



MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

**June 6, 2017
City Council Chamber
One Civic Center Plaza
Irvine, CA 92606**

CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Irvine City Council was called to order at 4:05 p.m. on June 6, 2017 in the City Council Chamber, Irvine Civic Center, One Civic Center Plaza, Irvine, California; Mayor Wagner presiding.

ROLL CALL

Present:	5	Councilmember:	Melissa Fox
		Councilmember:	Jeffrey Lalloway
		Councilmember:	Christina Shea
		Mayor Pro Tempore:	Lynn Schott*
		Mayor:	Donald P. Wagner

* Mayor Pro Tempore Schott arrived at 4:23 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Wagner lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. COUNCIL BUSINESS

1.1 CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FROM MAYOR WAGNER AND COUNCILMEMBER FOX TO CHANGE THE DESIGNATED SITE FOR THE VETERANS CEMETERY

Mayor Wagner provided brief opening remarks, noting the need for the special meeting and summarized the action taken by the City Council on April 4, 2017.

ACTION: Moved by Mayor Wagner, seconded by Councilmember Fox, to:

Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 17-39 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, RE-DESIGNATING ITS PREFERRED SITE FOR THE CREATION OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA VETERANS CEMETERY, EXPRESSING ITS INTENT TO PURSUE A LAND EXCHANGE WITH HERITAGE FIELDS EL TORO LLC THROUGH WHICH THE CITY WILL ACQUIRE THE PREFERRED SITE FOR THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA VETERANS CEMETERY, AND EXPRESSING THE INTENT TO CONVEY THE PREFERRED SITE TO THE STATE FOR PURPOSES OF CREATING THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA VETERANS CEMETERY

City Council discussion included: noting the complexity of the land exchange; questioned the timing of the meeting and limited ability to review the proposal; noted potential traffic impacts if the land exchange were approved and questioned whether a traffic study would be conducted on the proposed alternate site (Strawberry Fields); discussed FivePoint Communities' (FivePoint) financial contribution; clarified that a land exchange still required the proper approval processes; noted a potential cost savings to taxpayers if the land exchange was approved; expressed concern about land remediation and associated costs of the Amended and Restated Development Agreement (ARDA) site; suggested that Strawberry Fields could be ready by 2019; noted that additional information from the developer was needed prior to a final decision; expressed concern that staff has not been provided ample time to review the current proposal; questioned the appraisal value of Strawberry Fields and why appraisals of both sites had not been conducted; and noted potential consequences of a land exchange.

The following individuals spoke in support of the alternate site (Strawberry Fields) proposed by FivePoint:

Carrie O'Malley, on behalf of Assembly Member Steven Choi
Jose Guevara, on behalf of Congress Member Lou Correa
Kailin Locker, on behalf of Senator Josh Newman
Brian Chuchua, representing Orange County Veterans Memorial Park
Foundation (OCVMPF)
Bill Cook, representing OCVMPF
Ron Bengochea
Craig Norris, Irvine resident
Peter Katz, Santa Ana resident
Ken Montgomery
Allan Bartlett, Irvine resident
Patrick Strader, Starpointe Ventures on behalf of FivePoint
Steve Greenberg, Irvine resident
Jeff Gottfredson, Newport Beach resident
Mark Newgent
Gang Chen, Irvine resident
Robert Brower, Irvine resident
Martha Huff, representing American Legion
Zeke Hernandez, representing OCVMPF
Alex Chen, Irvine resident
Thomas Peng
Michael Klubniken
Dwight Hanson, Irvine resident
Greg Smith
Mike Padian
Paul Sylvestry
Al Serrano
Darlene Matthews
Bill Lewis, Irvine resident
Bill Sandlin, representing Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)

The following individuals spoke in support of the existing ARDA site:

Rick Baran, Irvine resident
Alan Meyerson, Irvine resident
Jean Miller, Irvine resident
Riley Newman, Irvine resident
Carl Mariz
Jack Fancher, Irvine resident
Pankaj Bedekar
Larry Agran, Irvine resident
Carol Yocum
Thomas Snyder
Angelo Vassos

Harvey Liss, Irvine resident
Bob Holtzclaw, Lake Forest resident
Auram Grossman, Irvine resident
David Marshall, Santa Ana resident
Carolyn Inmon, Irvine resident
Carol LeMar, Irvine resident
Karen Jaffe, Irvine resident
Dennis Phelps, representing Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 1024
Ed Pope, Irvine resident

The following individuals spoke in support of a Veterans Cemetery at or near the Orange County Great Park:

Ralph Farrington
Teresa Mercado-Cota
James Torres
Reverend Frank Cook, representing American Legion

The following individuals submitted a Request to Speak slip but did not speak:

Larry Larsen
Tyler Holcomb
Austin Cook
Wendy Ke
Thomas Snyder

Additional discussion included: the need for an environmental impact report for Strawberry Fields and potential development delays as a result; expressed concern about losing state funding if the land exchange was approved; noted recent site visits by Governor Brown and his perspective that a decision pertaining to the siting of a veterans cemetery was a local matter; questioned who would assume maintenance of the cemetery; reiterated that neither site was located on Great Park property; questioned the scope of the first phase; noted the importance of protecting the City's interests; and questioned whether FivePoint was seeking additional entitlement as part of its proposal.

Sean Joyce, City Manager, provided a brief summary of the tasks that have been completed to date related to the two sites, and provided a list of next steps to be undertaken if the land exchange was approved.

ACTION: A substitute motion was made by Councilmember Lalloway, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Schott, to:

Table the item to the June 27, 2017 City Council meeting.

The motion failed as follows:

AYES: 2 COUNCILMEMBERS: Lalloway and Schott
NOES: 3 COUNCILMEMBERS: Fox, Shea and Wagner
ABSENT: 0 COUNCILMEMBERS: None

ACTION: A substitute motion was made by Councilmember Lalloway, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Schott, to:

Reaffirm the previously approved Amended and Restated Development Agreement (ARDA) site for a Veterans Cemetery.

The motion failed as follows:

AYES: 2 COUNCILMEMBERS: Lalloway and Schott
NOES: 3 COUNCILMEMBERS: Fox, Shea and Wagner
ABSENT: 0 COUNCILMEMBERS: None

ACTION: Moved by Mayor Wagner, seconded by Councilmember Fox, to:

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The motion carried as follows:

AYES: 3 COUNCILMEMBERS: Fox, Shea, and Wagner
NOES: 2 COUNCILMEMBERS: Lalloway and Schott
ABSENT: 0 COUNCILMEMBERS: None

RECESS

Mayor Wagner called a recess at 7:50 p.m.

RECONVENE

Mayor Wagner reconvened the special City Council meeting at 7:59 p.m. Councilmember Lalloway was not present.

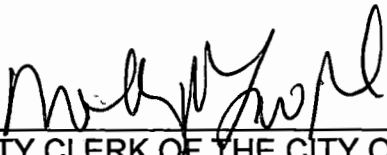
PUBLIC COMMENT

Michael Klubniken expressed his appreciation to the City Council for putting veterans ahead of politics.

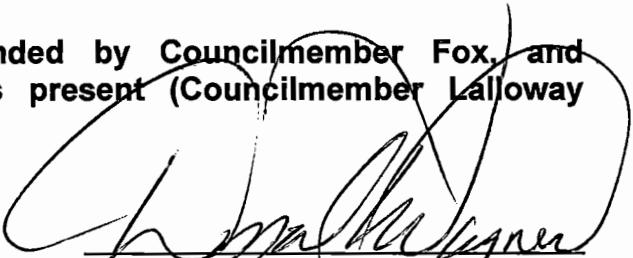
Ilya and Robert Tseglin reiterated a domestic issue related to an autistic family member.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councilmember Shea, seconded by Councilmember Fox, and unanimously carried by those members present (Councilmember Lalloway absent) to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m.



CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF IRVINE



MAYOR OF THE CITY OF IRVINE

June 27, 2017