



MINUTES

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CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

June 16, 2015
City Council Chamber
One Civic Center Plaza
Irvine, CA 92606

CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Irvine City Council was called to order at 4:10 p.m. on June 16, 2015, in the City Council Chamber, Irvine City Hall, One Civic Center Plaza, Irvine, California, 92606; Mayor Choi presiding.

ROLL CALL

Present:	5	Councilmember:	Beth Krom
		Councilmember:	Lynn Schott
		Councilmember:	Christina Shea
		Mayor Pro Tempore:	Jeffrey Lalloway
		Mayor:	Steven Choi

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Choi led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. COUNCIL BUSINESS

1.1 FISCAL YEAR 2015-16 PROPOSED BUDGET WORKSHOP

City Manager Joyce presented an overview of the proposed budget for the Fiscal Year 2015-16 and responded to questions. Ken Brown, Director of Administrative Services, and Donna Mullally, Manager of Budget and Business Planning, were also available for City Council questions. Department Directors also provided brief overviews of their respective departments of proposed positions for the ensuing year.

City Council discussion included: clarification of California's Economic Recovery Bond Act, or "triple flip," reflected in prior year budgets as well as for the ensuing year; factor(s) predicting the approximate 3.5% increase of sales tax for Fiscal Year 2015-16; identifying year-over-year growth in a simplified manner within the budget document; number of new hotels currently underway; compiling a priority list of Capital Improvement Projects (CIPs) and providing updates on CIP projects throughout the year; breakdown of the number of proposed positions for next Fiscal Year; significant spike in per-capita expenditures and why such expenditures are increasing so quickly; whether the current per-capita ratio is in line with a city of this size and if the ratio will remain constant from this point forward; concern with number of proposed full-time positions and if some could be contracted out; proposed Senior Management Analyst in the Public Safety Department for Public Records Act (PRA) requests and why the responsibility did not fall under the City Clerk's Office; number of administrative employees in the Public Safety Department; number of sworn vs. non-sworn positions in the Public Safety Department; whether the Public Safety Department had adequate resources to maintain Irvine as the safest city and minimize response times; conducting an efficiency study next Fiscal Year for City departments to review staffing structure and functions/duties; making traffic circulation, infrastructure and improvements a priority, including traffic concerns in the Irvine Business Complex; recently initiated citywide traffic study and length of time to complete the report; noted a critical need to budget for traffic mitigation and improvements; Jamboree street improvements between Alton and Barranca and cost estimate, funding, and timeframe to complete the project; number of staff proposed for the Traffic Management Center; whether the City Council approved the proposed Orchard Neighborhood Park Dog Run and estimated timeframe to complete the project; whether a Request for Proposals (RFP) would be issued for the design of the proposed Orchard Neighborhood Park Dog Run; highlighting significant CIP projects for members of the public; high cost of programs for children, youth and families and finding ways in next year's budget review to make these programs more affordable for lower-income families, including

potential partnerships with the school districts and encouragement of scholarships; number of full-time positions eliminated through attrition during the recent recession; long-term implications of contracting out positions; updating traffic management and circulation in the City's General Plan and developing infrastructure to accommodate growth; need for additional staff in the Community Development Department due to the increase in code enforcement caseload and current wait time for the plan check process; noted the potential for a recession in the future; use of developer fees to mitigate traffic concerns; soliciting assistance through local universities and other community members to perform an efficiency study; number of workers' compensation claims and creating a community task force to look at ways to increase safety in the workplace; putting aside funding into a reserve account for anticipated rehabilitation costs for aging infrastructure; proposed funding for aquatics and whether input was sought from the Irvine Aquatics Advisory Board; seeking input from Commissions, City Committees and Advisory Boards on relevant City projects; reviewing Purchasing/Procurement procedures to ensure cost efficiency; noting that Irvine is one of the fastest growing cities in California; being mindful of long-term needs, including traffic; potential reactivation of the City's Transportation Commission to seek guidance and suggestions from residents related to traffic improvements; bringing forward a traffic mitigation update at the first meeting in July; requesting that the Public Works Department study the need for three staff members per shift rather than two at the Irvine Traffic Research and Control Center (ITRAC); and top-down prioritization of CIP projects.

City Manager Joyce noted that a priority list of CIP projects was in the process of being compiled. He also noted that additional full-time positions were necessary due to the City's population growth, increase in community centers, and needs at the Irvine Animal Care Center.

By consensus, the City Council received and filed the budget presentation. No action was taken.

PUBLIC COMMENT

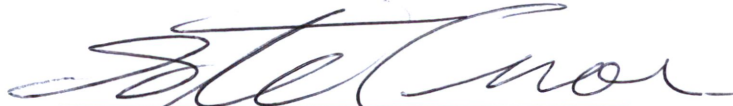
There were no public comments.

ADJOURNMENT

By consensus, the City Council adjourned the special meeting at 5:58 p.m.



CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF IRVINE



MAYOR OF THE CITY OF IRVINE

July 14, 2015