



MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

March 10, 2026
City Council Chamber
1 Civic Center Plaza
Irvine, CA 92606

CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Irvine City Council was called to order at 4:10 p.m. on March 10, 2026, 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

PUBLIC COMMENTS - NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS

Alan Meyerson, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to certain comments made by Councilmember Go at a recent Great Park Board meeting, including negative references related to taxes paid by Great Park residents.

Jessica Becerra, Irvine resident and Founder and President of Tree of New America, announced that on March 23 from 4 to 7 p.m. at Mike Ward Community Park, Tree of New America and other Community Food Support Coalition of Orange County members will launch a pilot initiative in serving 200 individuals and families in the community who may be experiencing hardship.

Doug Elliott, Irvine resident and Community & Library Services Commissioner, expressed appreciation to former Transportation Commissioner Youssef Kaddeche for his service to the City.

Jason Garshfield, Irvine resident, spoke in support of the City Council adopting a resolution opposing Daylight Saving Time; and spoke in opposition to recent comments made on social media by former Mayor Farrah Khan.

Kim Chips, Irvine resident and Orange County United Way Board Member, noted the positive impact of United Way programs in Irvine and Orange County.

Joanne Slobodien spoke in support of the City Council protecting open space and accepting the easement associated with Initiative Resolution 88-1; suggested City Councilmember disclosure of voting direction to appointed Planning Commissioners regarding an Irvine Company request for rezoning of land in Oak Creek for a 50-acre nature park; and spoke in support of an initiative filed with the City to protect open space, including related campaign and signature-gathering efforts.

John Albritton spoke in opposition to the Irvine Company's proposal for a 50-acre nature park and reduction of open space in Oak Creek.

Eric Neshanian, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to Councilmember Martinez Franco's association with individuals who sympathize with genocide deniers and campaign support from former Mayor Farrah Khan.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

There was no report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Martinez Franco

- Councilmember Martinez Franco expressed appreciation to registrants and City staff who organized and prepared for the upcoming Women's Conference.
- Councilmember Martinez Franco's office will partner with Tree of New America to distribute food to community members in need on Monday, March 23, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Mike Ward Community Park.
- Councilmember Martinez Franco provided the following updates as the City's representative to the Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) Board of Directors:
 - At its February 26, 2026, meeting, the Board unanimously appointed TJ McGovern as Interim Fire Chief.

- The OCFA Open House will take place at its Irvine Headquarters on Saturday, March 14, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and provide an opportunity to meet local firefighters, learn fire safety, and extinguish pretend fires.
- Councilmember Martinez Franco provided the following updates as the City's representative to the Southern California Association of Governments' (SCAG) Community, Economic, & Human Development Committee:
 - At its March 5 meeting, the Committee elected Rocky Rhodes, Councilmember for the City of Simi Valley, as Chair; and Jeff Wood, Vice Mayor for the City of Lakewood, as Vice Chair. The Committee also discussed projections for Connect SoCal 2050, SCAGS's Regional Transportation Plan, which outlines a vision for a more resilient future via investment policies and strategies to achieve the region's shared goals through 2050.
 - The submission deadline for the 2026 SCAG Student Showcase will be March 12 at 10 a.m.

Councilmember Liu

- Councilmember Liu's office, in collaboration with the Irvine Police Department and Orange County District Attorney's Office, recently hosted a Senior Fraud Prevention Town Hall at Irvine Meadows.
- On March 2 in celebration of Read Across America Day, Councilmember Liu joined a group of fifth-and-sixth graders at Culverdale Elementary School to read a book about Lunar New Year and answer City-related questions.
- Assistant Chief Noelle Smiley was recognized at Assemblymember Cottie Petrie-Norris's 2026 Women of the Year ceremony, where she was celebrated for her years of service with the Irvine Police Department and commitment to the City.
- Councilmember Liu attended the grand reopening of the Katie Wheeler Library as part of the new Irvine Public Library System, which provides an accessible library in Council District 1.
- On April 7, Councilmember Liu's office will host the From Awareness to Action Workshop with Advancing Justice and Radiant Futures at the Portola Springs Community Center. The workshop will emphasize signs and prevention of domestic violence.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

1. CONSENT CALENDAR

Moved by Vice Mayor Mai, seconded by Councilmember Liu, and unanimously carried to approve Consent Calendar Item Nos. 1.1 through 1.5.

1.1 MINUTES

ACTION:

Approved the minutes of an adjourned regular meeting of the City Council and special joint meeting with Irvine Facilities Financing Authority held on February 10, 2026.

1.2 WARRANT AND WIRE TRANSFER RESOLUTION

ACTION:

Adopted RESOLUTION NO. 26-24 – 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 FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 SECOND QUARTER BUDGET UPDATE

ACTION:

- 1) Received and filed the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Second Quarter Budget Update.
- 2) Approved a budget adjustment to allocate \$557,740 in revenues/transfers in and \$627,740 of expenditures/transfers out for the Lunar New Year event, Elderly Nutrition Program, March 2026 Women's Conference, and to complete the budgeted closing of two Funds.

1.4 TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE QUARTER ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025

ACTION:

Received and filed the Treasurer's Report for the fiscal quarter ended December 31, 2025.

1.5 ACCEPTANCE OF PROPOSITION 69 FUNDS

ACTION:

- 1) Accepted Proposition 69 Funds in the amount of \$36,905.
- 2) Approved a budget adjustment in the amount of \$36,905 reflecting \$36,905 in revenues and appropriations.

2. COUNCIL BUSINESS

2.1 THIS ITEM WAS REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA ORIGINALLY PUBLISHED ON MARCH 3, 2026.

RECESS TO RECEPTION

Mayor Agran recessed the meeting to a reception in the Main Lobby at 4:39 p.m.

RECONVENE TO THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Vice Mayor Mai reconvened the City Council meeting at 6:10 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - IRVINE POLICE COLOR GUARD

Michael Kent, Director of Public Safety/Chief of Police, introduced the Irvine Police Color Guard and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION/MUSICAL PRESENTATION

Kevin Corrigan, Supervising Principal Council Executive Assistant to Mayor Larry Agran, performed the National Anthem and "America the Beautiful."

ELECTED OFFICIAL INTRODUCTION

Vice Mayor Mai introduced and recognized the following individuals:

- Representatives from the offices of:
 - Dave Min, United States Representative
 - Steven Choi, State Senator
 - Cottie Petrie-Norris, State Assemblymember
 - Katrina Foley, Supervisor, Orange County Board of Supervisors
- Carolyn Inmon, President, South Orange County Community College District
- Anthony Kuo, former Irvine City Councilmember
- Irvine City Commissioners
- Representatives from:
 - Irvine Ranch Conservancy
 - Families Forward
 - Love Irvine
 - University of California, Irvine
 - Almquist Development
 - Greater Irvine Chamber of Commerce
 - Pretend City Children's Museum

- FivePoint
 - PSQ Productions
 - Irvine Valley College
 - Concordia University Irvine
 - Orange County Soccer Club
 - Irvine Company
- Allyson Muñiz Damikolas, Member, Tustin Unified School District Board of Education

STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS

Vice Mayor Mai introduced Mayor Agran, who introduced his City Council colleagues and former mayors Beth Krom, Christina Shea, Sally Anne Sheridan, and Sukhee Kang; and delivered his 2026 State of the City Address.

Councilmember Treseder left the meeting at 7:29 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

By consensus of the members present (Councilmember Treseder absent), the special City Council meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.


MAYOR OF THE CITY OF IRVINE


CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF IRVINE

April 14, 2026