



**MINUTES**

**CITY COUNCIL**  
**ADJOURNED REGULAR**  
**MEETING**

**January 13, 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 5:25 p.m. on January 13, 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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Vice Mayor Mai led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**INVOCATION**

Reverend Thomas Chesley from A Touch of Love Works provided the invocation.

**1. PRESENTATIONS**

Prior to Mayor Agran presenting the proclamations, Jason Garshfield, Irvine resident, spoke in support of the proclamation recognizing January 19, 2026, as "Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day."

**ACTION: Moved by Mayor Agran, seconded by Councilmember Liu, and unanimously carried by those members present (Councilmember Go absent), to proclaim January 13, 2026, as "Korean American Day" and January 19, 2026, as "Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day."**

**1.1 Proclaim January 13, 2026, as "Korean American Day"**

Mayor Agran introduced former Mayor Sukhee Kang, and representatives from several Korean American organizations, and presented a proclamation recognizing January 13, 2026, as "Korean American Day."

**1.2 Proclaim January 19, 2026, as "Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day"**

Mayor Agran introduced representatives from several organizations, and presented a proclamation recognizing January 19, 2026, as "Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day."

**1.3 Irvine Barclay Theatre**

Mayor Agran introduced Dr. Craig Springer, President of Irvine Barclay Theatre (Barclay), who provided a brief overview of the Barclay's mission and programs through its partnership with the City of Irvine.

Doug Elliott, Irvine resident and Community & Library Services Commissioner, spoke in support of the Barclay's programming and future initiatives.

City Council discussion included: noting the Barclay's existing facilities, future plans, pricing structure, and marketing efforts; and expressed appreciation for the Barclay's programming and cultural impacts.

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

Receive and file the annual report.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS - NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS**

Susan Sayre, Irvine resident, spoke in support of increasing public transportation routes, expanding service hours, and improving public transportation infrastructure.

Ali Banava, Irvine resident and President of the Irvine Professional Employees Association, spoke in opposition to the current regime in Iran and its treatment of its citizens.

Alan Meyerson, Irvine resident, spoke in support of values espoused by the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and the display of truthfulness, honesty, and integrity by elected officials.

Kaitlyn Everitt, Vice President of the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation's Take Steps Youth Leadership Committee, spoke in support of a proclamation recognizing May 19 as World Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD) Day.

Rima Nashashibi, Founder and President of Global Hope 365, expressed appreciation to the City for its recognition of her organization's efforts to combat human trafficking.

Jason Garshfield, Irvine resident, spoke in support of a paramedic subscription program.

Christina Young spoke in opposition to bullying and in support of the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program.

Joanne Slobodien spoke in support of either amending the recent Oak Creek offer of easement to provide open space protection or accepting the offer if not amended for an easement to exist.

Eileen McCarthy spoke in support of amending the Oak Creek easement offer to provide permanent open space protection and then accepting the offer.

The following individuals spoke in opposition to a recent Orange County Power Authority rate increase:

- Vicki Johnson
- Mike Rough, Laguna Woods resident
- Michelle Johnson, Irvine resident

Steve Berger and Harvey Liss, Irvine residents, spoke in support of City Council leadership to address the issue of spent nuclear fuel at the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (SONGS).

Eric Neshanian, Irvine resident, spoke in support of compliance oversight related to the Irvine Recovery Plan Grant Program.

"IR" presented a video noting similarities between Korean and Palestinian history.

## **CITY MANAGERS REPORT**

City Manager Crumby provided an update regarding the Lunar New Year event scheduled for Saturday, February 7, 2026, at the Great Park.

Luis Estevez, Director of Public Works & Sustainability, reported that the Sweet Shade Universal Playground won the “Best Project of the Year” award from the American Public Works Association.

Michael Kent, Director of Public Safety/Chief of Police, noted that there had been no recent immigration enforcement activity in the City since his prior update, and that staff continued to monitor events in other parts of the country.

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

### Councilmember Liu

- On January 8, Councilmember Liu delivered her first annual State of District 1, which showcased the actions and accomplishments by her office over the last year.
- On January 12, Councilmember Liu’s office hosted its second blood drive in collaboration with the American Red Cross at Harvard Community Center.
- Councilmember Liu noted a power outage that occurred on December 20 during an older adults event at Lakeview Senior Center and the lack of available generators and collaboration with City staff to ensure backup generator availability at community centers; and expressed her appreciation to City Manager, Public Works & Sustainability, and Community & Library Services staff for their quick response.
- Councilmember Liu’s office’s 2025 Annual Report contains information regarding her team’s work. For more information, visit [melindaliuirvine.com](http://melindaliuirvine.com).
- Councilmember Liu spoke in opposition to hate and in support of safety for everyone.
- Councilmember Liu noted the availability of her office staff to assist members of the community.

### Councilmember Martinez Franco

- Councilmember Martinez Franco spoke in opposition to violence in recent federal immigration enforcement actions.

- Councilmember Martinez Franco's office joined Vice Mayor Mai and other community leaders in late December to deliver hundreds of jackets and sweaters to Irvine farm workers and noted collection efforts by Mayor Agran.
- Councilmember Martinez Franco noted a recent interview with Spectrum News about Teen Dating Violence in which she shared her story as a domestic violence survivor; and her efforts to continue this work at the City's first-ever Women's Convention in March 2026, which will provide resources, conversation, and support to help women feel informed, safe, and empowered.
- Councilmember Martinez Franco recently met Acting Fire Chief TJ McGovern of the Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) and noted his extensive experience.
- As a Member of the OCFA Board of Directors, Councilmember Martinez Franco attended the Canine Timber press conference, which recognized OCFA's new accelerant detection canine, one of only four of its kind in the state.

#### Councilmember Go

- Over the holiday break, several Councilmember offices participated in the *Run for a Claus 5K* at the Great Park, from which proceeds benefited South County Outreach, the American Cancer Society, and other charities.
- Councilmember Go encouraged members of the community to register for the following upcoming races at the Great Park:
  - 4th Annual Anaheim Ducks Foundation 5K on February 8 to benefit the Anaheim Ducks' Foundation
  - Irvine Dream Run on May 9 to benefit the Sunstone Community Fund.

#### Vice Mayor Mai

- Vice Mayor Mai will host a Youth Leadership Conference and Policy Brief Competition on January 24 in the City Council Chamber, an event designed to encourage critical thinking and independent thought among youth. Winners will be officially recognized and have the opportunity to help shape legislation in Irvine.

#### Mayor Agran

- Members of the public are invited to the following free art exhibitions and activities:
  - An opening reception for the new Art at City Hall exhibition, *Hope Center for the Arts: Be Seen*, which will take place on Thursday, January 15, from 2 to 4 p.m. and feature a performance by the Hi Hopes Band, an ensemble of musicians from the HOPE community — empowering adults with disabilities through the arts.

- The Great Park Gallery will debut a new layout designed to highlight three distinct solo shows for the first time, which will showcase a range of painting practices that span embroidery, abstraction, and comic strip storytelling. The opening reception for the Great Park Gallery exhibitions is Sunday, January 25, from 1 to 3 p.m. Attendees will be able to enjoy a free art activity at the Great Park Studio and live music during Jazz in the Palm Court.

Admission and parking for all events is free. For more information, visit [artsinirvine.org](http://artsinirvine.org).

- The City of Irvine, in partnership with Orange County United Way, is offering free tax preparation services from February 3 through April 7 at Harvard Community Center. Taxpayers who live, work, or attend school in Irvine and earned less than \$69,000 in 2025 are eligible to receive help filing their taxes from IRS-trained and certified volunteers. Additional assistance is available in applying for tax credits, including the state and federal Earned Income Tax Credits. To schedule an appointment, call 211. Online appointment scheduling will be available at [ocfreetaxprep.com](http://ocfreetaxprep.com) beginning in late January. For more information, visit [cityofirvine.org/freetaxfiling](http://cityofirvine.org/freetaxfiling) or [ocfreetaxprep.com](http://ocfreetaxprep.com).

#### **ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS**

City Manager Crumby noted a request from Vice Mayor Mai to remove Council Business Item No. 3.3 (Independence Day Celebration Update) from the agenda, and a request from Councilmember Liu to postpone Council Business Item No. 3.5 (Consideration of a Request by Councilmember Liu and Vice Mayor Mai to Discuss Veteran Services and Resources in Irvine) to the January 27, 2026, City Council meeting.

City Council discussion included: inquiring about the rationale for the removal of Council Business Item No. 3.3 from the agenda; noted staff efforts to date related to an Independence Day event; suggested continuing Item No. 3.3 to the January 27, 2026, City Council meeting; noted the merits of an Independence Day celebration; and suggested keeping Item No. 3.3 on the agenda for consideration due to time restraints for finalizing an event.

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

Remove Council Business Item No. 3.3 (Independence Day Celebration Update) from the agenda.

**The motion carried as follows:**

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

NOES: 2 COUNCILMEMBERS: Carroll and Agran

ABSENT: 0 COUNCILMEMBERS: None

ABSTAIN: 0 COUNCILMEMBERS: None

Following discussion, Councilmember Carroll made a motion to reinstate the item for consideration.

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

Reinstate Council Business Item No. 3.3 to the agenda for City Council consideration.

**The motion carried as follows:**

AYES: 4 COUNCILMEMBERS: Carroll, Liu, Martinez Franco, and Agran

NOES: 3 COUNCILMEMBERS: Go, Mai, and Treseder

ABSENT: 0 COUNCILMEMBERS: None

ABSTAIN: 0 COUNCILMEMBERS: None

By consensus, Council Business Item No. 3.5 was continued to the January 27, 2026, City Council meeting.

**2. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Prior to adoption of the Consent Calendars, Dee Fox, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to the proposed Great Park development due to the addition of many units (Item No. 2.6).

**Moved by Mayor Agran, seconded by Councilmember Liu, and unanimously carried to approve Consent Calendar Item Nos. 2.1 through 2.6.**

**2.1 MINUTES**

**ACTION:**

- 1) Approved the minutes of a regular meeting of the City Council held on October 28, 2025.
- 2) Approved the minutes of a regular meeting of the City Council and special joint meeting with the Great Park Board held on December 9, 2025.

**2.2 WARRANT AND WIRE TRANSFER RESOLUTION**

**ACTION:**

Adopted RESOLUTION NO. 26-01 – 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

**2.3 RESOLUTIONS OF INTENTION TO INITIATE CHANGE PROCEEDINGS AND DESIGNATE COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2013-3(B) (GREAT PARK) IMPROVEMENT AREA NO. 20, AUTHORIZE LEVY OF SPECIAL TAXES AND INCUR BONDED INDEBTEDNESS**

**ACTION:**

- 1) Adopted RESOLUTION NO. 26-02 – A RESOLUTION OF CONSIDERATION AND INTENTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, AS THE LEGISLATIVE BODY OF BOTH CITY OF IRVINE COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2013-3 (GREAT PARK) AND CITY OF IRVINE COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2013-3(B) (GREAT PARK), TO CREATE AN IMPROVEMENT AREA DESIGNATED IMPROVEMENT AREA NO. 20, WITHIN CITY OF IRVINE COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2013-3(B) (GREAT PARK) AND TO AUTHORIZE THE LEVY OF SPECIAL TAXES THEREIN
- 2) Adopted RESOLUTION NO. 26-03 – 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), DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO INCUR BONDED INDEBTEDNESS FOR IMPROVEMENT AREA NO. 20 OF THE CITY OF IRVINE COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2013-3(B) (GREAT PARK)

**2.4 ACCEPTANCE OF CALIFORNIA JOBS FIRST REGIONAL INVESTMENT INITIATIVE GRANT TO SUPPORT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMING**

**ACTION:**

Accepted a \$105,000 grant from the California Jobs First Regional Investment Initiative to launch the OC MedTech Navigator.

**2.5 ACCEPTANCE OF TOBACCO GRANT PROGRAM (DOJ-PROP56-2025-26-1-021) GRANT FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2026-27 THROUGH FY 2028-29**

**ACTION:**

- 1) Accepted a Tobacco Grant Program (DOJ-PROP56-2025-26-1-021) FY 2026-27 through FY 2028-29 award in the amount of \$626,250.
- 2) Authorized 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-PROP56-2025-26-1-021) FY 2026-27 through FY 2028-29 between the California Department of Justice and the City of Irvine.
- 3) Approved a budget adjustment request in the amount of \$626,250, reflecting an increase in revenues and appropriations.

**2.6 SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 25-29 APPROVING ZONE CHANGE 00955251-PZC TO UPDATE THE IRVINE ZONING ORDINANCE TO REFLECT AN INCREASE OF 1,300 RESIDENTIAL UNITS AND A CORRESPONDING DECREASE OF NON-RESIDENTIAL SQUARE FOOTAGE WITHIN THE GREAT PARK NEIGHBORHOODS IN PLANNING AREA 51 (GREAT PARK), REZONE LAND WITHIN THE GREAT PARK FROM 8.1 AND 8.1B TO 8.1C, AND ADD DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS AND LAND USE REGULATIONS TO THE 8.1C ZONING DISTRICT**

**ACTION:**

Read by title only, second reading and adoption of ORDINANCE NO. 25-29 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING ZONE CHANGE 00955251-PZC TO UPDATE APPLICABLE TEXT, TABLES, AND EXHIBITS OF THE IRVINE ZONING ORDINANCE TO REFLECT AN INCREASE OF 1,300 RESIDENTIAL UNITS AND A CORRESPONDING DECREASE OF NON-RESIDENTIAL SQUARE FOOTAGE WITHIN THE GREAT PARK NEIGHBORHOODS IN PLANNING AREA 51 (GREAT PARK), REZONE LAND WITHIN GREAT PARK FROM 8.1 AND 8.1B

TRAILS AND TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT (TTOD) TO 8.1C TTOD, AND ADD DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS AND LAND USE REGULATIONS TO THE 8.1C TTOD ZONING DISTRICT; FILED BY FIVE POINT COMMUNITIES MANAGEMENT, INC., ON BEHALF OF HERITAGE FIELDS EL TORO, LLC

(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 reflected as absent.)

**Approved 4-3 (Councilmembers Carroll and Martinez Franco, and Mayor Agran, voted no).**

**3. COUNCIL BUSINESS**

**3.1 APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS OF CITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES TO CITY ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES AND SELECTION OF INTERIM MAYOR**

Mayor Agran and City Clerk Petersen provided an overview of the process in which Mayor Agran made his proposed appointment recommendations; and summarized the procedure by which representatives would be appointed by way of the following votes as follows:

- One vote for all bodies for which there was no change in appointments;
- Separate votes for bodies in which there were changes to appointments that were uncontested; and
- Separate votes for bodies where the level of interest in serving exceeded the number of available positions.

**ACTION: Moved by Mayor Agran, seconded by Councilmember Liu, and unanimously carried to appoint City Council delegates and alternates to the following outside governmental agencies on which the City has representation for the 2026 calendar year as proposed:**

- 1) Coastal Greenbelt Authority**  
Appointee: Kathleen Treseder, PhD

- 2) **Irvine Liaison and Coordinating Committee (Irvine Unified School District)**  
Appointees: Melinda Liu and Betty Martinez Franco
- 3) **Irvine Liaison and Coordinating Committing (Tustin Unified School District)**  
Appointee: Melinda Liu
- 4) **Irvine Ranch Water District/City of Irvine Coordinating Committee (Ad Hoc)**  
Appointees: Larry Agran and James Mai (Mayor and Vice Mayor required)
- 5) **League of California Cities**  
Appointees: Larry Agran and James Mai (Mayor and Vice Mayor required)
- 6) **National League of Cities**  
Appointees: Larry Agran and James Mai (Mayor and Vice Mayor required)
- 7) **Newport Bay Watershed Executive Committee**  
Appointee: Kathleen Treseder, PhD
- 8) **Orange County City Selection Committee**  
Appointee: Larry Agran (Mayor required)
- 9) **Orange County Council of Governments**  
Appointees: William Go (Delegate), Betty Martinez Franco (Alternate)
- 10) **Orange County Housing Authority Cities Advisory Committee**  
Appointee: Kathleen Treseder, PhD
- 11) **Orange County Housing Finance Trust**  
Appointee: Melinda Liu
- 12) **San Joaquin Marsh Wildlife Sanctuary**  
Appointee: Kathleen Treseder, PhD
- 13) **Santa Ana River Flood Protection Agency Commission**  
Appointee: Kathleen Treseder, PhD

**14) Housing and Community Development Commission – Orange County (for District 3)**

Appointee: James Mai

**15) Orange County Sanitation District**

Appointee: Melinda Liu

**16) Southern California Association of Governments Regional Council (District No. 14)**

Appointees: William Go (Delegate), Kathleen Treseder, PhD (Alternate)

**17) Transportation Corridor Agency – Foothill/Eastern**

Appointees: William Go (Delegate), Kathleen Treseder, PhD (Alternate)

**18) Transportation Corridor Agency – San Joaquin Hills**

Appointees: William Go (Delegate), Kathleen Treseder, PhD (Alternate)

Following the vote, the City Council then considered appointments for outside governmental agencies in which there were changes to appointees that were not contested.

Irvine Community Land Trust

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

Appoint Vice Mayor Mai and Councilmember Treseder as delegates to the Irvine Community Land Trust<sup>1</sup> for the ensuing year.

Orange County Power Authority (OCPA)

Prior to consideration of delegates to the Orange County Power Authority (OCPA) Board of Directors, Councilmember Go noted that OCPA had submitted a request for up to two alternates to serve on the OCPA Board.

City Council discussion included: inquiring about compensation for appointed representatives to the OCPA.

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<sup>1</sup> Contingent upon final approval by the Irvine Community Land Trust Board of Directors.

**ACTION:** Moved by Mayor Agran, seconded by Vice Mayor Mai, to:

Appoint Vice Mayor Mai and Councilmember Treseder to the Orange County Power Authority Board of Directors for the ensuing year.

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

Appoint Vice Mayor Mai and Councilmember Treseder to the Orange County Power Authority Board of Directors for the ensuing year which included a stipend in the amount of \$315 per meeting equivalent to that provided by the Orange County Sanitation District.

Following discussion, Councilmembers Go and Martinez Franco offered to serve as alternates to the OCPA Board of Directors.

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

Appoint Councilmembers Go and Martinez Franco to serve as alternates to the Orange County Power Authority Board of Directors for the ensuing year.

Following the vote, the City Council then considered appointments for in-house committees and outside government agencies where the level of interest in serving exceeded the number of available positions.

*Irvine Barclay Theatre Operating Company (Board of Directors and Committees)*

City Council discussion included: inquired about the City's history with respect to having a staff member serve as a delegate; noted recent expansion of the City Council; discussed continuity in representation; inquired about whether a third City Councilmember could assume the role of a third delegate in lieu of a staff member; and questioned whether a potential conflict of interest existed by having a Councilmember employed by the University of California, Irvine, serve on the Board.

Sean Crumby, City Manager; Jeff Melching, City Attorney; and Michelle Grettenberg, Assistant City Manager, responded to questions.

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

Appoint Vice Mayor Mai and Councilmembers Martinez Franco and Treseder to serve as delegates to the Irvine Barclay Theatre Operating Company (Board of Directors and Committees) for the ensuing year.

**The motion carried as follows:**

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

NOES: 2 COUNCILMEMBERS: Carroll and Agran

ABSENT: 0 COUNCILMEMBERS: None

ABSTAIN: 0 COUNCILMEMBERS: None

*Irvine Child Care Project*

Vice Mayor Mai noted his interest in serving as an alternate and Councilmember Liu indicated her interest in serving as a delegate.

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

Appoint Councilmember Liu as a delegate and Vice Mayor Mai as an alternate to the Irvine Child Care Project Committee for the ensuing year.

*Irvine Liaison and Coordinating Committee (County of Orange)*

City Council discussion included: inquiring about the body's meeting frequency and last meeting.

Carl Petersen, City Clerk, responded to questions.

Following discussion, Councilmember Treseder withdrew her interest in serving for consideration.

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

Appoint Vice Mayor Mai and Councilmember Go to serve as delegates to the Irvine Liaison and Coordinating Committee (County of Orange) for the ensuing year.

Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) Board of Directors

Councilmembers Go expressed his interest in serving, and Councilmember Martinez Franco expressed her interest in continuing to serve, on the OCFA Board of Directors

By roll call vote, each member stated their preference as follows:

<u>Councilmember</u>	<u>Nominee</u>
Carroll	Martinez Franco
Go	Go
Liu	Go
Martinez Franco	Martinez Franco
Treseder	Go
Mai	Martinez Franco
Agran	Martinez Franco

Following the roll call vote, Councilmember Martinez Franco was reappointed to continue serving as delegate to the OCFA Board of Directors for the ensuing year<sup>2</sup>.

Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District (OCMVCD) Board of Directors

City Council discussion included: reiterating that the selected appointee would serve a two-year term; and noted current vector control problems in the region.

Following discussion, Councilmember Treseder withdrew her interest in serving for consideration.

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

Appoint Councilmember Liu to serve as delegate to the Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District Board of Directors for a two-year term.

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<sup>2</sup> Adoption of a resolution by the City Council was not necessary for reappointment.

Ad Hoc City Council Legislative Affairs Subcommittee

City Clerk Petersen noted that the staff report inadvertently omitted that the Mayor is required to serve on the subcommittee, to which Vice Mayor Mai and Councilmember Treseder withdrew their respective interests in serving for consideration.

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

Reappoint Mayor Agran and appoint Councilmember Go to serve on the Ad Hoc City Council Legislative Affairs Subcommittee for the ensuing year.

City of Irvine Hotel Improvement District (HID) Operating Committee

Mayor Agran and Councilmember Treseder withdrew their interest in serving for consideration.

**ACTION: Moved by Mayor Agran to:**

Appoint Councilmember Go to serve on the City of Irvine Hotel Improvement District Operating Committee for the ensuing year.

Following Mayor Agran's motion, Councilmember Carroll nominated Councilmember Liu based on her interest in serving, as well, to serve as the City's representative to the HID Operating Committee. Based on the level of interest in serving, Mayor Agran withdrew his motion and deferred to Councilmembers Go and Liu to provide brief comments addressing their respective interests in serving, to which Councilmember Go withdrew his request for consideration.

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

Appoint Councilmember Liu to serve on the City of Irvine Hotel Improvement District Operating Committee for the ensuing year.

Policies and Procedures Review Subcommittee

City Council discussion included: noting the ongoing efforts by current subcommittee members and proximity to presenting recommendations to the City Council; suggested deferral of appointments for approximately 30 days to allow the current subcommittee to finalize work-in-progress; inquired about the prior timetable for the subcommittee's report to the City Council; and suggested regular

reports to the City Council by all appointees to various outside agencies and in-house committees.

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

Defer consideration of appointments to the Policies and Procedures Review Subcommittee to the February 10, 2026, City Council meeting pending the current Subcommittee’s report to the City Council.

**The motion carried as follows:**

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

NOES: 1 COUNCILMEMBERS: Treseder

ABSENT: 0 COUNCILMEMBERS: None

ABSTAIN: 0 COUNCILMEMBERS: None

Following appointments to outside governmental agencies and in-house committees, the City Council took action to adopt the Fair Political Practices Commission Public Official Appointment Form (Form 806) and report any changes for the ensuing year.

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

Adopt Fair Political Practices Commission Public Official Appointment Form 806 and direct the City Clerk to post an amended form to the City website to report any change in appointments to the governmental agencies providing stipends as determined by the City Council.

Following adoption of Form 806, Mayor Agran opened the floor for nominations for the selection of Interim Mayor for the ensuing year.

Vice Mayor Mai nominated Councilmember Treseder to serve as Interim Mayor for the ensuing year.

There were no other nominations, to which Vice Mayor Mai withdrew his nomination and offered a motion in lieu of.

**ACTION: Moved by Vice Mayor Mai, seconded by Mayor Agran, and unanimously carried to select Councilmember Treseder as Interim Mayor for the ensuing year.**

**3.2 *ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION BLUEPRINT***

Pete Carmichael, Assistant City Manager, and Karin Koch, Director of Economic Development, presented the staff report and responded to questions. Dave Coffaro, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Greater Irvine Chamber, also provided a brief presentation.

The following individuals spoke in support:

- Jim Mayfield, Irvine resident and small business owner
- Scott Fox, Orange County Startup Council Chief Executive Officer
- Jasmine Pachnanda, Irvine resident and CEO Leadership Alliance Orange County Chief Operating Officer
- Sid Ramani, representing the Irvine hotel community
- Scott Johnson, Orange Tree Chief Executive Officer
- Mike Daniel, Network Director for the Orange County Inland Empire Small Business Development Center
- Nafari, serving at Rady Children's Health/University of California, Irvine

City Council discussion included: noting the significance of economic development, innovation, entrepreneurship, and assistance to small businesses; inquired about anticipated costs, including the proposed Center of Innovation and Entrepreneurship; questioned funding sources absent sponsorships; expressed appreciation for collaborative efforts with the Greater Irvine Chamber; and discussed engagement with ethnic chambers.

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

- 1) Implement the Economic Development Division Blueprint and proceed with activities outlined for 2026-2028.
- 2) Initiate the next steps to establish the foundation for the Irvine Center of Innovation and Entrepreneurship.

**3.3 *INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION UPDATE***

Melissa Haley, Director of Communications & Engagement, presented the staff report and responded to questions. Sean Crumby, City Manager, also responded to questions.

Susan Sayre, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to a large Independence Day event; and spoke in support of the CicloIrvine event; and suggested redirecting funds to Irvine CONNECT and support services such as affordable housing and childcare.

Alan Meyerson, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to spending on a large Independence Day event, and suggested celebrating the nation's 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary in other ways such as commemorative signage or other similar small measures at the CicloIrvine event.

Austin Wagner spoke in support of CicloIrvine and maintaining it as a standalone event; and suggested City collaboration with Google Maps to disperse traffic from the Great Park by directing motorists to the northern exit in lieu of the Great Park's southern exit.

Doug Elliott, Irvine resident and Community & Library Services Commissioner, spoke in support of keeping CicloIrvine in early May and holding a smaller-scale Independence Day event.

Jay Bruce spoke in support of smaller events recognizing Independence Day throughout the City.

Dee Fox, Irvine resident, spoke in support of the Woodbridge Village Association fireworks display in lieu of a City event and suggested contributions from other homeowners' associations.

City Council discussion included: inquiring about timetable, vendor acquisition, and planning for the scheduled CicloIrvine event; questioned whether CicloIrvine funds had already been allocated; discussed the holding of a concurrent major Independence Day event, or lack thereof, with Pacific Symphony's performance and associated fireworks display; discussed the possibility of scheduling minor enhancements for another day at the Great Park and enhancing firework resources for the Pacific Symphony event; questioned the status of the installation and display locations of the 250 American flags approved by the City Council; noted the challenges of implementing a 2026 event; and questioned where funds previously budgeted for the Independence Day event would be allocated.

**By consensus**, the City Council deferred the 2026 Independence Day Celebration and maintained CicloIrvine as a standalone event on its scheduled date of May 2, 2026.

**3.4 CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY VICE MAYOR MAI TO DISCUSS A MUNICIPAL COLUMBARIUM AT THE GREAT PARK**

This item was agendaized at the request of Vice Mayor Mai, who asked for City Council consideration to discuss a municipal columbarium at the Great Park.

Jeff Melching, City Attorney, responded to questions.

The following individuals spoke in support of placing a veterans cemetery and columbarium at the ARDA site:

- Alan Meyerson, Irvine resident
- Steve Berger
- Harvey Liss, Irvine resident and Executive Director of the Build the Great Park Veterans Cemetery committee

Mike D. spoke in support of a clear financial plan and community engagement for the proposed municipal columbarium.

Jennifer Curry, Irvine resident, spoke in support of a comprehensive planning process for a proposed municipal columbarium and strong community support.

Anita Bhat, Irvine resident, spoke in support of a compromise related to the municipal columbarium, and in opposition to a cemetery at the ARDA site and potential adverse impacts to a proposed library.

The following individuals spoke in support of Vice Mayor Mai's request:

- Prakash, Irvine resident
- Parrisa
- "Zoom User"
- Shakeela Shaik
- Junaid Sulahry

Dee Fox, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to Vice Mayor Mai's request.

Jay Bruce noted that only the ARDA site was zoned for human remains and that zone changes would be required for the placement of a municipal columbarium elsewhere in the City.

Jeremy Ficarola and "O", Irvine residents, spoke in opposition to the use of any space in the Great Park as a burial site.

“Transparent Irvine” spoke in support of Vice Mayor Mai’s request and in opposition to the use of the Irvine Community News & Views newspaper to promote the ARDA site.

City Council discussion included: clarifying existing zoning law; provided historical background related to the previously proposed veterans cemetery, including a ballot initiative and identified locations; clarified the term and legal definition of “columbarium”; inquired about the ability to house a municipal cemetery; suggested Councilmembers utilize their respective staff members to explore alternative locations; expressed concern about the lack of space at Colonel Bill Barber Marine Corps Memorial Park; questioned whether the proposed columbarium would be subject to zoning laws, including the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), based on location; inquired about funding plans and sources; questioned whether the proposed columbarium would be a City facility; reiterated the development of the proposed veterans cemetery at Gypsum Canyon; inquired about maintenance and sustainability for the proposed municipal columbarium; questioned the ability to exclude the ARDA site; and referenced previous City Council action related to a proposed veterans cemetery.

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

Direct the City Manager and appropriate City staff to:

- 1) Develop a comprehensive plan for Irvine’s first and only municipal columbarium.
- 2) Evaluate and identify one or more suitable locations within the City of Irvine that minimize impacts to existing residential neighborhoods and community uses, with priority given to sites of historic relevance, including but not limited to Bill Barber Memorial Park, Northwood Memorial Park, Cultural Terrace West, a potential location adjacent to the proposed Flying Leathernecks Museum, and other appropriate sites citywide.
- 3) Incorporate eligibility criteria prioritizing Irvine residents, individuals with strong ties to Irvine, and those who served at Marine Corps Air Station El Toro.
- 4) Acknowledge community input supporting a designated, appropriately sited facility away from homes.
- 5) Clearly distinguish the municipal columbarium from the state- and federally-supported Gypsum Canyon Veterans Cemetery.

- 6) Explicitly exclude the ARDA site from consideration consistent with the City Council’s two prior votes against that site in the past year.
- 7) Return to the City Council within 90 days with proposed site options, design concepts, community compatibility considerations, funding mechanisms, and an implementation timeline for Council consideration.

Following discussion, Councilmember Liu suggested the item be continued indefinitely.

**ACTION: A substitute motion was made by Councilmember Liu, seconded by Councilmember Carroll, to continue the item indefinitely.**

**The motion carried as follows:**

AYES: 4 COUNCILMEMBERS: Carroll, Liu, Martinez Franco, and Agran

NOES: 3 COUNCILMEMBERS: Go, Mai, and Treseder

ABSENT: 0 COUNCILMEMBERS: None

ABSTAIN: 0 COUNCILMEMBERS: None

**3.5 CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY COUNCILMEMBER LIU AND VICE MAYOR MAI TO DISCUSS VETERAN SERVICES AND RESOURCES IN IRVINE**

This item was continued to the January 27, 2026, City Council meeting. See Additions and Deletions (pages 6-7).

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by Councilmember Liu, seconded by Mayor Agran, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting in memory of Councilmember Liu’s father, Bernard Shu Jeng Liu, at 11 p.m.**

  
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 MAYOR OF THE CITY OF IRVINE

  
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 CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF IRVINE

February 10, 2026