



MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

March 20, 2018
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 6:06 p.m. on March 20, 2018 in the City Council Chamber, Irvine Civic Center, One Civic Center Plaza, Irvine, California; Mayor Wagner presiding.

ROLL CALL

Present:	4	Councilmember:	Melissa Fox
		Councilmember:	Jeffrey Lalloway
		Mayor Pro Tempore:	Christina Shea
		Mayor:	Donald P. Wagner

Absent:	1	Councilmember:	Lynn Schott
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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Wagner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Melching announced the following Closed Session item:

- 1.1 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION:
Initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code Section
54956.9(d)(4): two potential cases**

Mayor Wagner announced that the Closed Session item pertained to recent action taken by the Orange County Board of Supervisors within the last 24 hours to move hundreds of homeless citizens to a tent area on 100 acres of county-owned land adjacent to the Orange County Great Park that could be opened within the week. He also noted that several e-mails and phone calls had been received by members of the public expressing opposition, with the exception of one individual in support.

Todd Spitzer, Orange County Supervisor, provided a brief overview of the issue of homelessness in Orange County, as well as a recent court decision that required the immediate removal of homeless individuals from the Orange County Civic Center, to which the Orange County Board of Supervisors (Board) voted to relocate these individuals to one of three tent areas in the cities of Irvine, Huntington Beach, and Laguna Niguel. Supervisor Spitzer also noted his opposition to the Board's decision, reiterating that although the prevention of homelessness was a top priority for the County, its actions were not an appropriate solution to the problem.

City Council discussion included: noting the lack of proper infrastructure, access to medical and mental health care, and other necessary services for homeless individuals; inquired about how the homeless encampment along the Santa Ana Riverbed was addressed; expressed concern about the site's proximity to the future water park, sports fields, and other amenities at the Orange County Great Park; questioned the need for soil remediation; inquired about other potential sites; expressed concern that the facility would transition from temporary to permanent if the issue of homeless continued to grow; questioned recent Board actions taken, if any, to address underlying causes of homelessness; inquired about the vetting process for those who are relocated; noted the need for a more secured environment; reiterated the City's support and commitment to preventing homelessness and providing affordable housing in collaboration with community partners.

The following individuals spoke in opposition to the recent actions taken by the Orange County Board of Supervisors:

Cindy Murillo, Irvine resident

Jeff Hedtke, Irvine resident

Lauren Johnson-Norris, Irvine resident and Community Services Commissioner

Parrisa Yazdani, Irvine resident

Rick Rundles

Anthony Kuo, Irvine resident and Planning Commissioner

Annie Gill, Irvine resident
Ty Kirkpatrick, Irvine resident
Eli Weinkle, Irvine resident
Ruba Alhamwi, Irvine resident
Dr. Kakar, Irvine resident
Neeraj Sharma, Irvine resident
Jennifer Assouad, Irvine resident
Quyên Doan, Irvine resident

The following individual spoke in support of the recent actions taken by the Orange County Board of Supervisors:

Mohammed Aly, Orange County Poverty Alleviation Coalition (OCPAC)

The following individuals spoke in support of homelessness assistance and prevention through alternative resources:

Ken Stahl, People for Housing
Margie Wakeham, Families Forward
Tyson Monagle, Irvine resident

Prior to convening to Closed Session, Mayor Wagner, Mayor Pro Tempore Shea, and Councilmembers Lalloway and Fox, expressed their appreciation to members of the community for attending the meeting.

Mayor Wagner also reiterated that, while the City would continue working in collaboration with others to reduce homelessness in Orange County, the City's commitment to public safety would continue to be a top priority; and provided a summary of the City's financial contributions over the years for affordable housing and other charitable causes through community partnerships.

RECESS

Mayor Wagner convened the City Council meeting to Closed Session at 7:48 p.m.

RECONVENE TO THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

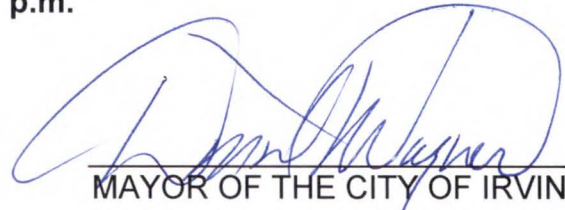
Mayor Wagner reconvened the City Council meeting at 9:08 p.m. and announced that by a unanimous vote of those members present (Councilmember Schott absent), the City Council directed legal counsel to immediately commence litigation against the County for its many violations of law, and to take all available additional steps to stop this proposal.

ADJOURNMENT

By consensus of those members present (Councilmember Schott absent), the City Council meeting was adjourned at 9:09 p.m.



CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF IRVINE



MAYOR OF THE CITY OF IRVINE

March 27, 2018