



MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

January 6, 2015

Irvine City Hall
Conference and Training Center
One Civic Center Plaza
Irvine, CA 92606

Steven Choi
Mayor

Jeffrey Lalloway
Mayor Pro Tempore

Beth Krom
Councilmember

Lynn Schott
Councilmember

Christina Shea
Councilmember

CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Irvine City Council was called to order at 9:10 a.m. on January 6, 2015 in the Conference and Training Center, Irvine Civic Center, Once Civic Center Plaza, Irvine, California; Mayor Choi presiding.

ROLL CALL

Present:	5	Councilmember:	Beth Krom
		Councilmember:	Lynn Schott
		Councilmember:	Christina Shea
		Mayor Pro Tempore:	Jeffrey Lalloway
		Mayor:	Steven Choi

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Choi led the Pledge of Allegiance.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

Mayor Choi provided an overview of the purpose of the Special meeting which was to allow for an informal setting in which to discuss continued visioning for the City.

City Manager Joyce reiterated the importance of the City Council setting priority projects for the facilitation of significant work items; and introduced Community Development staff Eric Tolles, Tim Gehrich and Barry Curtis who would be providing a presentation on Agenda Item No. 1, followed by Manuel Gomez, Director of Public Works, who would be providing presentations on Agenda Items 2 and 3.

1. OVERVIEW OF GENERAL PLAN UPDATE

Eric Tolles, Assistant City Manager, OCGP; Tim Gehrich, Acting Community Development Director; and Barry Curtis, Manager of Planning Services, presented the overview of the General Plan Update PowerPoint presentation and responded to City Council questions.

City Council discussion included: methodology of calculating number of employees; historical employment numbers based on square footage; model estimates for employment projections and their accuracy; a review of General Plan intensity changes; questioned the role of the Irvine Business Complex (IBC) Subcommittee; noted that public meetings should be held in the IBC for outreach purposes; the need to focus on the IBC to ensure that is it a dynamic residential community; questioned whether all residents are notified of public meetings; requested that public meeting notification be provided to all residents of the IBC; noted that assumptions of the City relative to the IBC may be incorrect; understanding the needs of the residents in the IBC; explored public outreach options including the use of Homeowners Associations to inform neighborhoods of upcoming projects; a review of the streetscape/landscape and its relationship to the statewide drought; reviewed zoning issues including trails and transit-oriented zoning; reviewed planning standards; need to verify legitimacy of all outreach to the IBC community; incorporating the Great Park development into the City's General Plan update; trip caps at the Great Park; population generation factors and changes in density categories; timing of the General Plan update and the concern that there are higher priority projects; questioned requirements for prioritizing the General Plan update; the IBC Vision Plan as an important planning document and questioned how much of the vision has been realized; creation of the *i*Shuttle to reduce traffic congestion and questioned if results indicated improvement; and the importance of the General Plan Update to the planning of development in the City.

Ken Brown, Administrative Services Director, confirmed the use of employment projection models and their accuracy.

Anthony Kuo, Chair of the Planning Commission, provided a brief overview of the role of the IBC Subcommittee.

By consensus, the City Council received and filed the General Plan Update presentation and requested that staff delay further work on the General Plan Update until higher priority projects can be addressed.

RECESS

Mayor Choi recessed the City Council meeting at 11:33 p.m.

RECONVENE

Mayor Choi reconvened the meeting at 12:04 p.m.

2. TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

2.1 PRESENTATION OF TECHNOLOGY AND STRATEGIES BEING EMPLOYED IN IRVINE

This item was considered concurrently with Agenda Item No. 2.2.

2.2 PROPOSED NEW MEASURES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Mayor Choi spoke on his proposal of a City Ad Hoc Committee that would include staff, City Council Members, and developers for the purpose of advising the City Council on traffic management solutions.

Mayor Choi introduced Manuel Gomez, Director of Public Works, who provided a PowerPoint presentation on traffic management (Agenda Items 2.1 and 2.2) including the use of technology and strategic planning as well as proposing new measures and opportunities.

City Council discussion included: the need for updates concerning costs of upgrades related to traffic signal timing, including type of upgrade and corresponding benefit (cost benefit analysis); noted the traffic issues related to the City's Business Corridor; questioned whether Measure M revenue could be used for traffic mitigation; noted rush hour gridlock; questioned the relationship between synchranization and the speed of traffic; affirmed the need for expert peer review related to a citywide traffic management study; noted that traffic management was the number one problem in the city; questioned whether the Planning Commission should be engaged in traffic management; noted Planning Commission review could encourage continuity in decision making; noted the need for additional review of traffic mitigation and development; the need to determine whether additional iShuttle routes could be used in traffic mitigation efforts; collaborating with

University of California at Irvine on traffic issues; reviewed areas of traffic deviations; noted programs through the Orange County Transportation Authority; reiterated the Traffic Management Study was a good idea; ensure that the City Council remains involved in traffic mitigation; reiterated using the Irvine Transportation Center and Metrolink; encouraged hiring the best consultants; noted the village concept of the City encourages connectivity; questioned whether the iShuttle should be collaborating with the TRIPS program; provided insight into the Request for Proposal related to the Traffic Management Study; questioned how the City can provide infrastructure for citizen mobility; and encouraged the use of an ad hoc committee as a temporary resource.

Robert Brower, Irvine resident, spoke on the 1990 voter approved General Plan Amendment (Measure B) that would provide a two-lane vehicle overcrossing at Yale Avenue/AT&SF Railroad and Yale/I-405. Mr. Brower noted that this initiative should be revisited as it could assist with traffic mitigation efforts.

ACTION: Moved by Mayor Pro Tempore Lalloway, seconded by Councilmember Schott, to:

Recommend moving forward with the Request for Proposal (RFP) for a Traffic Management Study and return to the City Council with the Request for Proposals (RFP), including Scope of Work, for review and approval.

The motion carried as follows:

AYES: 4 COUNCILMEMBERS: Krom, Lalloway, Schott and Shea
NOES: 1 COUNCILMEMBERS: Choi
ABSENT: 0 COUNCILMEMBERS: None

3. REPORT OF UPCOMING MAJOR CAPITAL / PUBLIC FACILITIES PROJECTS

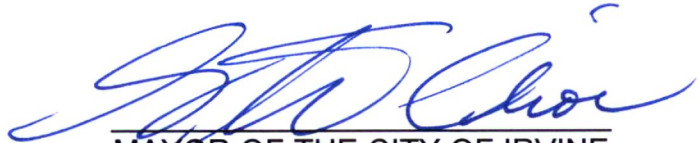
Mayor Choi noted that due to time constraints, this item would be provided at a date to be determined.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (Limited to 3 minutes per speaker)

There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councilmember Shea, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Lalloway, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 1:17 p.m.



MAYOR OF THE CITY OF IRVINE



CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF IRVINE

January 27, 2015