



MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING

May 23, 2023
City Council Chamber
1 Civic Center Plaza
Irvine, CA 92606

CALL TO ORDER

The adjourned regular meeting of the Irvine City Council was called to order at 5:24 p.m. on May 23, 2023, in the City Council Chamber, Irvine Civic Center, 1 Civic Center Plaza, Irvine, California; Mayor Khan presiding.

ROLL CALL

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Carroll led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

Rabbi Richard Steinberg from Congregation Shir Ha-Ma'alot provided the invocation.

1. PRESENTATIONS

1.1 *Beacon Leadership and Innovation Award*

Mayor Khan introduced Recycle from Home youth representative, Ryan Hickman, and his father, Damion, who serves as marketing director, and presented them with Certificates of Recognition for their outstanding recycling efforts, and helping the City of Irvine achieve the 2022 Beacon Leadership and Innovation Award from the Institute for Local Government.

1.2 *Recognition of Irvine Valley College's Interactive Media Team Finalists*

Mayor Khan and Councilmember Agran introduced members of Irvine Valley College's Interactive Media Team, and presented a commendation for having been selected as finalists in the 12th annual Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers "GameSIG Showcase." which took place last month. Councilmember Agran also introduced Carolyn Inmon, Trustee in the South Orange County Community College District.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS

Susan Sayre, Irvine resident, suggested how density bonus agreements could be used to increase affordable housing efforts, and in support of televising Commission meetings.

Rick Mueller, President of AEG Presents, and Melissa Ormond, Chief Operating Officer of Goldenvoice, spoke in support of a smaller concert venue at Great Park and in opposition to the amphitheater proposal with Live Nation.

Alan Meyerson, Irvine resident, spoke of his attendance at the groundbreaking ceremony at Great Park earlier in the day, and expressed his appreciation to Councilmember Agran for professionalism and integrity over the years.

Michelle Gonzalez and Jacquelyn Duley, healthcare workers at Kaiser Permanente Irvine Medical Center, spoke in support of a \$25 minimum wage for healthcare workers.

Angie Tracy, former Irvine resident, spoke about the lack of a police report regarding a grand theft larceny incident, and the lack of enforcement related to smoking laws.

Eric Neshanian, Irvine resident, spoke in support of AEG regarding a smaller amphitheater at Great Park; noted an article related to an old school approach; spoke in opposition to Vice Mayor Kim running for Mayor; and noted alleged genocide deniers on the OC Human Relations Commission.

Doug Elliott, Irvine resident, spoke in support of a smaller amphitheater at Great Park.

Don Geller, Irvine resident, spoke in support of the groundbreaking ceremony at Great Park held earlier in the day, and in opposition to larger amphitheater at Great Park.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

There was no report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Khan

- Mayor Khan announced that she recently joined 12 other big city mayors to meet with Governor Newsom, Senate Leader Toni Atkins, Speaker Designate Robert Rivas, representatives from Cal Volunteers, and members of the Department of Housing and Urban Development to request direct funding for cities to address the housing and homelessness crisis. A press conference was also held to highlight how these funds have been used and would continue to be used by each city.
- Orange County Innovation Week took place last week. Several events took place, which included the inaugural healthcare summit panel, which discussed healthcare, innovation and entrepreneurship; OC Forecast and National Global Innovation landscape; Start-ups in OC; Finding the Innovator in You, which showcased women tech innovators and founders, and the Irvine Ecosystem Accelerating Electrification of Two-Wheeled Mobility Panel. Octane and all its partners were also recognized for efforts.
- The Irvine 2/11 Marine Adoption Committee was recognized for being honored at the 2023 Red Cross Orange County Heroes luncheon. The Committee is comprised of a group of volunteers that go above and beyond to support the adopted battalion and their families throughout the year.

Vice Mayor Kim

- Vice Mayor Kim noted her visit to Working Wardrobes and the opportunity to learn about the transformative impacts of its programs and services with respect to career development, job placement, and workforce development. More information about Working Wardrobes is available by visiting workingwardrobes.org. The non-profit organization also has a donation drop-off center in Irvine for donations of professional attire.

- As the City's representative to the Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District, Vice Mayor Kim reminded residents to protect their homes, pets, and families by dumping standing water around their property. She also noted that an empty swimming pool could be a dangerous breeding ground for mosquitos and other insects.

Councilmember Agran

- Councilmember Agran announced that this week was National Public Works Week, which honors those who operate and maintain valuable infrastructure. He also noted that City crews would be repairing potholes caused by winter rains this spring and summer. Councilmember Agran expressed his appreciation to the City's Public Works personnel, and encouraged members of the community to celebrate National Public Works Week. Members of the community can report potholes by calling (949) 724-7600.

Mayor Khan

- The City of Irvine is preparing an update to its General Plan, a state-required document representing the City's vision for the next 25 years and beyond. The 2045 General Plan Update will include goals and policies to help the City reach its long-term vision of preserving and enhancing Irvine's high quality of life as the City matures. The success of the General Plan Update relies on the community's participation to help shape the City's vision and goals for future planning. Members of the community are invited to attend one of the City's upcoming workshops to learn more about the General Plan Update, with a focus on the Land Use and Circulation Element. Workshops will be held Wednesday, May 24, from 6 to 8 p.m. via Zoom, and Thursday, May 25, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Los Olivos Community Center. To register for the virtual meeting and learn more, visit irvine2045.org.
- A special candle-lighting Memorial Day ceremony remembering and honoring the sacrifice of fallen American service members will be held at the Northwood Gratitude and Honor Memorial at Northwood Community Park Sunday, May 28, at 4 p.m. Retired Colonel Willard A. Buhl will be the featured speaker, whose combat experience includes Operations Desert Shield and Storm; the liberation of Kuwait; UN Operations in Mogadishu, Somalia; and two tours of duty as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom I and II. The ceremony is held in partnership with the Northwood Memorial Committee. The City will also host its annual Memorial Day Ceremony in the Formal Garden at Colonel Bill Barber Marine Corps Memorial Park on Monday, May 29, at 10 a.m. A Commanding Officer from Irvine's adopted 2/11 Marine Battalion will speak to recognize fallen service members and their sacrifice. Guests will have the opportunity to honor family and friends who died in service to the nation by posting a brief remembrance on a memory board at the event. Cards will be available to send a message of appreciation and support. For more information about these Memorial Day events, visit cityofirvine.org/specialevents.

- The City of Irvine is proud to support HomeAid Orange County's goal of collecting one million essential items for babies and toddlers through the organization's annual Diaper Drive now through June 1. New, unopened packages of diapers, baby wipes, and baby food will be accepted to support families with toddlers and babies experiencing homelessness. Donations can be dropped off at Irvine City Hall and the Great Park Visitors Center. Monetary donations can also be made online. To donate online or for more information, visit homeaidoc.org/events/diapers.
- The 29th annual Studio Arts Festival will be held on Saturday, June 3, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Irvine Fine Arts Center. The event will showcase more than 100 local artists and their handmade, original works of art for purchase including hand-blown glass, ceramics, sculpture, jewelry, painting, photography, and more. Admission and parking are free. For more information, visit irvinefinearts.org/studioartsfestival.
- The Irvine Animal Care Center is holding its 17th annual Super Pet Adoption & Fundraiser event on Sunday, June 4, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Pet rescue groups and animal shelters will bring hundreds of homeless dogs, cats, birds, and small animals for adoption. In addition, the event will feature vendors and services for pets and their owners, gourmet food trucks, a bake sale, and an opportunity drawing. Cats, dogs, and rabbits available for adoption are spayed or neutered, microchipped, and evaluated by a veterinarian. Cats and dogs are vaccinated appropriate to age. Tickets will be on sale at the door for \$5 per adult; children are free. Parking is free. Visit irvineanimals.org/superpet to view a list of participating rescues, shelters, vendors, and food trucks.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

Prior to approval of the Consent Calendar, the following individuals spoke on Item Nos. 2.5 and 2.9:

2.5

Alan Meyerson, Irvine resident, inquired about the scope of work related to the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) consultant.

Eric Neshanian and Dee Fox, Irvine residents, spoke in opposition to a DEI consultant.

Amil Aaron, Irvine resident and Chair of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, provided additional information related to the Committee's request for a consultant.

2.9

The following individuals spoke in support of funding the Solarize Irvine program.

- Randall Crane, Irvine resident
- Magda Elzarki, Irvine resident
- Dean Baker
- Dina Falmagne, Irvine resident
- Kayla Asato, Orange County Environmental Justice

Moved by Councilmember Carroll, seconded by Vice Mayor Kim, and unanimously carried to approve Consent Calendar Item Nos. 2.1 through 2.4, 2.7, 2.8, and 2.10. Consent Calendar Item Nos. 2.5, 2.6, and 2.9 were removed for separate discussion.

2.1 MINUTES

ACTION:

Approved the minutes of a regular meeting of the City Council held on April 25, 2023.

2.2 PROCLAMATIONS/COMMENDATIONS

- 1) Ratified and proclaimed May 7-13, 2023, as "Children's Mental Health Acceptance Week."
- 2) Proclaimed May 25, 2023, as "National Stop the Bleed Day."
- 3) Proclaimed May 26, 2023, as "Buddha's Birthday."
- 4) Proclaimed May 2023, as "Older American Month."
- 5) Proclaimed June 2, 2023, as "National Gun Violence Awareness Day."
- 6) Proclaimed June 2023, as "Men's Health Month."
- 7) Proclaimed June 2023, as "LGBTQIA+ Pride Month."
- 8) Proclaimed June 2023, as "Immigrant Heritage Month."
- 9) Commended the Irvine Community Nursery School in celebrating their 50th Anniversary.

2.3 WARRANT AND WIRE TRANSFER RESOLUTION

ACTION:

Adopted RESOLUTION NO. 23-40 - 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 FISCAL YEAR 2022-23 THIRD QUARTER BUDGET UPDATE

ACTION:

Received and filed the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Third Quarter Budget Update.

2.5 CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A BUDGET ADJUSTMENT ALLOCATING IRVINE RECOVERY PLAN FUNDS FOR RETENTION OF CONSULTATIVE SERVICES RELATED TO DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION

This item was removed for separate discussion at the request of Vice Mayor Kim, who expressed her desire for diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) to be embedded in the organization rather than be a one-off situation.

Brian King, Assistant City Manager, presented the staff report and responded to questions.

City Council discussion included: questioning why the City Manager or Human Resources Departments would not provide consultant oversight; inquired about the consultant's scope of work; questioned why the request for a consultant was driven by the DEI Committee and not embedded into the City's organizational culture; noted that funding would come from American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding; questioned the need for a consultant; questioned how the consultant would fit in with the recently established DEI Liaison Program; discussed the meaning of the word "equity"; and suggested the need for additional resources and targeted intervention to overcome systemic barriers.

ACTION: Moved by Vice Mayor Kim, seconded by Mayor Khan, to:

- 1) Approve the procurement of consultative services from a firm specializing in diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts.
- 2) Approve a budget adjustment of \$200,000 to allocate Irvine Recovery Plan Funds for use towards the retention of consulting services related to diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts.

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

2.6 NEWPORT BAY WATERSHED COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT MA-080-23010376

This item was removed for separate discussion at the request of Councilmember Carroll, who reiterated his opposition to the proposed agreement.

There was no City Council discussion.

ACTION: Moved by Councilmember Carroll, seconded by Mayor Khan, to:

- 1) Approve Agreement MA-080-23010376 to fund nutrient, fecal coliform and toxics Total Maximum Daily Load programs and activities in the Newport Bay Watershed **(Contract No. 11614)**.
- 2) Authorize the Mayor to sign the Agreement on behalf of the City.

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

2.7 AMENDMENT TO AUTO CENTER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION LEASE

ACTION:

Authorized the City Manager to Execute Amendment No. 1 to Lease Agreement by and between the City of Irvine and Auto Center Community Association. **(Contract No. 9503A)**

2.8 CONTRACT AMENDMENT APPROVAL FOR ON-CALL ASPHALT MAINTENANCE

ACTION:

Approved and authorized the Mayor to execute an asphalt maintenance contract amendment with R.J. Noble Company to increase the annual not-to-exceed amount to \$1,999,970.24 and to extend the contract term one additional year to June 30, 2024. **(Contract No. 20176E)**

2.9 FUNDING ALLOCATION FOR SOLARIZE IRVINE PROGRAM

This item was removed for separate discussion at the request of Councilmember Carroll, who noted that while the program itself was great, a funding process for similar organizations already existed through the Community Development Block Grant program.

There was no City Council discussion.

ACTION: Moved by Councilmember Carroll, seconded by Mayor Khan, to:

Authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement for OC Goes Solar to implement the Solarize Irvine program.

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

2.10 SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 23-09 AND ORDINANCE NO. 23-10 AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE AND THE NORTH IRVINE TRANSPORTATION MITIGATION PROGRAM IMPLEMENTING AGREEMENT FOR CONSISTENCY WITH RECENT AMENDMENT TO THE COMMUNITY PARKS PARK PLAN

Read by title only, second reading and adoption of the following ordinances:

- 1) ORDINANCE NO. 23-09 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTERS 9-1, 9-5, 9-6, 9-8, AND 9-9 OF THE IRVINE ZONING ORDINANCE RELATED TO SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS FOR PARKS IN PLANNING AREAS 1 & 2 AND THE NORTHERN SPHERE
- 2) ORDINANCE NO. 23-10 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE NORTH IRVINE TRANSPORTATION MITIGATION PROGRAM IMPLEMENTING AGREEMENT

(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 acted as absent.)

Approved 5-0.

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS

3.1 GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT, ZONE CHANGE, AND DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT FOR IRVINE MARKET PLACE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT IN LOWER PETERS CANYON (PLANNING AREA 4)

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

Ann Wu, Senior Planner, and Stephanie Frady, Project Administrator, presented the staff report and responded to questions.

The following individuals spoke in support:

- Sharon Ellis, Irvine resident
- Alex Garber, who works in Irvine
- Richard Denzer
- Jing Li, Irvine resident
- John Wolikow, Owner of Handel's Ice Cream
- Doug Elliott, Irvine resident
- Abby Pao, Irvine resident

Jeff Davis, Irvine Company, spoke in support of the item and provided a brief overview of the project.

Amalia Bowley Fuentes, representing of Lozeau Drury and on behalf of Supporters Alliance for Environmental Responsibility (SAFER), spoke in opposition.

City Council discussion included: highlighting the need for affordable housing and how this project would further such goals; expressed appreciation to Irvine Company for working collaboratively with the City; reiterated benefits related to the project, including walkability, traffic reduction, and tax revenue realized through property taxes; and referenced support expressed by nearby hospitals for affordable housing for healthcare workers.

ACTION: Moved by Vice Mayor Kim, seconded by Councilmember Treseder, and unanimously carried to close the public hearing at 7:54 p.m.

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

Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 23-41 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT 00863325-PGA TO AMEND LAND USE ELEMENT TABLE A-1 OF THE IRVINE GENERAL PLAN TO ALLOW THE ADDITION OF 969 DWELLING UNITS TO THE PLANNING AREA 4 DWELLING UNIT CAP WITH UP TO 1,261 DWELLING UNITS ASSIGNED TO THE LOWER PETERS CANYON REGIONAL COMMERCIAL AREA WITH A CORRESPONDING REDUCTION IN COMMERCIAL SQUARE FOOTAGE; FILED BY IRVINE COMPANY

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

Introduce for first reading and read by title only ORDINANCE NO. 23-11 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING ZONE CHANGE 00870374-PZC TO AMEND CHAPTER 9-4 AND SECTION 3-37-28 OF THE IRVINE ZONING ORDINANCE TO ALLOW THE ADDITION OF 969 DWELLING UNITS TO THE PLANNING AREA DWELLING UNIT CAP FOR PLANNING AREA 4 (LOWER PETERS CANYON) WITH UP TO 1,261 DWELLING UNITS ASSIGNED TO THE 4.9 LOWER PETERS CANYON REGIONAL COMMERCIAL ZONING DISTRICT WITH A CORRESPONDING REDUCTION IN REGIONAL COMMERCIAL SQUARE FOOTAGE, AND TO ADD RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS FOR THE 4.9 LOWER PETERS CANYON REGIONAL COMMERCIAL ZONING DISTRICT; FILED BY IRVINE COMPANY

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

Introduce for first reading and read by title only ORDINANCE NO. 23-12- AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT 00900866-PDA TO ESTABLISH PUBLIC BENEFITS AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE IRVINE MARKET PLACE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT IN PLANNING AREA 4 (LOWER PETERS CANYON); FILED BY IRVINE COMPANY

4. COUNCIL BUSINESS

4.1 CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY COUNCILMEMBERS AGRAN AND CARROLL TO DISCUSS REPRESENTATION AND MEMBERSHIP IN THE ORANGE COUNTY POWER AUTHORITY

This item was agendaized at the request of Councilmembers Agran and Carroll, who expressed concerns regarding withdrawing of other members of the Orange County Power Authority (OCPA).

The following individuals spoke in support of withdrawing from OCPA:

- Alan Meyerson, Irvine resident
- Harvey Liss, Irvine resident
- Eric Neshanian, Irvine resident
- Walter Nobrega
- Dee Fox, Irvine resident
- Don Geller, Irvine resident

The following individuals spoke in opposition to withdrawing from OCPA:

- Ayn Craciun, Climate Action Campaign
- Tomas Castro, OC Climate Voter Guide
- Kevin Li, Irvine resident/Sunrise Movement Orange County
- Kyler Chin, Irvine resident/Sunrise Movement Orange County
- Max Wang, Citizens' Climate Lobby local chapter
- Wen Zeng, Irvine resident/Citizens' Climate Lobby local chapter
- Alexis Hernandez, Climate Action Campaign
- Doug Elliott, Irvine resident
- Margo Finlayson, Climate Reality OC
- Linda Kraemer, Climate Reality OC
- Kayla Asato, Orange County Environmental Justice
- Hoiyin Ip, Irvine resident
- Sudarsh
- Maryam
- Melisa Masri, Irvine resident

City Council discussion included: noting the promises made by OCPA with respect to renewable energy and cheaper prices; questioned whether the City should withdraw from OCPA; discuss progress and changes made to OCPA; inquired about whether Southern California Edison (SCE) were accepting applications for Irvine ratepayers or the City as an organization for its renewable energy program; noted the \$7.5 million loan provided to OCPA and inquired about repayment; discussed the financial impacts and unwinding of power contracts if the OCPA were dissolved; noted SCE's re-entry fee for OCPA customers to rejoin SCE; noted challenges related to recruiting other cities to join OCPA; questioned costs related to the removal of the Chief Executive Officer; inquired about why the weighted vote was removed; discussed difference in pricing between OCPA and SCE; inquired about the withdrawal process should the City choose to leave OCPA; inquired on whether the City is on the waiting list for SCE's renewable energy program; questioned the grace period for the City to join SCE's 100% renewable energy program if it was selected from the waiting list; and inquired about the withdrawal process; and discussed the potential for other member cities to withdraw.

ACTION: Moved by Councilmember Treseder, seconded by Vice Mayor Kim, to table the item.

The motion failed as follows:

AYES: 2 **COUNCILMEMBERS:** Kim and Treseder

NOES: 3 **COUNCILMEMBERS:** Agran, Carroll, and Khan

ABSENT: 0 **COUNCILMEMBERS:** None

ABSTAIN: 0 **COUNCILMEMBERS:** None

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

Provide a notice of withdrawal to Orange County Power Authority per the terms and conditions of the Joint Powers Agreement.

The motion failed as follows:

AYES: 2 **COUNCILMEMBERS:** Carroll and Agran

NOES: 3 **COUNCILMEMBERS:** Kim, Treseder, and Khan

ABSENT: 0 **COUNCILMEMBERS:** None

ABSTAIN: 0 **COUNCILMEMBERS:** None

ACTION: Moved by Councilmember Carroll, seconded by Mayor Khan, to:

Remove Vice Mayor Kim and Councilmember Treseder from serving on the Orange County Power Authority Board.

ACTION: A friendly amendment was made by Mayor Khan to:

Remove Vice Mayor Kim and Councilmember Treseder from serving on the Orange County Power Authority Board no sooner than July 1, 2023.

Following discussion, Councilmember Carroll withdrew his motion.

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

Ask the cities of Fullerton and Buena Park to take action and make arrangements to pay the City of Irvine \$2 million each to repay \$4 million of the \$7.5 million loan by the next Orange County Power Authority (OCPA) meeting, or the City of Irvine will a notice of withdrawal to OCPA and push for immediate repayment of the loan by any available means, including the sale of energy purchase contracts.

The motion failed as follows:

AYES: 2 COUNCILMEMBERS: Carroll and Agran

NOES: 3 COUNCILMEMBERS: Kim, Treseder, and Khan

ABSENT: 0 COUNCILMEMBERS: None

ABSTAIN: 0 COUNCILMEMBERS: None

ACTION: Moved by Councilmember Treseder, seconded by Vice Mayor Kim, to:

Assert that the City Council is all in and committed to remaining as members of the Orange County Power Authority (OCPA) to see it through its reform, cease the continuance of negative commentary toward the agency, continue the pursuit of adding more member cities, and demonstrate that the agency is strong and functioning.

By consensus, no action was taken.

4.2 CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY VICE MAYOR KIM TO DISCUSS THE ASSESSMENT AND FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING AN IRVINE HOUSING AUTHORITY

This item was agendized at the request of Vice Mayor Kim, who asked for City Council support to assess the feasibility of establishing an Irvine Housing Authority.

Lisa Varon, Housing Manager, responded to questions.

The following individuals spoke in support of a feasibility study exploring the establishment of an Irvine Housing Authority:

- Ayn Craciun, Climate Action Campaign
- Doug Elliott, Irvine resident
- Mary Cameron

City Council discussion included: questioning where new housing would be developed; inquired about the availability of vouchers, whether they would be guaranteed, and how many were available in Irvine and Orange County; questioned what the City could potentially do to double the number of affordable units in four to five years; suggested that staff provide a full review and analysis of what the City of Irvine has already done to date, along with a list of pros and cons; inquired about staffing and funding needs; noted affordability challenges for adult children to stay in Irvine; and inquired about the role of the Irvine Community Land Trust if a housing authority was established.

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

Direct staff to assess the feasibility of the City establishing its own housing authority and return to the City Council with a report in the fourth quarter of 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

4.3 CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY COUNCILMEMBER TRESEDER TO DISCUSS PUBLIC ACCESS TO RECORDINGS OF COMMISSION MEETINGS

This item was agendaized at the request of Councilmember Treseder, who asked for City Council consideration to discuss public access to recordings of Commission meetings.

Melissa Haley, Deputy City Manager, provided a brief presentation and responded to questions. Tom Macduff, Manager of Communications, also responded to questions.

The following individuals spoke in support of broadcasting Commission meetings on Irvine Community Television (ICTV):

- Ms. Cameron
- Branda Lin, Irvine resident
- Dee Fox, Irvine resident
- Hoyin Ip, Irvine resident
- Doug Elliott, Irvine resident

City Council discussion included: questioning whether meetings could be added to YouTube; inquired about costs related to staff time, hosting, and information technology storage and server capacity that; and expressed concern about certain Commissioners who may oppose the broadcasting of Commission meetings.

ACTION: Moved by Councilmember Tresseder, seconded by Councilmember Carroll, and unanimously carried to:

Broadcast Commission meetings on ICTV in the same manner as City Council meetings, or provide on YouTube.

4.4 CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY COUNCILMEMBER TRESSEDER TO DISCUSS REQUIRING INVOLVEMENT BY COMMISSIONS IN GREAT PARK ITEMS

This item was agendized at the request of Councilmember Tresseder, who asked for City Council consideration to require involvement by Commissions in Great Park items.

The following individuals spoke in support:

- Doug Elliott, Irvine resident
- Branda Lin, Irvine resident
- Don Geller, Irvine resident
- Ms. Cameron

Phil, Great Park resident, inquired about bylaws and potential revisions.

David Lingerfelt, member of the Great Park Task Force, spoke in support only if commission involvement was for feedback purposes only and not approvals.

City Council discussion included: noting current efforts by staff related to Commission involvement in Great Park matters; discussed whether the matter should be at the discretion of the City Manager; suggested a public meeting comprised of the Great Park Board and all Commissions twice per year; inquired about representation if the transition to districts occurred based on Great Park falling under a specific district; and discussed consolidation of the Great Park Board with the City Council.

ACTION: Moved by Councilmember Treseder, seconded by Vice Mayor Kim, to:

Encourage referral of items on the Great Park Board agenda to the relevant Commissions moving forward.

ACTION: A friendly amendment was made by Councilmember Agran, and accepted by Councilmember Treseder, and Vice Mayor Kim as the seconder, and unanimously carried to:

Encourage referral of items on the Great Park Board agenda to the relevant Commissions moving forward, either before or after the matter comes before the Great Park Board.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councilmember Treseder, seconded by Vice Mayor Kim, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting in memory of former Finance Commissioner Don Dressler at 11:35 p.m.


MAYOR OF THE CITY OF IRVINE


CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF IRVINE

June 27, 2023