



## MINUTES

### CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

**February 13, 2024**  
**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 4:08 p.m. on February 13, 2024, in the City Council Chamber, Irvine Civic Center, 1 Civic Center Plaza, Irvine, California; Mayor Khan presiding.

#### ROLL CALL

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

#### 1. CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Melching announced the following Closed Session items:

- 1.1 CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS (Government Code § 54956.8) - Property: 17101 Armstrong Ave., Irvine. CA 92614; Agency Negotiators: Oliver Chi, City Manager; Pete Carmichael, Assistant City Manager, Jeff Melching, City Attorney; Negotiating Parties: City of Irvine; Seller - Resources Global Professionals Property, LLC Sellers Broker - CBRE Sammy Cemo; Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment**

- 1.2 **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION: Significant Exposure to Litigation (Gov. Code Section 54956.9(d)(2) or (3)): One Case**
  
- 1.3 **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION - Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) –City of Irvine v. Orange County Transportation Authority, et al., Orange County Superior Court Case No. 30-2023-01366419-CU-WM-CXC**

There were no requests to speak.

**RECESS**

Mayor Khan recessed the City Council meeting to Closed Session at 4:13 p.m.

**RECONVENE TO THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Mayor Khan reconvened the City Council meeting at 5:57 p.m. City Attorney Melching, on behalf of the City Council, announced that no reportable action was taken in Closed Session.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Boy Scout Irvine Troops 606 and 616 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**INVOCATION**

Senior Pastor Jason Aguilar from Arise Church provided the invocation.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Mayor Khan asked for a moment of silence in memory of Redondo Beach Mayor Bill Brand, who passed away on February 9.

**2. PRESENTATIONS**

**2.1 Proclaim February 8, 2024, as "National Boy Scout Day"**

Mayor Khan introduced members from Irvine Boy Scout Troops 606 and 616, and presented a proclamation recognizing February 8, 2024, as "National Boy Scout Day."

**2.2 Update on the Status of the Street Terrapin in Great Park Neighborhoods**

This item was agendaized at the request of Councilmember Carroll, who requested information related to developer background, resident concerns, and the planned closure of the street Terrapin in Great Park Neighborhoods.

Oliver Chi, City Manager, provided a brief update regarding the status of Terrapin.

The following individuals spoke in support of keeping Terrapin open:

- David Lingerfelt, Irvine resident
- Phil, Irvine resident
- Parrisa, Irvine resident
- Charles Wang, Irvine resident

Jeremy Ficarola, Irvine resident and Cypress Village Homeowners Association (HOA) President, and Doug Elliott, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to town hall meetings related to City issues being closed to the public.

Branda, Irvine resident, spoke in support of community meetings being open to the public, and in opposition to the HOA meeting related to Terrapin being advertised on a City-created flyer.

City Council discussion included: expressing appreciation to staff for engaging the community and working with FivePoint to keep Terrapin open; and suggested that concerns regarding Commissioner access to community meetings be directed to the City Manager.

**By consensus**, received and filed.

**2.3 Public Safety Hate Crimes/Incidents Overview**

Michael Kent, Director of Public Safety/Chief of Police, provided an overview of hate crimes and incidents in the City.

Gali H., Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to recent divisiveness in the City, and in support of making the City safer.

Eugene Gordin spoke in opposition to the divisiveness caused by members of the public at recent City Council meetings, and in support of focusing on local issues.

Carol Lean spoke in opposition to Vice Mayor Agran's comments related to free speech and hate speech.

Teyebah Malakoutian spoke in support of a resolution calling for a permanent cease fire in Gaza, and noted recent hate speech against her daughter at the University of California, Irvine (UCI).

Janine B. expressed her appreciation to the Irvine Police Department, and spoke in opposition to antisemitism.

Mona Yashruti spoke in opposition to recent comments made by Councilmember Treseder, and in opposition to comparing xenophobia and Islamophobia with terrorism.

Wessal Khader, Irvine resident, spoke in support of a resolution calling for a permanent cease fire in Gaza, suggested the need for annual hate crime and incident comparison data in the presentation, and in opposition to increased hate in the community.

Lulu Hammad spoke in opposition to the lack of action by the City Council that could lead to injury or death.

Vince spoke in opposition to hate incidents, crimes, and speech at pro-Palestine demonstrations.

Amal, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to harassment by another meeting attendee and recent comments made by Councilmember Kim.

City Council discussion included: expressing appreciation for the work of the Irvine Police Department; noted the recent increase in hate crimes and incidents, death threats, and intimidation in the community related to the conflict in the Middle East; reiterated the importance of tolerance and diversity; expressed opposition to hate and hate speech; suggested that the presentation be made available in print format; noted the importance of preserving free speech rights, safety, and decorum; and inquired about the placement of this item on the agenda.

**By consensus**, deferred all remaining public comments on this item to the end of the meeting agenda.

## **RECESS**

Mayor Khan recessed the City Council meeting at 7:28 p.m.

## **RECONVENE THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Mayor Khan reconvened the City Council meeting at 7:50 p.m. and provided additional information to members of the public on how the remainder of the meeting would be conducted.

City Attorney Melching also noted that the City Manager's Report, Announcements/Committee Reports/Council Reports, and Additions and Deletions would be considered prior to the Consent Calendar, Public Hearings, and Council Business items; and that public comments on non-agendized items, as well as the balance of public comments for Presentation Item No. 2.3, would be deferred to the end of the agenda following Council Business items.

## **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

City Manager Chi announced that CalVet recently published its feasibility studies related to the Gypsum Canyon Veterans Cemetery, and that staff was conducting a review of the feasibility documents.

City Attorney Melching provided a brief synopsis of two ethics complaints recently filed regarding the conducting and managing of the January 9 and 23 City Council meetings; and provided an overview of the investigative process. He then noted findings of no wrongdoing and the basis for those findings.

City Council discussion included: questioning the protocol for addressing ethics complaints; inquired about whether any member of the City Council suggested presenting findings of the ethics complaint at the City Council meeting; and inquired about the announcement related to the Veterans Cemetery.

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

### Mayor Khan

- Mayor Khan, on behalf of the Transportation Corridor Agencies (TCA), encouraged toll road users to download the Toll Roads app, which allows users to pay a toll, sign up for an account, manage an existing account, request a transponder, and add/delete vehicles from an account. She also announced that the TCA Board has continued to focus on the refunding of bonds, early bond paydowns, and open market bond buybacks, which, since 2019, have reduced debt service by \$1.39 billion. In January 2024, the TCA Board approved early paydown of \$60 million in 2013 senior lien bonds that reduced future interest payments by \$54 million.

- On February 6, Mayor Khan hosted a virtual Wildfire Insurance Town Hall with California Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara, which attracted 144 attendees. The webinar provided support to communities affected by wildfires and context for the ongoing California Homeowners Insurance crisis. Chief of Police Michael Kent and Orange County Fire Authority Chief Nick Freeman also presented on key community issues. A video of the town hall is available on Facebook.
- On Friday, February 23, at 9 a.m., Mayor Khan and Brian Anderson, Executive Vice President of *ERTC.com*, will co-host a webinar focused on the Employee Retention Tax Credit (ERTC) for business owners, nonprofit organizations, and startup companies. Local business and organization leaders, including Paycheck Protection Program recipients, will be provided information on the ERTC to unlock up to \$26,000 per eligible W-2 employee.
- Members of the public are invited to visit Great Park on Saturday, February 17, from 1 to 3 p.m. for live jazz music. The event is the first of three jazz performances in support of the art exhibition now on display at the Great Park Gallery. Inspired by a diverse range of composers and musicians, Jazz in the Palm Court echoes the cultural diversity represented in the art exhibition "Natural Language: Contemporary Book Art." In addition, Jazz in the Palm Court will take place from 1 to 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 9, and Saturday, April 20. Attendees are encouraged to bring folding chairs and blankets for seating around the Gallery and Palm Court. No advance registration is needed, and the events and parking are free. For more information, visit [yourgreatpark.org/arts](http://yourgreatpark.org/arts).
- Vote-by-mail ballots have been mailed out for the upcoming Special Municipal Election on Tuesday, March 5. Ballots can be cast at a Vote Center, ballot drop box, or by mail. Three Vote Centers will open in Irvine on Saturday, February 24, at: Irvine City Hall, which will also have a drive-thru ballot drop-off option; Los Olivos Community Center; and Portola Springs Community Center. Twelve additional Vote Centers will open on Saturday, March 2. In lieu of voting in person, voters can drop off their completed ballots at a secured ballot drop box in Orange County, with ten locations in Irvine, or any U.S. mailbox. Members of the public who have not registered to vote can do so by February 20 at [RegisterToVote.ca.gov](http://RegisterToVote.ca.gov). For information on Measure D, Irvine's local ballot measure, Vote Center locations, and additional resources, visit [cityofirvine.org/election](http://cityofirvine.org/election).
- Members of the public are invited to the annual State of the City address on Tuesday, March 19, which will be held at the Irvine Barclay Theatre and include performances by local organizations. A public reception will begin at 5 p.m. and the address will start at 6 p.m. Mayor Khan will share accomplishments of the past year, plans for 2024, and celebrate the community. For more information, visit [cityofirvine.org/stateofthecity2024](http://cityofirvine.org/stateofthecity2024).

- Community members are invited to join the Orange County Transportation Authority at Irvine Station on Saturday, February 17, for a Lunar New Year celebration. The event will begin at 8 a.m. with a lion dance, free refreshments, and opportunities to win prizes. The first 100 people will receive free round-trip tickets to Los Angeles for the Golden Dragon Parade, which will begin at 1 p.m. that day in Chinatown. Children 17 and under always ride free, and students ride free with a Student Adventure Pass. For information, visit [octa.net/lunar](http://octa.net/lunar).

#### Councilmember Kim

- Last week, Councilmember Kim sent a letter to Assemblywoman Sharon Quirk-Silva, Orange County Board of Supervisors Chair Don Wagner, and the California Department of Veterans Affairs expressing appreciation for their dedication to the successful completion of the feasibility study for the Gypsum Canyon Veterans Cemetery project, which found no development obstacles. Confirmation of the feasibility of the Gypsum Canyon site was made possible through the work of bipartisan and community-powered coalitions. Collaboration across all levels of government will ensure project success as the County finalizes submittals to the City of Anaheim for site improvements and infrastructure. As of October 2021, all 34 Orange County cities and the County itself adopted resolutions designating Gypsum Canyon as the home of the Orange County Veterans Cemetery, which is also supported by a coalition of over 150 veterans' organizations.
- Recently, residents in Woodbury Village shared traffic safety concerns about the intersection of Great Lawn and Hallmark, to which Councilmember Kim requested that staff assess the intersection and proposed the installation of stop signs at all four corners. Additional discussion and an update from staff will be provided at the next City Council meeting.
- Orange County Fire Authority will be hosting its annual Open House event on March 16, 2024. For information, visit [ocfa.org](http://ocfa.org).

#### Councilmember Treseder

- Councilmember Treseder provided the following updates related to the Orange County Power Authority (OCPA):
  - At its last meeting, the OCPA Board of Directors unanimously voted to reduce its generation rates and increase the amount of renewable energy offered beginning in February 2024.
  - OCPA offers three power tiers and is increasing the amount of renewable energy offered in its mixes, one of which consists of 100% renewable energy. The percentage of renewable energy will increase from 38.5% to 44% for the lowest tier and from 69% to 72% for the middle tier.

- The cost for the lowest tier, previously fixed at 2% below Southern California Edison's (SCE) generation rate, will change to 3% below SCE's generation rate starting now, and the expectation is that it will be further reduced to 4% in October 2024 if SCE maintains their current charges. The mid-tier cost will also decrease as it is fixed at one cent per kilowatt hour over the lower-tier cost. The cost for the 100% renewable energy tier will also decrease.

### **ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS**

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

### **3. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Prior to approval of the Consent Calendar, the following individuals spoke on Item No. 3.2:

- Linda Goldfinger spoke in support of the Black History Month proclamation, and in opposition to hate.
- Idf Genocide spoke in support of the Black History Month proclamation and recognizing atrocities against African Americans and in Gaza.
- Pali Girl spoke in opposition to people using Black History Month to push an anti-cease fire agenda.
- Rola Murtada noted that oppressed people would continue efforts to attain freedom.

**Moved by Vice Mayor Agran, seconded by Councilmember Treseder, and unanimously carried to approve City Council Consent Calendar Item Nos. 3.1 through 3.3, 3.5, and 3.6. Consent Calendar Item Nos. 3.4 and 3.7 were removed for separate discussion.**

#### **3.1 MINUTES**

**ACTION:**

Approved the minutes of a regular meeting of the City Council held on January 9, 2024.

#### **3.2 PROCLAMATIONS**

**ACTION:**

- 1) Proclaimed February 2024, as "Black History Month."
- 2) Proclaimed February 2024, as "Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month."
- 3) Proclaimed February 8, 2024, as "National Boy Scout Day."
- 4) Ratified and Proclaimed January 14 - 26, 2024, as "Health For Humanity Yogathon - Surya Namaskar Awareness."

**3.3 WARRANT AND WIRE TRANSFER RESOLUTION**

**ACTION:**

Adopted RESOLUTION NO. 24-06 - 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 ACCEPTANCE OF TOBACCO GRANT PROGRAM (DOJ-PROP56-2023-24-1) GRANT FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2023-24 THROUGH FY 2025-26**

This item was removed for separate discussion at the request of Vice Mayor Agran, who questioned whether the City of Irvine conducted a study separate from the United States Food and Drug Administration regarding underage vaping, e-cigarette, and tobacco use.

Mat Aragon, Police Officer, responded to questions. Tim Petropulos, Police Sergeant, was also available for questions.

City Council discussion included: questioning whether the national survey applied to Irvine; inquired about how Irvine's numbers were better than the national average; and noted Irvine's low rate of juvenile delinquency.

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

- 1) Accept a Tobacco Grant Program (DOJ-PROP56-2023-24-1) FY 2023-24 through FY 2025-26 award in the amount of \$519,993.
- 2) Authorize the Chief of Police to approve and execute, and the City Clerk to attest to a grant agreement associated with the Tobacco Grant Program (DOJ-PROP56-2023-24-1) FY 2023-24 through FY 2025-26 between the California Department of Justice and the City of Irvine. **(Contract No. 11755)**
- 3) Approve a budget adjustment request in the amount of \$519,993, reflecting an increase in revenues and appropriations.

**3.5 GRANT APPLICATION FOR COMMUNITY-BASED TRANSIT CIRCULATORS**

**ACTION:**

Adopted RESOLUTION NO. 24-07 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE SUBMITTAL OF CITY OF IRVINE SPECIAL EVENTS CIRCULATOR APPLICATION TO THE ORANGE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY FOR FUNDING UNDER THE PROJECT V COMMUNITY-BASED TRANSIT/CIRCULATORS PROGRAM

**3.6 RESOLUTION OF INTENTION TO ANNEX TERRITORY INTO IMPROVEMENT AREA NO. 8 OF THE CITY OF IRVINE COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2013-3 (GREAT PARK)**

**ACTION:**

Adopted RESOLUTION NO. 24-08 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO ANNEX TERRITORY TO IMPROVEMENT AREA NO. 8 OF THE CITY OF IRVINE COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2013-3 (GREAT PARK)

**3.7 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM UPDATE**

This item was removed for separate discussion at the request of Mayor Khan, who requested additional information related to the City's Capital Improvement Program.

Lincoln Lo, Deputy Director of Project Delivery & Sustainability/City Engineer, responded to questions. Julia Brucelas, Project Delivery & Sustainability Administrator, was also available for questions.

City Council discussion included: inquiring about current and past funding related to the Heritage Park buildout.

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

Approve budget adjustments for Fiscal Year 2023-24 for various projects.

**4. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**4.1 CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE GRANTING AN EXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE TO WASTE MANAGEMENT COLLECTION AND RECYCLING, INC. DBA WASTE MANAGEMENT OF ORANGE COUNTY FOR SOLID WASTE HANDLING SERVICES TO RESIDENTIAL AND VILLAGE COMMERCIAL PREMISES**

Mayor Khan opened the public hearing at 8:38 p.m.

Sean Crumby, Director of Project Delivery & Sustainability, presented the staff report and responded to questions. Ryan Tenney, Senior Management Analyst, was also available for questions. Sandra Pursley, representing Waste Management, also responded to questions.

Jason Garshfield, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to Waste Management's trash pickup on Saturdays at 8 a.m.

Muyisa Kasomo, on behalf of Waste Management in Irvine, spoke in support of the item.

Judy spoke in opposition to the proposed price increase for trash collection and the design of the compost container, and in support of using the City's size as negotiating leverage for pricing.

Tiffany I., Irvine resident, spoke in support of maintaining accessibility when considering environmental programs.

Amy spoke in opposition to the proposed increase in trash collection rates and the size of her trash bin.

(714)\*\*\*-430 spoke in opposition to application of laws in a discriminatory fashion.

City Council discussion included: clarifying the City's requirement to follow state mandates; noted the lifting of the compostable bag ban; inquired about the rationale for Irvine's position among the lowest trash rates in the county; requested a list of trash rates and services received by other cities in the county; questioned whether the agreement and adherence to state trash mandates was applicable to UCI; inquired about providers, rates, and services provided at other areas of UCI and University Hills; inquired about the differences between the exclusive and non-exclusive franchise agreements; questioned whether the City was Waste Management's largest Orange County customer; questioned whether another solid waste company could be chosen if trash rates are found to be lower in other cities; inquired about the applicability of the

“most favored nation” clause to the City; noted the importance of public outreach regarding rate increases and services provided; expressed concern about affordability for some customers; inquired about the timetable for implementation of the proposed agreement and potential impacts if the item was continued; and requested assurance that there would be no discrimination toward the disabled.

**ACTION: Moved by Councilmember Carroll, seconded by Mayor Khan, and unanimously carried to close the public hearing at 9:16 p.m.**

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

Continue the item to the City Council meeting of February 27, 2024, or until such time that a most favored nation clause is agreed upon between the City of Irvine and Waste Management.

**ACTION\*: A substitute motion was made by Vice Mayor Agran, seconded by Councilmember Kim, to:**

Introduce for first reading and read by title only ORDINANCE NO. 24-02 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, GRANTING AN EXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE FOR SOLID WASTE HANDLING SERVICES AT RESIDENTIAL AND VILLAGE COMMERCIAL PREMISES TO WASTE MANAGEMENT COLLECTION & RECYCLING, INC., A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION, DBA WASTE MANAGEMENT OF ORANGE COUNTY

**The motion carried as follows:**

AYES: 3 COUNCILMEMBERS: Agran, Kim, and Treseder

NOES: 2 COUNCILMEMBERS: Carroll and Khan

ABSENT: 0 COUNCILMEMBERS: None

ABSTAIN: 0 COUNCILMEMBERS: None

\* The substitute motion carried and takes precedence over the main motion; therefore, a vote was not taken on the main motion.

**4.2 CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE GRANTING NON-EXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE AGREEMENTS FOR COMMERCIAL WASTE COLLECTION AND RECYCLING SERVICES**

Mayor Khan opened the public hearing at 9:33 p.m.

Sean Crumby, Director of Project Delivery & Sustainability, presented the staff report and responded to questions. Ryan Tenney, Senior Management Analyst, was also available for questions.

There were no requests to speak.

There was no City Council discussion.

**ACTION: Moved by Councilmember Kim, seconded by Mayor Khan, and unanimously carried to close the public hearing at 9:38 p.m.**

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

Introduce for first reading and read by title only ORDINANCE NO. 24-03 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, GRANTING A NON-EXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT FOR SOLID WASTE HANDLING SERVICES

**5. COUNCIL BUSINESS**

**5.1 CIVIC CENTER SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC AND ENERGY STORAGE**

Dahle Bulosan, Director of Administrative Services, and Selene Lawrence, Energy & Outreach Administrator, presented the staff report and responded to questions. Sean Crumby, Director of Project Delivery & Sustainability, also responded to questions.

Melinda Liu, Irvine resident, spoke in support of solar photovoltaic and energy storage at the Civic Center.

City Council discussion included: inquiring about provisions of the Community Workforce Agreement; inquired about staff's contact with International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers' (IBEW), as well as its involvement and receptiveness to the project; inquired about the timeline for commencement and completion of the project, as well as associated landscaping plans; inquired about plans for white paint; and inquired about the use of white paint and how well it has worked in other cities.

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

Direct the City Manager to prepare and execute a Power Purchase Agreement with TotalEnergies for a solar photovoltaic and battery energy storage microgrid at Irvine Civic Center. **(Contract No. 11756)**

**5.2 CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY COUNCILMEMBER TRESEDER TO DISCUSS IRVINE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL EXPANSION AND UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL BUS FRAMEWORK**

This item was agendaized at the request of Councilmember Treseder, who asked for City Council consideration regarding expansion of the Irvine Safe Routes to School program and the University High School bus framework.

Oliver Chi, City Manager, responded to questions.

The following individuals spoke in support of expanding the program and the bus framework:

- Ghassan Saleh, Irvine resident
- Meg Buchen
- Ayn Craciun, Irvine resident and Sustainability Commissioner
- Katherine Santoso, Irvine resident
- Mahsheed Hosseini, Irvine resident
- Matt Kramer
- Christine Byrd
- David Chandler, Irvine resident
- Amol Topkar
- Jaynita Sodhi, Irvine resident
- Aseet Patel
- Regina Tao

City Council discussion included: noting congestion resulting from private school transportation; suggested that the study address who would administer the bus program and its sustainability; inquired about ridership data; suggested collaboration with Irvine Unified School District (IUSD); requested clarification on funding studies; noted that busses in the pilot program had quickly reached capacity with no waitlist movement; questioned who would participate in discussions with IUSD; noted the number of empty bus seats in the morning and suggested the potential of filling those seats; suggested that a study be completed by summer in time for the ensuing school year; recommended that Tustin Unified School District be involved as well; inquired about Measure B

funding from the City to IUSD, and whether such funding included bus transportation; and noted that IUSD had already conducted certain studies related to the matter.

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

- 1) Establish a subcommittee consisting of two City Councilmembers to conduct outreach with Irvine Unified School District (IUSD) to discuss bus transportation and safety around their schools.
- 2) Direct staff to conduct a study of allocating general funds to IUSD and potentially Tustin Unified School District to expand bussing programs.
- 3) Review Irvine intersections and collision data used for pedestrian and bike access to all schools within Irvine to identify and prioritize intersections where we need to improve safety.
- 4) Direct staff to conduct research and outreach with IUSD parents and students to inform an evaluation of the University High School pilot program.
- 5) Develop recommendations and cost protections to improve and expand the program to better meet the needs of families.
- 6) Conduct outreach with school districts zoned to serve Irvine residents including IUSD, Santa Ana, Tustin, and Saddleback Unified School Districts regarding school transportation needs.
- 7) Direct staff to report back to the City Council at a future meeting.

**ACTION:** A substitute motion was made by Councilmember Carroll, seconded by Mayor Khan, to:

- 1) Direct the City Manager to work with a two-member City Council Subcommittee and others who he deems appropriate to engage and collaborate with IUSD Board Members, including Boardmember Cyril Yu, and the IUSD Superintendent regarding school bussing and related funding, and collaborate with IUSD on transportation and other related studies, as well as associated costs, based on the successful implementation of the pilot program.
- 2) Direct the City Manager and the IUSD Liaison and Coordinating Committee to provide a report to the City Council at the next City Council meeting.

**ACTION\*: A friendly amendment to the substitute motion was made by Vice Mayor Agran, accepted by Councilmember Carroll as the maker and Mayor Khan as the seconder, and unanimously carried to:**

- 1) Direct the City Manager to work with the IUSD Liaison and Coordinating Committee, and others who he deems appropriate, to engage and collaborate with IUSD Board Members, including Boardmember Cyril Yu who represents the University High School area, and the IUSD Superintendent regarding school bussing opportunities and associated funding; and collaborate with IUSD on existing and potential transportation studies, as well as related costs for these studies, based on the successful implementation of the pilot program.
- 2) Direct the City Manager and the IUSD Liaison and Coordinating Committee to provide a report to the City Council at the March 12, 2024, City Council meeting.

\* The friendly amendment to the substitute motion carried and takes precedence over the main and substitute motions; therefore, a vote was not taken on the main and substitute motions.

**5.3 CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY COUNCILMEMBER KIM TO DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE ROAD CONSTRUCTION COMMUNICATION PROTOCOL TO EASE TRAFFIC CONGESTION**

This item was agendized at the request of Councilmember Kim, who asked for City Council consideration regarding the development of a comprehensive road construction communication protocol to ease traffic congestion.

Melissa Haley, Director of Communications & Engagement, and Sean Crumby, Director of Project Delivery & Sustainability, provided a brief overview of the City's comprehensive road construction communication protocols.

Doug Elliott, Irvine resident, spoke in support of improved communication to the public regarding construction projects.

Christopher Wong expressed concern about confusion from striping and K-Rails in the Jamboree construction zone and spoke in support of increased lighting at that location.

City Council discussion included: expressing appreciation to staff for outreach efforts related to construction in the City; inquired about ways to improve communication and reporting of traffic conditions; and suggested increased coordination between the City and other agencies regarding construction notifications.

At 11:03 p.m. following Council Business Item No. 5.3, the City Council discussed which items to consider prior to 12 midnight, and which items to defer to the February 27, 2024, City Council meeting.

**ACTION: By consensus of the City Council:**

- 1) Continued Council Business Item Nos. 5.4, 5.5, and 5.6 to the February 27, 2024, City Council meeting.
- 2) Resumed consideration of public comments on non-agendized items following Council Business Item No. 5.3.
- 3) Approved an adjournment time of 12 midnight.

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

Direct staff to implement a policy that there be signage at least seven (7) days prior to a construction project in the impacted areas.

At 11:15 p.m., City Attorney Melching suggested that the City Council also continue the balance of Presentation Item No. 2.3.

**ACTION: By consensus of the City Council:**

Continued the balance of Presentation Item No. 2.3.

Councilmember Treseder left the meeting at 11:15 p.m.

**5.4 CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY VICE MAYOR AGRAN TO DEDICATE THE SYCAMORE GROVE AT BOMMER CANYON PRESERVE IN MEMORY OF MARY ANN GAIDO**

This item was continued to the February 27, 2024, City Council meeting.

**5.5 CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY COUNCILMEMBER CARROLL TO DISCUSS THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW SOUTHERN OPEN SPACE TRAIL SYSTEM**

This item was continued to the February 27, 2024, City Council meeting.

**5.6 CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY COUNCILMEMBER TRESEDER TO DISCUSS THE INITIATION OF A STUDY ASSESSING EXPANDED TRANSIT OPTIONS IN IRVINE**

This item was continued to the February 27, 2024, City Council meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS - NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS (CONTINUED)**

Muath Ismail spoke in opposition to the United States providing military aid in the Middle East.

The following individuals spoke in support of a resolution calling for a permanent cease fire in Gaza:

- Nasim S.
- Amal
- Oz
- Mona Yashruti
- Sanghyuk Shin, Irvine resident and Associate Professor at UCI School of Nursing
- Michelle Kim Gardner, Irvine resident and member of UAW Local 2865 at UCI
- Mark Gradoni, Teaching Assistant at UCI and UAW Local 2865 representative
- Lulu
- Jihad Palestine aka Aya
- Mia Villegas, UCI graduate student
- Sadik, IUSD student
- Teyebeh Malakoutian

The following individuals spoke in opposition to a resolution calling for a permanent cease fire in Gaza:

- Darron L.
- Julie M.
- Robin G.
- Judy Y.
- Julia G.
- Inna A.
- Pavel Bondarchuk, Irvine resident
- Tina Perebikovsky
- Jason Garshfield
- Monica L.

Karen J. spoke in opposition to antisemitism, meeting protocols, and application of the video policy.

Dan K. spoke in opposition to hate and division in the community and encouraged the City Council to find ways to bring the community together.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by Councilmember Kim, seconded by Mayor Khan, and unanimously carried by those members present (Councilmember Treseder absent), to adjourn the City Council meeting at 12:02 a.m.**



CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF IRVINE

  
MAYOR OF THE CITY OF IRVINE

March 12, 2024