



# MINUTES

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

**June 27, 2023**  
**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 4:09 p.m. on June 27, 2023, in the City Council Chamber, Irvine Civic Center, 1 Civic Center Plaza, Irvine, California; Mayor/Chairwoman Khan presiding.

### ROLL CALL

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

**1. CLOSED SESSION**

City Attorney Melching announced the following Closed Session items:

- 1.1 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS (UNREPRESENTED EMPLOYEE) – Government Code Section 54957.6: Title: City Manager**
  
- 1.2 CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS (Government Code § 54956.8) - Property: 8000 Great Park Blvd., Irvine. CA 92618; Agency Negotiators: Oliver Chi, City Manager; Pete Carmichael, Assistant City Attorney, Jeffrey Melching, City Attorney; Negotiating Parties: City of Irvine; Wayne Darrington and Laura Murillo, Federal Aviation Administration; Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment**

There were no requests to speak.

**RECESS**

Mayor Khan recessed the City Council meeting to Closed Session at 4:13 p.m.

**RECONVENE TO THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Mayor Khan reconvened the City Council meeting at 5:14 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 Treseder led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**INVOCATION**

Lynn Linis of Free Chapel provided the invocation.

## 2. PRESENTATIONS

### 2.1 ***Commend Virginia Webber, Roger McWilliams, Ted Dickerson, Kim Weiss, Thomas Mahood, and members of Emmes Realty - Development of the Albert Michelson Historical Marker***

Councilmembers Carroll and Treseder introduced Virginia Webber, Roger McWilliams, Ted Dickerson, Kim Weiss, Thomas Mahood, and members of Emmes Realty, and expressed appreciation for their efforts in developing the Albert Michelson Historical Marker; and Mayor Khan presented them with a commendation.

### 2.2 ***Bommer Canyon Preserve Rehabilitation Project Update***

Kristen Auer, Community Services Manager, presented a brief update on the Bommer Canyon Preserve Rehabilitation Project. Stacy Delong, Senior Project Manager, was also available for questions.

There was no City Council discussion.

There were no requests to speak.

**By consensus**, received and filed.

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

Mary Spadoni spoke in opposition to animal care practices at the Orange County Animal Care Shelter.

The following individuals spoke in support of raising the minimum wage for healthcare workers to \$25 an hour:

- Jacquelyn D.
- Darrell Jerome, Medical Assistant at Kaiser Permanente Irvine
- Gabriel Montoya, EMT at Kaiser Downey
- Ron Freeland, Kaiser Permanente Employee
- Denise Ellis, Irvine resident and Kaiser Permanente employee

Alan Meyerson, Irvine resident, spoke in support of unionization and higher wages for healthcare workers.

Dave Everett, Western Electrical Contractors Association, expressed concern related to the project labor contract agreement and requested it be brought back at a public meeting for final consideration.

Dee Fox, Irvine resident, spoke in support of increased transparency pertaining to the Orange County Power Authority (OCPA).

Eric Neshanian, Irvine resident, inquired about whether OCPA paid its assessed fines, and spoke in opposition to child marriage and genocide denial.

Kelley Smith spoke in opposition to Anschutz Entertainment Group (AEG) as a potential operator of the amphitheater in Great Park.

Doug Elliott, Irvine resident, spoke in support of AEG as a potential operator of the amphitheater in Great Park.

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

There was no report.

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

#### Mayor Khan

- At the Memorial Care Influencer Summit, Mayor Khan received the Memorial Care Healthcare Leader Award from President and CEO Barry Arbuckle for the partnership that the City established with Memorial Care during the pandemic to administer COVID vaccines to seniors and others in the community who could not easily access the large sites. Mayor Khan expressed appreciation to City staff for their support in converting the Lakeview Senior Center into a vaccination pod in a short amount of time, and to Memorial Care for this recognition.
- Mayor Khan wished all community members who celebrate a very happy Eid al-Adha, which will be observed on June 28, 2023.
- Drowning is a leading cause of death for children under age five in Orange County, and members of the community are reminded to follow important water safety tips this summer. Following the A, B, Cs of water safety can help keep children and loved ones safe: A is for Active adult supervision, B is for Barriers around pools and spas, and C is for Classes. Community members are invited to learn about water safety at Irvine's largest group swim lesson this Friday, June 30, at Woollett Aquatics Center. A few spots are available for the Super Swim Lesson and Splash-in Movie, which raises awareness for drowning prevention. Arrive at 5:30 p.m. to sign up for the one-time lesson to be held at 6 p.m. Free recreation swimming will also be available, along with the movie Sing 2 on the big screen at dusk. Lifeguards will be on duty. This event is for ages three and older, and for recreation swim, children six and younger must be accompanied by an adult one-on-one in the water. For information, visit [cityofirvine.org/aquatics](http://cityofirvine.org/aquatics); and for information about water safety, visit [DrowningPreventionOC.org](http://DrowningPreventionOC.org).

- The City is hosting the annual Fourth of July Field of Valor event from July 1 through 14 at the Irvine Civic Center lawn. The community is invited to honor its military heroes by visiting the flag display, which will consist of flags sponsored by community members in honor or in memory of veterans, active duty, and fallen service members. Flags are 3 feet by 5 feet on a 10-foot pole and will be individually illuminated. Proceeds from the flag sponsorships benefit the Irvine 2/11 Marine Adoption Committee. To learn more about the Field of Valor, visit [cityofirvine.org/FieldOfValor](http://cityofirvine.org/FieldOfValor).
- The City's summer event series, Summer in the City, is underway and features a variety of family-favorite activities throughout June, July, and August. Members of the community are invited for a Movie on the Lawn, Saturday, July 8, to watch Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile. Participants are encouraged to bring low-back chairs, blankets, and a picnic, or purchase treats from gourmet food trucks and a snack bar. Food trucks arrive at 6:30 p.m., and movies begin after sunset, weather permitting. Members of the community are also invited to attend the Summer Dance Party at Great Park on August 12 from 6 to 9:30 p.m. for an '80s throwback evening with a DJ and live music. Food trucks will be available on-site to purchase snacks and drinks. All Summer in the City events are free with no tickets or pre-registration required. For more information, visit [cityofirvine.org/summer](http://cityofirvine.org/summer).

#### Councilmember Agran

- Members of the community are invited to attend the Tech Master Class hosted by Councilmember Agran's office in partnership with Cox Communications, which will be held Thursday, July 6th at the Lakeview Senior Center. The Tech Master Class provides for a fun filled day of hands-on learning that will allow attendees to master everyday technology and information technology basics at one of the two sessions, both of which will provide the same information. For more information, visit [councilmemberlarryagran.org](http://councilmemberlarryagran.org).

#### Councilmember Treseder

- Councilmember Treseder provided a brief update on the recent Orange County Power Authority (OCPA) goal-setting, team-building workshop and board meeting, which included the following:
  - The OCPA Board approved a balanced Fiscal Year 2023-2024 operating budget that projects \$325 million in net revenues and \$288 million in total operating and non-operating expenses, resulting in a contribution in reserves of \$41 million, which is expected to grow over the next year to \$88 million. Once the agency reaches \$88 million, it can obtain an investment grade credit rating, which would allow the agency to buy energy without collateral.

- Based on concerns about rates, OCPA will host a public workshop on rate setting policies and power procurement policies in July. The next opportunity to adjust rates will be January 1, 2024.

#### Vice Mayor Kim

- Vice Mayor Kim announced her recent attendance at the second annual Cool Irvine Sustainability Fair at Heritage Park, and expressed appreciation to Patty O. and Cool Irvine, along with other sponsors. For information on sustainable living and to learn more about Cool Irvine, visit [coolirvine.org](http://coolirvine.org).
- Vice Mayor Kim joined Consul General Young Joon Kim from the Republic of Korea, the Korean Federation of Orange County, and other elected officials at the Orange County Korean War Memorial in the City of Fullerton this past Sunday to mark the 73rd anniversary of the start of the Korean War.

#### Councilmember Carroll

- Councilmember Carroll inquired about the City's progress and timing related to the commemorative location recognizing Barton Mound, which represents the first place in Southern California where a law officer was killed, to which City Manager Chi provided an update on a tentative schedule to commence construction and other next steps. City Manager Chi also noted that staff has been working with an anonymous donor from Cal Tech to help fund a portion of the new marker that will be installed.

### **ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS**

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

### **CONVENE TO THE REGULAR JOINT MEETING**

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 6:16 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 Item Nos. 3.6, 3.10, and 3.12:

#### Item 3.6

Jose Alvarado, ICEA President, spoke in support of the proposed resolutions.

Sun-Sun Tvedten Murillo, Project Development Administrator, spoke in opposition.

#### Item 3.10

Harvey Liss, Irvine resident, spoke in support.

#### Item 3.12

Dee Fox, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition.

**Moved by Vice Mayor Kim, seconded by Councilmember Treseder, and unanimously carried to approve City Council Consent Calendar Item Nos. 3.1 through 3.12, and Successor Agency Consent Calendar Item No. 4.1, with the exception of City Council Consent Calendar Item Nos. 3.2 and 3.6, which were removed for separate discussion.**

#### **3.1 MINUTES**

##### **ACTION:**

Approved the minutes of an adjourned regular meeting of the City Council held on May 23, 2023.

#### **3.2 COMMENDATIONS**

This item was removed for separate discussion at the request of Councilmember Agran, who expressed appreciation to Mr. Asturias's contributions to accelerating the provision of affordable housing.

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

Commend Mark Asturias, Executive Director, Irvine Community Land Trust.

**3.3 WARRANT AND WIRE TRANSFER RESOLUTION**

**ACTION:**

Adopted RESOLUTION NO. 23-59 - 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 CONTRACT AMENDMENT GENERAL PLAN UPDATE**

**ACTION:**

Authorized the Mayor or her designee to sign Amendment 1 to City of Irvine contract number 20253, Agreement for General Plan Update Consulting Services between the City of Irvine and Harris & Associates. **(Contract No. 20253A)**

**3.5 REGIONAL MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR HOMELESS HOUSING ASSISTANCE AND PREVENTION**

**ACTION:**

Authorized the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Orange, the City of Anaheim, the City of Irvine, and the City of Santa Ana for Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Commitment to Partnership. **(Contract No. 11665)**

**3.6 RESOLUTIONS APPROVING MODIFICATIONS TO LABOR CONTRACTS WITH REPRESENTED EMPLOYEES AND COMPARABLE CHANGES TO NON-REPRESENTED EMPLOYEES**

This item was removed for separate discussion at the request of Vice Mayor Kim, who spoke in support of ending the telecommuting option for City employees.

Brian King, Assistant City Manager, and Jimmee Medina, Director of Human Resources & Innovation, responded to questions.

City Council discussion included: expressing appreciation to City employees for their continued service; noted the process of labor negotiations; and inquired about the timeframe for transitioning employee work schedules.

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

- 1) Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 23-60 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF IRVINE AND THE IRVINE CITY EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION (ICEA), AND SUPERSEDING ALL PREVIOUS ICEA MEMORANDUMS OF UNDERSTANDING, EFFECTIVE THE PAY PERIOD THAT INCLUDES JUNE 27, 2023
- 2) Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 23-61 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING A CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION POLICY FOR CONFIDENTIAL EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, AND SUPERSEDING RESOLUTION NO. 22-87 EFFECTIVE THE PAY PERIOD THAT INCLUDES JUNE 27, 2023
- 3) Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 23-62 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING A CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION POLICY FOR MANAGEMENT AND NON-REPRESENTED EMPLOYEES (EXEMPT) OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, AND SUPERSEDING RESOLUTION NO. 22-88 EFFECTIVE THE PAY PERIOD THAT INCLUDES JUNE 27, 2023
- 4) Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 23-63 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING A CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION POLICY FOR PART-TIME EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, AND SUPERSEDING RESOLUTION NO. 22-89 EFFECTIVE THE PAY PERIOD THAT INCLUDES JUNE 27, 2023

**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

**3.7 APPROVAL OF THE IRVINE RECOVERY PLAN GRANTS REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE ROUND 2 FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS**

**ACTION:**

Finalized and approved the Irvine Recovery Plan Grants Program Round 2 funding allocations.

**3.8 ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDING FOR CALIFORNIA GREEN BUSINESS NETWORK PROGRAM**

**ACTION:**

Approved a budget adjustment accepting \$22,500 awarded by the California Green Business Network to support the Green Business Program in Fiscal Year 2022-23.

**3.9 BUDGET ADJUSTMENT AND AWARD OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR TRUCK ROUTE REHABILITATION (SAND CANYON AVENUE REHABILITATION – BARRANCA PARKWAY TO PORTOLA PARKWAY) PROJECT**

**ACTION:**

- 1) Awarded a construction contract in the amount of \$4,728,356.04 for the Truck Route Rehabilitation (Sand Canyon Avenue Rehabilitation – Barranca Parkway to Portola Parkway) Capital Improvement Program Project 311902, to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Excel Paving Company. **(Contract No. 11667)**
- 2) Approved the project funding summary and corresponding budget adjustment appropriating \$950,896 M2 Fairshare (Fund 154) to Truck Route Rehabilitation (Sand Canyon Avenue Rehabilitation – Barranca Parkway to Portola Parkway) Capital Improvement Program Project 311902.

**3.10 IRVINE RECOVERY PLAN PROJECT FOR PARK FITNESS EQUIPMENT AT VARIOUS CITY PARKS VIA AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDING NOT TO EXCEED \$1,000,000**

**ACTION:**

Approved the creation of a new Capital Improvement Program project and the corresponding budget adjustment, in the amount of \$1,000,000 for Park Fitness Equipment at various locations throughout the City.

**3.11 CONTRACT AMENDMENT APPROVAL FOR OPEN SPACE PRESERVE MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT – FIRE PREVENTION FUEL MODIFICATION AND RESTORATION AT BOMMER CANYON (CIP 382201)**

**ACTION:**

Approved and authorized the Mayor to execute a contract amendment with the Irvine Ranch Conservancy to increase the annual not-to-exceed amount to \$2,599,342.07. **(Contract No. 8761B)**

**3.12 COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUND GRANT NOMINATIONS**

**ACTION:**

- 1) Approved Vice Mayor Kim's request for Community Partnership Fund Grant Nomination for Korean American Federation of Orange County in the amount of \$1,500 in support of program costs. **(Contract No. 11668)**
- 2) Authorized the City Manager to prepare and sign a funding agreement for the organization listed above.

**4. CONSENT CALENDAR - SUCCESSOR AGENCY**

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

**ACTION:**

Adopted RESOLUTION NO. 23-03 – 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**

Moved by Vice Mayor/Vice Chairwoman Kim, seconded by Councilmember/Boardmember Carroll, and unanimously carried, to adjourn the regular joint meeting with the Successor Agency at 7:03 p.m.

## RECONVENE TO THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Khan reconvened the City Council meeting at 7:04 p.m.

### 5. PUBLIC HEARINGS

#### 5.1 **MUNICIPAL CODE AND ZONING ORDINANCE TECHNICAL UPDATE**

Mayor Khan opened the public hearing at 7:04 p.m.

Tiffany Lin, Associate Planner, presented the staff report and responded to questions. Marika Poynter, Manager of Planning Services, also responded to questions.

City Council discussion included: inquiring about the definition home occupation; questioned whether certain types of home-based businesses could be automatically issued home occupancy permits; and suggested a balance for different types of home-based businesses and associated challenges.

**ACTION: Moved by Councilmember Carroll, seconded by Vice Mayor Kim, and unanimously carried to close the public hearing at 7:28 p.m.**

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

Introduce for first reading and read by title only ORDINANCE NO. 23-13 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA APPROVING ZONE CHANGE 00898327-PZC TO AMEND THE MUNICIPAL CODE AND ZONING ORDINANCE BY PROVIDING NEW AND REVISED MUNICIPAL CODE AND ZONING PROVISIONS RELATED TO MUNICIPAL CODE TITLE 5 PLANNING- DIVISION 5- SUBDIVISIONS- CHAPTER 1- IN GENERAL; TITLE 5 PLANNING- DIVISION 10- GRADING CODE AND ENCROACHMENT REGULATIONS- CHAPTER 1- GRADING CODE; TITLE 5- PLANNING- DIVISION 9- BUILDING REGULATIONS- CHAPTER 2- ADMINISTRATIVE CODE FOR BUILDING CODE REGULATIONS; TITLE 5- PLANNING- DIVISION 5- SUBDIVISIONS- CHAPTER 6- VESTING TENTATIVE MAPS: PROCESSING PROCEDURES; TITLE 5 PLANNING- DIVISION 5- SUBDIVISIONS- CHAPTER 10- DEDICATIONS; RESERVATIONS AND ZONING ORDINANCE CHAPTER 1-2, DEFINITIONS; CHAPTER 2-5, APPEAL AND CALL-UP REVIEW PROCEDURE; CHAPTER 2-14, HOME

OCCUPATION PERMIT; CHAPTER 2-24, PUBLIC CONVENIENCE OR NECESSITY DETERMINATION; CHAPTER 2-28, SEXUALLY ORIENTED BUSINESS PERMIT; CHAPTER 2-37.5, WIRELESS COMMUNICATION FACILITY PERMIT; CHAPTER 3-3, LAND USE MATRIX; CHAPTER 3-5, ACCESSORY STRUCTURES; CHAPTER 3-27, SETBACK STANDARDS; CHAPTER 3-31, SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEM STANDARDS; CHAPTER 3-35, WALL AND FENCE STANDARDS; CHAPTER 3-37, ZONING DISTRICT AND LAND USE REGULATIONS AND DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS; CHAPTER 7-3, SIGN REGULATIONS; CHAPTER 9-1, PLANNING AREA 1 (ORCHARD HILLS); AND CHAPTER 9-4, PLANNING AREA 4 (LOWER PETERS CANYON)

**5.2 UPDATES TO THE IRVINE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO PROJECT DELIVERY & SUSTAINABILITY**

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

Sean Crumby, Director of Project Delivery & Sustainability, presented the staff report and responded to questions.

City Council discussion included: inquiring about related duties; and inquired about the role of the Director of Public Works & Transportation Director moving forward, including the review of capital projects.

**ACTION: Moved by Vice Mayor Kim, seconded by Mayor Khan, and unanimously carried by those members present (Councilmember Carroll absent from the dais), to close the public hearing at 7:34 p.m.**

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

Introduce for first reading and read by title only ORDINANCE NO. 23-14 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING TITLE 6 OF THE IRVINE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION AND PROJECT DELIVERY & SUSTAINABILITY DEPARTMENTS AND PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS

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

Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 23-64 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY ENGINEER TO GIVE APPROVAL OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PLANS OR DESIGN

**6. COUNCIL BUSINESS**

**6.1 *ORDINANCE PROPOSING REPEAL AND REPLACEMENT OF MUNICIPAL CODE DIVISION 8 OF TITLE 2 AND ORDINANCE PROPOSING AMENDMENT AND RENUMBERING OF MUNICIPAL CODE DIVISION 6 OF TITLE 4 TO DIVISION 18 OF TITLE 1; AND RESOLUTION PROPOSING ADOPTION OF LOCAL AND CATEGORICAL VENDOR PREFERENCE POLICY***

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

City Council discussion included: clarifying references related to Department Directors; inquiring about whether an update to the business license form for new and ongoing businesses would occur; suggested expediting turnaround time for business licenses; questioned credits for categorical vendors, and whether such credits were required by the state; inquired about whether most cities have a veteran preference; expressed concern about legal liabilities related to vendor preferences, and whether such preferences have been challenged; inquired about the definitions of minority owned business, which groups fell under that category, and whether that category was governed by state law; expressed concerns about privacy in relation to businesses owned by LGBTQ+ ownership and/or workforce; inquired about women-owned businesses and their applicability to a transgendered individual; questioned honorable service requirements for veterans, disabled individuals, and guidelines for Irvine-based businesses; discussed the inclusion of those of Persian, Iranian, and Armenian descent and whether those groups were considered minorities; inquired about whether the City has hired woman-, veteran-, and LGBTQ+-owned businesses in the past; and highlighted the importance of creating equity.

Eric Neshanian, Irvine resident, spoke in support of including Iranians and Armenians in the policy.

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

Continue the item and direct staff to provide a report with additional details on eligibility requirements for minority-owned businesses, and confirm that the Iranian and Armenian communities would be included to ensure a complete and inclusive group.

**6.2 CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY COUNCILMEMBER TRESEDER TO DISCUSS PROGRAMS TO REDUCE THE USE OF GAS POWERED LAWN EQUIPMENT**

This item was agendized at the request of Councilmember Treseder, who asked for City Council consideration to explore programs to reduce the use of gas-powered lawn equipment.

City Council discussion included: suggesting that the City create its own one-stop program to simplify the process for accessing Air Quality Management District (AQMD) and County incentives; inquired about the duration of batteries and approximate time to recharge; suggested partnering with state and federal agencies for incentive programs; noted the importance of fully understanding funding sources; suggested that the City allocate up to \$1 million to incentivize transition to electric lawn equipment, or provide funding gaps to reach the \$1 million level if necessary.

The following individuals spoke in support of programs to reduce the use of gas powered lawn equipment:

- Doug Elliott, Irvine resident
- Hoiyin Ip, Irvine resident
- Dee Fox, Irvine resident
- Tiffany Im

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

Create a one-stop shop program based on staff recommendation that leverages existing incentive programs supplemented with City funding, if necessary; and direct staff to return within 30 days with an implementation plan.

**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

**6.3 CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY VICE MAYOR KIM TO DISCUSS THE DISSOLUTION OF THE GREAT PARK BOARD**

This item was agendized at the request of Councilmember Vice Mayor Kim, who asked for City Council support to potentially dissolve the Great Park Board.

City Attorney Melching provided a brief history of the Great Park Board since inception and responded to questions.

City Council discussion included: inquiring about financial impacts related to the existence of the Great Park Board (Board); questioned whether the Great Park Board is required to exist as a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation; inquired about whether a ballot initiative would be required to dissolve the Board; discussed the potential redundancy of the Board and confusion among residents; inquired about whether residents could participate on the Board; questioned whether a Councilmember was required to sit on the Great Park Board; and next steps required to dissolve the Board.

Alan Meyerson and Dee Fox, Irvine residents, spoke in opposition to dissolving the Great Park Board.

Doug Elliott, Irvine resident, inquired about the process to dissolve the Great Park Board and whether a ballot measure would be required.

Parissa, Great Park resident, spoke in support of appointing residents to that Board.

ACTION: Moved by Vice Mayor Kim to:

Dissolve the Great Park Board to reduce redundancy, and have all Great Park matters discussed during City Council meetings.

The motion failed for lack of second.

No action was taken.

**6.4 CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY COUNCILMEMBER TRESEDER AND VICE MAYOR KIM TO DISCUSS PROMOTING TRANSPARENCY AND ENSURING INFORMED COUNCIL DECISIONMAKING REGARDING THE ORANGE COUNTY POWER AUTHORITY**

This item was agendized at the request of Councilmember Treseder and Vice Mayor Kim, who asked for City Council support for promoting transparency and ensuring informed decision-making with relation to the Orange County Power Authority (OCPA).

City Council discussion included: monitoring of OCPA meetings by Councilmembers and their staff; inquired about Schedule 1 reports that reflect how much renewable energy was purchased by OCPA; suggested that the City's representatives on the OCPA Board prioritize making rates more competitive; noted efforts and commitments by the City's representatives to lower rates; and reiterated that the earliest date that rates could be lowered was January 1, 2024 based on the prior Board's actions.

Alan Meyerson, Irvine resident, inquired about certain provisions in former OCPA CEO Probolsky's settlement agreement, expressed concern about expenditures related to marketing and damage control, spoke in support of protecting the City's investment, and noted that OCPA's rates may prove competitive based on Southern California Edison's latest rate increase.

Dee Fox, Irvine resident, presented a video in opposition to OCPA.

Eric Neshanian, Irvine resident, noted that Councilmember Agran's request for public records to OCPA had not been fulfilled, and in opposition to the continued operation of OCPA.

Following discussion, and at the request of Councilmember Treseder, the item was withdrawn for consideration, and no further action was taken.

**ADJOURNMENT - CITY COUNCIL**

**Moved by Vice Mayor Kim, seconded by Mayor Khan, and unanimously carried by those members present (Councilmember Carroll absent), to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 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 25, 2023