



MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING

February 24, 2026
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 5:42 p.m. on February 24, 2026, 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

1. CLOSED SESSION

1.1 *This item was removed from the agenda originally published on February 17, 2026*

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Carroll led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

Mia Grund, Concordia University Irvine student, performed the National Anthem.

2. PRESENTATIONS

2.1 *Single-Use Plastics Reduction Survey Results*

This item was agendaized at the request of Councilmember Treseder, who requested a presentation on community feedback related to measures reducing consumption of single-use plastics.

Ryan Teney, Sustainability Policy Strategist, provided survey results and responded to questions. Joslyn Fritz, Sustainability Climate Analyst, also responded to questions; and Sandrine Cassidy, Senior Sustainability Consultant with Environmental Innovations, was also available for questions.

Jason Garshfield, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to mandates related to single-use plastics.

Eric Neshanian, Irvine resident, spoke in support of keeping waste out of the ocean and water systems in lieu of a ban, and encouraging individuals to be thoughtful in cleaning up after themselves.

(949) ***-360 spoke in opposition to the survey; questioned translation efforts and amount paid to consultants; and spoke in support of a taxpayer rebate and increased ridership in Irvine CONNECT buses.

City Council discussion included: inquiring about the estimated cost differential between plastic utensils and compostable alternatives; discussed less-expensive and viable alternatives; inquired about environmental benefits of using dishwashers in lieu of reusables and compostables; questioned potential enforcement mechanisms and procedures; discussed the potential for further exploration and development of policy recommendations; questioned related efforts of other jurisdictions; inquired about policies applicable to City Hall and the City at-large; and suggested that periodic updates be provided to the Council related to other jurisdictional efforts and what's proven to be successful.

By consensus, received and filed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS

The following individuals spoke in opposition to recent federal immigration enforcement activity and the alleged leasing of office space by associated entities in the City:

- Luke Pond, Irvine resident
- Susan Sayre, Irvine resident
- Erin Lockwood, Irvine resident and University of California, Irvine professor
- Adrienne Heckman, Irvine resident
- Julie Tapp
- Felicity
- Dr. Sheryl Long

Harold Arscott, co- founder of Orange County Food Support Coalition, expressed appreciation to the City for its support in helping to alleviate food insecurity.

Daryl Gale and Alice McNally spoke in support of the relocation of nuclear waste from the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station to a more secure location.

Alan Meyerson, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to recent conduct by Councilmember Treseder and suggested increased collaboration with City Council colleagues.

Jason Garshfield, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to the lack of action taken by the Irvine Company to address a safety issue in the driveway at Cross Creek Apartments.

Leighton Shelley spoke in opposition to the magnitude of solid waste.

Joanne Slobodien spoke in support of a ballot initiative filed with the City to protect open space, and related signature-gathering and fundraising efforts; and questioned the status of the accepted open space easement and correction of a scrivener's error in the General Plan.

Eric Neshanian, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to Councilmember Martinez Franco's actions in relation to Robert's Rules of Order; and spoke in support of dissolving the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Advisory Committee.

(949) ***-*360 spoke in support of federal immigration enforcement activity.

"DDTTIDF" spoke in opposition to genocide and training of United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement by the Israel Defense Forces.

Susan Keefe spoke in opposition to federal immigration enforcement activity and expressed concern about the leasing of office space by associated entities in the City; spoke in opposition to the large amount of disposable food ware items; and spoke in support of compliance with state laws banning the use of foam in food ware and allowing "bring your own" programs for containers for takeout and leftover food.

Mona spoke in opposition to certain conduct at a recent DEI Advisory Committee meeting and expressed concern related to the Committee's lack of action related to the advancement of diversity initiatives.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Michael Kent, Director of Public Safety/Chief of Police, noted recent Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) activity on February 18 in the 9000 block of Toledo where ICE was taking individuals into custody. Irvine Police Department (IPD) confirmed with ICE that three females had been taken into custody related to outstanding warrants. Chief Kent also noted that IPD has not been able to confirm whether ICE has leased office space in Irvine.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Liu

- Councilmember Liu wished Ramadan Mubarak to members of the community.
- The Orange County Sanitation District recently approved a flow agreement with Irvine Ranch Water District and is partnering with Orange County Waste & Recycling to explore building a centralized food-waste preprocessing facility to enhance sustainable co-digestion at local treatment plants.
- Councilmember Liu expressed appreciation to members of the public who attended the E-Bike Town Hall on February 17, and thanked Irvine Police Department Sergeant Sabino and Officer Hatfield for providing information on local ordinances. She also expressed her appreciation to Dr. Burruss from UCI Health for emphasizing proper e-bike safety procedures and the consequences of failing to adhere.
- On February 23, the City sent letters of support to Senator Tom Umberg regarding Senate Bill (SB) 490, which would enhance oversight of addiction treatment facilities, and SB 758, which would classify nitrous oxide as a Schedule I substance. These letters build on local safety memos introduced regarding sober living homes and nitrous oxide in 2025. Councilmember Liu expressed appreciation to Senator Umberg for introducing the bills and to City staff for advancing these efforts.
- Councilmember Liu spent February attending numerous Lunar New Year celebrations across the region and expressed appreciation to local organizations and nonprofits for their respective efforts.

Councilmember Martinez Franco

- Councilmember Martinez Franco's office will host a Community Town Hall on Tuesday, March 3, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the University Park Community Center to address concerns, share ideas, and identify solutions to protect and preserve University Park Library.
- In honor of Women's History Month, the City of Irvine will hold its first-ever Women's Conference on Friday, March 13, from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event will offer financial education, networking opportunities, professional development, and holistic programs to support women in the community.
- Councilmember Martinez Franco's office will partner with Tree of New America to distribute food to community members in need on Monday, March 23, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Mike Ward Community Park.
- Members of the public are invited to follow Councilmember Martinez Franco's social media and register for Citywide and Council District 5 updates.
- Councilmember Martinez Franco expressed appreciation to the Department of Public Works & Sustainability for the installation of a stop sign at the corner of San Leon and San Remo.

Mayor Agran

- Members of the public are invited to celebrate the grand opening of the Katie Wheeler Library on Saturday, March 7, from 10 a.m. to noon. Attendees can enjoy a ribbon-cutting ceremony, a barbershop quartet, and hands-on activities for all ages. Under Irvine Public Library operation, the Katie Wheeler branch will feature refreshed interiors that honor its historic legacy, as well as new programs designed to serve the community. For more information, visit irvinepubliclibrary.org/events.
- The community is invited to support the Irvine Animal Care Center (IACC) Foster Donation Drive throughout the month of March. This annual event enables IACC's foster program to care for vulnerable animals, including new puppies and kittens, and animals healing from an injury or post-surgery. Members of the public can also join the Drive-Thru Celebration event on Saturday, March 7, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the center and drop off new pet supplies. Participants will receive an exclusive IACC sticker. For more information, visit irvineanimals.org/foster.
- Two new exhibitions will open at the Irvine Fine Arts Center on Saturday, March 7. A free opening reception will take place that day from 2 to 4 p.m. *First Day of Spring is Today* is a group exhibition of contemporary works across a range of media. The second exhibition offers a look at the work of Sergio O'Cádiz Moctezuma, a prolific artist who helped shape Orange County's cultural landscape. Admission and parking are free. For more information, visit artsinirvine.org/exhibitions.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

Moved by Councilmember Martinez Franco, seconded by Councilmember Liu, and unanimously carried by those members present (Councilmember Carroll absent), to approve Consent Calendar Item Nos. 3.1 through 3.8.

3.1 MINUTES

ACTION:

Approved the minutes of a regular meeting of the City Council held on January 27, 2026.

3.2 PROCLAMATIONS

ACTION:

Ratified and Proclaimed February 17, 2026, as "Lunar New Year."

3.3 WARRANT AND WIRE TRANSFER RESOLUTION

ACTION:

Adopted RESOLUTION NO. 26-17 – 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 AWARD OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR GREAT PARK OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE FACILITY, CIP 372414

ACTION:

Awarded a construction contract in the amount of \$10,888,123 for the Great Park Operations & Maintenance Facility, CIP 372414, to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, The Nazerian Group. **(Contract No. 22587)**

(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 7-0.

3.5 AWARD OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR CULTURAL TERRACE PHASE III UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS, CIP 372505

ACTION:

Awarded a construction contract in the amount of \$7,826,083 for the Cultural Terrace Phase III Utility Improvements, CIP 372505, to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, McCarthy Building Companies, Inc. **(Contract No. 22584)**

(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 7-0.

3.6 AWARD OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR GREAT PARK FRAMEWORK PLAN BACKBONE IMPROVEMENTS, CIP 372502

ACTION:

Awarded a construction contract in the amount of \$28,323,673 for the Great Park Framework Plan Backbone Improvements, CIP 372502, to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Sukut Construction, LLC. **(Contract No. 22759)**

(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 7-0.

3.7 NOTICE OF REVIEW FOR A TRACT MAP IN GREAT PARK NEIGHBORHOODS

ACTION:

Received and filed.

3.8 COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUND GRANT NOMINATIONS

ACTION:

- 1) Approved Councilmember Liu's request for Community Partnership Fund Grant Nomination to Irvine Children's Fund in the amount of \$1,000 in support of program costs. **(Contract No. 13076)**
- 2) Authorized the City Manager to prepare and sign a funding agreement for the organization listed above.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

4.1 DESIGNATION OF THE CITY OF IRVINE COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2013-3(B) (GREAT PARK) IMPROVEMENT AREA NO. 20 AND SPECIAL ELECTION REGARDING LEVY OF A SPECIAL TAX

Mayor Agran opened the public hearing at 7:15 p.m.

Dahle Bulosan, Director of Administrative Services, presented the staff report and responded to questions. Jeff Melching, City Attorney, also responded to questions, and Anna Sarabian, representing Fieldman, Rolapp & Associates, was also available for questions.

Heidi spoke in opposition to the special election and associated process.

City Council discussion included: questioning the funding mechanism; and inquired about required procedural steps.

ACTION: Moved by Mayor Agran, seconded by Councilmember Treseder, and unanimously carried to close the public hearing at 7:29 p.m.

Following the closing of the public hearing, Mayor Agran turned to City Clerk Petersen, who explained the procedural process for consideration of the recommended actions.

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

- 1) Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 26-18 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, AS THE LEGISLATIVE BODY OF CITY OF IRVINE COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2013-3 (GREAT PARK) AND CITY OF IRVINE COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2013-3(B) (GREAT PARK), DESIGNATING IMPROVEMENT AREA NO. 20 OF CITY OF IRVINE COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2013-3(B) (GREAT PARK) AND AUTHORIZING THE LEVY OF A SPECIAL TAX WITHIN SAID IMPROVEMENT AREA
- 2) Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 26-19 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, AS THE LEGISLATIVE BODY OF CITY OF IRVINE COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2013-3(B) (GREAT PARK), DETERMINING THE NECESSITY TO INCUR BONDED INDEBTEDNESS WITHIN IMPROVEMENT AREA NO. 20 OF THE CITY OF IRVINE COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2013-3(B) (GREAT PARK) AND SUBMITTING A PROPOSITION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS THEREOF
- 3) Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 26-20 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, AS THE LEGISLATIVE BODY OF CITY OF IRVINE COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2013-3(B) (GREAT PARK), CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPROVING A SPECIAL TAX IN IMPROVEMENT AREA NO. 20 OF THE CITY OF IRVINE COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2013-3(B) (GREAT PARK), THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS BY SAID IMPROVEMENT AREA OF THE DISTRICT AND ESTABLISHMENT OF AN APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT

Following approval of Recommended Action Nos. 1 through 3, City Clerk Petersen opened the seven ballots submitted and read the election results, noting that all votes were in favor of the proposed levy of a special tax for Community Facilities District No. 2013-3(B) (Great Park) Improvement Area No. 20.

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

Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 26-21 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, AS THE LEGISLATIVE BODY OF CITY OF IRVINE COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2013-3 (GREAT PARK) AND CITY OF IRVINE COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2013-3(B) (GREAT PARK), DECLARING THE RESULTS OF A SPECIAL ELECTION HELD IN IMPROVEMENT AREA NO. 20 OF THE CITY OF IRVINE COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2013-3(B) (GREAT PARK) AND DIRECTING RECORDING OF A NOTICE OF SPECIAL TAX LIEN AND NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OF SPECIAL TAX

Following approval of the resolution declaring the results of the special election, City Clerk read the title of the associated ordinance into the record.

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

Introduce for first reading and read by title only ORDINANCE NO. 26-06 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, ACTING AS THE LEGISLATIVE BODY OF THE CITY OF IRVINE COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2013-3(B) (GREAT PARK), LEVYING SPECIAL TAXES WITHIN IMPROVEMENT AREA NO. 20 OF THE CITY OF IRVINE COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2013-3(B) (GREAT PARK)

4.2 TEFRA HEARING FOR BOND ISSUANCE BY THE CALIFORNIA ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY PRETEND CITY CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

Vice Mayor Mai opened the public hearing at 7:41 p.m.

Steve Torelli, Director of Great Park, presented the staff report and responded to questions.

Ellen Pais, Chief Executive Officer of Pretend City Children's Museum (PCCM), spoke in support of the bond issuance by the California Enterprise Development Authority for PCCM.

There was no City Council discussion.

ACTION: Moved by Councilmember Treseder, seconded by Councilmember Liu, and unanimously carried to close the public hearing at 7:43 p.m.

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

Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 26-22 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF TAX-EXEMPT AND/OR TAXABLE REVENUE OBLIGATIONS BY THE CALIFORNIA ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$25,000,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING THE COSTS OF CONSTRUCTION, DEVELOPMENT, INSTALLATION, IMPROVEMENT, EQUIPPING AND FURNISHING OF CERTAIN FACILITIES FOR THE BENEFIT OF PRETEND CITY, THE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF ORANGE COUNTY AND CERTAIN OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO

5. COUNCIL BUSINESS

Prior to consideration of Council Business Item No. 5.1, Councilmember Treseder suggested, and the City Council concurred by consensus, the reordering of the agenda to consider Council Business Item No. 5.3 prior to Council Business Item No. 5.1.

5.3 CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY MAYOR AGRAN AND COUNCILMEMBERS LIU AND MARTINEZ FRANCO TO DISCUSS AN IMMIGRATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR IRVINE RESIDENTS AND EMPLOYEES

This item was agendized at the request of Mayor Agran and Councilmembers Liu and Martinez Franco, who asked for City Council consideration to discuss an immigration assistance program for Irvine residents and employees.

Kris Erickson, Special Counsel, provided a brief overview of the proposed program and responded to questions. Jeff Melching, City Attorney, Michael Kent, Director of Public Safety/Chief of Police, and Sean Crumby, City Manager, also responded to questions; and Lylyana Bogdanovich, Deputy City Manager, was also available for questions.

The following individuals spoke in support of the proposed immigration assistance program:

- Susan Sayre, Irvine resident
- Adrienne Heckman, Irvine resident
- Mona
- Sheryl Long
- Felicity, Irvine resident
- Don Han, representing Groundswell
- Angelo Paparelli, Irvine resident
- Byron Salvatierra, Irvine resident
- Courtney Widerman, Irvine resident
- Alan Meyerson, Irvine resident
- Jay Bruce
- Faby Jacome, Orange County Justice Fund Executive Director
- Aliya Yousufi, Senior Policy and Advocacy Manager at the Council on American-Islamic Relations – Los Angeles (CAIR)
- Kayla Asato
- Mirvette Judeh
- Moer Koey, Irvine resident
- Siddharth Mehta
- Livi D., Irvine resident
- Axel
- Jackie Kan, Irvine resident
- Shams, Irvine resident

(949) ***-*360 spoke in opposition to the proposed immigration assistance program.

Karen J. spoke in support of the development of clear and transparent processes for organizations receiving referrals from the City and not duplicating resources currently available; spoke in opposition to funding CAIR or Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights (CHIRLA); and spoke in support of funding to organizations such as the Public Law Center, Legal Aid Society of Orange County, and Catholic Charities of Orange County.

Eric Neshanian, Irvine resident, noted his neutral position related to the proposed immigration assistance program and spoke in opposition to the City Council's inconsistency in addressing international affairs.

City Council discussion included: noting current federal immigration enforcement efforts and the provisions of due process; clarified the scope and goals of the proposed program; inquired about administration of the program; questioned the qualifications for beneficiaries of the proposed program; noted similar programs in other Orange County

municipalities; inquired about the role of the Irvine Police Department in a recent Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) incident and the type of business involved; questioned occupancy related to 2020 Main Street; inquired about the City’s communication, if any, with the General Services Administration; discussed ICE operations and activity in the City; clarified the definition of “targeted individuals”; inquired about the City’s jurisdiction related to immigration enforcement; questioned the ability to accept and utilize donations from third parties; inquired about the potential for the application of funding to attorney fees; questioned whether contact had been made with certain service providers; and inquired about the need for a Request for Proposal process.

ACTION: Moved by Mayor Agran, seconded by Councilmember Liu, to:

Adopt the Irvine Immigration Assistance Program for Irvine Residents and Employees — with an initial \$100,000 funding appropriation for the intake screening and immediate-term legal representation of Targeted Persons, with timely progress reports every 60 days.

Following discussion, Councilmember Go made a friendly amendment.

ACTION: A friendly amendment was made by Councilmember Go, accepted by Mayor Agran as the maker and Councilmember Liu as the seconder, to:

Adopt the Irvine Immigration Assistance Program for Irvine Residents and Employees — with an initial \$100,000 funding appropriation for the intake screening and immediate-term legal representation of Targeted Persons, with timely progress reports every 60 days, and include the ability to accept third-party donations.

The motion carried as follows:

AYES: 5 COUNCILMEMBERS: Go, Liu, Martinez Franco, Treseder, and Agran

NOES: 2 COUNCILMEMBERS: Carroll and Mai

ABSENT: 0 COUNCILMEMBERS: None

ABSTAIN: 0 COUNCILMEMBERS: None

5.1 CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY COUNCILMEMBER TRESEDER TO DISCUSS A REQUEST FOR ACTION ON CITY COUNCIL SPEAKING PROCEDURES POLICY AND 2026 APPOINTMENTS TO THE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE

This item was agendized at the request of Councilmember Treseder, who asked for City Council consideration to discuss a request for action on City Council Speaking Procedures Policy and 2026 appointments to the City Council Policies and Procedures Review Subcommittee (Subcommittee).

Jeff Melching, City Attorney, responded to questions.

Mona spoke in support of speaking protocols at events in conjunction with district representation; suggested that Councilmember Treseder work more collaboratively with her Council colleagues; and questioned the need for a subcommittee.

The following individuals spoke in support of reinstating the former Subcommittee and reviewing policies related to public participation:

- Joanne
- Wendy, Irvine resident
- Sandi L.
- Carol

Steve, Irvine resident, spoke in support of the Subcommittee.

Heidi spoke in support of reinstating the former subcommittee, including reviewing policies related to public participation; and volunteered to serve in the event the subcommittee was seeking community representation.

Alan Meyerson, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to the notion of lack of transparency and noted opportunities to participate.

“Mom the Great” spoke in support of reinstating the prior Subcommittee, comprised of membership reflecting the diversity of the entire City Council.

Eric Neshanian, Irvine resident, noted the existence of speaker rules, the Mayor’s role as presiding officer, and Councilmember Treseder’s attendance record at events.

“DDTTIDF” spoke in opposition to certain actions by Councilmember Treseder related to free speech and unnecessary bureaucracy.

City Council discussion included: providing historical background related to the prior and existing subcommittees; discussed the revival of the former Subcommittee, composition, and scope; referenced protocols for speaking at events; discussed efforts made by the current Subcommittee; and questioned whether appointments would take place following the adoption of bylaws.

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

- 1) Reinstate the City Council Policies and Procedures Review Subcommittee for 2026, pending the drafting of bylaws.
- 2) Appoint three members to the Subcommittee.

The motion carried as follows:

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

NOES: 1 COUNCILMEMBERS: Carroll

ABSENT: 0 COUNCILMEMBERS: None

ABSTAIN: 0 COUNCILMEMBERS: None

Following the vote, Vice Mayor Mai and Councilmembers Treseder, Go, and Martinez Franco, indicated their interest in serving.

Following additional discussion, Vice Mayor Mai withdrew his interest in serving for consideration.

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

Appoint Councilmembers Treseder, Go, and Martinez Franco to the City Council Policies and Procedures Review Subcommittee.

5.2 CITY COUNCIL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

This item was agendized at the request of Mayor Agran and Councilmember Carroll, who asked the City Council for consideration of their recommendations related to speaking roles at City events, ordinance related to City Council voting procedures, resolution approving updated City Council Policies and Procedures, and appoint two members of the City Council to serve on the Policies and Procedures Review Subcommittee for 2026.

Jeff Melching, City Attorney, presented a brief summary of recommendations and responded to questions. Sean Crumby, City Manager, and Carl Petersen, City Clerk, also responded to questions. Melissa Haley, Director of Communications & Engagement, and Rebecca Moss, Strategist, were also available for questions.

The following individuals spoke in opposition to the potential for increasing the Mayor's procedural authority:

- Joanne
- Sandi L.
- Carol

Wendy spoke in support of postponing a vote subject to new policies by the City Council Policies and Procedures Review Subcommittee.

Eric Neshanian, Irvine resident, spoke in support of the Mayor's role as presiding officer and in support of Commission review prior to Councilmembers agendizing items for full City Council consideration; and spoke in opposition to Councilmember Martinez Franco's time management practices.

Jay Bruce questioned the method for determining seniority for roll call voting.

Mona spoke in support of postponing the item to a future meeting at an earlier hour to encourage public participation.

"Mom the Great" spoke in support of electronic voting due to the influence of voting order on deliberation dynamics.

City Council discussion included: noting City Council memorandum processes and practices; discussed adjustments to timelines for submitting agenda memorandums for City Council consideration; expressed concern regarding the potential increase in mayoral power; inquired about seniority determinations in roll call voting order;

questioned simultaneous electronic voting as a default voting procedure; clarified the scope of the current subcommittee; discussed speaking protocols at events; and inquired about timelines for agenda posting and publication.

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

Table the item indefinitely and allow the new City Council Policies and Procedures Review Subcommittee to review existing policies and procedures. .

5.4 CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY COUNCILMEMBER MARTINEZ FRANCO TO DISCUSS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY OFFICE AT CITY HALL

This item was agendized at the request of Councilmember Martinez Franco, who asked for City Council consideration to discuss the establishment of an Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) office at City Hall.

Sean Crumby, City Manager, responded to questions. Nick Freeman, OCFA Division Chief, provided an overview of OCFA office needs and also responded to questions.

Eric Neshanian, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to providing office space for OCFA at City Hall and in support of a trade of library space.

“DDTTIDF” and Mona spoke in opposition to providing office space for OCFA at City Hall.

Jay Bruce spoke in opposition based on space limitations at City Hall; and spoke in support of additional requirements for the County in exchange for the space, including rent, extension of the Katie Wheeler or University Park Library (UPL) leases, and/or sale of the UPL property.

City Council discussion included: inquiring about whether the matter was discussed with the City Manager in advance; questioned potential assessment of the proposal, if any, by the City Manager and/or OCFA; inquired about the location of the proposed office space; questioned OCFA's office space needs and rationale for requesting office space; inquired about OCFA's existing accommodations and any rent paid to Irvine Company; questioned the advantages of office space at City Hall; inquired about available space at City Hall; noted the City's representation and financial contribution to OCFA; discussed the potential for charging rent; suggested that staff return with a proposal for consideration at a future City Council meeting; inquired about staff's

progress in assisting with space planning, if any; questioned space needs for various OCFA personnel; and inquired about the number of stations and personnel overseen by the Division Chief.

ACTION: Moved by Councilmember Martinez Franco, seconded by Councilmember Treseder, to:

Direct the City Manager and staff to designate and prepare existing office space within City Hall for the use of OCFA Division Chief Nick Freeman and supporting personnel within 30 days, and direct staff to work with Chief Freeman to finalize workspace requirements and ensure space supports OCFA's mission in Irvine.

The motion carried as follows:

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

NOES: 1 COUNCILMEMBERS: Agran

ABSENT: 0 COUNCILMEMBERS: None

ABSTAIN: 0 COUNCILMEMBERS: None

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mayor Agran, seconded by Councilmember Liu, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 12:07 a.m.


MAYOR OF THE CITY OF IRVINE


CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF IRVINE

March 24, 2026