



## MINUTES

### CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

**February 25, 2025**  
**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 4:03 p.m. on February 25, 2025, in the City Council Chamber, Irvine Civic Center, 1 Civic Center Plaza, Irvine, California; Mayor Agran presiding.

#### ROLL CALL

Present: 5	Councilmember:	William Go
	Councilmember:	Melinda Liu
	Councilmember:	Kathleen Treseder
	Vice Mayor:	James Mai
	Mayor:	Larry Agran

Absent: 1	Councilmember:	Mike Carroll
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#### 1. CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Melching announced the following Closed Session items:

- 1.1 CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS (Government Code § 54956.8) - Property: APNs 529-282-04 and 529-381-08; Agency Negotiators: Oliver Chi, City Manager; Pete Carmichael, Assistant City Manager; Luis Estevez, Acting Director, Public Works & Sustainability; Jeffrey Melching, City Attorney; Negotiating Parties: City of Irvine and Orange County Transportation Authority; Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment**

**1.2 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION (Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)): Orange County Advocates for Transparency v. City of Irvine et al., Orange County Superior Court Case No. 30-2024-01437173-CU-WM-NJC**

There were no requests to speak.

**RECESS**

Mayor Agran recessed the City Council meeting to Closed Session at 4:06 p.m.

**RECONVENE TO THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Mayor Agran reconvened the City Council meeting at 5:04 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**

Kyle Yeung, violinist, Irvine resident and The Music Center’s 36th Annual Spotlight program Classical Instrumental Grand Prize Finalist, performed the National Anthem and “Amazing Grace”.

**2. PRESENTATIONS**

**2.1 Love Irvine**

Mayor Agran introduced Curtis Drever, President, who provided a brief overview of Love Irvine’s mission and programs through its partnership with the City of Irvine.

City Council discussion included: expressing appreciation to the organization for its community service; and inquired about the organization’s upcoming events.

**By consensus of the members present (Councilmember Carroll absent), received and filed.**

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

Doug Elliott, Irvine resident and Community Services Commissioner, spoke in support of holding the State of the City event at City Hall and in opposition to the private sponsorship of City events; and expressed appreciation for the expanded definition of “invocation” put into practice at recent City Council meetings.

Adam Tallabas, District Director in the Office of Orange County Supervisor Katrina Foley, provided an update on Supervisor Foley’s policy and governmental initiatives, and invited members of the public to upcoming events.

Wing Chow, Irvine resident, expressed appreciation to all City Councilmembers for their service; and spoke in support of the upcoming Special Municipal Election, a strong police force, and the creation of a cyber team to fight online scams.

Alan Meyerson, Irvine resident, spoke in support of City Councilmembers exercising bipartisanship.

Jack the Biker spoke in opposition to the existing disrepair of some of the City’s bicycle trails; and spoke in support of the City Council’s focus on municipal matters and increased enforcement to address unsafe riding by young bikers.

Eric Neshanian, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to Love Irvine and in support of the posting of election notices in Farsi.

Michelle Johnson, Irvine resident, spoke in support of the City’s lease at Katie Wheeler Library; requested periodic updates at City Council meetings regarding high-interest matters such as the Orange County Power Authority and the City’s new \$100 million municipal gym; and spoke in opposition to the response time for a Public Records Act request.

Jason Garshfield, Irvine resident, spoke in support of eliminating Zoom for public comments and questioned Mayor Agran’s thoughts related to offensive comments made by speakers at previous City Council meetings.

(949) \*\*\*-\*360 spoke in support of enforcing the law related to missing front license plates on vehicles; and spoke in opposition to the publication of printed materials in other languages.

## **CITY MANAGER’S REPORT**

There was no report.

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

### Councilmember Liu

- Councilmember Liu noted her participation in the following activities/events:
  - Provided a \$500 Community Partnership Fund Grant to the Small Business Diversity Network;
  - Helped host an ice cream fundraiser with Handel's Ice Cream that brought in \$1,000 for Northwood High School's Grad Night Committee;
  - Attended the Northwood Little League Girls Softball season opening ceremonies; and
  - Traveled to Sacramento with a Fourth District Parent Teacher Association (PTA) group to advocate for teachers, families, and students.

### Councilmember Treseder

- Councilmember Treseder represented the City of Irvine at the League of California Cities' Environmental Quality Policy Committee Meeting on January 24 that included discussion on the committee's scope and protocols, as well as a vote to adopt the 2025 work program's three priorities, which included: Climate Change and Resiliency, Energy and Utilities, and Disaster/Emergency Preparedness and Response.

### Councilmember Go

- Councilmember Go noted his participation in the following activities/events:
  - Participated in the Anaheim Ducks 5K at the Great Park in support of the Anaheim Ducks Foundation;
  - Attended his first Southern California Association of Governments meeting and was appointed to the Transportation Committee; and
  - Partnered with Girl Scout Troop 1379 and the Irvine 2/11 Marine Adoption Committee to facilitate donations of boxes of Girl Scout Cookies to United States Marines and their families stationed at Camp Pendleton.
- Councilmember Go also invited members of the public to attend his next district event, Biking in Irvine, where attendees would have the opportunity to receive updates and provide feedback on biking and active transportation infrastructure.

Vice Mayor Mai

- The first citywide food distribution event for members of the public aged 60 and over took place at Heritage Park. These events will occur every second Thursday with service to two groups, which include one for all ages, and another for those aged 60 and over. Those in need will have the opportunity to collect a food box and groceries.
- Vice Mayor Mai and his staff recently toured one of the largest Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) centers in Orange County, located in Garden Grove, to observe its operations and how facilities would translate to Irvine. Discussions between City staff and stakeholder organizations related to PACE programs have gone well.

Mayor Agran

- Mayor Agran invited members of the public to attend the annual State of the City address on Tuesday, March 11 at the Irvine Civic Center, which will begin with a public reception at 4:30 p.m. followed by the address at 5:30 p.m. For more information, visit [cityofirvine.org/stateofthecity](http://cityofirvine.org/stateofthecity).

**ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS**

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

**3. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Moved by Mayor Agran, seconded by Councilmember Treseder, and unanimously carried by those members present (Councilmember Carroll absent), to approve Consent Calendar Item Nos. 3.1 through 3.5.**

**3.1 MINUTES**

**ACTION:**

- 1) Approved the minutes of a special meeting of the City Council held on January 28, 2025.
- 2) Approved the minutes of an adjourned regular meeting of the City Council held on January 28, 2025.

**3.2 WARRANT AND WIRE TRANSFER RESOLUTION**

**ACTION:**

Adopted RESOLUTION NO. 25-22 - 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

**3.3 SECOND AMENDMENT TO AUTO CENTER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION LEASE**

**ACTION:**

Authorized the City Manager to execute Amendment No. 2 to Lease Agreement by and between the City of Irvine and Auto Center Community Association. **(Contract No. 9503B)**

(Unless otherwise directed by a member of the City Council, the vote on this matter will reflect the prior action of each Councilmember when he or she sat and voted as a member of the Board of Directors of the Great Park Corporation. However, if a Councilmember is not present at the City Council meeting, his or her vote will be reflected as absent.)

**Approved 5-0 (Councilmember Carroll absent).**

**3.4 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE DECLARING LAND IN AND AROUND THE GREAT PARK EXEMPT SURPLUS LAND PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 54221(f)(1)(C) AND 54221(f)(1)(D)**

**ACTION:**

Adopted RESOLUTION NO. 25-23 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING LAND IN AND AROUND THE GREAT PARK EXEMPT SURPLUS LAND PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 54221(f)(1)(C) AND 54221(f)(1)(D)

**3.5 NOTICE OF REVIEW FOR TRACT MAPS IN THE IRVINE BUSINESS COMPLEX AND GREAT PARK NEIGHBORHOODS**

**ACTION:**

Received and filed.

**4. COUNCIL BUSINESS**

**4.1 SPECTRUM / GREAT PARK OPPORTUNITY ZONE PLANNING AND CRESCENT PROPERTY EXCHANGE**

Pete Carmichael, Assistant City Manager, presented the staff report and responded to questions. Stephanie Frady, Director of Community Development, was also available for questions.

The following individuals spoke in support:

- James, Irvine resident
- Sylvia Walker, Irvine resident
- Jeremy, Irvine resident
- (949) \*\*\*\_\*360
- Kevin Li, Irvine resident
- Joshua Moore, Irvine resident
- Tomas
- Jay B.
- Harvey Liss, Irvine resident

City Council discussion included: inquiring about the vision and land uses for the Crescent area; questioned whether the proposed site would include employment, retail, and recreational amenities within walkable proximity; and inquired about relevant school district boundaries.

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

- 1) Approve the development planning principles for the Spectrum/Great Park Opportunity Zone and direct staff to initiate a focused planning process to institute the identified strategies.
- 2) Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 25-24 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, TO INCLUDE THE CRESCENT TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT WITHIN THE GREAT PARK FRAMEWORK PLAN AND TO APPROVE A PLAN AND ASSOCIATED PLANNING PRINCIPLES FOR THE GREAT PARK OPPORTUNITY ZONE

- 3) Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 25-25<sup>1</sup> – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING TWO PARCELS IN THE VICINITY OF THE GREAT PARK EXEMPT SURPLUS LAND PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54221(f)(1)(C)

**4.2 ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING CHANGES AND ADDITIONS TO POSTED SPEED LIMITS**

Wyatt Sing, Traffic Engineering Administrator, presented the staff report and responded to questions. Kerwin Lau, Deputy Director of Transportation, and Oliver Chi, City Manager, also responded to questions.

Alan Meyerson, Irvine resident, spoke in support of the proposed speed limit modifications and increased enforcement by the Irvine Police Department, especially on Irvine Center Drive; and noted that adherence to speed limits is minimal.

Harvey Liss, Irvine resident, questioned the rationale for the lowering of speed limits on specific street segments and other speed reduction and safety measures.

(949) \*\*\*-360 questioned the justification for speed limit modifications and spoke in support of further study of traffic and pollution impacts.

The following individuals spoke in support of the proposed speed limit modifications and supplementation of road design changes that encourage speed reduction:

- James, Irvine resident
- Sylvia Walker, Irvine resident
- Youssef, Irvine resident
- Adriana Maestas, A Call to Action, Inc.

City Council discussion included: inquiring about attributability for speed limit reduction and potential legislative impacts; questioned statewide sentiment regarding speed limit reductions; inquired about “speed traps”; suggested that staff conduct periodic analyses on speed limits to assess changes in driver behavior, safety statistics, and other metrics; inquired about the ordinance effective date; and questioned the effectiveness of increased enforcement.

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<sup>1</sup> The title of the adopted resolution was slightly modified from what was originally published with the meeting agenda on February 18, 2025.

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

Introduce for first reading and read by title only ORDINANCE NO. 25-02 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, DIRECTING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF IRVINE ENGINEERING AND TRAFFIC SURVEYS FOR SPEED LIMITS, AS MAINTAINED BY THE PUBLIC WORKS & SUSTAINABILITY DEPARTMENT AS THE OFFICIAL DOCUMENTATION OF DECLARED PRIMA FACIE SPEED LIMITS

**4.3 ESTABLISHMENT OF THE HEALTH AND WELLNESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND ADOPTION OF BYLAWS**

Brian King, Assistant City Manager, and Heather Stratman, Chief Health and Wellness Officer, presented the staff report and responded to questions. Jeff Melching, City Attorney, and Oliver Chi, City Manager, also responded to questions.

Wing Chow, Irvine resident, spoke in support and suggested improving the quality of meals at Lakeview Senior Center.

Andre Huseman, Irvine resident, also spoke in support and requested that he be considered as a member of the proposed committee.

City Council discussion included: providing historical efforts related to health and wellness; inquired about possible expansion of the proposed committee, including Members-At-Large; inquired about the role of the proposed committee; questioned the roles of current committee members on the Irvine Child Care Advisory Committee (ICCAC) and Irvine Children, Youth, and Families Advisory Committee (ICYFAC); inquired about the recruitment and selection process for the Member-At-Large; questioned the rationale for having a Member-At-Large; inquired about the potential to accelerate appointments to the proposed committee; and questioned the receiving entity for applications.

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

- 1) Introduce for first reading and read by title only ORDINANCE NO. 25-03 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, ADDING DIVISION 8 TO TITLE 3 OF THE IRVINE MUNICIPAL CODE ESTABLISHING A HEALTH AND WELLNESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE, **as amended** to include the following modification to Section 3-8-103 in Section 2 of the Ordinance:

*“One (1) Member-At-Large shall be selected **by the City Council** through a public recruitment to serve a term lasting no more than two years.”*

- 2) Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 25-26 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, DISSOLVING THE IRVINE CHILD CARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND THE IRVINE CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND ADOPTING THE BYLAWS OF THE HEALTH AND WELLNESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, **as amended** to include the following modification to Section 2.1.1.2 of the Bylaws of the Health and Wellness Advisory Committee of the City of Irvine:

*“One (1) Member-At-Large shall be selected **by the City Council** through a public recruitment to serve a term lasting no more than two years.”*

#### **4.4 CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY VICE MAYOR MAI TO DEVELOP A GRAND FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION EVENT**

This item was agendaized at the request of Vice Mayor Mai, who asked for City Council consideration regarding the development of a grand Fourth of July celebration event.

Oliver Chi, City Manager, responded to questions.

The following individuals spoke in support of the proposed Fourth of July event:

- Ron Scolesdang, Irvine resident
- Andre Huseman, Irvine resident

- Kiro Awad, Marine Corps veteran, immigrant, and real estate agent in Irvine
- (949) \*\*\*-\*360

The following individuals spoke in opposition:

- Doug Elliott, Irvine resident and Community Services Commissioner
- Susan Sayre, Irvine resident
- Eric Neshanian, Irvine resident

Alan Meyerson and Jeremy Ficarola, Irvine residents, suggested a drone show in lieu of fireworks.

Adriana Maestas, A Call to Action, Inc., spoke in support of a parade and in opposition to a fireworks display.

Jay B. suggested the presentation of a budget adjustment prior to a City Council decision; and noted high school marching band schedules.

Harvey Liss, Irvine resident, spoke in support of expanding the existing Woodbridge event in lieu of a citywide event.

Don Geller, Irvine resident and Finance Commission Chair, spoke in support of Finance Commission review and combining the proposed event with CicloIrvine in alternating years.

City Council discussion included: inquiring about potential redundancies with other existing events; questioned estimated event costs, potential impacts on staff, and sponsorship levels; inquired about a potential parade route and associated impacts on traffic and parking; questioned medical support, emergency response, and evacuation plans; inquired about environmental impacts and pet-friendliness; suggested a drone show at the Great Park in lieu of a fireworks display; inquired about use of volunteers from local nonprofit organizations; questioned food safety, vendor selection, and performer selections; inquired about the proposed cook-off and potential accommodations for those with restrictive diets; expressed concern about time constraints for planning a 2025 event; and suggested combining the proposed parade with CicloIrvine.

## **RECESS**

Mayor Agran recessed the City Council meeting at 8:26 p.m.

**RECONVENE TO THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Mayor Agran reconvened the City Council meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Additional City Council discussion included: inquiring about the ability for staff to assemble an event in 2025; and suggested deferral of a larger event to 2026 due to time constraints.

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

Direct staff to develop a preliminary plan of action that includes consideration of a fiscal budget and logistics for a grand Fourth of July event, and return to the City Council within 30 days.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by Mayor Agran, seconded by Councilmember Liu, and unanimously carried by those members present (Councilmember Carroll absent), to adjourn the meeting at 8:59 p.m.**

  
MAYOR OF THE CITY OF IRVINE

  
CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF IRVINE

March 25, 2025