



MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

September 9, 2025
City Council Chamber
1 Civic Center Plaza
Irvine, CA 92606

CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Irvine City Council was called to order at 3:10 p.m. on September 9, 2025, 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

1. CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Melching announced the following Closed Session items:

- 1.1 **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION: Initiation of litigation (Government Code section 54956.9(d)(4)): One case**

- 1.2 CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS (Government Code § 54956.8) - Property: 8000 Great Park Blvd, Irvine, CA 92618; Agency Negotiators: Sean Crumby, City Manager; Pete Carmichael, Assistant City Manager; Jeffrey Melching, City Attorney; Negotiating Parties: City of Irvine; Douglas Freeman, Chief Executive Officer, OC Music and Dance; Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment**
- 1.3 CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS (Government Code § 54956.8) - Property: 8000 Great Park Blvd, Irvine, CA 92618; Agency Negotiators: Sean Crumby, City Manager; Pete Carmichael, Assistant City Manager; Jeffrey Melching, City Attorney; Negotiating Parties: City of Irvine; Ellen Pais, Executive Director, Pretend City Children’s Museum; Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment**
- 1.4 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION - Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) – City of Irvine v. Orange County Transportation Authority, et al., Orange County Superior Court Case No. 30-2023-01366419-CU-WM-CXC**
- 1.6 CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS (Government Code § 54956.8) - Property: 15207 Barranca Parkway, Irvine, CA 92618; Agency Negotiators: Sean Crumby, City Manager; Pete Carmichael, Assistant City Manager; Jeffrey Melching, City Attorney; Negotiating Parties: City of Irvine, The Regents of the University of California, a California constitutional corporation, on behalf of University of California, Irvine Extension, representative: Jason Palda, Executive Director, Real Estate Services; Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment**
- 1.7 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION - Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) - In Re Purdue Pharma L.P. et al, United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York Case No. 19-23649 (SHL)**
- 1.8 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION - Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) – In Re National Prescription Opiate Litigation, United States District Court Case No. 1:17-CV-2804**

City Attorney Melching also announced that the following Closed Session item would not be considered:

1.5 CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS (Government Code § 54956.8) - Property: APN 580-49-114; Agency Negotiators: Sean Crumby, City Manager; Pete Carmichael, Assistant City Manager; Jeffrey Melching, City Attorney; Negotiating Parties: City of Irvine, Heritage Fields El Toro, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, Dan Hedigan, representative: Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment

Prior to recessing to Closed Session, the following individuals spoke on the following:

1.1

Susan Sayre, Irvine resident, and Davis Garcia, University of California, Irvine student, spoke in support of filing an amicus brief in support of current litigation challenging federal immigration enforcement activity.

1.2

Douglas Freeman and Charlie Zhang, representing OC Music and Dance (OCMD), spoke in support of an OCMD facility at the Great Park and assistance related to a bank requirement for the guarantee of a construction loan for its new proposed campus.

1.3

The following individuals spoke in support of a Pretend City Children's Museum (PCCM) at the Great Park and assistance related to a bank requirement for the guarantee of a construction loan for its proposed campus:

- Ellen Pais, Executive Director of PCCM
- Adina Stowell, Irvine resident and Board Secretary and Development Committee Chair for PCCM
- Erin Boyl, Board Chair for PCCM
- Bill H. Lyon, Capital Campaign Committee Co-Chair and former Board Chair for PCCM

RECESS

Mayor Agran recessed the Special City Council meeting to Closed Session at 3:38 p.m.

RECONVENE TO THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Agran reconvened the Special City Council meeting at 5:23 p.m. City Attorney Melching, on behalf of the City Council, announced the following:

- No reportable action was taken in Closed Session regarding Item Nos. 1.2 through 1.4, and 1.6 through 1.8, noting the need to agendize the items in the future to complete discussions.
- Item No. 1.5 was not considered.
- Regarding Item No. 1.1:
 - By a vote of 5-2 (Councilmember Carroll and Vice Mayor Mai voted no), the City Council authorized the submission of an amicus brief (brief) in the case of *Vasquez Perdomo v. Kristi Noem in her official capacity as Secretary, Department of Homeland Security*, in support of the plaintiffs in connection with the preliminary injunction briefing occurring in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.
 - On account of the Supreme Court's recent ruling, the plaintiffs involved in the preliminary injunction briefing delayed submission of their brief until Monday, September 15, 2025, indicating that one may not be filed.
 - The City will be unable to file a brief if one is not filed by the plaintiffs; however, if the plaintiffs do file a brief, the City will file a brief no later than September 22, 2025.

RECESS

Following the announcement from Closed Session, City Attorney Melching noted that, due to the length of Closed Session, the City Council opted to recess the special meeting and reconvene following the conclusion of the adjourned regular meeting to consider Scoping Session Item No. 2.1.

Mayor Agran recessed the Special City Council meeting to Closed Session at 5:27 p.m.

RECONVENE TO THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Agran reconvened the Special City Council meeting at 12:20 a.m.

2. SCOPING SESSION

2.1 SCOPING SESSION FOR A GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT FOR PLANNING AREA 51 (GREAT PARK)

Hernan DeSantos, Senior Planner, presented the staff report and responded to questions. Nick Melloni, Principal Planner, and Jeff Melching, City Attorney, were also available for questions.

City Council discussion included: inquiring about the allowance of annexation of noncontiguous properties by current Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions (CC&Rs); questioned the intention to designate the subject area as independent with its own master plan or annex into the current Great Park Neighborhoods; noted the Community Facilities District overlay; suggested inclusion of existing homeowner associations in the annexation process; and suggested inclusion of a robust transit plan.

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

Receive and file.

ADJOURNMENT

By consensus, the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 a.m.


MAYOR OF THE CITY OF IRVINE


CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF IRVINE

October 14, 2025