



MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

December 10, 2019
City Council Chamber
One Civic Center Plaza
Irvine, CA 92606

CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Irvine City Council was called to order at 1:07 p.m. on December 10, 2019, in the City Council Chamber, Irvine Civic Center, One Civic Center Plaza, Irvine, California; Mayor Shea presiding.

ROLL CALL

Present: 5 Councilmember:	Mike Carroll
Councilmember:	Melissa Fox
Councilmember:	Farrah N. Khan
Mayor Pro Tempore:	Anthony Kuo
Mayor:	Christina Shea

1. STUDY SESSION

1.1 *SUSTAINABILITY STUDY SESSION*

Mark Steuer, Director of Public Works, and Sona Coffee, Environmental Programs Administrator, presented the staff report and responded to questions.

The following individuals spoke in support of Community Choice Energy:

Kardena Pauza, Irvine resident
Susan Sayre, Irvine resident
Hoiyin Ip

Ojal, Irvine resident
Ayn Craciun, Irvine resident
Ashley Liu, Irvine resident
Roger Gloss, Orange County for Climate Action
Selene Lawrence, Sullivan Solar Power
Michael Rotcher, Climate Realty Orange County Chapter
Patty Yoo, Irvine resident
Paul Berry, Santa Ana resident
James Ward
Marie Luebbers, Tustin resident
XJ Chen, Sunpin Solar
Kathleen Treseder, Irvine resident and Green Ribbon Environmental
Committee member
Kyler Chin, Irvine resident
Jose Castaneda, Climate Action Campaign
Nicole Capretz, Climate Action Campaign
Josh Brock, Calpine
Ginger Osborne, Citizens' Climate Lobby
Ryan Baron, Sustain SoCal / Irvine resident
Tom Osborne, Citizens Climate Lobby
William von Blasingame, Green Ribbon Environmental Committee
member
Katey Orlinsky, Citizens' Climate Lobby
Denise Erkeneff, Surfrider Foundation, OC Chapter
Annie, Bassman Blaine
Dave Min, Irvine resident
Katrina Foley, Mayor, Costa Mesa
Linda Kraemer, Costa Mesa resident
Tammy Kim, Irvine resident
Patty, Climate Reality Project
Kev Abazajian, Irvine resident

City Council discussion included: noting the importance of freedom of choice for utility services; reiterated that Irvine should lead the effort in reducing its carbon footprint, and exploring local control of utilities through Community Choice Energy (CCE); suggested seeking the interest of surrounding cities, including Tustin and Costa Mesa; discussed development of new energy programs and incentives; inquired about the need for a third party review of the CCE program; anticipated timeline for review and program implementation, and whether both could run in parallel with each other; expressed concern about the City's overall authority and associated costs of forming a CCE Joint Powers Authority (JPA); questioned why a third party expert was necessary and whether the City's existing consultant was qualified to provide an update; expressing concern over time and money already spent; inquired about selection process for third party review to avoid a

conflict of interest; and suggested that a third party review must include CCEs and JPAs across the state.

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

Direct staff to place the following item on the February 11, 2020 Agenda:

- 1) Direct staff to conduct the analysis required, and secure the interest of other Community Choice Energy (CCE) / Joint Powers Authority (JPA) partner cities in Orange County, regarding their interest in joining the City of Irvine as a Joint Powers Authority, and direct staff to return to the City Council with preliminary JPA formation documents no later than May 12, 2020, all in preparation to submit a CCE Implementation Plan to the California Public Utilities Commission by December 31, 2020.
- 2) In parallel to Action Item No. 1, direct staff to engage a third party peer review of the Community Choice Energy Feasibility Study Report findings, conclusions, and recommendations, as well as an evaluation of other CCE programs (pros, cons, and lessons learned).
- 3) Authorize the Mayor to send a letter to all cities in Orange County informing them of the action taken by the City Council to move forward with the formation of a JPA.

Additional discussion ensued including that the motion include seeking the interests of all Orange County cities.

ACTION: A friendly amendment was made by Councilmember Fox, and accepted by Councilmember Carroll as the maker of the motion and Mayor Shea as the seconder, and unanimously carried to:

Direct staff to place the following item on the February 11, 2020 Agenda:

- 1) Direct staff to conduct the analysis required, and secure the interest of other Community Choice Energy (CCE) / Joint Powers Authority (JPA) partner cities in Orange County, including but not limited to Newport Beach, Huntington Beach, Costa Mesa, and Tustin, regarding their interest in joining the City of Irvine as a Joint

Powers Authority, and direct staff to return to the City Council with preliminary JPA formation documents no later than May 12, 2020, all in preparation to submit a CCE Implementation Plan to the California Public Utilities Commission by December 31, 2020.

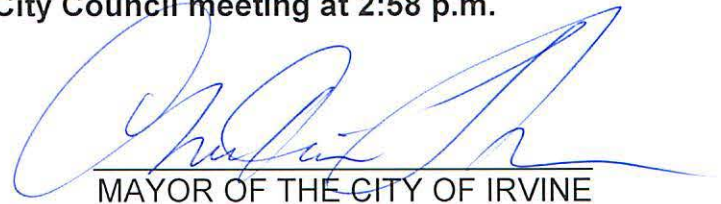
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ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councilmember Carroll, seconded by Councilmember Khan, and unanimously carried to adjourn the special City Council meeting at 2:58 p.m.



CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF IRVINE



MAYOR OF THE CITY OF IRVINE

January 28, 2020