded to questions.

The following individuals spoke in support of withdrawal from the Orange County Public Library system:

- Max Razmjoo, recent high school graduate
- Ryan Horio, University of California, Los Angeles student
- Kate Kim, Orange County School of the Arts student
- Nicky Kim, high school student in Irvine
- Desmond Thai, Pepperdine University student
- Melisa Masri

Im spoke in support of the City withdrawing from the Orange County Public Library system, the addition of tool-lending and artisan-lending libraries, and exploration of purchase of library properties and/or early termination of leases.

Doug Elliott, Irvine resident and Community Services Commissioner, spoke in support of improving the City's libraries and expressed concern about the closure of the Katie Wheeler Library.

City Council discussion included: inquiring about facility ownership with respect to the Heritage Park and University Park Libraries; questioned the cost of the lease at the University Park Library (UPL) and tenant improvements over five years; inquired about library availability in South Irvine; discussed the potential for early lease termination for UPL and seeking alternative space; inquired about the availability of library services in other cities, inter-library loans, and financial contributions to the County library system; questioned plans for current County library employees and a City staffing plan; discussed the transition and governance structure; inquired about the timeline for implementation and certain milestones; and questioned plans for Katie Wheeler Library.

ACTION: Moved by Vice Mayor Agran, seconded by Councilmember Kim, and unanimously carried by those members present (Mayor Khan absent), to:

- 1) Approve the Agreement between the County of Orange and the City of Irvine for Transfer of Library Services (**Contract No. 11848**), authorize the City Manager to prepare reports, issue notices, and complete such steps as necessary to implement said agreement, and authorize the City Manager to enter into a lease for the University Park Library of up to five (5) years, with the goal of negotiating a shorter-term lease if possible (**Contract No. 11850**), **as amended**, to include revisions to insurance provisions for the lease specified in the Errata memo dated July 23, 2024.
- 2) Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 24-51 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, NOTIFYING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF ORANGE OF THE CITY OF IRVINE'S INTENT TO WITHDRAW FROM THE ORANGE COUNTY FREE LIBRARY SYSTEM EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025, PURSUANT TO EDUCATION CODE SECTION 19104
- 3) Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 24-52 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, AGREEING TO THE TRANSFER OF TAXES BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF ORANGE AND CITY OF IRVINE PURSUANT TO REVENUE AND TAXATION CODE SECTION 99
- 4) Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 24-53 - 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. 24-38, WHICH IS INCONSISTENT THEREWITH
- 5) Approve a budget adjustment appropriating \$886,965 from the Asset Management Plan (Fund 002) to fund a City Librarian and consultant services to assist with library transitional period and architectural services, with those funds set to be repaid from future library funds that the City will receive as part of the operational transition.
- 6) Direct staff to expeditiously explore the transformation of the University Community Park grounds for a new University Park Library site.

4.3 CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY COUNCILMEMBER TRESEDER TO DISCUSS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CICLOIRVINE AS AN ANNUAL EVENT

This item was agendaized at the request of Councilmember Treseder, who asked for City Council consideration for the establishment of CicloIrvine as an annual event.

Melisa Masri spoke in support.

City Council discussion included: inquiring about seeking grants and other funding opportunities; and suggested holding the event in different locations each year.

ACTION: Moved by Councilmember Treseder, seconded by Councilmember Carroll, and unanimously carried by those members present (Mayor Khan absent), to:

Direct the City Manager to establish CicloIrvine as an annual event with the option of varying the event route; and pursue sponsorship, grant, and other funding opportunities.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councilmember Carroll, seconded by Councilmember Treseder, and unanimously carried by those members present (Mayor Khan absent), to adjourn the meeting at 10:02 p.m.


MAYOR OF THE CITY OF IRVINE


CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF IRVINE

September 10, 2024