



MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING

August 12, 2025
City Council Chamber
1 Civic Center Plaza
Irvine, CA 92606

CALL TO ORDER

The adjourned regular meeting of the Irvine City Council was called to order at 5:07 p.m. on August 12, 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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Mayor Mai led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

The Young Musicians' Guild, comprised of Kristen Wyn, Peyton Hui, Isaac Sada, and Nash Wu, performed the National Anthem and "Spring Hills," a Taiwanese folk song.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS

Mary Frouhar spoke in support of dog parks and soliciting dog owner input when making improvements; and questioned the timing of the closure of the nearby recycling center.

The following individuals spoke in opposition to recent attire worn by Councilmember Martinez Franco and in support of United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement:

- Nick Taurus
- Ryan Sanchez, University of California, Irvine, student
- “Mr. Patriot” (Andrew)
- Marcae Taurus
- Johnny Justice

Susan Sayre, Irvine resident, spoke in support of expanding Irvine CONNECT to serve areas west of Interstate 405.

Gabriel Dima-Smith, External Affairs Manager for the Orange County Power Authority, provided suggestions on lower electric bills and noted discount opportunities for customers.

Andrew Craig spoke expressed his appreciation to the Irvine Police Department (IPD) and noted his proposed financial contribution for a new IPD training facility.

Jason Garshfield, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to recent attire worn by Councilmember Martinez Franco, comments made by previous speakers, and Mayor Agran’s inconsistent responses to meeting disturbances; and spoke in support of loosening zoning restrictions.

Alan Meyerson, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to the reassignment of a senior center employee to another site and noted the submission of a petition to the City Manager.

Jisung Choi, Irvine student, spoke in support of placing recycling bins at gas stations.

Mona spoke in opposition to racism.

Derek Shirk, Irvine resident, questioned the status of a payment and affordable housing voucher distribution from Irvine Company to the City pursuant to a memorandum of understanding.

Crit Van Tuyl spoke in support of improvements to the existing dog park and increasing the number of dog parks in the City.

Wing Chow, Irvine resident, spoke in support of citizen participation and acting in the best interest of the City.

Bob Mittelstaedt, co-founder of E-Bike Access, spoke in support of prohibiting e-motorcycles, and questioned the status of a report regarding expansion of the City's authority that was intended for release on November 26, 2024.

Dee Fox, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to Councilmember Martinez Franco's memo requesting City involvement in federal civil rights litigation related to United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement operations.

Max Eg spoke in opposition to population data provided by a member of the public at a previous City Council meeting.

CITY MANAGERS REPORT

City Manager Crumby noted the following:

- The City successfully held two well-attended grand openings of Irvine Public Library branches at Heritage Park and University Park on August 3. Chris Slama, Director of Community and Library Services, also provided additional details related to both events, noted the recent signing of memorandums of understanding by the Friends of the Library Groups at both libraries related to the reopening of their respective bookstores on August 18, and provided details related to the upcoming operation of Katie Wheeler Library.
- While staff has not always been notified of federal agency activity in the City, staff continues to monitor the situation. Members of the public can access a direct link from the City's homepage to a webpage containing a list of nonprofit resources that can provide assistance.
- Karin Koch recently joined the City as the City's the new Economic Development Director. Ms. Koch most recently served as Executive Director for University Lab Partners, a nonprofit life science accelerator where she led efforts to raise over \$535 million and helped create over 450 jobs.
- With the transition of Luis Estevez to the role of Director of Great Park, Alex Salazar has assumed the role of Acting Director of Public Works & Sustainability (PWS). Mr. Salazar brings over 22 years of experience in consulting public agency operations and executive management and will lead the development and implementation of the City's Capital Improvement Program; and oversee the infrastructure planning, design, construction and maintenance of roads, bridges, parks, public buildings, trails, and other City-owned facilities. A nationwide recruitment for a permanent director is currently in progress.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Liu

- On July 26, Councilmember Liu presented a Certificate of Recognition to HOPE Center for the Arts, a nonprofit organization that empowers adults with disabilities to discover their talents through art and music. Its recent Summer Nights Extravaganza featured art, live music, and a silent auction.
- On August 1, Councilmember Liu spoke at the California Asian Pacific Chamber of Commerce's Trailblazers: Women Innovators Pitch Competition at the University of California, Irvine, and encouraged finalists to grow their ideas in Irvine. Councilmember Liu also congratulated Asaichi for winning the competition due to its contributions to a healthier and more sustainable floral industry.
- Team Liu hosted the United States Army's 419th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, based in Tustin, at Colonel Bill Barber Marine Corps Memorial Park for its Organization Day.
- On August 8, Councilmember Liu and her colleagues celebrated Pacific Symphony Music Director Carl St. Clair at Great Park Live as he led the orchestra one last time.
- Members of the public were invited to attend the following events:
 - "Meet the Councilmember" at Peet's Coffee in Orchard Hills on August 17 from 10 a.m. to noon.
 - Red Cross Blood Drive at Northwood Community Center in collaboration with Assemblymember Cottie Petrie-Norris on September 3 from noon to 6 p.m.
 - Firearm Safety event at Quail Hill Community Center in collaboration with Orange County Board of Supervisors Vice Chair Katrina Foley on September 4 from 6 to 7 p.m.
- The Irvine 2/11 Marine Adoption Committee will host a donation drive to sponsor Marines for the Marine Birthday Ball celebrating the Marine Corps 250th Anniversary. For \$100, members of the public can assist a Marine and spouse with attending the Ball.
- Councilmember Liu and her staff recently visited the Irvine Animal Care Center, which is hosting its Clear the Shelters event through August 31 with reduced cost adoptions.

- On September 16, the Irvine Improv will host Comedy Unleashed, an event that will raise funds to support animals in need.

Councilmember Carroll

- Councilmember Carroll recognized 2025 summer interns Mia, Isabella, Isaac, and Tyler; and expressed his appreciation for their assistance at community events and support for his projects.

Councilmember Martinez Franco

- Councilmember Martinez Franco noted recent swearing-in as the City's representative to the Orange County Fire Authority Board of Directors.
- Councilmember Martinez Franco recently toured the Irvine Barclay Theatre, reviewed its programming, and received renovation updates.
- Members of the public are invited to the Irvine Police Department's Hands-On e-Bike Rider Training that will take place on August 13 at Rancho San Joaquin Middle School. The free training is available to riders ages 12 to 17, and a parent or guardian must attend with each participant. To enroll, contact Wendy Hill at whill@cityofirvine.org.
- Members of the public are invited to attend Health and Wellness Talks in District 5 with Councilmember Martinez Franco, which are monthly gatherings that will provide an opportunity to connect, listen to concerns, and promote a healthier lifestyle. The first event includes Yoga in the Park on September 6 from 9 to 11 a.m. in partnership with Yoga with Mona at Colonel Bill Barber Marine Corps Memorial Park. Following the yoga class, there will be an opportunity for attendees to share concerns or ask questions of the Councilmember. Interested participants can register via Councilmember Martinez Franco's social media.
- Councilmember Martinez Franco sent out her first e-newsletter, for which members of the public can register for updates on events in Irvine and District 5.

Mayor Agran

- William Woollett Jr. Aquatics Center will host its annual Splash-In Movie & Recreation Swim on August 23 and watch the movie Shrek on the big screen while in the pool. Recreation swim will be \$2.50 per child and \$5 per adult. The pool will open at 6:30 p.m. with the movie beginning at 7:15 p.m. Lifeguards will be on duty during the event. An adult must accompany children six years of age and younger one-on-one if they are in the water during the movie. Floaties can also be exchanged with a United States Coast Guard-approved life jacket for children ages 6 and younger at the event, while supplies last, through the City's Floatie Exchange Program. For more information, visit irvineaquatics.org.

- Greg Price: Smooth Ripple is a new art exhibition that will be on display at City Hall from August 14 through December 12. Members of the public are invited to meet the artist and learn more about his works on display during a free opening reception on August 14 from 2 to 4 p.m. The solo exhibition features a series of vibrant, wall-mounted glass sculptures. For more information, visit artsinirvine.org/exhibitions.
- Members of the public are invited to help shape the future of Heritage Community Park at a workshop being held at the Community Center on August 21 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. The workshop is part of a broader effort to update the Heritage Community Park Master Plan, reassess the site, and develop a refreshed vision for the park that will better serve the community; and will offer an opportunity to explore the park through the perspectives of different community members, sparking collaboration and transformative insights for a more inclusive space. This is the second in a series of workshops. A third workshop is planned for September 18 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Each workshop builds off the previous session and residents are encouraged to attend as many as possible. All ages and abilities are welcome. For more information and to register, visit cityofirvine.org/HeritageParkPlan.
- The fall issue of Inside Irvine is now available at cityofirvine.org/insideirvine and highlights the following:
 - Grand opening of the Irvine Public Library;
 - Award-winning park system — ranked second in the nation and first in California;
 - Efforts to prevent wildfires in our open space; and
 - Fall festivals, celebrating the rich cultural diversity of the City.

Readers can browse classes, programs, and events available for children and adults in the Activity Guide. Inside Irvine will arrive in time for class registration, which opens on August 15. For more information, visit yourirvine.org.

- The City Council meeting will be adjourned in memory of Virginia Nicols, who was hired by the Irvine Police Department as a Crossing Guard in February 2015 and most recently assigned to Deerfield Elementary School for the past seven years. Ms. Nichols loved the students she served and cherished the cultural diversity at Deerfield. She was also a member of the Community Emergency Response Team and wrote 24 books on emergency preparedness, winning several national awards for her work; and raced Porsche's throughout the United States.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

1. CONSENT CALENDAR

Moved by Mayor Agran, seconded by Vice Mayor Mai, and unanimously carried to approve Consent Calendar Item Nos. 1.1 through 1.12.

1.1 MINUTES

ACTION:

Approved the minutes of an adjourned regular meeting of the City Council held on July 8, 2025.

1.2 WARRANT AND WIRE TRANSFER RESOLUTION

ACTION:

Adopted RESOLUTION NO. 25-86 - 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

1.3 EXCLUSIVE NEGOTIATING AGREEMENT WITH BURNT CRUMBS, INC, FOR FOOD AND BEVERAGE AT THE FIELDHOUSE

ACTION:

Approved and authorized the City Manager to execute an Exclusive Negotiating Agreement with Burnt Crumbs, Inc., for food and beverage operations at the Irvine Fieldhouse. **(Contract No. 12068)**

1.4 APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER-AT-LARGE TO THE HEALTH & WELLNESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ACTION:

Appointed Cynthia Haq to serve as the Member-at-Large on the Health & Wellness Advisory Committee through February 1, 2027.

1.5 APPROPRIATION OF HOMELESS HOUSING, ASSISTANCE AND PREVENTION FUNDS: ORANGE COUNTY ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER COMMUNITY ALLIANCE

ACTION:

Approved a budget appropriation of \$250,000 in Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Round 4 funding to the Orange County Asian and Pacific Islander Community Alliance (OCAPICA) for the Irvine Cares Housing Stability for Low-Income Irvine Families Program.

1.6 HOMELESS HOUSING, ASSISTANCE AND PREVENTION ROUND 6 APPLICATION

ACTION:

Authorized the City Manager, or his designee, to complete and submit Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Round 6 grant application and any necessary attachments to the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) in accordance with the framework.

1.7 UPDATES TO THE PERSONNEL RULES AND PROCEDURES, MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING AND EMPLOYMENT RESOLUTIONS TO REFLECT CURRENT LAW AND PRACTICE

ACTION:

- 1) Adopted RESOLUTION NO. 25-87 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO THE ARTICLES OF THE PERSONNEL RULES AND PROCEDURES
- 2) Adopted RESOLUTION NO. 25-88 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF IRVINE AND THE ASSOCIATED SUPERVISORY/ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL (ASAP), AND SUPERSEDING ALL PREVIOUS ASAP MEMORANDUMS OF UNDERSTANDING, EFFECTIVE THE PAY PERIOD THAT INCLUDES AUGUST 12, 2025
- 3) Adopted RESOLUTION NO. 25-89 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF IRVINE AND THE IRVINE CITY EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION (ICEA), AND SUPERSEDING ALL PREVIOUS ICEA MEMORANDUMS OF UNDERSTANDING, EFFECTIVE THE PAY PERIOD THAT INCLUDES AUGUST 12, 2025
- 4) Adopted RESOLUTION NO. 25-90 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF IRVINE AND THE IRVINE POLICE ASSOCIATION (IPA), AND SUPERSEDING ALL PREVIOUS IPA MEMORANDUMS OF UNDERSTANDING, EFFECTIVE THE PAY PERIOD THAT INCLUDES AUGUST 12, 2025

- 5) Adopted RESOLUTION NO. 25-91 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF IRVINE AND THE IRVINE PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION (IPEA), AND SUPERSEDING ALL PREVIOUS IPEA MEMORANDUMS OF UNDERSTANDING, EFFECTIVE THE PAY PERIOD THAT INCLUDES AUGUST 12, 2025
- 6) Adopted RESOLUTION NO. 25-92 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF IRVINE AND THE IRVINE POLICE MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION (IPMA), AND SUPERSEDING ALL PREVIOUS IPMA MEMORANDUMS OF UNDERSTANDING, EFFECTIVE THE PAY PERIOD THAT INCLUDES AUGUST 12, 2025
- 7) Adopted RESOLUTION NO. 25-93 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING A CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION POLICY FOR CONFIDENTIAL EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, AND SUPERSEDING RESOLUTION NO. 25-11 EFFECTIVE THE PAY PERIOD THAT INCLUDES AUGUST 12, 2025
- 8) Adopted RESOLUTION NO. 25-94 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING A CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION POLICY FOR MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, AND SUPERSEDING RESOLUTION NO 25-12 EFFECTIVE THE PAY PERIOD THAT INCLUDES AUGUST 12, 2025
- 9) Adopted RESOLUTION NO. 25-95 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING A CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION POLICY FOR PART-TIME EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, AND SUPERSEDING RESOLUTION NO. 25-13 EFFECTIVE THE PAY PERIOD THAT INCLUDES AUGUST 12, 2025
- 10) Adopted RESOLUTION NO. 25-96 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING A CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION POLICY FOR NON-REPRESENTED EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, AND SUPERSEDING RESOLUTION NO 25-14 EFFECTIVE THE PAY PERIOD THAT INCLUDES AUGUST 12, 2025

11) Adopted RESOLUTION NO. 25-97 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING THE SALARY GRADE ORDER STRUCTURE AND SALARY RANGES FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, AND SUPERSEDING RESOLUTION NO. 25-15, WHICH IS INCONSISTENT THEREWITH

1.8 ACCEPTANCE OF CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL (CHP) CANNABIS TAX FUND LAW ENFORCEMENT GRANT FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2025-26

ACTION:

- 1) Accepted the CHP Cannabis Tax Fund Law Enforcement Grant FY 2025-26 award in the amount of \$467,398.13.
- 2) Authorized the Chief of Police to approve and execute, and the City Clerk to attest to a grant agreement associated with the CHP Cannabis Tax Fund Law Enforcement Grant FY 2025-26 between the CHP and the City of Irvine.
- 3) Approved a budget adjustment request in the amount of \$467,398.13, reflecting an increase in revenues and appropriations.

1.9 AWARD OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR THE PUBLIC SAFETY LOCKER ROOM EXPANSION PROJECT, CIP 362405

ACTION:

Awarded a construction contract in the amount of \$2,105,000.00 for the Public Safety Locker Room Expansion project, CIP 362405, to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Elegant Construction, Inc. (**Contract No. 22067**)

1.10 CAMPUS DRIVE COMPLETE STREET AND SAFETY STUDY CALTRANS SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING GRANT AWARD ACCEPTANCE

ACTION:

- 1) Adopted RESOLUTION NO. 25-98 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE CAMPUS DRIVE COMPLETE STREETS AND SAFETY STUDY
- 2) Authorized the Acting Director of Public Works and Sustainability to approve and accept a Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant in the amount of \$294,803.

- 3) Approved and established a new capital improvement project in the amount of \$333,000 for the Campus Drive Complete Streets and Safety Study.
- 4) Approved a budget adjustment in the amount of \$333,000 for the new capital improvement project.

1.11 NOTICE OF REVIEW AND PENDING APPROVAL FOR TRACT MAPS IN IRVINE BUSINESS COMPLEX AND IRVINE SPECTRUM 6

ACTION:

Received and filed.

1.12 COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUND GRANT NOMINATIONS

ACTION:

- 1) Approved Councilmember Liu's request for Community Partnership Fund Grant Nomination to HOPE Center for the Arts in the amount of \$800 in support of program costs.
- 2) Authorized the City Manager to prepare and sign a funding agreement for the organization listed above. **(Contract No. 12071)**

2. PUBLIC HEARINGS

2.1 GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT, ZONE CHANGE, AND DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT FOR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT IN PLANNING AREA 25

Mayor Agran opened the public hearing at 6:22 p.m.

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

Continue the public hearing to September 9, 2025 at 5 p.m. or soon thereafter.

2.2 ZONING ORDINANCE TECHNICAL UPDATE AND IRVINE MUNICIPAL CODE AMENDMENT

Mayor Agran opened the public hearing at 6:23 p.m.

Tiffany Lin, Senior Planner, presented the staff report and responded to questions. Nick Melloni, Principal Planner, was also available for questions. Jeff Melching, City Attorney, also responded to questions.

Derek Shirk spoke in support of correcting an inconsistency related to inclusion of the Oak Creek Driving Range in a diagram of Focus Area 2 in Ordinance No. 24-13.

City Council discussion included: inquiring about the inconsistency related to Focus Area 2 within Ordinance No. 24-13 and the procedure for revising the ordinance, if required.

ACTION: Moved by Mayor Agran, seconded by Councilmember Martinez Franco, and unanimously carried to close the public hearing at 6:29 p.m.

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

Introduce for first reading and read by title only ORDINANCE NO. 25-23 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING TITLE 6, DIVISION 12 OF THE IRVINE MUNICIPAL CODE TO REFLECT EXISTING DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE REQUIREMENTS

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

Introduce for first reading and read by title only ORDINANCE NO. 25-22 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING ZONE CHANGE 00958503-PZC TO AMEND THE IRVINE ZONING ORDINANCE TO REFLECT NAME CHANGES TO THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, AND DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CITY OF IRVINE PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM, TO AMEND CHAPTERS 1-2, 2-2, 2-5, 2-9, 2-19, 2-22, 2-23, 2-35, 2-37, 3-3, 3-8, 3-26, 3-37, 5-9, 9-4, 9-5, 9-34, 9-36, AND 9-38, UPDATING APPEAL PROCEDURES FOR DIRECTOR-LEVEL DECISIONS; REVISING PUBLIC NOTICE REQUIREMENTS; ADDING A NEW LAND USE CATEGORY FOR ALTERNATIVE SCHOOLS AS A CONDITIONAL USE; CLARIFYING HEIGHT LIMITATIONS FOR WIRELESS FACILITIES; AMENDING STANDARDS IN THE RESIDENTIAL AND RESIDENTIAL MIXED-USE OVERLAY; AMENDING THE DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE AND CREDIT STRUCTURE FOR THE GREATER IRVINE BUSINESS COMPLEX AREA; AMENDING LAND USE REGULATIONS FOR COMMERCIAL RECREATION USES IN THE 8.1 TRAILS AND TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT ZONING DISTRICT;

AMENDING LAND USE REGULATIONS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE, BUSINESS, AND PROFESSIONAL USES IN THE 5.1 IBC MULTI-USE ZONING DISTRICT; AND UPDATING ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT PROVISIONS FOR CONSISTENCY WITH STATE LAW

3. COUNCIL BUSINESS

3.1 OPEN SPACE VOTER PROTECTION AND OAK CREEK GOLF COURSE DEVELOPMENT BALLOT MEASURES

Jeff Melching, City Attorney, presented the staff report and responded to questions.

Michael LeBlanc spoke in support of tabling consideration of Measures 1 and 3 pending completion of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) by independent consultants; placing Measure 4 on the ballot as a standalone measure after EIR completion with consideration of Irvine Company's applications only after a vote; and placing a proposed Measure 5 on the ballot.

The following individuals spoke in opposition to the proposed Oak Park development:

- Ethan Chang, representing Project Next Foundation
- Yuanzi Xi Angel, representing Project Next Foundation
- Xinyue Zhang
- Bobi Rush, Irvine resident
- Paula Miller, President of the Ranch Homeowners Association
- Richard Chen, also known as Tiger Hu, Irvine resident
- Elaine Izzo, Irvine resident
- Carla Yates, Irvine resident
- Barbara Ignash
- Dee Fox, Irvine resident
- Laura Cormack
- Sandra Rush
- Susie Winocur, Irvine resident
- Carol Schwartz
- Greg Smith, Irvine resident

Susan Sayre, Irvine resident, spoke in support of Measures 2 and 3 and review and approval by City staff, the City Manager, City Council, and Commissions in the development planning process; and in opposition to Measures 1 and 4.

The following individuals spoke in opposition to the proposed Oak Park Development and in support of requiring Irvine Company to sign and record the associated easement:

- Christina Shea, Irvine resident
- Rolf Parks, President, Orangetree Master Homeowners Association
- Carol McDougal, Irvine resident
- John Albritton
- Max Eg
- Scott Carpenter

Mike Nystrom spoke in support of the proposed Oak Park development and open space preservation.

Clark Colby, Irvine businessowner, and Lara Sinanian, President of the American Business Women's Association and Vice President of the Arab American Business Chamber, spoke in support of open space preservation.

Geraldine Larson, President of the Filipino American Chamber of Commerce of Orange County, spoke in support of open space preservation and additional affordable housing for workers in fields such as education, healthcare, and hospitality.

Fred Klein spoke in support of a ballot measure that solely addresses open space at the Oak Creek Golf Course.

Crit Van Tuyl spoke in support of open space, managed and balanced growth.

Bryan Farkas, representing Western States Regional Council of Carpenters, spoke in support of the City requiring the use of local contractors to build the proposed project.

Craig Kessler, Executive Director of the California Alliance for Golf, noted the Oak Creek Golf Course practice facility's high standing in the golf community.

Don Geller, Irvine resident and Finance Commissioner, spoke in support of continuing the item to save money on election costs, placing development planning work on the backburner to conserve resources, and converting the area to a community park that would possibly include a new central library.

John Peterson, Irvine resident, spoke in support of the bifurcation of ballot measures and in opposition to Measures 1, 2, and 3.

James Hwang, Irvine resident, spoke in support of Measures 1 or 3.

Teresa spoke in opposition to the Oak Creek project; and requested that no proposed ballot measures be approved until Councilmember Martinez Franco meets with residents of Woodbridge and the Ranch.

Heidi Francois spoke in opposition to the proposed Oak Park development and an alleged conflict of interest posed by City Attorney Melching's involvement in the matter.

Joanne Slobodien spoke in opposition to the proposed Oak Park development and in support of completion of a California Environmental Quality Act analysis.

City Council discussion included: providing historical background related to the prior voter initiatives; discussed deferring the matter to 2026; noted the potential impacts of a proposed statewide special election with a special municipal election; suggested consolidation of a special municipal election with the June 2026 statewide primary election; noted the complexity of the proposed ballot measures; and inquired about legal requirements related to timing of the election with the proposed ballot measures.

ACTION: Moved by Councilmember Carroll, seconded by Vice Mayor Mai, to:

Continue the item to a date to be determined in 2026.

Following discussion, Councilmember Carroll withdrew his motion.

ACTION: Moved by Mayor Agran, seconded by Councilmember Treseder, to:

Continue the item to the January 13, 2026, City Council meeting.

ACTION: A friendly amendment was made by Councilmember Carroll, accepted by Mayor Agran as the maker and Councilmember Treseder as the seconder, and unanimously carried to:

Continue the matter to a date to be determined in early 2026.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councilmember Liu, seconded by Councilmember Carroll, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting in memory of Virginia Nicols at 8:57 p.m.


MAYOR OF THE CITY OF IRVINE


CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF IRVINE

September 9, 2025