



## MINUTES

# CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING AND SPECIAL JOINT MEETING WITH THE GREAT PARK BOARD

**November 12, 2025**  
**City Council Chamber**  
1 Civic Center Plaza  
Irvine, CA 92606

### CALL TO ORDER - CITY COUNCIL

The adjourned regular meeting of the Irvine City Council was called to order at 5:05 p.m. on November 12, 2025, in the City Council Chamber, Irvine Civic Center, 1 Civic Center Plaza, Irvine, California; Mayor Agran presiding.

### ROLL CALL

Present: 7	Councilmember:	Mike Carroll
	Councilmember:	William Go
	Councilmember:	Melinda Liu
	Councilmember:	Betty Martinez Franco
	Councilmember:	Kathleen Treseder
	Vice Mayor:	James Mai
	Mayor:	Larry Agran

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Martinez Franco led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## INVOCATION

Senior Pastor Frank Winans from Woodbridge Community Church provided the invocation.

### 1. PRESENTATIONS

#### 1.1 *Employee Recognition – 25 Years of Service*

Mayor Agran introduced and recognized the following individuals, and presented Certificates of Recognition and a milestone numeral, for 25 years of public service to the City of Irvine:

- Patrick Ryan, Police Officer
- John Sanders, Police Officer

#### 1.2 *State Legislative Update from Townsend Public Affairs*

Mayor Agran introduced Carlin Shelby and Ryan McCarthy from Townsend Public Affairs, who provided a state legislative update and responded to questions.

City Council discussion included: noting the increased amount of advocacy required related to electric bicycles and homeless assistance funding cuts.

**By consensus**, received and filed.

#### 1.3 *Irvine Cares Family Housing Assistance Program*

Heather Dion, Director of Health & Wellness, provided a brief overview of the Irvine Cares Family Housing Assistance Program and responded to questions.

City Council discussion included: noting progress of the City's Health & Wellness efforts; inquired about outreach to Tustin Unified School District; noted contributions and efforts of past and present staff; and questioned outreach efforts to increase program awareness.

**By consensus**, received and filed.

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

Susan Sayre, Irvine resident, noted voter turnout at the recent statewide election, and spoke in support of prioritizing affordable housing and rental assistance, access to affordable food and supplies, school and community meal programs, utility payment assistance, access to education, and health and safety including access to medical care, caregiver and support services, and low/no cost child care and after-school programs.

John Albritton spoke in support of agendizing an investigation into the unrecorded Oak Creek easement document.

Heidi spoke in support of agendizing and recording the Oak Creek easement document.

Joanne Slobodien spoke in support of transparency related to the establishment of the Office of Inclusive Excellence and the process related to the proposed Oak Creek development, and agendizing the recording of the Oak Creek easement document.

Claire Chong, Portola High School student, spoke in support of banning single use plastic utensils in Irvine public schools.

Sarah spoke in opposition to the removal of children's programs from the Irvine Public Library and the behavior of Councilmember Liu's appointee to the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Advisory Committee at a recent meeting; and in support of a resolution to divest from Israel.

Jason Garshfield, Irvine resident, spoke in support of Israel's right to defend itself, an audit of the City's DEI efforts, and noted the nature of the open space in Oak Creek.

Vicki Johnson spoke in opposition to a 13% rate increase recently approved by the Orange County Power Authority (OCPA) Board of Directors and the level of greenhouse gas emissions resulting from the Basic Choice tier, and in support of the City's withdrawal from OCPA.

Mona spoke in opposition to Israeli military activities and certain demeanor demonstrated at a recent Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Advisory Committee meeting; in support of increased efforts to assist the unhoused; and inquired about the role of robots in the City.

Dee Fox, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to recent statements by Councilmember Treseder regarding immigration enforcement activity.

Eric Neshanian, Irvine resident, spoke in support of statements made by other speakers regarding the OCPA, in opposition to management of public speakers by Mayor Agran, and questioned the City's DEI efforts, Wall of Recognition selection criteria, and Rotary Club charitable endeavors.

Michelle Johnson, Irvine resident, noted flaws in the repayment structure related to the City's loan to the OCPA; spoke in opposition to the OCPA's level of greenhouse gas emissions; and spoke in support of a review of the rate methodology and its impact on the City by the Finance Commission, Finance team, and City Manager that includes a comparison to the alternative SCE product (post AB 205) as soon as possible, and immediate repayment by OCPA of the City's loan.

## **CITY MANAGERS REPORT**

Michael Kent, Director of Public Safety/Chief of Police, noted that there had been no recent immigration enforcement activity in the City.

City Manager Crumby provided an overview of Great Park construction activity.

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

### Councilmember Liu

- In conjunction with the upcoming Veterans Day holiday, Councilmember Liu joined the 2/11 Marines and the Flying Leatherneck Aviation Museum for their Marine Corps Birthday Ball and attended the City's Veterans Day ceremony. In addition, Councilmember Liu delivered American flags to Irvine veterans, including a 100-year-old Army veteran who served during D-Day.
- Team Liu officially completed its Community Emergency Response Team employee training on November 5.
- On November 7, Councilmember Liu's office co-hosted an event with Radiant Futures and La Palma City Councilmember Janet Conklin to bring awareness to human trafficking in Orange County.
- On November 8, Councilmember Liu participated in the Love Irvine Citywide Serve Day by harvesting squash at Harvest Solutions Farms and making blankets with the Irvine 2/11 Marine Adoption Committee.

### Councilmember Martinez Franco

- As a member of the Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) Board of Directors, Councilmember Martinez Franco recently attended the Community Emergency Response Team graduation ceremony and offered her congratulations, noting that the class was entirely made up of City employees.

- Councilmember Martinez Franco participated in a recent Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) meeting related to the benefits of creating vibrant downtown spaces and learned from the City of Lancaster about its experience. In addition, Councilmember Martinez Franco learned SCAG's six-month leadership program designed to help young adults 18 to 26 get more involved in civic engagement. The free program includes a \$500 stipend upon completion. Applications close on November 25. For more information, visit <https://scag.ca.gov/future-leaders>.
- Councilmember Martinez Franco toured Irvine Valley College and observed renovations underway; and noted the number of electric vehicle charging stations on campus and number of programs in place to support students in need.
- Councilmember Martinez Franco recently served as speaker at both of her alma maters, Orange Coast College and California State University Fullerton.
- Members of the public are invited to register for Citywide and Council District 5 updates.

#### Councilmember Go

- Members of the public are invited to save the date for the upcoming "Healthy for the Holidays" event hosted by Councilmember Go's office on November 22 at the Great Park. The fun, free, family-friendly wellness event includes cooking demos, pickleball open play every 30 minutes, raffles, fitness classes, and more.
- Members of the public are encouraged to sign up for the Run for a Claus 5K race at the Great Park on December 20.
- The Wild Rivers Dream Glow Festival will take place from November 14 to December 31. Wild Rivers will be transformed into an immersive light show featuring millions of sparkling lights, immersive displays, laser tunnels, light sculptures, and more. Tickets can be purchased at a discount during the first week only by using code "FIRST20" for 20% off. For more information, visit [dreamglowfestival.com](http://dreamglowfestival.com).

#### Vice Mayor Mai

- Vice Mayor Mai recently held a town hall meeting at Northwood Community Park, which was attended by approximately 40 residents. The meeting included discussions about infrastructure, Council District 3 improvements, and Citywide events. Vice Mayor Mai expressed appreciation to Health & Wellness Analyst Makenzie Walters, Acting Director of Public Works & Sustainability Alex Salazar, Manager of Public Works Joe Dillman, and Pat Thomas of Cityside Fiber.

- On October 13th, the Orange County Power Authority (OCPA) Board of Directors directed staff to accelerate the first principal payment of \$250,000 together with an estimated accrued interest of \$663,892.11. OCPA staff acted promptly and coordinated with multiple parties to implement the Board's direction. On October 30, U.S. Bank's Credit Department formally approved the loan repayment to the City of Irvine. OCPA also worked with the bank's legal team to finalize the agreement, which was executed on November 10; and that same day, OCPA wired a total payment of \$913,892.11 to the City. Future principal and estimated accrued interest payments will occur quarterly beginning in January 2026 with four additional payments totaling \$7,652,379.70 with an estimated accrued interest payment to the City of \$1,031,595.53.

#### Councilmember Carroll

- Councilmember Carroll congratulated Councilmember Liu and her staff for graduating from the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training classes, noting his previous participation in the program and opportunity for community involvement.
- Councilmember Carroll expressed appreciation to Vice Mayor Mai and Councilmember Go for their efforts in managing OCPA; and noted his opposition to a recent rate increase of just under 14% for approximately 98,000 Irvine households.

#### Mayor Agran

- Mayor Agran noted the potential need to agendize the Orange County Power Authority matter before the end of the year for full City Council discussion.
- The City of Irvine, in partnership with local businesses and organizations, is holding an emergency food drive on Saturday, November 15, to support Irvine residents affected by the ongoing federal government shutdown. The event will be held in partnership with organizations including the Greater Irvine Chamber of Commerce, Orange County Hunger Alliance, and South County Outreach. Donations of nonperishable food items can be dropped off between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. at the Irvine Civic Center parking lot. There is also an opportunity for community members to make a monetary donation to assist Irvine pantries with buying fresh produce, dairy products, and protein for the more than 16,000 Irvine residents who are uncertain about where their next meal will come from. For more information, visit [cityofirvine.org/fooddrive](http://cityofirvine.org/fooddrive).

- Two new exhibitions are opening at the Irvine Fine Arts Center on Saturday, November 15. Members of the community are invited to a free opening reception from 2 to 4 p.m. *Swing Shift* features contemporary artworks exploring the labor that shapes everyday life, from domestic and industrial work to the unseen efforts that support communities. *Alisa Ochoa: Splinters* is a solo exhibition by Orange County artist Alisa Ochoa that presents new video, audio, and ceramic works reflecting on life, love, grief, and memory. Admission and parking are free. For more information, visit [artsinirvine.org/exhibitions](https://artsinirvine.org/exhibitions).
- Over the past two months, members of the community were invited to help shape the future of the Irvine Public Library by attending drop-in sessions and taking an online survey. Those interested who have not done so can take the survey by Sunday, November 16. Feedback will be combined with research and analysis to identify priorities for library collections, programs, services, and spaces. To learn more and take the survey, visit [irvinepubliclibrary.org](https://irvinepubliclibrary.org).
- At the end of last month, Mayor Agran joined the other mayors of California’s 13 largest cities in San Francisco for the inaugural C13 Summit to address the state’s most urgent challenges: homelessness, housing, and economic development. The Big City Mayors Coalition, a bipartisan group representing more than 11 million Californians, is advancing a united vision for tackling some of the most urgent challenges facing the state, which serves as a roadmap for potential collaboration with the Governor and Legislature to take decisive action and deliver results. Irvine receives state funding for Health & Wellness and workforce development initiatives that are critical to uplifting the most vulnerable in our community. The dedication of staff ensures that Irvine remains a leader and at the forefront of emerging issues statewide.

**ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS**

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

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

Mayor/Director Agran convened the special joint meeting with the Great Park Board at 6:55 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: 7	Councilmember/Chairman:	Mike Carroll
	Councilmember/Vice Chairman:	William Go
	Councilmember/Director:	Melinda Liu
	Councilmember/Director:	Betty Martinez Franco
	Councilmember/Director:	Kathleen Treseder
	Vice Mayor/Director:	James Mai
	Mayor/Director:	Larry Agran

**2. CONSENT CALENDAR - CITY COUNCIL**

Prior to adoption of the Consent Calendars, the following individual spoke on the following:

3.1

Jay Bruce expressed appreciation to the City staff for its financial management practices, and expressed concern about the number of unfunded budget items, including the Irvine Public Library and Irvine CONNECT system expansion.

**Moved by Mayor/Director Agran, seconded by Vice Mayor/Director Mai, and unanimously carried to approve City Council Consent Calendar Item Nos. 2.1 through 2.5, and City Council/Great Park Board Consent Calendar Item No. 3.1.**

**2.1 MINUTES**

**ACTION:**

Approved the minutes of a regular meeting of the City Council held on October 14, 2025.

**2.2 WARRANT AND WIRE TRANSFER RESOLUTION**

**ACTION:**

Adopted RESOLUTION NO. 25-122 – 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

**2.3 MEASURE M2 COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORTATION FUNDING PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATIONS**

**ACTION:**

Adopted RESOLUTION NO. 25-123 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE SUBMITTAL OF GRANT APPLICATIONS TO THE ORANGE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY FOR FUNDING UNDER THE COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORTATION FUNDING PROGRAMS

**2.4 SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 25-26 ESTABLISHING THE IRVINE BUILDING STANDARDS CODE THROUGH ADOPTION OF THE 2025 CALIFORNIA BUILDING STANDARDS CODE WITH LOCAL AMENDMENTS**

**ACTION:**

Read by title only, second reading and adoption of ORDINANCE NO. 25-26 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTERS 1 THROUGH 5 OF DIVISION 9 OF TITLE 5 OF THE IRVINE MUNICIPAL CODE TO ESTABLISH THE IRVINE BUILDING STANDARDS CODE THROUGH ADOPTION OF THE 2025 CALIFORNIA BUILDING STANDARDS CODE WITH LOCAL AMENDMENTS

(Unless otherwise directed by a Member of the City Council, the vote at second reading will reflect the same vote as at first reading. However, if a Councilmember was absent at first reading, his or her vote cast at second reading will be reflected. If a Councilmember is not present at the second reading/adoption, the vote will be reflected as absent.)

**Approved 7-0.**

**2.5 COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUND GRANT NOMINATIONS**

**ACTION:**

- 1) Approved Councilmember Carroll's request for Community Partnership Fund Grant Nomination to Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) of Orange County in the amount of \$4,000 in support of program costs.
- 2) Authorized the City Manager to prepare and sign a funding agreement for the organization listed above. **(Contract No. 13027)**

**3. CONSENT CALENDAR - CITY COUNCIL/GREAT PARK BOARD**

**3.1 FISCAL YEAR 2024-25 YEAR-END REPORT**

**ACTION:**

- 1) Approved a budget adjustment allocating the Fiscal Year 2024-25 General Fund year-end of \$3.1 million and Special Funds year-end of \$392,765 for continuing expenditures.

- 2) Adopted RESOLUTION NO. 25-124 – 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. 25-110, WHICH IS INCONSISTENT THEREWITH
- 3) Approved the closure of 31 Capital Improvement Program projects, continue 163 City and Great Park administered projects, and capital project adjustments.
- 4) Received and filed Community Facility District (CFD) annual reports for CFD 2004-1 Central Park, CFD 2005-2 Columbus Grove, and CFD 2013-3 Great Park.

#### 4. CITY COUNCIL / BOARD BUSINESS

##### 4.1 **AWARD OF AN AGREEMENT FOR CONTRACT SERVICES FOR SOURCING AND GROWING TREES FOR VARIOUS GREAT PARK FRAMEWORK PROJECTS**

Brian Polivka, Manager of Great Park, presented the staff report and responded to questions. Luis Estevez, Director of Great Park, was also available for questions.

City Council/Board discussion included: inquiring about the length of the Perimeter Park; questioned the number of trees to be planted; and requested a list of tree species to be planted.

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

- 1) Award a two-year agreement (with the City reserving the right for up to four additional one-year periods) for contract services for the Sourcing and Growing Trees for various Great Park Framework projects to Southwinds Farm & Gardens for a not-to-exceed amount of \$1,710,084. **(Contract No. 22511)**
- 2) Delegate authority to the City Manager to approve contract change orders up to 10% (\$171,000) of the contract not-to-exceed amount for optional maintenance and tree re-boxing services, should they be needed.

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

Moved by Mayor/Director Agran, seconded by Councilmember/Chairman Carroll, and unanimously carried to adjourn the special joint meeting with the Great Park Board at 7:13 p.m.

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

Mayor Agran reconvened the City Council meeting at 7:13 p.m.

### **5. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

#### **5.1 GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT, ZONE CHANGE, PRE-ZONING, VESTING TENTATIVE TRACT MAP WITH MASTER AFFORDABLE HOUSING PLAN, PARK PLAN, MASTER LANDSCAPE AND TRAILS PLAN, FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT, AND ANNEXATION APPLICATION FOR FUTURE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT LOCATED AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF PORTOLA PARKWAY AND JEFFREY ROAD IN PROPOSED PLANNING AREA 2 (GATEWAY VILLAGE)**

Mayor Agran opened the public hearing at 7:14 p.m.

Erica Hong, Senior Planner, presented the staff report and responded to questions. Ann Wu, Principal Planner, was also available for questions. Dr. Nathan Gregory, representing the Irvine Ranch Conservancy (IRC), provided a brief overview of the Gateway Preserve.

Jeremy Ficarola, Irvine resident, spoke in support of accessibility of the bridge and trail network prior to completion of home construction that is part of the Gateway Village project.

City Council discussion included: noting collaboration of involved parties and all work involved; provided historical background; expressed appreciation to IRC; and inquired about the status of the annexation of land from the County of Orange.

**ACTION: Moved by Councilmember Carroll, seconded by Vice Mayor Mai, and unanimously carried to close the public hearing at 7:40 p.m.**

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

- 1) Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 25-125 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT 00961266-PGA TO CREATE A NEW PLANNING AREA (PLANNING AREA 2, GATEWAY VILLAGE) IN NORTHERN IRVINE, REDESIGNATE THE LAND USE OF APPROXIMATELY 80 ACRES FROM RECREATION TO MEDIUM-HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL AND HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL, AND

AMEND APPLICABLE GENERAL PLAN ELEMENTS, INCLUDING LAND USE ELEMENT TABLES A-1 AND A-2, TO ESTABLISH A MAXIMUM DWELLING UNIT CAP OF 1,360 RESIDENTIAL UNITS WITHIN THE PROPOSED PLANNING AREA; FILED BY BROOKFIELD RESIDENTIAL AND THE CITY OF IRVINE

- 2) Introduce for first reading and read by title only ORDINANCE NO. 25-27 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING ZONE CHANGE 00961267-PZC TO INCORPORATE A NEW CHAPTER IN THE IRVINE ZONING ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH PLANNING AREA 2 (GATEWAY VILLAGE), REZONE LAND WITHIN GATEWAY VILLAGE FROM 1.5 RECREATION TO 2.4J MEDIUM-HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL, ALLOW A MAXIMUM RESIDENTIAL UNIT CAP OF 1,360 DWELLING UNITS, AND ADD DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS AND LAND USE REGULATIONS RELATIVE TO RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE 2.4J MEDIUM-HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL ZONE; FILED BY BROOKFIELD RESIDENTIAL AND THE CITY OF IRVINE
- 3) Introduce for first reading and read by title only ORDINANCE NO. 25-28 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING ZONE CHANGE 00965568-PZC TO EFFECTUATE A PRE-ZONING ACTION TO DESIGNATE APPROXIMATELY TWO ACRES OF LAND WITHIN PROPOSED PLANNING AREA 2 (GATEWAY VILLAGE), WHICH IS CURRENTLY OUTSIDE OF CITY LIMITS AND WITHIN THE CITY SPHERE OF INFLUENCE UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE COUNTY OF ORANGE, AS 2.4J MEDIUM-HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL; GENERALLY LOCATED 3,000 FEET NORTH OF THE INTERSECTION OF BEE CANYON ACCESS ROAD AND PORTOLA PARKWAY; FILED BY BROOKFIELD RESIDENTIAL AND THE CITY OF IRVINE
- 4) Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 25-126 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING VESTING TENTATIVE TRACT MAP NO. 19352 (FILE NO. 00946158-PTT) TO SUBDIVIDE 80.5 GROSS ACRES INTO 17 NUMBERED LOTS AND SIX LETTERED LOTS FOR A FUTURE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT OF UP TO 1,138 DWELLING UNITS WITH AN ASSOCIATED MASTER AFFORDABLE HOUSING PLAN, LOCATED AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF PORTOLA PARKWAY AND JEFFREY ROAD IN PROPOSED PLANNING AREA 2

- (GATEWAY VILLAGE); FILED BY CITY OF IRVINE AND BROOKFIELD RESIDENTIAL
- 5) Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 25-127 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE GATEWAY VILLAGE PARK PLAN (FILE NO. 00957906-PPP) FOR NEW RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT IN PLANNING AREA 2; GENERALLY LOCATED AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF PORTOLA PARKWAY AND JEFFREY ROAD; FILED BY BROOKFIELD RESIDENTIAL AND THE CITY OF IRVINE
  - 6) Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 25-128 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE GATEWAY VILLAGE MASTER LANDSCAPE AND TRAILS PLAN (FILE NO. 00957715-PMP) FOR NEW RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT IN PLANNING AREA 2; GENERALLY LOCATED AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF PORTOLA PARKWAY AND JEFFREY ROAD; FILED BY BROOKFIELD RESIDENTIAL AND THE CITY OF IRVINE
  - 7) Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 25-129 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, CERTIFYING THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AND ENVIRONMENTAL FINDINGS, STATEMENT OF OVERRIDING CONSIDERATIONS, AND ERRATA FOR THE IRVINE GATEWAY VILLAGE PROJECT (FILE NO. 00952775-PCLE)
  - 8) Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 25-130 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING INITIATION OF PROCEEDINGS AND REQUESTING THE ORANGE COUNTY LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION TO BEGIN PROCEEDINGS TO ANNEX THE GATEWAY NOTCH PARCELS TO THE CITY OF IRVINE (FILE NO. 00965567-PAX)

## **5.2 DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT STATUS REPORT**

Mayor Agran opened the public hearing at 7:47 p.m.

Eric Martin, Senior Planner, presented the staff report and responded to questions. Jeff Melching, City Attorney, also responded to questions. Chris Chung, Principal Planner, was also available for questions.

There were no requests to speak.

City Council discussion included: inquiring about state legal requirements.

**ACTION: Moved by Mayor Agran, seconded by Councilmember Go, and unanimously carried to close the public hearing at 7:51 p.m.**

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

Find all active City Development Agreements compliant with their respective terms and conditions.

**5.3 CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE COMMUNITY FACILITIES RESERVATION POLICY AND ESTABLISHING NEW AND CLARIFYING EXISTING FACILITY RESERVATION AND EQUIPMENT FEES**

Mayor Agran opened the public hearing at 7:54 p.m.

Cynthia Siemsen, Manager of Community & Library Services, and Christine McLaughlin, Community Services Superintendent, presented the staff report and responded to questions.

There were no requests to speak.

City Council discussion included: noting recent efforts by staff and the Finance Commission.

**ACTION: Moved by Mayor Agran, seconded by Councilmember Martinez Franco, and unanimously carried to close the public hearing at 8:04 p.m.**

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

Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 25-131 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE COMMUNITY FACILITIES RESERVATION POLICY AND ESTABLISHING NEW AND CLARIFYING EXISTING FACILITY RESERVATION AND EQUIPMENT FEES

**6. COUNCIL BUSINESS**

**6.1 APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS AND REVENUES FOR THE 2026 FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION EVENT**

Melissa Haley, Director of Communications & Engagement, presented the staff report and responded to questions. Michael Kent, Director of Public Safety/Chief of Police, and Karena Lee, Public Engagement Strategist, were also available for questions.

Jay Bruce spoke in support of holding the event on July 4, 2026, paid parking, collaboration with local high school bands to perform at the event, dedicated bus lanes for event shuttles, and holding simultaneous events to split attendees.

John Forsyte, Pacific Symphony, spoke in support of finalizing the date of the event, preferably on July 4, in order for his organization to announce its season schedule by January 15, 2026; noted revenue losses after last year's Fourth of July celebration and shared sponsorship efforts for the upcoming year; and suggested staging the fireworks in a way that allows them to be visible to audience members facing the stage.

Alan Meyerson, Irvine resident, noted his initial support of holding the event on either July 3 or 4, but was leaning more in support of July 4 based on Pacific Symphony's preference.

Don Geller, Irvine resident and Finance Commission Chair, noted the commission's unanimous recommendation of City Council approval of a one-time allocation of \$350,000 for the 2026 Fourth of July event, and noted concerns by a majority of commissioners about holding the event on July 3.

Mona expressed concern about anticipated costs for the proposed event; noted the hosting of a fireworks show scheduled on July 4 by Woodbridge Village Association; and spoke in opposition to the late start time for fireworks at the 2025 event and attendance by those outside the City.

Dee Fox, Irvine resident, spoke in support of holding the event on July 4 and paid parking; spoke in opposition to attendance by those from other cities; and suggested a determination of a maximum capacity of attendees.

City Council discussion included: inquiring about what was allocated for the 2025 event; questioned the potential for sponsorships and revenue generation; inquired about existing funding sources; noted issues experienced by Pacific Symphony at the 2025 event; inquired about Public Safety staffing for the event and associated costs; suggested the creation of a steering committee; discussed merits and the potential for unintended consequences based on which date the event was held; inquired about Fourth of July events planned by other municipalities; suggested the event be ticketed and preferred parking for Irvine residents be provided; discussed potential impacts to Pacific Symphony; questioned the outcome of discussions with Pacific Symphony; and suggested that staff return to the City Council on December 9, 2025, to allow for further analysis and an update on event costs.

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

Approve the General Fund appropriations and revenues of an additional \$350,000 for a total appropriation of \$600,000 for the 2026 Fourth of July Celebration event.

**The motion carried as follows:**

AYES: 6 COUNCILMEMBERS: Carroll, Go, Mai, Martinez Franco, Treseder, and Agran

NOES: 1 COUNCILMEMBERS: Liu

ABSENT: 0 COUNCILMEMBERS: None

ABSTAIN: 0 COUNCILMEMBERS: None

**6.2 CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY MAYOR AGRAN TO DISCUSS ELECTRIC BICYCLE INCIDENTS, LEGISLATION, AND RELATED EDUCATION AND ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS**

This item was agendized at the request of Mayor Agran, who asked for City Council consideration to discuss electric bicycle incidents, legislation, and related education and enforcement efforts.

Michael Kent, Director of Public Safety/Chief of Police; Shaheen Jahangard, Police Lieutenant; and Jason Scheafer, Motor Training Officer, provided a brief overview of electric bicycle incidents, and education and enforcement efforts, and responded to questions.

Susan Sayre, Irvine resident, spoke in support of increased regulation including registration and insurance requirements and consequences such as impound fees.

Dr. Phyllis Agran, Irvine resident and local pediatrician, spoke in support of a pediatric approach to the issue, stricter local regulations, and effective public awareness campaigns.

Alan Meyerson, Irvine resident, noted the influence of the e-bike lobby at the state level and spoke in support of insurance requirements for e-bike operators.

Jay Bruce, on behalf of Dr. Sigrid Burruss, UCI Health surgeon, expressed concern about the increase in e-bike injuries and spoke in support of stricter measures including education, licensing, and helmet requirements.

Harvey Liss, Irvine resident, questioned unbuckled helmet enforcement, statistics on walkers struck by e-bike operators, and the legality of “wheelies” on public streets.

Mona spoke in support of parental attendance with their children at e-bike educational presentations, e-bike registration requirements, additional outreach outside of City Council meetings, and increased enforcement.

Eric Neshanian, Irvine resident, spoke in support of involvement by Child Protective Services in any instances of parental negligence, and a ban on e-bikes pending development of solutions and safety measures.

City Council discussion included: noting related statistics and ongoing cooperation with local school districts; suggested increased enforcement; inquired about the number of full-time equivalent employees tasked with education and enforcement; questioned potential action that the City could take within legal constraints of state law, including educational and punitive approaches; suggested engagement with state legislators and providing educational materials in multiple languages; discussed model approaches of other countries and legal responsibilities of parents; and questioned the timing of the next Transportation Commission meeting.

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

Direct the City Attorney and Irvine Police Department staff to return to the City Council within 30 to 45 days with a report that includes recommendations on what can and cannot be done regarding the establishment of e-bike regulations under existing state law, working with state legislators on a maximalist approach.

**6.3 CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY COUNCILMEMBERS GO AND TRESADER TO DISCUSS ALLOCATING ORANGE COUNTY POWER AUTHORITY LOAN REPAYMENT FUNDS FOR GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS**

This item was agendized at the request of Councilmembers Go and Treseder, who asked for City Council consideration to discuss allocating Orange County Power Authority (OCPA) loan repayment funds for green infrastructure projects.

Sean Crumby, City Manager, and Jeff Melching, City Attorney, responded to questions.

Vicki Johnson spoke in opposition to misinformation put forth by the Orange County Power Authority and noted that Southern California Edison offers alternatives, including participation in a green shared renewables program.

Alan Meyerson, Irvine resident, suggested depositing money paid back to the City by OCPA into a certificate of deposit account, and noted that OCPA was using a rate increase to repay the City of Irvine's startup loan.

Eric Neshanian, Irvine resident, suggested that funds paid back by OCPA be used to fund the Irvine Public Library.

Pam Wykoff spoke in support of adhering to the original City budget and directing funds to legal Irvine residents most in need.

Don Geller, Irvine resident and Finance Commission Chair, spoke in support of OCPA's repayment of the City's startup loan; and suggested that the funds be returned to the general fund, and spending decisions follow the normal budgetary and financial review process.

Harvey Liss, Irvine resident, spoke in support of expediting OCPA's repayment of the City's loan, issuing a notice of intent to withdraw from OCPA, and deferring the spending of these funds.

Mona spoke in support of depositing funds repaid by OCPA to the general fund and using them, as needed, to provide assistance to community members.

Dee Fox, Irvine resident, spoke in support of returning money repaid by OCPA to the general fund and in opposition to allocating the funds prior to confirming their availability for discretionary spending.

Michelle Johnson, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to spending funds not yet received without any budgetary or commission review process, and in support of depositing the funds into a separate account for accounting purposes and leaving associated spending decisions for the next City Council.

City Council discussion included: suggesting funding grants for low-income households for sustainability efforts and expanding Irvine CONNECT; suggested funding the Fourth of July event; inquired about a separate general fund account; questioned whether funds would be set aside and allocated to projects in the future; noted an emphasis on projects benefitting low-income communities; inquired about the open or earmarked nature of spending the funds; and discussed the applicability of the Fourth of July event as a “green” project.

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

Direct the City Manager and City staff to allocate loan repayment funds by the Orange County Power Authority to a separate fund with a preference for funds to be used for clean energy/ sustainability projects and mobility programs.

**ACTION:** A friendly amendment was made by Councilmember Martinez Franco, accepted by Councilmember Go as the maker and Councilmember Treseder as the seconder, to:

Direct the City Manager and City staff to allocate loan repayment funds by the Orange County Power Authority to a separate fund with a preference for funds to be used for clean energy/ sustainability projects and mobility programs, including an allocation of funding for clean energy/sustainability projects in low-income and disadvantaged communities.

**ACTION: An additional friendly amendment to Councilmember Martinez Franco's friendly amendment was made by Councilmember Carroll, accepted by Councilmember Go as the maker and Councilmember Treseder as the seconder, and unanimously carried, to:**

Direct the City Manager and City staff to allocate loan repayment funds by the Orange County Power Authority to a separate fund with a preference for funds to be used for clean energy/sustainability projects and mobility programs, including an allocation of funding for 1) clean energy/sustainability projects in low-income and disadvantaged communities, and 2) the City's Fourth of July event for 2026.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by Councilmember Liu, seconded by Councilmember Carroll, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 11:46 p.m.**

  
MAYOR OF THE CITY OF IRVINE



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December 9, 2025