



MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

September 26, 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 4:15 p.m. on September 26, 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

1. COUNCIL BUSINESS

1.1 ***VETERANS CEMETERY IMPLEMENTATION AGREEMENT***

This item was agendized at the request of Mayor Wagner, who noted that inaccurate information had been circulated regarding the City's intentions with the 125-acre Veterans Cemetery at the Orange County Great Park; and reaffirmed the City's commitment to dedicating the entire 125 acre alternative site, known as Strawberry Fields, to CalVet for a Veterans Cemetery.

The following individuals spoke in support of the proposed agreement:

Sharon Quirk-Silva, California State Assemblymember
Gang Chen, Irvine resident
Bill Cook, Orange County Veterans Memorial Park
Patrick Strader, Starpoint Ventures on behalf of Heritage Fields El Toro, LLC
Tom Cagney
Ron Bengochea, Anaheim resident
Ron Fauth, American Legion
William Lewis, American Legion
Steve Greenberg, Irvine resident
Greg Rath, Mission Viejo resident
Robert Brower, American Legion
Leisha Fauth, American Legion
Greg Smith, Irvine resident
Bill Sandlin, Irvine resident
Alex Diaz, Orange County Veterans Memorial Park
Sam Costelo
David Stouffer
Marilyn Harris

The following individuals spoke in opposition:

Harvey Liss, Irvine resident
Larry Agran, Irvine resident
Larry Bales
Ashley Tarroja
Jim Dale, Irvine resident
William Bell
Alan Meyerson, Irvine resident
Patty Bartlett, Irvine resident
Ed Pope, Irvine resident
Sharon Toji, Irvine resident
Angelo Vassos

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

Jack Fancher, Irvine resident
Ranney Lochtfeld

City Council discussion included: clarification of the motion with respect to simple deal points as approved by the City Council on June 6, 2017; noted that the \$10 million financial contribution was between CalVet and Heritage Fields El Toro, LLC (Heritage Fields), and expressed concern that the City had no recourse if the contribution was not made; reiterated

that both the Amended and Restated Development Agreement (ARDA) and Strawberry Fields sites were at the Orange County Great Park; expressed concern about potential interim uses on approximately 100 acres of the Veterans' Cemetery site; questioned if any remediation was necessary at the Strawberry Fields site; inquired about the appraised values of both sites; questioned the costs of Phase I of the cemetery; expressed concern that the ARDA site, once transferred, could be rezoned from commercial to residential in the future; noted remedial costs to demolish and rehabilitate the ARDA site; expressed concern about potential land negotiations for consideration under Closed Session; noted that the lack of demolition required at the Strawberry Fields site would expedite completion of the cemetery; reiterated that the dedication of either site was necessary prior to CalVet's investment; noted that the Mayor's authority to sign the agreement on behalf of the City was a ministerial act with no new deal points; and noted that the unsigned Implementation Agreement would be made available to the public on the City's website for five to seven days prior to execution.

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

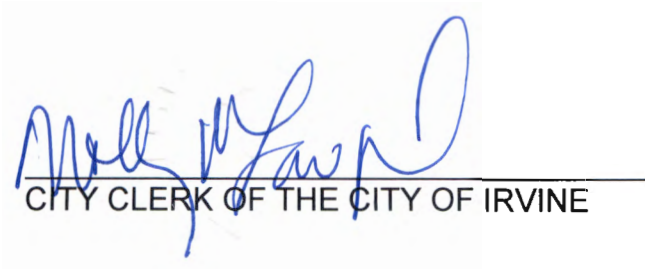
- 1) Dedicate the entire 125-acre Alternative Site/Strawberry Fields Site to CalVet immediately upon its transfer to the City for use only as a Veterans' Cemetery and interim agriculture uses, and further that the proposed land swap with Heritage Fields be completed without additional conditions.
- 2) Grant authority to staff to finalize the document consistent with the direction provided tonight and authorize execution of the agreement by the Mayor upon completion. **(Contract No. 9951)**

The motion carried as follows:

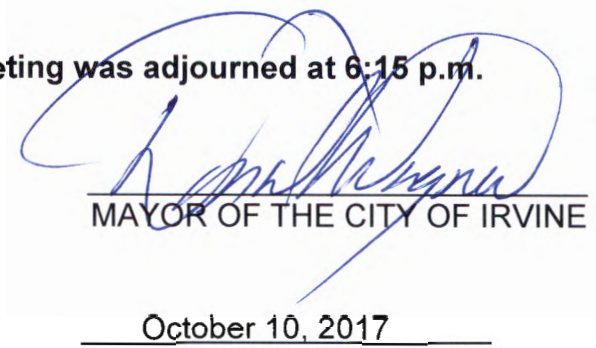
AYES: 3 COUNCILMEMBERS: Fox, Shea and Wagner
 NOES: 2 COUNCILMEMBERS: Lalloway and Schott
 ABSENT: 0 COUNCILMEMBERS: None

ADJOURNMENT

By consensus, the special City Council meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.



CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF IRVINE



MAYOR OF THE CITY OF IRVINE

October 10, 2017