



MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

March 28, 2023
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 4:02 p.m. on March 28, 2023, in the City Council Chamber, Irvine Civic Center, 1 Civic Center Plaza, Irvine, California; Mayor Khan presiding.

ROLL CALL

Present: 4	Councilmember:	Larry Agran
	Councilmember:	Kathleen Treseder
	Vice Mayor:	Tammy Kim
	Mayor:	Farrah N. Khan

Absent: 1	Councilmember:	Mike Carroll
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Mayor Khan noted additional opportunities to participate in the meeting virtually; and encouraged those providing public comments to be civil, polite, and courteous when addressing one another, City staff, and members of the public.

In addition, Carl Petersen, City Clerk, provided instructions on how to participate in the meeting; and noted that the e-comment feature had been extended, which allowed members of the public the ability to submit e-comments on all agenda items, which would be included as part of the official record and uploaded to the City's website.

1. CLOSED SESSION

Jeff Melching, City Attorney, announced the following Closed Session items:

- 1.1 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION - Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1): In re National Prescription Opiate Litigation, No. 1-17-md-02804 (S.D. Ohio).**
- 1.2 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION - Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) - County of Orange v. City of Irvine, Sacramento Superior Court Case No. 34-2018-00232248, consolidated and/or related with Case No. 34-2018-80002879, Case No. 34-2018-80002878, Case No. 34-2018-80002883, Case No. 34-2019-80003156, Case. No. 34-2019-80003154, and Case No. 34-2019-80003157 (County 100 Acres and West Alton Parcels Litigation)**
- 1.3 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION: Initiation of litigation (Government Code section 54956.9(d)(4)): One case**

There were no requests to speak.

RECESS

Mayor Khan recessed the City Council meeting to Closed Session at 4:07 p.m.

RECONVENE TO THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Khan reconvened the City Council meeting at 5:25 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 Agran led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

Pastor Jason Aguilar from Arise Church provided the invocation.

2. PRESENTATIONS

2.1 ***Proclaim April 9-15, 2023, as "National Public Safety Telecommunicator's Week"***

Mayor Khan introduced members of Irvine Police Department's Communications Bureau, and presented a proclamation recognizing April 9-15, 2023, as "National Public Safety Telecommunicator's Week."

2.2 ***Exchange Club of Irvine - Proceeds from Thanksgiving Prayer Breakfast***

Mayor Khan introduced Carlos Carney, President of the Exchange Club of Irvine, who in collaboration with Greater Irvine Chamber of Commerce President Bryan Starr and Concordia University's Vice President and Special Assistant to the President Dr. Peter Senkbeil, presented proceeds from the recent Thanksgiving Prayer Breakfast to Lisa Fujimoto, Executive Director of The Priority Center, for its efforts in preventing child abuse. Michael Kent, Chief of Police, also provided a few words on the City's efforts as well.

2.3 ***Ratify and Proclaim March 20, 2023, as "Nowruz" Persian New Year"***

Mayor Khan introduced members from the Iranian American Community Group Orange County, and presented a proclamation recognizing March 20, 2023, as "Nowruz" Persian New Year.

2.4 ***Health and Wellness Update***

Brian King, Assistant City Manager, provided a brief update on the City's health and wellness initiative.

City Council discussion included: noting the importance of the City's initiative; reiterated the goal of better preparedness should the need arise; suggested robust outreach by the Public Information Office; noted the Irvine Children, Youth, and Families Advisory Board's Strategic Plan for children, youth, and families; inquired about whether a five-year strategic plan would be available by the end of the year; questioned whether cultural competency related to mental health would be addressed; and inquired about whether additional community groups could participate.

By consensus, received and filed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS

Raj Bhatia and Don Geller, Irvine residents, spoke in opposition to a larger amphitheater and associated bass levels at Great Park.

Hoyin Ip, Irvine resident, spoke in support of rearranging the agenda to include the Invocation during the middle of the meeting.

Gene Kaplan, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to certain behavior at veteran events.

Alan Meyerson, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to a proposed Innovation Lab at Irvine Station; and in support of better treatment of veterans.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Chi announced that the special City Council meeting related to the Gateway Preserve scheduled earlier in the day had been canceled to allow staff additional time to vet the appropriate documents; noted that the Orange County Power Authority audit would be presented to the City Council at its April 11 meeting; and introduced Jaimee Bourgeois, Director of Public Works and Transportation, who provided a brief report on efforts to address potholes throughout the City due to the recent rains.

City Manager Chi also read into the record correspondence from Councilmember Carroll clarifying his absence from the City Council meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCIL REPORTS

Vice Mayor Kim:

- Irvine Tech Week was an overwhelming success. Hundreds of people came into City Hall to kick-off the event this past Saturday. Irvine Tech Week hosted panel discussions, workshops and networking events. Residents had the opportunity to build community, make meaningful connections, and share ideas. Vice Mayor Kim expressed her appreciation to Councilmember Treseder for speaking at the sustainability workshop. Over the weekend, the event included hosting Tech Star Start-Up Weekend, where nearly 80 aspiring entrepreneurs, mentors and judges came together over the course of 50 hours to experience start-up life firsthand. On Sunday, a wrap-up party was held where the top three new businesses had the opportunity to pitch to everyone. The event could not have been possible without the support of groups such as People Space, University of California, Irvine Entrepreneur Center, Orange County Start-Up Council, Sunset Stone Management, and other sponsors.

- Vice Mayor Kim expressed her appreciation to Councilmember Agran for nominating her as Chair of the Irvine Community Land Trust. Both Vice Mayor Kim and Councilmember Agran are dedicated in growing the number of affordable housing units in the City of Irvine, and both hope to see more progressive production in the years to come.

Mayor Khan

- March 29th is National Vietnam War Veteran's Day. The Vietnam War Veteran's Recognition Act of 2017 was signed into law and honors Vietnam Veterans. March 29th, 1973, was the day U.S. Military Assistance Command Vietnam was disestablished, as well as the day the last U.S. Military combat troops departed Vietnam. On or around the same day, Hanoi released the last of its acknowledged prisoners of war.
- The National Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation begins on Saturday, April 1 and ends April 30. The annual challenge, sponsored by the Wyland Foundation, encourages everyone to commit to reducing water use, energy, and more. Though drought conditions improved this winter with the rain and snow received, long-term concerns remain. To participate, visit mywaterpledge.com to make a series of online pledges to conserve water and other resources. Cities with the highest percentage of residents who take the challenge in their population category win the title of most water-wise city in the nation. For information, visit cityofirvine.org.
- The Irvine Animal Care Center invites all runners, walkers, and animal lovers to support animals in need by participating in its Virtual 5K from April 1 to 30. The Virtual 5K can be completed at one's own pace and any desired location. To enter, submit an entry fee of \$35 at irvineanimals.org/5k, complete the race before April 30, and receive an exclusive race medal and certificate. Four-legged friends can enter to run as well for an additional \$8 and receive their own medal for completing the race. Proceeds go toward special programs at the Irvine Animal Care Center, which provides sheltering, care, and enrichment for homeless, neglected, abused, or unwanted animals.
- The City's Egg-A-Pool-Looza event will take place on Saturday, April 8 from 2 to 5 p.m. Children can enjoy family splash time, egg hunt stations, face painting, spring crafts, games, and bounce houses. There will also be an opportunity to take photos with a special guest bunny. New this year are special activities for children ages 10 to 14 years old, including an underwater "eggsporation," an obstacle course, and games. For information or to register, visit yourirvine.org.

- The One Irvine Home Improvement Loan Program is providing no-interest loans of up to \$25,000 to owners of qualifying single-family homes and condominiums built in or before 1975 for home upgrades. Funding for the home improvement loans is limited and applications are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis until funding is exhausted. In addition to the home improvement loans, the City's One Irvine neighborhood revitalization program also includes: a Permit Fee Holiday, waiving certain building and planning permit fees; a Residential Rehabilitation Program to assist low-income homeowners with critical home improvements; and Green Home Grants up to \$1,500 to support smaller sustainability projects. For information and details on how to apply, visit cityofirvine.org/OneIrvine or call 949-724-6114.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

City Manager Chi asked that Consent Calendar Item No. 3.8 (Notice of Review for Tract Maps in Orchard Hills Located Adjacent to the Intersection of Portola Parkway and Jeffrey Road) be removed from the agenda for consideration at the April 11, 2023 City Council meeting; and Council Business Item No. 5.2 (Consideration of a Request by Mayor Khan to Initiate Lease Negotiations for the Establishment of Irvine's Innovation Lab in City Owned Office Space at the Train Station) for consideration at the April 25, 2023, City Council meeting.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

Moved by Vice Mayor Kim, seconded by Councilmember Treseder, and unanimously carried by those members present (Councilmember Carroll absent), to approve Consent Calendar Item Nos. 3.1 through 3.7, with the exception of Item No. 3.6, which was removed for separate discussion. Consent Calendar Item No. 3.8 was removed from the agenda at the request of City Manager Chi. See Additions and Deletions above.

3.1 MINUTES

ACTION:

- 1) Approved the minutes of a special meeting of the City Council held on February 21, 2023.
- 2) Approved the minutes of a regular meeting of the City Council held on February 28, 2023.

3.2 PROCLAMATIONS/COMMENDATIONS

ACTION:

- 1) Ratified and commended the Woodbridge High School Warriors Varsity Cheer Team.
- 2) Ratified and Proclaimed March 12, 2023, as "National Girl Scout Day."
- 3) Ratified and Proclaimed March 16 - 19, 2023, as "115th State Conference of the California State Society Daughters of the American Revolution Week."
- 4) Ratified and Proclaimed March 21, 2023, as "Legend Day."
- 5) Proclaimed March 31, 2023, as "Transgender Day Of Visibility."
- 6) Proclaimed April 2023, as "National Child Abuse Prevention Month."
- 7) Proclaimed April 2023, as "Sexual Assault Awareness Month."
- 8) Proclaimed September 4, 2023, as "Taekwondo Day."

3.3 WARRANT AND WIRE TRANSFER RESOLUTION

ACTION:

Adopted RESOLUTION NO. 23-28 - 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

3.4 2022 ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT FOR THE CITY OF IRVINE'S EXISTING GENERAL PLAN

ACTION:

Reviewed and directed staff to submit the 2022 General Plan Annual Progress Report to the Governor's Office of Planning and Research; filed by the City of Irvine Community Development Department.

3.5 IRVINE BARCLAY THEATRE ELEVATOR MODERNIZATION

ACTION:

- 1) Approved a budget adjustment in the amount of \$86,666 for Irvine Barclay Theatre Elevator Modernization Project from General Fund savings.
- 2) Authorized the City Manager to sign a funding agreement designating the use of funds for the elevator modernization project at the Irvine Barclay Theatre. **(Contract No. 11592)**

3.6 BUDGET ADJUSTMENT AND AWARD OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR IRVINE CENTER DRIVE IMPROVEMENTS FROM JEFFREY ROAD TO SAND CANYON AVENUE

This item was removed for separate discussion at the request of Mayor Khan, who inquired about the installation of a sidewalk on Irvine Center Drive near Deerwood and whether the contract would include that project.

Jaimee Bourgeois, Director of Public Works and Transportation, responded to questions.

There was no City Council discussion.

ACTION: Moved by Mayor Khan, seconded by Councilmember Kim, and unanimously carried by those members present (Councilmember Carroll absent), to:

- 1) Award a construction contract in the amount of \$5,086,158 for the Irvine Center Drive Pavement Rehabilitation, Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Project 312003, to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, All American Asphalt, Inc. **(Contract No. 11593)**
- 2) Approve the project funding summary and corresponding budget adjustment appropriating \$1,833,951 in Gas Tax Fund, Fund 111, to Irvine Center Drive Pavement Rehabilitation, CIP 312003.

3.7 APPROVAL OF SPECIFICATIONS AND CONTRACT DOCUMENTS FOR THE TRUCK ROUTE REHABILITATION (SAND CANYON AVENUE REHABILITATION – BARRANCA PARKWAY TO PORTOLA PARKWAY)

ACTION:

- 1) Approved a budget adjustment transferring a total of \$1,500,000 from Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation fund to Truck Route Rehabilitation (Sand Canyon Avenue Rehabilitation – Barranca Parkway to Portola Parkway) Capital Improvement Program project (CIP) 311902.
- 2) Approved the construction plans, specifications, and contract documents for the Truck Route Rehabilitation (Sand Canyon Avenue Rehabilitation – Barranca Parkway to Portola Parkway) CIP 311902.
- 3) Approved the Engineer's Estimate, Construction Contingency, and Project Funding Summary.

- 4) Authorized City Manager to execute project specific Addendum to the Master Reimbursement Agreement with Irvine Ranch Water District for installation and adjustment of facilities within the project area.
- 5) Authorized staff to solicit competitive bids and award the construction contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder in accordance with the City's purchasing policies and procedures, within the approved project budget.

3.8 NOTICE OF REVIEW FOR TRACT MAPS IN ORCHARD HILLS LOCATED ADJACENT TO THE INTERSECTION OF PORTOLA PARKWAY AND JEFFREY ROAD

This item was removed from the agenda at the request of City Manager Chi. See Additions and Deletions (p. 6).

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

4.1 AT-RISK AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND COMMITTED ASSISTANCE FOR PRESERVATION ACTIVITIES

Mayor Khan opened the public hearing at 6:39 p.m.

Amy Mullay, Senior Housing Analyst, and Lisa Varon, Manager of Housing, presented the staff report and responded to questions.

Susan Sayre, Irvine resident, and Kayla Asata, Orange County Environmental Justice, spoke in support of renewing affordable housing units.

City Council discussion included: noting the challenge of affordable housing within the state; inquired about whether landlords were open to discussions and a 55-year term; and reiterated the importance of affordable workforce housing.

ACTION: Moved by Vice Mayor Kim, seconded by Mayor Khan, and unanimously carried by those members present (Councilmember Carroll absent), to close the public hearing at 6:55 p.m.

ACTION: Moved by Vice Mayor Kim, seconded by Mayor Khan, and unanimously carried by those members present (Councilmember Carroll absent), to:

Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 23-29 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, MAKING THE FINDING AS REQUIRED BY THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT THAT AFFORDABLE RENTAL UNITS EXPIRING DURING THE 6TH CYCLE HOUSING ELEMENT PLANNING PERIOD ARE ELIGIBLE FOR CITY COMMITTED ASSISTANCE AND ARE REASONABLY EXPECTED TO CHANGE FROM HOUSING AFFORDABLE TO LOW- AND VERY LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS TO ANY OTHER USE DUE TO TERMINATION OF SUBSIDY CONTRACTS, MORTGAGE PREPAYMENT, OR EXPIRATION OF RESTRICTIONS ON USE.

4.2 BUILDING ELECTRIFICATION ORDINANCE

Mayor Khan opened the public hearing at 6:55 p.m.

Jesse Cardoza, Deputy Director of Community Development, presented the staff report and responded to questions. Tim Gehrich, Director of Community Development, was also available for questions.

Jane Olinger, Irvine resident, expressed concern about balanced power.

Victor Cao, Senior Vice President, Local Affairs - Southern California Apartment Association (SCAA), expressed concern about the ordinance being cost prohibitive and disruptive for tenants it housed should there be any inclination for mandatory retrofit; spoke in support of the proposed temporary exemptions to allow the industry more time for implementation.

Adam Wood, Vice President, Building Industry Association Orange County Division, spoke in support of a one-year implementation and assurance on infrastructure demands.

The following individuals spoke in support of a strong building electrification ordinance without exemptions:

- Alan Meyerson, Irvine resident
- Julie Hirota, Irvine resident
- David Hirota, Irvine resident

- Adam Tallabas on behalf of Orange County Supervisor Katrina Foley
- Lexi Hernandez
- Susan Keefe, Irvine resident
- Tomas Castro, Irvine resident
- Deeti Shah, Irvine resident
- Derek Yazan, Irvine resident
- Ranjana Ravishankar, Irvine resident
- Ayn Craciun, Irvine resident
- Margo Finlayson, Irvine resident
- Max Wang, Irvine resident
- Suyama B, Irvine resident
- Kim Orbe, Program Observation Manager, Sierra Club
- Kayla Asato
- Doug Elliott, Irvine resident
- Mae King, Irvine resident
- Skaila Sirdeshpande
- Maryam
- Sudarsh, Irvine resident
- Hoyin Ip, Irvine resident
- Linda Kraemer, Climate Reality Orange County
- Amir Baum
- Simone Schmidt
- Keira Choe, Irvine resident
- Jake Connor, OC Climate Police Leader
- Kev Abazajian, Irvine resident

Connor Medina, Orange County Business Council, spoke in support of a longer timeframe for implementation, exemptions proposed, and ensuring that the ordinance does not unintentionally prohibit the use of fuel cells as an option for reliable power to buildings.

Don Geller, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to the pool and spa exemption considered as one, and in opposition to pools being exempted.

Parker Shea, Unite Here Local 11, spoke in support of new hotels and industrial food service operators being subject to the ordinance with an exemption process that is rigorous and allows other members of the public, not just the applicants, to appeal decisions on exemptions; and in making decisions on exemptions, the City should consider any measures to mitigate any greenhouse gas emissions attributable to the development.

Harvey Liss, Irvine resident, spoke in support of adding a prohibition to use gas fireplaces, and encourage the elimination of gas barbeques.

ACTION: Moved by Vice Mayor Kim, seconded by Councilmember Treseder, and unanimously carried by those members present (Councilmember Carroll absent), to close the public hearing at 7:56 p.m.

City Council discussion included: noting Southern California Edison's correspondence ensuring the state's grid capabilities; suggested the issuance of individual waivers, if needed; reiterated the City's goals of carbon neutrality; discussed the proposed exemptions, including those applicable to multi-family water heating systems and the potential impact on housing affordability; questioned whether the ordinance would apply to the University of California, Irvine; reiterated the need for greener transportation modes; suggested taking realistic steps to achieving carbon neutrality goals; inquired about a potential waiver process; expressed concern that a waiver process may discourage some from applying; discussed potential barriers for certain food establishments, specifically those who offer traditional Asian cuisines; inquired about how exemptions would reduce climate goals and quantifying such exceptions; discussed the potential impacts on accessory dwelling units; noted that other cities have taken similar measures to meet sustainability goals; questioned whether the City's lobbyists at the state level were advocating on behalf of the City; suggested that passage of the building electrification ordinance would provide opportunities for other cities to follow; discussed which exemptions should either remain or be eliminated; inquired about charcoal and lighter fluid, propane tanks, and gas for use with barbecues; questioned whether hospital labs could apply for waivers; inquired about whether exemptions could be re-evaluated every year; questioned who would determine whether certain ethnic cuisines could be achieved using alternative cooking methods;

ACTION: Moved by Councilmember Treseder, seconded by Vice Mayor Kim, to:

Introduce for first reading and read by title only - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, ADDING CHAPTER 8 TO DIVISION 9 OF TITLE 5 OF THE IRVINE MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING ELECTRIFICATION OF NEWLY CONSTRUCTED BUILDINGS as amended to revise Section 5-9-805 – Requirements as follows:

- Delete Exceptions 2, 4, and 5 in their entirety
- Revise Exception 3 as follows:

*“Non-residential Food Service Establishment and Commercial Kitchen appliances utilized for cooking purposes where there exists a business-related reason to cook with a flame, ~~that cannot be achieved with an electric fuel source~~ **and cooking with a flame** is necessary for the unique cuisine style and traditional cooking methods involved.”*

- Revise Exception 6 as follows:

*“Buildings for which, ~~in accordance with the provisions of California Building Code 104.10,~~ the Building Official finds that compliance with this chapter is proven to **be infeasible**. ~~have practical difficulties and makes the strict letter of this chapter impractical.~~”*

- Revise Section 4 as follows:

*“This Ordinance shall become effective ~~thirty (30) days after its passage and adoption~~ **September 1, 2023.**”*

ACTION: A friendly amendment was made by Mayor Khan, accepted by Councilmember Treseder as the maker, and Vice Mayor Kim as the seconder, to:

Introduce for first reading and read by title only - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, ADDING CHAPTER 8 TO DIVISION 9 OF TITLE 5 OF THE IRVINE MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING ELECTRIFICATION OF NEWLY CONSTRUCTED BUILDINGS **as amended to revise Section 5-9-805 – Requirements as follows:**

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- Revise Exception 6 as follows:

*“Buildings for which, ~~in accordance with the provisions of California Building Code 104.10, the Building Official finds that compliance with this chapter is proven to~~ **be infeasible or circumstances exist in which application** ~~have practical difficulties and makes the strict letter of this chapter impractical~~ **would jeopardize safety or critical operations or processes.**”*

- Revise Section 4 as follows:

*“This Ordinance shall become effective ~~thirty (30) days after its passage and adoption~~ **September 1, 2023.**”*

Following discussion, Councilmember Agran suggested that the effective date of thirty (30) days following passage and adoption remain intact as originally proposed.

ACTION: An additional friendly amendment was made by Councilmember Agran, accepted by Councilmember Treseder as the maker, and Vice Mayor Kim as the seconder, and unanimously carried by those members present (Councilmember Carroll absent), to:

Introduce for first reading and read by title only ORDINANCE NO. 23-07 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, ADDING CHAPTER 8 TO DIVISION 9 OF TITLE 5 OF THE IRVINE MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING ELECTRIFICATION OF NEWLY CONSTRUCTED BUILDINGS as amended to revise Section 5-9-805 – Requirements as follows:

- Delete Exceptions 2, 4, and 5 in their entirety
- Revise Exception 3 as follows:

*“Non-residential Food Service Establishment and Commercial Kitchen appliances utilized for cooking purposes where there exists a business-related reason to cook with a flame, ~~that cannot be achieved with an electric fuel source~~ **and cooking with a flame** is necessary for the unique cuisine style and traditional cooking methods involved.”*

- Revise Exception 6 as follows:

*“Buildings for which, ~~in accordance with the provisions of California Building Code 104.10,~~ the Building Official finds that compliance with this chapter is proven to **be infeasible or circumstances exist in which application** ~~have practical difficulties and makes the strict letter of this chapter impractical~~ **would jeopardize safety or critical operations or processes.**”*

4.3 APPROVAL OF IRVINE FACILITIES FINANCING AUTHORITY BOND ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL TAX REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2023, FOR GREAT PARK IMPROVEMENT AREAS 6, 7, AND 9

Mayor Khan opened the public hearing at 9:10 p.m.

Dahle Bulosan, Director of Administrative Services, presented the staff report and responded to questions.

There were no requests to speak.

There was no City Council discussion.

ACTION: Moved by Vice Mayor Kim, seconded by Mayor Khan, and unanimously carried by those members present (Councilmember Carroll absent), to close the public hearing at 9:22 p.m.

ACTION: Moved by Vice Mayor Kim, seconded by Councilmember Treseder, and unanimously carried by those members present (Councilmember Carroll absent), to:

- 1) Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 23-30 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, ACTING AS THE LEGISLATIVE BODY OF COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2013-3 (GREAT PARK) OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF ITS IMPROVEMENT AREA NO. 6 2023 SPECIAL TAX BONDS, IN A PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY MILLION DOLLARS (\$170,000,000) AND APPROVING CERTAIN DOCUMENTS AND TAKING CERTAIN OTHER ACTIONS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH
- 2) Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 23-31 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, ACTING AS THE LEGISLATIVE BODY OF COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2013-3 (GREAT PARK) OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF ITS IMPROVEMENT AREA NO. 7 2023 SPECIAL TAX BONDS IN A PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED TWO HUNDRED TWENTY MILLION DOLLARS (\$220,000,000) AND APPROVING CERTAIN DOCUMENTS AND TAKING CERTAIN OTHER ACTIONS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH
- 3) Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 23-32 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, ACTING AS THE LEGISLATIVE BODY OF COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2013-3 (GREAT PARK) OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF ITS IMPROVEMENT AREA NO. 9 2023 SPECIAL TAX BONDS, IN A PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED SIXTY-FIVE MILLION DOLLARS (\$65,000,000) AND APPROVING CERTAIN DOCUMENTS AND TAKING CERTAIN OTHER ACTIONS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH
- 4) Approve the extension of the contract for the underwriting firm of Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Inc. in order to provide underwriting services in connection with the bond issuance.

RECESS TO IRVINE FACILITIES FINANCING AUTHORITY MEETING

Mayor Khan recessed the City Council meeting to the Irvine Facilities Financing Authority meeting at 9:23 p.m.

RECONVENE TO THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Khan reconvened the City Council meeting at 9:30 p.m.

5. COUNCIL BUSINESS

5.1 CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY COUNCILMEMBER TRESEDER TO ESTABLISH A SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

This item was agendaized at the request of Councilmember Treseder, who asked for City Council support to transition the Green Ribbon Environmental Committee to a Sustainability Commission.

Doug Elliott, Irvine resident, spoke in support of a sustainability commission that maintained the current structure of the Green Ribbon Environmental Committee.

Hoyin Ip, Irvine residents, spoke in support; however, she expressed concern about the elimination of student members.

City Council discussion included: noting that the establishment of a permanent commission would be a big step forward; reiterated that a sustainability commission would mirror other City commissions; expressed concern about at-large and student members being eliminated.

ACTION: Moved by Councilmember Treseder, seconded by Vice Mayor Kim, and unanimously carried by those members present (Councilmember Carroll absent), to:

Direct staff to draft a plan for a Sustainability Commission including bylaws, structure, scope of work, and consistency with other City Commissions.

5.2 CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY MAYOR KHAN TO INITIATE LEASE NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF IRVINE'S INNOVATION LAB IN CITY OWNED OFFICE SPACE AT THE TRAIN STATION

This item was removed from the agenda at the request of City Manager Chi, who noted that the item would be considered at the April 25, 2023, City Council meeting. See Additions and Deletions (p. 6).

5.3 CITY OF IRVINE BOARD MEMBER APPOINTMENT TO THE ORANGE COUNTY HOUSING FINANCE TRUST

Sarah Escobedo, Assistant Housing Analyst, presented the staff report and responded to questions.

City Council discussion included suggesting that Vice Mayor Kim be appointed to the Orange County Housing Trust.

There were no requests to speak.

ACTION: Moved by Councilmember Agran, seconded by Councilmember Treseder, and unanimously carried by those members present (Councilmember Carroll absent), to:

Appoint Vice Mayor Kim to the Orange County Housing Finance Trust.

5.4 UPDATE TO VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS FOR IN-PERSON CONGREGATE MEAL PROGRAM

Cory Hilderbrand, Manager of Community Services, presented the staff report and responded to questions.

Alan Meyerson and Doug Elliott, Irvine residents, spoke in support of eliminating proof of vaccination for participation in the in-person congregate meal program.

City Council discussion included: questioning whether the existing ordinance was enforceable given state requirements; reiterated the City of Irvine's commitment to public health and safety; and suggested that the Senior Citizens Council should advise on types of measures impacting senior citizens in the future.

ACTION: Moved by Councilmember Agran, seconded by Vice Mayor Kim, and unanimously carried by those members present (Councilmember Carroll absent), to:

Introduce for first reading and read by title only ORDINANCE NO. 23-08 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, REPEALING REQUIREMENTS FOR PROOF OF VACCINATION FOR PARTICIPATION IN IN-PERSON CONGREGATE MEAL PROGRAM

5.5 CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY COUNCILMEMBER AGRAN FOR A STATUS UPDATE ON THE PROPOSED ZONING ORDINANCE CHANGES FOR LOGISTICS FACILITIES AND WAREHOUSES

This item was agendized at the request of Councilmember Agran, who asked for a status update on the proposed Zoning Ordinance changes for logistics facilities and warehouses.

Tim Gehrich, Director of Community Development, and Bill Rodrigues, Principal Planner, presented the staff report and responded to questions.

Doug Elliott, Irvine resident, spoke in support of considering environmental impacts as part of proposed Zoning Ordinance changes for logistics facilities and warehouses.

City Council discussion included: expressing concern about environmental impacts related to warehouses in the Irvine Business Complex (IBC); reiterating that the IBC was no longer Irvine Industrial Park West; suggested that the City Attorney develop an ordinance that maximizes discretion related to logistics facilities and warehouses; inquired about the draft ordinance that went before the Planning Commission; noted that the City's Master Plan did not account for the paradigm shift in the marketplace and how consumers prefer to shop; reiterated the importance of quality of life and consumer expectations; noted potential tax revenue related to logistics facilities and warehouses; reiterated the need to balance between residents and businesses; inquired about whether Patrick Strader, Starpointe Ventures, has been involved with this matter; and suggested that staff return with a report at an upcoming City Council meeting.

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

Continue the item to the April 25, 2023, City Council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Vice Mayor Kim, seconded by Mayor Khan, and unanimously carried by those members present (Councilmember Carroll absent), to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m.



MAYOR OF THE CITY OF IRVINE



CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF IRVINE

April 25, 2023