



MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

March 12, 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 4:03 p.m. on March 12, 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. SCOPING SESSION

1.1 ***SCOPING SESSION FOR A GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT FOR PLANNING AREA 25 (UNIVERSITY RESEARCH PARK); FILED BY IRVINE COMPANY***

Grace Cho, Principal Planner, presented the staff report and responded to questions. Stephanie Frady, Manager of Current Planning; and Jeff Davis, representing Irvine Company, also responded to questions.

City Council discussion included: inquiring about history and boundaries of Planning Area 25; questioned the City's land use authority over the area; inquired about availability and potential opportunities for retail; questioned affordable housing opportunities; inquired about innovative transit opportunities, including accessibility to the Anteatier Express bus service.

By consensus, received and filed. No action was taken.

2. CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Melching announced the following Closed Session items:

- 2.1 **CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS (Government Code § 54956.8) - Property: Portions of APNs 10411897 and 10411898; Agency Negotiators: Oliver Chi, City Manager; Pete Carmichael, Assistant City Manager; Jeffrey Melching, City Attorney; Negotiating Parties: City of Irvine; Brad Hare, Division President, Toll Brothers Inc; Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment**

- 2.2 **CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS (Government Code § 54956.8) – Property: Portions of APNs 10411897 and 10411898; Agency Negotiators: Oliver Chi, City Manager; Pete Carmichael, Assistant City Manager; Jeffrey Melching, City Attorney; Negotiating Parties: City of Irvine; Adrian Foley, President and CEO, North America, Brookfield Southern California Land LLC; Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment**

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There were no requests to speak.

RECESS

Mayor Khan recessed the City Council meeting to Closed Session at 4:26 p.m.

RECONVENE TO THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Khan reconvened the City Council meeting at 5:35 p.m. City Attorney Melching, on behalf of the City Council, announced that no reportable action was taken in Closed Session.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Carroll led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

Pastor Lynn Linis from Free Chapel provided the invocation.

3. PRESENTATIONS

3.1 *Proclaim April 14-20, 2024, as "National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week"*

Mayor Khan introduced members of Irvine Police Department's Communications Bureau, and presented a proclamation recognizing April 14-20, 2024, as "National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week."

3.2 *Employee Recognition: 20 and 35 Years of Service*

Mayor Khan introduced and recognized the following individuals, and presented Certificates of Recognition and a milestone numeral for 20 and 35 years of public service to the City of Irvine:

20 Years of Service

- Joseph "Shane" Holloway, Police Officer
- Anne Kanter-Edwards, Community Services Program Specialist

35 Years of Service

- Alana Kaleikini, Community Services Supervisor

3.3 *Irvine Barclay Theatre Annual Update*

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

Alan Meyerson, Irvine resident, expressed appreciation to the City Council and Irvine Barclay Theatre for its programming and world-class events.

City Council discussion included: noting the Theatre's increase in cultural programming; expressed appreciation for the Theatre's role in the community; inquired about additional program funding and dynamic pricing for tickets; and questioned organizational self-sufficiency plans.

By consensus, received and filed.

Following Presentations, Mayor Khan reordered the agenda to consider the City Manager's Report, Announcements/Committee Reports/Council Reports, and Additions and Deletions prior to public comments on non-agendized items, and also noted the following:

- Thirty (30) minutes of public comments on non-agendized items would be taken initially.
- The remainder of public comments for non-agendized items would be taken at the end of the agenda following consideration of all agendized items.
- Public comments on Consent Calendar items would be limited to thirty (30) minutes.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

There was no report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Khan

- Mayor Khan wished members of the Muslim community a "Ramadan Mubarak", and expressed hope during this time of fasting and prayer that all will continue to strive for peace and justice. She also noted that she would be taking a short break at 7 p.m. to break her fast, at which time she would turn the meeting over to Vice Mayor Agran to preside over the meeting.
- Earlier in the day, Mayor Khan welcomed University of California, Irvine (UCI) Health Multiple Sclerosis (MS) providers and physicians, as well as local MS advocates from the National MS Society, to discuss the potential for future collaboration with the City. UCI is home to the Multiple Sclerosis Research Center, one of 15 research centers in the nation recognized by the National MS Society for its efforts to find a cure for MS and a destination for people to receive care. Mayor Khan expressed appreciation for their service advocacy and honored them with the recognition of MS Awareness Week in Irvine.

- Members of the public are invited to celebrate spring at William Woollett Jr. Aquatics Center during Egg-a-Pool-Looza on Saturday, March 23, from 1 to 5 p.m. Children can enjoy family splash time, a poolside egg hunt, face painting, spring crafts, games, bounce houses, and an opportunity to take photos with a guest bunny. For more information and to register, visit yourirvine.org.
- Community members are invited to support the Irvine Animal Care Center's (IACC) Foster Donation Drive throughout March. Members of the public can support IACC's puppies and kittens, as well as animals healing from injury or post-surgery, by donating supplies such as formula, mother and baby cat food, and toys. To view a complete wish list, visit irvineanimals.org/foster. The IACC's Foster Care program provides a home environment, supplies, food, and veterinary care for animals too young to be adopted, and those recovering from medical procedures. For more information on providing temporary care for young animals or those recovering from a medical procedure, visit irvineanimals.org/foster.
- Residents who own single family homes or condominiums built in or before 1975 are invited to explore resources available through the One Irvine program, including Home Improvement Loans and Green Home Grants, which can be used for projects related to critical repairs or sustainability, including solar panels. Applications will be accepted through Friday, March 15. Members of the public are asked to provide feedback on the One Irvine program via an online survey. For more information, to apply, or participate in the online survey, visit cityofirvine.org/oneirvine.
- In updating its General Plan, a state-required document representing its vision for Irvine for the next 25 years and beyond, the City has prepared a Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (EIR) that evaluates potential environmental effects associated with the update, which will be available for public review and comment from Friday, March 15, through Monday, April 29, at 5 p.m. The 2045 General Plan Update will include goals, objectives, policies, and implementation actions to help preserve and enhance Irvine's quality of life. Members of the public are invited to review the Draft Program EIR and share their feedback to shape the vision and goals for future planning. The draft report can be viewed online, at City Hall, and at Heritage Park, Katie Wheeler, and University Park libraries; and comments can be submitted via U.S. mail or email. To review the draft report online and for more information on submitting comments, visit irvine2045.org.

Councilmember Kim

- The Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) will host its annual Open House on March 16 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. This free community event will provide an opportunity for the entire family to observe demonstrations of how firefighters protect the community, visit firetrucks, and meet with firefighters. For information, visit ocfa.org.

- Last week, OCFA announced the passing of Fire Captain Rob Culp, whose last assignment was at Fire Station 27 in Irvine. Over the past 25 years, Captain Culp was dedicated to the service of the National City Fire Department, Carlsbad Fire Department, and OCFA, leaving a legacy of courage, commitment, and care. During his 16 years with OCFA, Rob served as Firefighter Paramedic, Fire Apparatus Engineer, and Fire Captain, and was a member of the Technical Rescue Team and FEMA California Task Force 5. Councilmember Kim extended condolences to Captain Culp's family, friends, and the entire OCFA community, and requested that the meeting be adjourned in his honor.

Vice Mayor Agran

- Members of the public are invited to participate in the "Welcome Home Marines" Pillow and Pillowcase Drive to support the 2/11 Marine Battalion, in partnership with the Irvine 2/11 Marine Adoption Committee. The mission is to collect 100 new standard size bed pillows and pillowcases through April 13 to welcome home Marines returning from deployment. The Irvine 2/11 Marine Adoption Committee, established in 2007, is a volunteer organization dedicated to the care and support of active Marines from the 2/11 Battalion out of Camp Pendleton, and meets regularly at the Lakeview Senior Center to plan and oversee activities that include holiday and pre-deployment events, care packages, toy drives, and more. For more information, email contact@irvine211marines.org.

Councilmember Carroll

- Irvine resident Lida contacted Councilmember Carroll's office for assistance in retrieving her daughter's cell phone, which had fallen down a City drain near her residence. In collaboration with City Manager Chi, members of the City's Public Works & Sustainability Department responded and promptly retrieved the fallen cell phone. Councilmember Carroll expressed appreciation to Public Works and Sustainability staff, including Director Sean Crumby, Manager Joe Dillman, Equipment Operator John Nieves, and Street Maintenance Technician Rudy Troncosa, for assisting on short notice.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - CITY COUNCIL - NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS

Prior to consideration of public comments on non-agendized items, Councilmember Kim suggested that comments on matters not related to the situation in the Middle East be considered first.

Dionna Harris, Irvine resident and Pastor at The Fire of God Church, offered to partner with the City in areas including homelessness.

Alan Meyerson, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to the Orange County Power Authority's claims of providing clean energy.

Scott Perley, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to Measure D and transitioning to district elections.

Eric, Irvine Asians for Peace, spoke in opposition to City investment in Caterpillar.

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

- Sara
- Moazzam
- Lulu
- Sanghyuk Shin, Irvine Asians for Palestine
- Dunia, undergraduate student
- Khalid Zataar, UCI student and Board Member of UCI chapter of Students for Justice in Palestine
- Samantha R.
- Jenna H.

Flour Massacre; Abraham; and Nadeah, Irvine resident and representing Warriors Against Genocide and SoCal Cease Fire Coalition; spoke in opposition to City investment in Caterpillar and in support of a resolution calling for a permanent cease fire in Gaza.

Sarah Free Palestine, UCI student, spoke in support of a resolution calling for a permanent cease fire in Gaza, and in opposition to the Irvine Police Department sending officers to Israel for surveillance training.

Jenin, Irvine resident, spoke in support of a resolution calling for a permanent cease fire in Gaza and in opposition to City investment in companies that support Israeli military activities.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Khan left the dais at 7 p.m., and asked that Vice Mayor Agran assume the role of presiding officer during her absence.

Prior to approval of the Consent Calendar, the following individuals spoke on Item Nos. 4.2 and 4.5:

Item 4.2

- Sara spoke in opposition to anti-Palestinian and anti-Arab speech in the community, and violence against women and children in Gaza.
- An unknown speaker spoke in opposition to a lack of evidence used to support a prevailing narrative regarding events in Gaza.

- Lulu spoke in support of the City Council taking additional action to further support Sexual Assault Awareness Month, National Child Abuse Prevention Month, and Fair Housing Month proclamations.
- George F. spoke in support of a resolution calling for a permanent cease fire in Gaza and in opposition to campaign contributions from Raytheon Technologies.
- Rania K., Irvine resident, spoke in support of the Fair Housing Month proclamation.
- Andrew Irwin, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to the City Council's support for National Child Abuse Prevention Month proclamation based on incidents in the Council Chamber during recent meetings, and spoke in support of a resolution calling for a permanent cease fire in Gaza.
- Lucero spoke in opposition to recent comments and actions by Councilmembers Kim and Treseder.
- Bee E. spoke in opposition to violence and harassment experienced by Palestinian female detainees.
- Michael D. noted violence against children in Gaza and spoke in support of a resolution calling for a permanent cease fire in Gaza.

Item 4.5

- Amal, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to City investment in Microsoft, Caterpillar, J.P. Morgan, Toyota, and John Deere.
- Dr. Kelly, neurosurgeon at Hoag, spoke in support of a resolution calling for a permanent cease fire in Gaza and in opposition to sending weapons to Israel.
- Wessal and Kelly spoke in opposition to City investment in companies that support Israeli military activities.

Mayor Khan returned to the dais at 7:29 p.m.

Moved by Councilmember Kim, seconded by Vice Mayor Agran, and unanimously carried to approve City Council Consent Calendar Item Nos. 4.1 through 4.8.

4.1 MINUTES

ACTION:

Approved the minutes of a regular meeting of the City Council held on February 13, 2024.

4.2 PROCLAMATIONS

ACTION:

- 1) Proclaimed March 10-16, 2024, as "MS Awareness Week."
- 2) Proclaimed March 10-16, 2024, as "California Mediation Week."
- 3) Proclaimed April 14-20, 2024, as "National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week."
- 4) Proclaimed April 2024, as " National Child Abuse Prevention Month."
- 5) Proclaimed April 2024, as "Sexual Assault Awareness Month."
- 6) Proclaimed April 2024, as "Fair Housing Month."

4.3 WARRANT AND WIRE TRANSFER RESOLUTION

ACTION:

Adopted RESOLUTION NO. 24-12 - 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

4.4 FISCAL YEAR 2023-24 SECOND QUARTER BUDGET UPDATE

ACTION:

Received and filed the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Second Quarter Budget Update.

4.5 TREASURER'S REPORT FOR QUARTER ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

ACTION:

Received and filed the Treasurer's Report for the quarter ended December 31, 2023.

4.6 2023 ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT FOR THE CITY OF IRVINE'S EXISTING GENERAL PLAN

ACTION:

Reviewed and directed staff to submit the 2023 Annual Progress Report for the City of Irvine's existing General Plan to the Governor's Office of Planning and Research; filed by the City of Irvine Community Development Department.

4.7 ACCEPTANCE OF 2023 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT

ACTION:

- 1) Accepted the 2023 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant award in the amount of \$12,389 as a subgrantee of the County of Orange.
- 2) Approved a budget adjustment request in the amount of \$12,389 reflecting an increase in revenues and appropriations.

4.8 SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NOS. 24-04 AND 24-05 UPDATING THE MUNICIPAL CODE AND ZONING ORDINANCE FOR SOLID WASTE COLLECTION STANDARDS

ACTION:

Read by title only, second reading and adoption of the following ordinances:

- 1) ORDINANCE NO. 24-04 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING ZONE CHANGE 00906788-PZC TO AMEND DIVISION 3, CHAPTER 3-23, DIVISION 9, CHAPTER 9-4, SECTIONS 9-4-7 A.2(H)(1), A.3, A.4(C), A.5(E) AND A.8(B)(4), AND DIVISION 4, CHAPTER 4-6, SECTION 4-6-2 OF THE CITY OF IRVINE ZONING ORDINANCE, ALL PERTAINING TO THE REGULATION OF SOLID WASTE
- 2) ORDINANCE NO. 24-05 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS TO EXISTING SOLID WASTE COLLECTION REGULATIONS BY AMENDING TITLE 4, DIVISION 11, CHAPTER 6, AND TITLE 6, DIVISION 7, CHAPTERS 1, 4 AND 6, OF THE CITY OF IRVINE MUNICIPAL CODE

(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 5-0.

5. COUNCIL BUSINESS

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

This item was agendaized at the request of Councilmember Carroll, who asked for City Council consideration regarding the development of a new Southern Open Space Trail system.

Oliver Chi, City Manager, responded to questions.

Gabriela Worrel, Laguna Greenbelt, Inc., spoke in support of studies that balance wildlife protection with human recreation, and in opposition to a study that supports trail use in the area.

EJ spoke in support of City Council consideration of matters such as trails and traffic.

Jeremy Ficarola, Irvine resident, spoke in support.

City Council discussion included: suggested consultation with different non-profit partners expert in the subject area; and inquired about the trailhead.

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

Direct the City Manager to initiate a study to identify the feasibility of creating a new Southern Open Space Trail system in consultation with non-profit partners well-versed in land management such as the Irvine Ranch Conservancy and Irvine Laguna Wildlife Corridor Group, and review of the Irvine Wildlife Corridor resolution adopted in 2013.

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

This item was agendaized at the request of Councilmember Treseder, who asked for City Council consideration regarding the initiation of a study assessing expanded transit options in Irvine.

Oliver Chi, City Manager, responded to questions.

The following individuals spoke in support:

- Youssef Kaddeche, Irvine resident
- Doug Elliott, Irvine resident
- James, Irvine resident
- Robbie
- Alex Lewis, Irvine resident

Dee Fox, Irvine resident, spoke in support of purchasing electric bicycles for use by the Irvine Police Department.

Pamela Wykoff expressed concern about traffic and government outreach.

City Council discussion included: noting Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) operation of the i-Shuttle, and suggested that the operation of City buses remain with the City instead of OCTA; inquired about the status of Proposition 116 funds and the amount earmarked for Irvine, and suggested the inclusion of Proposition 116 funds in the study; recommended the inclusion of light rail use and micro-transit as part of the assessment; inquired about circulation improvement methods; suggested exploring short-term options; recommended the exploration of transportation methods from the prospective of local businesses; and inquired about the status of the bus rail launch.

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

Direct the City Manager to oversee a comprehensive study including the following:

- 1) Assessment of the viability of expanded transit services with or without an Irvine-specific Transit Authority including:
 - a. Enhanced traditional bus services through increased frequency or the addition of new routes;
 - b. Bus Rapid Transit, incorporating dedicated right-of-way for buses along crucial connectors across the City; and
 - c. Light Rail Transit.
- 2) The feasibility of starting a local Irvine Transportation Authority with an overview of such an entity's costs and operational capacity.

- 3) Methods to expand transit that do not involve an Irvine-specific Transit Authority including:
 - a. Exploration of existing revenue streams that can be diverted to expanded transit services, including Proposition 116 funding;
 - b. Consideration of other funding options with the Orange County Transportation Authority, with a focus on funding that comes directly from OCTA as opposed to funding that comes from the City to OCTA and redirected back to the City;
 - c. Consideration of the interconnection of various transit systems in Irvine and how the City might facilitate that;
 - d. Consideration of traffic that is passing through the City as opposed to traffic that stops in the City; and
 - e. Consideration of business-friendly approaches.

5.3 *CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY COUNCILMEMBER KIM TO DISCUSS THE INSTALLATION OF STOP SIGNS AT THE INTERSECTION OF GREAT LAWN AND HALLMARK*

This item was agendized at the request of Councilmember Kim, who initially asked for City Council consideration for the installation of stop signs at the intersection of Great Lawn and Hallmark; however, she further noted that since her request to agendize the item for consideration, the installation of stop signs at the noted intersection had already taken place. She also presented a brief video put together by Woodbury residents expressing their appreciation for the recent installation of stop signs.

Oliver Chi, City Manager, responded to questions.

Tiffany and Doug Elliott, Irvine residents, spoke in support.

City Council discussion included: expressing appreciation to the Public Works & Sustainability Department for their efforts; noted common behavior by motorists related to stop signs at intersections; and suggested the addition of reflective paint or reflectors to enhance the visibility of stop signs.

By consensus, received and filed. No action was taken.

5.4 CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY COUNCILMEMBER CARROLL TO DISCUSS A CLEAN CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY DESIGNATION FOR THE CITY OF IRVINE

This item was agendized at the request of Councilmember Carroll, who asked for City Council consideration regarding discussion of a Clean California community designation for the City of Irvine.

Oliver Chi, City Manager, responded to questions.

Alan Meyerson, Irvine resident, spoke in support of the pursuit of the Clean California Community designation and in opposition to an Irvine Watchdog article that was critical of Councilmember Carroll's environmental record.

Jeremy Ficarola, Irvine resident, spoke in support of the item and noted Councilmember Carroll's prior votes on environmental matters.

City Council discussion included: inquiring about agency responsibility for cleaning freeway litter and possible City augmentation of these efforts.

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

Direct the City Manager to execute the Clean California pledge and develop a plan that would facilitate Irvine achieving the Clean California Community designation.

ADJOURNMENT

Prior to the consideration of additional public comments on non-agendized items, a motion was made to adjourn the City Council meeting.

ACTION: Moved by Councilmember Kim, seconded by Councilmember Treseder, to adjourn the City Council meeting at 8:43 p.m.

The motion carried as follows:

AYES: 3 COUNCILMEMBERS: Carroll, Kim, and Treseder

NOES: 2 COUNCILMEMBERS: Agran and Khan

ABSENT: 0 COUNCILMEMBERS: None

ABSTAIN: 0 COUNCILMEMBERS: None



CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF IRVINE



MAYOR OF THE CITY OF IRVINE

May 14, 2024