



MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING AND SPECIAL JOINT MEETING WITH THE IRVINE FACILITIES FINANCING AUTHORITY

**February 10, 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 5:09 p.m. on February 10, 2026, in the City Council Chamber, Irvine Civic Center, 1 Civic Center Plaza, Irvine, California; Mayor Agran presiding.

ROLL CALL

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| 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

Councilmember Treseder led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

In recognition of Lunar New Year and to welcome the Year of the Fire Horse, Councilmember Liu introduced Hana Lee, Angela An, and Amy Lee of the Kim Eung Hwa & Korean Dance Academy, who performed a traditional Korean dance; and Khim Teoh, Michelle Kon, and Eunice Chow of the Malaysian Association of Southern California, who, in collaboration with the Asian American Senior Citizens Service Center, performed two songs.

1. PRESENTATIONS

1.1 *Destination Irvine Update*

Misty Bond, Hotel Improvement District Administrator, provided a brief update regarding the Destination Irvine program and responded to questions. Melissa Haley, Director of Communications & Engagement, was also available for questions.

City Council discussion included: noting the importance of specific branding and budgeting enticing people to visit, stay in hotels, and patronize local businesses; and inquired about advertising efforts to attract additional visitors related to the FIFA World Cup 2026 and 2028 Summer Olympics.

By consensus, received and filed.

1.2 *Public Safety Update - Year in Review*

Michael Kent, Director of Public Safety/Chief of Police, provided a brief review of the Irvine Police Department's (IPD's) 2025 calendar year activities and accomplishments, and responded to questions.

Mona expressed concerns related to information sharing via Flock; inquired about the use of drone technology; noted fear and loss of trust in law enforcement among children; and questioned police protection in the event of an increased presence by federal immigration authorities.

City Council discussion included: noting the challenges of maintaining safety; discussed the use of technology, de-escalation techniques, protection of free speech rights, and community policing efforts; expressed appreciation for the City's Cultural Immersion Program; inquired about measures to address loud cars; questioned the use of

drone technology and its uses, including e-bike enforcement; inquired about coordination with federal immigration authorities; and questioned the sharing of data via Flock.

By consensus, received and filed.

Prior to consideration of public comments on non-agendized items, Mayor Agran suggested reordering the agenda to consider Council Business Item No. 6.3 (Irvine Public Library Master Plan and Consideration of Library Committee) prior to Council Business Item No. 6.1 (Exploration of Purchase of the University Park Library Property From Orange County).

PUBLIC COMMENTS - NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS

The following individuals spoke in opposition to Irvine Company's plans to develop open space in Oak Creek:

- John Albritton
- Susie Winocur
- Ben Savill

Alan Meyerson, Irvine resident, questioned the City's representatives to the Orange County Power Authority (OCPA) Board of Directors regarding the higher percentage of primary fossil fuels used in the OCPA's Basic Choice tier in comparison with Southern California Edison's default tier, as shown in a recent Power Content Label.

Rolf Parkes, Co-Chair of the Committee to Protect All Irvine Open Space, spoke in support of an initiative filed with the City to protect open space and related signature-gathering efforts; and spoke in opposition to Irvine Company's development plans in Oak Creek.

Jason Garshfield, Irvine resident, spoke in support of freedom for the citizens of Iran.

Mona questioned IPD's use of drone technology; spoke in opposition to the lack of cohesion within the City Council; and noted a recent University of California, Irvine, study that reported the adverse economic impact of federal immigration enforcement activity on Orange County businesses.

Madeline Lister, Woodbridge High School student, expressed appreciation to Councilmember Martinez Franco for her support at a student walkout held in opposition to federal immigration enforcement activity.

Joanne Slobodien spoke in support of an initiative filed with the City to protect open space; spoke in support of City Councilmembers accepting the initiative upon signature verification, signing the petition, and assisting with outreach efforts; and spoke in opposition to Irvine Company's development plans in Oak Creek.

Eric Neshanian, Irvine resident, noted the upcoming use of the Great Park as a FIFA World Cup training site by the United States Men's National Soccer team; spoke in support of disbanding the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Advisory Committee and the proposed Office of Inclusive Excellence; and spoke in opposition to the lack of oversight and reporting on the use of Irvine Recovery Plan Grant Program funds.

Jeremy Ficarola, Irvine resident, spoke in support of the Irvine Company's plans to develop housing in Oak Creek, and in support of a new time study for traffic lights.

Max E. spoke in support of an initiative filed with the City to protect open space and related signature-gathering efforts.

Michelle Johnson, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to OCPA's energy procurement practices, a recent rate increase, and redistribution of Irvine ratepayer funds to other member cities via grants and sponsorships.

CITY MANAGERS REPORT

Darrell Cheam, Senior Management Analyst, provided a brief update regarding demolition efforts at the former All American Asphalt plant site. Brian Polivka, Manager of Great Park, was also available for questions.

Robert Espinosa, Community Services Supervisor, provided a brief update regarding the City's new WeRide program and introduced volunteers Audry McGillicuddy and Norm Gerasin. Chris Slama, Director of Community & Library Services, was also available for questions.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Liu

- In January, the Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District responded to 19 service requests, including 15 related to mosquitoes; and inspected and treated 17 swimming pools, which serve as mosquito breeding grounds.
- On February 24, the Orange County Sanitation District (OC San) will host a free screening of "Unless Something Goes Terribly Wrong," a film emphasizing the work of maintaining water infrastructure to protect public health and the environment. Following the film, there will be a question-and-answer session with the director and a free tour of OC San's Reclamation Plant No. 1. Members of the public interested in attending can register at [ocsan.gov](https://www.ocsan.gov).

- On February 2, Councilmember Liu attended “Countering Hate 2026: A Summit on Understanding and Preventing Antisemitism and Hate in K-12 Schools” at the University of California, Irvine (UCI).
- On February 5, Councilmember Liu’s Chief of Staff attended the ACC-OC Homes for Heroes: Veteran Housing Orientation. The program highlighted the critical importance of coordinating housing, employment, and mental health services to support Orange County veterans on their path to stability and independence. Councilmember Liu expressed appreciation to Jamboree Housing for its work and involvement with the program.
- Councilmember Liu’s office will host an E-Bike Town Hall on February 17 at 6 p.m. at the Portola Springs Community Center, where Irvine Police Department personnel will provide updates on new e-bike laws and ordinances, and UCI Health will emphasize the dangers of reckless riding.
- Councilmember Liu invited members of the public to support local Girl Scout troops through the purchase of cookies either online or outside local supermarkets; and noted that cookies could also be purchased for donation to the Irvine 2/11 Marine Adoption Committee.

Councilmember Treseder

- Vice Mayor Mai and Councilmember Treseder participated in the Orange County Power Authority (OCPA) Board of Directors meeting on February 9, which included a discussion of the Community Energy Plan that would assist residents, particularly those with limited resources, contribute to renewable energy initiatives. Priorities discussed included supporting renters with heat pumps, which offer both heating and cooling, and do not require landlord installation; and improving energy efficiency through assisting lower-income residents with the purchase of efficient refrigerators and freezers.
- Councilmember Treseder recently attended the League of California Cities’ Environmental Quality Committee meeting in Sacramento on January 23. At the first meeting of the year, the committee discussed several work plan priorities, including disaster and emergency preparedness and response, energy and utilities, and water and wastewater. The body will meet twice more in 2026 to continue work plan priority discussions. The next meeting will take place in March 2026 in Costa Mesa.
- The Irvine Community Land Trust Board of Directors met on February 9 and selected its officers and committee members. Ryan Aeh, Nancy Donnelly, and Russell Felbob were reappointed as Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary, respectively; and Councilmember Treseder was appointed as Treasurer. Councilmember Treseder was also appointed to the Finance Committee and Vice Mayor Mai was appointed to the Development Committee.

Councilmember Martinez Franco

- On January 30, Councilmember Martinez Franco supported local high school students exercising their constitutional right to peacefully protest via a walkout in opposition to recent federal immigration enforcement activity.
- The Southern California Association of Governments' (SCAG) Student Showcase is currently accepting submissions, which challenges students to demonstrate innovative solutions to sustainability-related planning issues on a local or regional scale. Finalists will receive complimentary event registration, hotel accommodations, and admission to SCAG's 2026 Regional Conference and General Assembly in Palm Desert in May 2026. For more information, visit scag.ca.gov/student-showcase.
- Councilmember Martinez Franco noted the following upcoming events:
 - A town hall meeting hosted by her office to discuss questions and concerns regarding the future of the University Park Library, which will take place on Tuesday, March 3, from 6 to 8 p.m. at University Park Community Center;
 - The City's first-ever Women's Conference on March 13, 2026, which will be open to the community and feature a panel of speakers on various topics; and
 - The Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) will host its Annual Open House on March 14 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the OCFA headquarters.
- Members of the public are invited to follow Councilmember Martinez Franco's social media and register for Citywide and Council District 5 updates.

Councilmember Go

- At a recent meeting of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Regional Council, funding was approved for 12 quick-build transportation safety projects ahead of the 2028 Summer Olympics. The program advances Connect SoCal, while also covering passenger and freight travel management, quick-build safety projects, and community hubs.
- Councilmember Go launched a new series of virtual town halls called "Inside City Hall", where staff will provide presentations on their respective departments. The February meeting will take place on Monday, February 23, at 5:30 p.m., and will feature Melissa Haley, Director of Communications & Engagement, who will share updates on upcoming Citywide annual events, planned programming for the Great Park in the years ahead, and provide a sneak peek at new branding and communications efforts. Registration is required.

- Councilmember Go will host a Pop-Up Pickleball Event at the Great Park on Wednesday, February 25, from 1 to 4 p.m. at Wild Rivers. Walk-ups are welcome, but RSVPs are encouraged to secure a court.

Vice Mayor Mai

- In recognition of Lunar New Year, Vice Mayor Mai recognized Orange County's Asian American population, including Vietnamese Americans. He also noted his participation in the upcoming 2026 Têt Parade on Saturday, February 21 in the City of Westminster and to which members of the public are invited.

Mayor Agran

- Mayor Agran invited members of the public to attend the annual State of the City Address on Tuesday, March 10, at the Irvine Civic Center. The event will begin with a public reception at 5 p.m., followed by the Mayor's address at 6 p.m. For more information, visit cityofirvine.org/stateofthecity.
- The Spring issue of Inside Irvine is available online at cityofirvine.org/insideirvine, and highlights:
 - The City's Urban Forest Master Plan;
 - Accessible transportation options, including the new WeRide service;
 - The Irvine Police Department's Cultural Immersion Sabbatical Program, which allows officers to gain a greater understanding of the traditions, customs, and perspectives of the City's diverse community; and
 - Information on resources available through the Office of Health & Wellness.

Information regarding camps, classes, programs, and events available for children and adults can be found in the Activity Guide. Inside Irvine will arrive in time for class registration, which opens Sunday, February 15. For more information, visit yourirvine.org.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

CONVENE TO THE SPECIAL JOINT MEETING

Mayor/Chairman Agran convened the special joint meeting with the Irvine Facilities Financing Authority at 7:37 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: 7 Councilmember/Boardmember: Mike Carroll
 Councilmember/Boardmember: William Go
 Councilmember/Boardmember: Melinda Liu
 Councilmember/Boardmember: Betty Martinez Franco
 Councilmember/Boardmember: Kathleen Treseder
 Vice Mayor/Vice Chairman: James Mai
 Mayor/Chairman: Larry Agran

2. CONSENT CALENDAR - CITY COUNCIL

Moved by Mayor/Chairman Agran, seconded by Vice Mayor/Vice Chairman Mai, and unanimously carried to approve City Council Consent Calendar Item Nos. 2.1 through 2.8, and Irvine Facilities Financing Authority Consent Calendar Item No. 3.1.

2.1 MINUTES

ACTION:

Approved the minutes of an adjourned regular meeting of the City Council held on January 13, 2026.

2.2 WARRANT AND WIRE TRANSFER RESOLUTION

ACTION:

Adopted RESOLUTION NO. 26-09 – 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 DESIGNATION OF CITY CONSULTANT AS AUTHORIZED CITY REPRESENTATIVE TO EXAMINE SALES AND USE TAX RECORDS

ACTION:

Adopted RESOLUTION NO. 26-10 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE EXAMINATION OF SALES, USE AND TRANSACTIONS TAX RECORDS

2.4 COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF LAKE FOREST FOR INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

ACTION:

Approved and authorized the Mayor of the City of Irvine to sign the Cooperative Agreement for North Irvine Transportation Mitigation (NITM) and Lake Forest Transportation Mitigation (LFTM) Intersection-Improvement Projects between the cities of Irvine and Lake Forest. **(Contract No. 13072)**

2.5 SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NOS. 26-01, 26-02, AND 26-03 REGARDING TECHNICAL UPDATES TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE AND MUNICIPAL CODE

ACTION:

- 1) Read by title only, second reading and adoption of ORDINANCE NO. 26-01 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING ZONE CHANGE 00964196-PZC TO AMEND THE IRVINE ZONING ORDINANCE TO INCLUDE NEW AND REVISED ZONING PROVISIONS RELATED TO CHAPTER 3-27- SETBACK STANDARDS, CHAPTER 3-37- ZONING DISTRICT LAND USE REGULATIONS AND DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS; CHAPTER 5-8- IRVINE BUSINESS COMPLEX RESIDENTIAL MIXED-USE OVERLAY DISTRICT; CHAPTER 5-9- RESIDENTIAL AND RESIDENTIAL MIXED-USE OVERLAY DISTRICT; AND CHAPTER 9-36- PLANNING AREA 36 (IRVINE BUSINESS COMPLEX)
- 2) Read by title only, second reading and adoption of ORDINANCE NO. 26-02 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING ZONE CHANGE 00969435-PZC TO AMEND THE IRVINE ZONING ORDINANCE BY PROVIDING REVISED ZONING PROVISIONS RELATED TO CHAPTER 3-18- MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL AND RESIDENTIAL MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVE DESIGN STANDARDS AND TO AMEND THE OBJECTIVE DESIGN STANDARDS MANUAL
- 3) Read by title only, second reading and adoption of ORDINANCE NO. 26-03 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING TITLE 5, DIVISION 5 OF THE IRVINE MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROVIDE CHANGES CORRESPONDING WITH ZONE CHANGE 00964196-PZC SPECIFIC TO PLANNING AREA 36 (IRVINE BUSINESS COMPLEX)

(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 7-0.

2.6 SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 26-04 ESTABLISHING CHANGES AND ADDITIONS TO POSTED SPEED LIMITS

ACTION:

Read by title only, second reading and adoption of ORDINANCE NO. 26-04 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, DIRECTING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF IRVINE ENGINEERING AND TRAFFIC SURVEYS FOR SPEED LIMITS, AS MAINTAINED BY THE PUBLIC WORKS & SUSTAINABILITY DEPARTMENT AS THE OFFICIAL DOCUMENTATION OF DECLARED PRIMA FACIE SPEED LIMITS

(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 7-0.

2.7 SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 26-05 AMENDING DIVISION 7 TO TITLE 4 OF THE IRVINE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO BICYCLES, ELECTRIC BICYCLES, AND OTHER TRAFFIC ON CITY STREETS AND PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY

ACTION:

Read by title only, second reading and adoption of ORDINANCE NO. 26-05 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING PORTIONS OF DIVISION 7 OF TITLE 4 RELATING TO BICYCLES; ADDING SECTION 4-7-206 OF THE IRVINE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO UNLAWFUL OPERATION OF MOTORIZED AND NON-MOTORIZED CONVEYANCES; AND REMOVING

SECTIONS 4-7-401 THROUGH 4-7-416 RELATING TO LICENSES

(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 6-1 (Councilmember Carroll voted no).

2.8 COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUND GRANT NOMINATIONS

ACTION:

- 1) Approved Councilmember Martinez Franco's request for Community Partnership Fund Grant Nomination to PTA Westpark in the amount of \$2,000 in support of program costs. **(Contract No. 13073)**
- 2) Authorized the City Manager to prepare and sign a funding agreement for the organization listed above.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR - IRVINE FACILITIES FINANCING AUTHORITY

3.1 MINUTES

ACTION:

Approved the minutes of a regular meeting of the Irvine Facilities Finance Authority held on May 9, 2023.

4. CITY COUNCIL/AUTHORITY BUSINESS

4.1 APPROVAL OF UPDATED TRANSACTIONAL DOCUMENTS WITH BROOKFIELD FOR GATEWAY RESIDENTIAL VILLAGE

Pete Carmichael, Assistant City Manager, and Lauren Jung, Senior Management Analyst, presented the staff report and responded to questions. Michael O'Connell, representing the Irvine Ranch Conservancy, also provided a brief presentation. Nicole Burdette, representing Brookfield Residential, was also available for questions.

City Council/Authority discussion included: inquiring about the number of housing units to be built; questioned the number and term of affordable housing units; inquired about the affordability of units after the 55-year expiration; provided historical background related to the project; and questioned the timeframe for final home sales.

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

- 1) Approve and authorize the City Manager to finalize and execute a first amendment to the Development Management Agreement (DCMA) with Brookfield for the Gateway Residential Village project. **(Contract No. 11979A)**
- 2) Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 26-11 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THREE DISPOSITION AND DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE CITY OF IRVINE AND BROOKFIELD HOMES OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, LLC OR AFFILIATES THEREOF FOR THE PURCHASE AND DEVELOPMENT OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED NEAR THE INTERSECTION OF JEFFREY ROAD AND PORTOLA PARKWAY AND KNOWN AS THE GATEWAY VILLAGE
- 3) Approve and authorize the City Manager to finalize and execute Builder Agreements, Payment and Performance Agreements (PAPA) consistent with the amended DCMA. **(Contract No. 13074)**
- 4) Approve and authorize the City Manager to finalize and execute the JOST Area 4 Segment/Gateway Trailhead Funding and Reimbursement Agreement and Overcrossing-Undercrossing Funding and Reimbursement Agreement with The Irvine Company. **(Contract No. 13075)**
- 5) Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 26-12 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FIRST AMENDMENT TO GROUND LEASE, FIRST AMENDMENT TO LEASE AGREEMENT, AND FIRST AMENDMENT TO ASSIGNMENT AGREEMENT IN CONNECTION WITH THE IRVINE FACILITIES FINANCING AUTHORITY \$326,280,000 (GATEWAY PRESERVE LAND ACQUISITION PROJECT) LEASE REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2023A, AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND CERTIFICATES AND RELATED ACTIONS
- 6) Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 26-13 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING PROPERTY TAX EXCHANGE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF IRVINE AND THE COUNTY OF ORANGE REGARDING ANNEXATION OF GATEWAY NOTCH PARCELS TO THE CITY OF IRVINE

- 7) Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 26-14 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR DESIGNEE TO ACCEPT CERTAIN DEPOSITS, ESTABLISH A SPECIAL FUND AND PROJECT ACCOUNT, NEGOTIATE, ENTER INTO, AND ADMINISTER CERTAIN AGREEMENTS, AND TAKE RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE GATEWAY VILLAGE PROJECT

ACTION: Moved by Chairman Agran, seconded by Boardmember Liu, and unanimously carried to:

Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 26-01 – A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE IRVINE FACILITIES FINANCING AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FIRST AMENDMENT TO GROUND LEASE, FIRST AMENDMENT TO LEASE AGREEMENT, AND FIRST AMENDMENT TO ASSIGNMENT AGREEMENT IN CONNECTION WITH THE AUTHORITY'S \$326,280,000 (GATEWAY PRESERVE LAND ACQUISITION PROJECT) LEASE REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2023A, AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND CERTIFICATES AND RELATED ACTIONS

ADJOURNMENT - SPECIAL JOINT MEETING

Moved by Mayor/Chairman Agran, seconded by Councilmember/Boardmember Liu, and unanimously carried to adjourn the special joint meeting with the Irvine Facilities Financing Authority at 8:11 p.m.

RECONVENE TO THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Agran reconvened the City Council meeting at 8:12 p.m.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS

5.1 CONSIDERATION TO UPDATE CIRCUMSTANCES FOR THE COLLECTION OF FEES FOR PROCESSING VEHICLE IMPOUNDS OR STORAGES

Mayor Agran opened the public hearing at 8:12 p.m.

Shaheen Jahangard, Police Lieutenant, presented the staff report and responded to questions.

There were no requests to speak.

City Council discussion included: inquiring about revenue generated from the current fees and collected by tow operators; questioned the frequency of the competitive bidding process; inquired about complaints received regarding the aggressiveness of tow operators; and questioned City fees in comparison to other Orange County jurisdictions.

ACTION: Moved by Mayor Agran, seconded by Councilmember Liu, and unanimously carried to close the public hearing at 8:19 p.m.

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

Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 26-15 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, TO UPDATE THE CIRCUMSTANCES FOR THE COLLECTION OF FEES FOR PROCESSING VEHICLE IMPOUNDS OR STORAGES

6. COUNCIL BUSINESS

Mayor Agran reiterated the consideration of Council Business Item No. 6.3 prior to Council Business Item No. 6.1. See page 3.

6.3 CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY MAYOR AGRAN TO DISCUSS THE IRVINE PUBLIC LIBRARY MASTER PLAN AND CONSIDERATION OF LIBRARY COMMITTEE

This item was agendaized at the request of Mayor Agran, who asked for City Council consideration to discuss the Irvine Public Library Master Plan (LMP) and consideration of a library committee.

Sean Crumby, City Manager; Chris Slama, Director of Community & Library Services; and Jeff Melching, City Attorney, responded to questions. Julie Zeoli, Deputy Director of Community & Library Services/City Librarian, was also available for questions

The following individuals spoke in support of promptly establishing a Library Advisory Committee (LAC):

- Lee Handy
- Michaela Gonzalez Montaner
- Mari Fujii, Irvine resident
- Anita Bhat, Irvine resident and Community & Library Services Commissioner

Jay Bruce expressed interest in being involved in the LMP development process; questioned the rationale for the development of a committee in lieu of a commission; and spoke in support of establishment of the proposed LAC prior to adoption of the LMP to ensure the body's involvement in the planning process.

Adriana Maestas, Irvine resident and Community & Library Services Commissioner, spoke in support of establishing an LAC prior to LMP development.

Doug Elliott Irvine resident and Community & Library Services Commissioner, spoke in support of the concept of an LAC that would be subject to the Brown Act with meetings more frequent than quarterly.

City Council discussion included: inquiring about the status of the Request for Proposals; questioned provisions for encouraging public participation; discussed community feedback related to the submitted memorandum; questioned the timing, role, composition, selection process, reporting structure, bylaws, and Brown Act requirements for a committee; inquired about the Commission's role if a committee was established; suggested maximizing library system development and public participation; and discussed the importance of transparency, district representation, and representation of community organizations such as Friends of the Libraries.

ACTION: Moved by Councilmember Treseder, seconded by Councilmember Go, to:

Direct staff to:

- 1) Develop a plan for a Library Advisory Committee subject to the Brown Act, consisting of one appointee per Councilmember and two members at-large; and
- 2) Return to the City Council within 60 days with a proposed plan, including bylaws.

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

* Vice Mayor Mai abstained; however, pursuant to Section 1-2-311(G) of the Municipal Code, "Except as otherwise provided by law, no member of the City Council shall be permitted to abstain from voting unless such disqualification shall have been approved by the City Attorney or by unanimous vote of the remainder of the Council present. Unapproved disqualifications and abstentions shall be recorded by the City Clerk as an affirmative vote." As such, Vice Mayor Mai's unapproved abstention was recorded as an affirmative vote.

6.1 CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY COUNCILMEMBER MARTINEZ FRANCO TO DISCUSS THE EXPLORATION OF PURCHASE OF THE UNIVERSITY PARK LIBRARY PROPERTY FROM ORANGE COUNTY

This item was agendaized at the request of Councilmember Martinez Franco, who asked for City Council consideration to discuss the exploration of purchasing the University Park Library (UPL) property from the County of Orange.

Sean Crumby, City Manager; Chris Slama, Director of Community & Library Services; and Julie Zeoli, Deputy Director of Community & Library Services/City Librarian, responded to questions.

Adam Tallabas, District Director for Orange County Board of Supervisors (BOS) Vice Chair Katrina Foley, noted Vice Chair Foley's commitment to keeping UPL open and collaborating with the City of Irvine in a transparent manner with the understanding that any future decisions would require careful review and formal action, as appropriate, by the City Council and BOS.

The following individuals spoke in support of exploring the purchase of UPL from the County of Orange:

- Lee Handy
- Michaela Gonzalez Montaner
- Amy Loyd, Irvine resident
- Mari Fujii, Irvine resident
- Chris Wong, Irvine resident
- Jay Bruce, Irvine resident

Eric Neshanian, Irvine resident, spoke in support of referring the matter to City Commissions.

City Council discussion included: inquiring about the Community & Library Services Commission's (Commission) vote on the establishment of a library committee; noted recent discussion of UPL at a recent commission meeting; inquired about remaining time on the UPL lease and approximate timing for next steps; discussed potential budget, if any, for either purchasing the building or buying out the remainder of the lease; questioned monthly rates and lease expiration dates for the Katie Wheeler Library (KWL) and UPL; inquired about any potential interest

by the County in selling the UPL and KWL properties; inquired about the approximate appraised value of UPL; questioned potential long-term savings if UPL were purchased; inquired about the age of the UPL building; and suggested additional review time and referral to the Commission and staff.

ACTION: Moved by Councilmember Martinez Franco, seconded by Vice Mayor Mai, to:

Direct the City Manager and appropriate staff to:

- 1) Continue exploring the feasibility of purchasing the University Park Library property from Orange County.
- 2) Return to the City Council within 90 days with a comprehensive strategy outlining what the City has done to negotiate with the County, and what would be required to complete such a transaction in a fiscally responsible manner.

ACTION: A friendly amendment was made by Councilmember Carroll to:

Direct the City Manager and appropriate staff to:

- 1) Continue exploring the feasibility of purchasing the University Park Library property from Orange County.
- 2) Return to the City Council within 90 days with a comprehensive strategy outlining what the City has done to negotiate with the County, and what would be required to complete such a transaction in a fiscally responsible manner.
- 3) Refer the matter to the Community & Library Services Commission and budgetary staff for review.

The friendly amendment was not accepted by Councilmember Martinez Franco as the maker.

Following discussion, a vote was taken on the main motion.

ACTION: Moved by Councilmember Martinez Franco, seconded by Vice Mayor Mai, and unanimously carried to:

Direct the City Manager and appropriate staff to:

- 1) Continue exploring the feasibility of purchasing the University Park Library property from Orange County.
- 2) Return to the City Council within 90 days with a comprehensive strategy outlining what the City has done to negotiate with the County, and what would be required to complete such a transaction in a fiscally responsible manner.

6.2 CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY COUNCILMEMBERS GO AND TRESEDER TO DISCUSS A BUDGET AMENDMENT ALLOCATING THE ORANGE COUNTY POWER AUTHORITY LOAN REPAYMENT FUNDS TOWARDS THE FUNDING OF THE IRVINE STATION MOBILITY HUB

This item was agendaized at the request of Councilmembers Go and Treseder, who asked for City Council consideration to discuss a budget amendment allocating the Orange County Power Authority (OCPA) loan repayment funds towards the funding of the Irvine Station Mobility Hub.

Luis Estevez, Director of Public Works & Sustainability, and Sean Crumby, City Manager, responded to questions.

Don Geller, Irvine resident and Finance Commission Chair, spoke in support of full repayment of the loan to OCPA, reiterating that these funds did not constitute new funding; and suggested that the proposed mobility hub be analyzed via the budgetary and financial review process by City staff and the Finance Commission.

Jay Bruce spoke in opposition to the proposed mobility hub being designated as a priority for sustainability and spoke in support of investment in local transit such as Irvine CONNECT.

Eric Neshanian, Irvine resident, and Mona spoke in support of returning repaid funds to the General Fund, and referring the process on how to spend those funds to the Finance Commission for review.

City Council discussion included: discussing the use of the repaid funds for the proposed project; noted various emissions sources; questioned efforts to assist riders from other areas of the City; inquired about funding for protected bike lanes; questioned potential use of Mello-Roos funds; inquired about the potential benefit to low-income families; questioned transportation methods to the Mobility Hub for those without

bicycles; suggested the expansion of Irvine CONNECT; inquired about a cost recovery plan; questioned the total amount to be repaid by OCPA, and anticipated date for full repayment, with interest; inquired about a phased approach; questioned whether the proposed amount was equivalent to the amount of loan interest; inquired about the funding source for the original loan; questioned approximate foot traffic and number of potential users at the proposed hub; inquired about the timeframe for buildout; suggested commission review and/or inclusion in the budgetary review process; discussed potential other uses for the repaid OCPA funds; noted a recent OCPA rate increase; inquired about the Asset Management Fund balance; and noted previous approval of the project and its modular nature.

ACTION: Moved by Councilmember Go, seconded by Councilmember Treseder, to:

Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 26-16 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE BUDGET AMENDMENT ALLOCATING THE ORANGE COUNTY POWER AUTHORITY REPAYMENT LOAN FUNDS TOWARDS THE FUNDING OF THE IRVINE STATION MOBILITY HUB

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

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mayor Agran, seconded by Councilmember Liu, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 11:12 p.m.


MAYOR OF THE CITY OF IRVINE


CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF IRVINE

March 10, 2026