



# MINUTES

## CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING

**July 22, 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 5:16 p.m. on July 22, 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

### 1. CLOSED SESSION

**1.1** *This item was removed from the agenda originally published on July 15, 2025.*

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Go led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Mayor Agran requested a moment of silence in memory of Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Detectives Joshua Kelley-Eklund, Victor Lemus, and William Osborn, who recently died in an explosion at a training facility in East Los Angeles.

## **INVOCATION**

The Young Musicians' Guild, comprised of Elena Miyamoto, Aurelian Shen, Amelie Nguyen, and Hiyu Takahashi, performed "This Land Is Your Land" and "Eine Kleine Nachtmusik."

## **2. PRESENTATIONS**

### **2.1 *One Irvine Workforce Summer Program***

Jennifer Hale, Senior Management Analyst, and Jennifer Warren, Program Specialist, provided a brief overview of the One Irvine Workforce Summer Program.

City Council discussion included: expressing appreciation for staff's leadership and efforts in enabling the City's participation in the program.

**By consensus**, received and filed.

Following Presentation Item No. 2.1, Mayor Agran reordered the agenda to consider the City Manager's Report, Announcement/Committee Reports/Council Reports, and Additions and Deletions prior to public comments on non-agendized items.

## **CITY MANAGERS REPORT**

- City Manager Crumby introduced Chris Slama, Director of Community & Library Services, and Julie Zeoli, City Librarian, who provided an update on the new Irvine Public Library System.
- City Manager Crumby introduced Michael Kent, Director of Public Safety/Chief of Police, who provided an update on recent immigration enforcement activity in the City.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCIL REPORTS**

### Councilmember Liu

- Councilmember Liu was selected as Vice Chair for the Orange County Housing Finance Trust and expressed appreciation to her colleagues for the opportunity.

- On July 10, Councilmember Liu visited Pretend City Children's Museum to read *Art is for Rice*, a book about Asian culinary contributions, make pretend egg rolls, and share real ones.
- Councilmember Liu expressed appreciation to the Irvine Public Library for hosting a recent Disney Trivia event.
- On July 15, Councilmember Liu hosted a pop-up office at the Northwood Community Center to connect with community members, share City resources, and offer activities for children.
- On July 19, Councilmember Liu and her staff attended the Summer in the City concert at Mike Ward Community Park - Woodbridge to share City resources and support the Irvine 2/11 Marine Adoption Committee's effort to raise funds for its Annual Ball. Members of the public were invited to the next concert on July 26.
- Councilmember Liu's staff is participating in Class 42 of the IPD 10-week Police Academy. Members of the public are encouraged to participate to understand IPD operations and build stronger relationships between the department and community.
- In September, the Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) will host a Girls Empowerment Camp offering hands-on fire experience in a supportive environment. Members of the public can apply from July 28 to August 25 on the OCFA website.
- On August 1 at 10 a.m., Councilmember Liu will host a Rose Garden Read-A-Long with Supervisor Don Wagner at the Katie Wheeler Rose Garden.
- In the 2024-25 California State Budget, Assemblymember Quirk-Silva secured \$4.5 million in funding to advance the Orange County Veterans Cemetery.

#### Councilmember Carroll

- Members of the public to visit the Great Park Visitor's Center and explore the rock wall along the rear of the center, made from recycled pieces of runway from the former Marine Corps Air Station El Toro. The rock wall preserves the former base's history. Councilmember Carroll also noted his efforts to have a plaque installed for members of the public to learn about the feature and will provide an update in the future as to when that will take place.
- Councilmember Carroll read an excerpt from an email sent by a Turtle Rock resident who alerted him about speeding in the area of the Turtle Rock Loop. After working with staff to install 25 mile per hour speed limit signs, the resident sent a message to IPD expressing appreciation for its assistance.

Councilmember Martinez Franco

- Councilmember Martinez Franco presented a brief video highlighting an incident involving United States Border Patrol enforcement activity at the corner of MacArthur and Main and provided additional explanation of the purpose of wearing certain attire at a previous City Council meeting. She also noted her pledge of at least \$500 to a local non-profit organization to assist families affected by these operations.

Councilmember Go

- Councilmember Go recently toured the Santa Ana and Irvine-Sand Canyon Orange County Transportation Authority Bus Depot and maintenance facilities to observe the behind the scenes work that keeps the transportation network moving in a safe and reliable manner.
- Members of the public are invited to the Orange County United Way Impact Networking Mixer, where Councilmember Go will speak about the push for development for affordable housing solutions in Irvine.

Mayor Agran

- Members of the community are invited to celebrate the grand opening of the Irvine Public Library on Sunday, August 3, with special ribbon-cutting events at both Heritage Park and University Park Library Branches. Guests can enjoy live entertainment and hands-on activities, and sign up for a library card while exploring the newly refreshed spaces. The Heritage Park Library Branch ribbon cutting event will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. and guests can enjoy the University Park Library Branch ribbon cutting from 2 to 5 p.m. The celebrations mark Irvine's transition to a fully independent public library system, tailored to serve the City's growing and diverse community. For more information, visit [irvinepubliclibrary.org/events](http://irvinepubliclibrary.org/events).
- Residents are invited to help shape the future of Heritage Community Park at a workshop being held at the park on Monday, July 28, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. The workshop is part of a broader effort to update the Heritage Park Master Plan, reassess the site, and develop a refreshed vision for the park that will better serve the community. The workshop will offer a unique opportunity to explore Heritage Community Park during a walking tour and interactive discussion. Attendees will have an opportunity to learn about existing programs and services, and share ideas and feedback to help guide future priorities for the park. An alternative stationary tour will also be available to ensure the workshop is inclusive and accessible to all. For more information, visit [cityofirvine.org/HeritageParkPlan](http://cityofirvine.org/HeritageParkPlan).

- The Irvine Animal Care Center (IACC) annual Photo Fundraiser will begin on August 1. The community is invited to submit their pet's photo online through August 31 for a chance to be featured in the IACC's 2026 wall calendar. After submitting photos, members of the public are encouraged to vote for their pets and ask their family and friends to do so, as well. All eligible photos with a minimum of five votes by the end of August will be included in the 2026 wall calendar, and the top 13 winners will have their pets featured with a full-page photo in the calendar. Entry and voting fees will support life-saving programs for animals in need. In addition, adoption fees will be waived August 2 and 3 during the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals' Rescue Effect, and reduced adoption fees will be available all month long as part of Clear the Shelters. These opportunities offer great ways to support animals in residence at the center and bring home a new companion. For more information, visit [irvineanimals.org](http://irvineanimals.org).
- Members of the public are invited to join the IPD for National Night Out on Tuesday, August 5, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Great Park Palm Court Arts Complex to get to know Irvine police officers and OCFA firefighters and enjoy a fun evening that includes: police and fire vehicles on display; activities, games, and face painting; photo opportunities and giveaways, and food trucks. Attendees are invited to bring non-perishable food items to support local nonprofit Families Forward. For more details, call 949-724-7042.

## **ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS**

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS - NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS**

Beth Black, Bellemont Project founder, spoke in support of e-bike safety and improving bicycle infrastructure.

William Hsiang, Irvine resident, noted his participation in Ethics in Wonderland tea parties and spoke in support of inviting General Stanley McChrystal and Jon Stewart for a large-scale tea party during the City's next Fourth of July Celebration.

Andrew Craig, Irvine resident, announced a planned donation for a first responder training facility and requested coordination with appropriate staff in order to expedite delivery.

Leeza spoke in support of the City's continued membership in the Orange County Power Authority (OCPA).

Alan Meyerson, Irvine resident, spoke in support of Councilmember Martinez Franco's comments related to United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and in opposition to her recent attire related to the matter; and expressed the need for an RSVP for members of the public in a mailer sent by Councilmember Carroll related to the City's Fourth of July Celebration at the Great Park.

Mike Ellison spoke in opposition to an alleged conflict of interest for City Attorney Melching related to Rutan & Tucker's historical involvement in matters in the vicinity of the proposed Oak Park development; and spoke in support of his recusal from the process and independent advice to the City Council.

Stephen Sponer spoke in opposition to corruption within the Irvine Police Department related to its handling of corporate fraud.

Eric Neshanian, Irvine resident, spoke in support of recent City Council meeting agendas; and in opposition to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

The following individuals spoke in support of Councilmember Martinez Franco's comments related to ICE and the City's continued membership in the OCPA:

- Kevin Li
- Ankur Parikh, Woodbridge High School student
- Livi D., Irvine resident

Tomas Castro spoke in support of City action to locate and return a community member taken into custody by United States ICE at the Irvine Spectrum Center and the City's continued membership in the OCPA.

Jane B. spoke in support of an investigation into allegations of impropriety related to billing by 360 Clinic during the COVID-19 pandemic and in opposition to corruption in use of tax revenue domestically and abroad.

Dee Fox, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to a widely distributed letter defaming a former mayor and to profanity on the dais expressed by Councilmember Martinez Franco.

Adriana Maestas, Irvine resident/business owner and Community & Library Services Commissioner, spoke in support of raising awareness about United States ICE activity.

Prakash G., Irvine resident, expressed appreciation to the City Council and staff for their efforts in holding the Fourth of July Celebration at the Great Park and suggested outsourcing planning of future events to an event company.

### **3. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Prior to adoption of the Consent Calendar, the following individuals spoke on the following:

#### 3.2

Susan Sayre, Irvine resident, spoke in support of the "Americans with Disabilities Act Awareness Day" proclamation and increased access to Irvine CONNECT for disabled community members.

3.4

Davida Gregory, Irvine resident, spoke in support of allowing short term rentals with a caveat that property owners live on the property.

Phuong Bui, on behalf of the California Short Term Rental Association, spoke in support of balanced regulations that allow for short term rentals and provide exemptions during major events such as the 2026 World Cup and 2028 Olympics.

**Moved by Councilmember Treseder, seconded by Councilmember Carroll, and unanimously carried to approve Consent Calendar Item Nos. 3.1 through 3.4.**

**3.1 MINUTES**

**ACTION:**

- 1) Approved the minutes of a special meeting of the City Council held on June 24, 2025.
- 2) Approved the minutes of a regular meeting of the City Council held on June 24, 2025.

**3.2 PROCLAMATIONS**

**ACTION:**

- 1) Proclaimed July 26, 2025, as "Americans with Disabilities Act Awareness Day."
- 2) Proclaimed August 2025, as "National Water Quality Month."

**3.3 WARRANT AND WIRE TRANSFER RESOLUTION**

**ACTION:**

Adopted RESOLUTION NO. 25-84 – 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 RESPONSE TO 2024-2025 ORANGE COUNTY GRAND JURY REPORT TITLED “LONG-TERM SOLUTIONS TO SHORT-TERM RENTALS”**

**ACTION:**

Approved and authorized the Mayor to sign a response to the 2024-2025 Orange County Grand Jury report titled “Long-Term Solutions to Short-Term Rentals.”

**4. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**4.1 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, TO ESTABLISH NEW COMMUNITY AND LIBRARY SERVICES FEES AND TO AMEND THE CITY'S MASTER FEE SCHEDULE**

Mayor Agran opened the public hearing at 6:50 p.m.

Julie Zeoli, Deputy Director of Community & Library Services/City Librarian, presented the staff report and responded to questions.

There were no requests to speak.

City Council discussion included: inquiring about the timeline for presentation of the Library Master Plan to the City Council.

**ACTION: Moved by Councilmember Carroll, seconded by Councilmember Liu, and unanimously carried to close the public hearing at 6:57 p.m.**

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

Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 25-85 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, TO ESTABLISH NEW COMMUNITY AND LIBRARY SERVICES FEES AND TO AMEND THE CITY'S MASTER FEE SCHEDULE

**5. COUNCIL BUSINESS**

**5.1 OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION BALLOT MEASURE**

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

Susan Sayre, Irvine resident, spoke in support of having the proposed ballot measure reviewed by an independent attorney to ensure integrity and its understanding by the average voter; and questioned potential revisions to the Phased Dedication and Compensating Development Opportunities Program Directives.

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

- Bobi
- Karen Stewart, Irvine resident
- Carol Schwartz, Irvine resident
- Joanne Slobodien, Save Irvine Open Space
- Heidi, Save Irvine Open Space
- Sandra Rush
- Jim Foley
- Linda Lau, Irvine resident
- Rolf Parkes, President of the Orangetree Master Homeowners Association (HOA)
- Barbara Ignash, Irvine resident
- Paula Miller, Irvine resident and President of the Ranch HOA
- Susie Winocur, Irvine resident
- Yael Shany, Irvine resident
- Dee Fox, Irvine resident
- Matthew Bretan, President of the Woodbridge Village Association
- Mary Stephens
- Michael LeBlanc
- Derek Shirk, Irvine resident
- Sally Ann Sheridan, Irvine resident
- Greg Smith
- Scott Carpenter, Irvine resident
- John Albritton
- Max Eg, Irvine resident

Dale Brenner spoke in support of allowing voters to determine the future of the proposed Oak Park development.

Crit spoke in support of balance, pairing passion with precision, and running the City based on facts; and noted the long process related to the proposed Oak Park development.

Mike Ellison spoke in support of canceling the memorandum of understanding related to the proposed Oak Park development and a clear ballot measure.

The following individuals spoke in support of the proposed Oak Park development:

- Dave Shafie
- Tom Chomyn, Irvine resident
- Francis Garber, Irvine resident
- Lara Sinanian
- James Hwang
- Ankur Parikh, Woodbridge High School student
- Quan Narula

The following individuals spoke in opposition to the proposed Oak Park development and a widely distributed letter that disparaged Christina Shea:

- Christina Shea, Irvine resident
- Laura Cormack

Jim Hatfield, Irvine resident, spoke in support of redeveloping the Orangetree community and in opposition to the proposed Oak Park development.

The following individuals spoke in support of the proposed open space preservation ballot measure:

- Peyton Shim
- Mike Nystrom
- Geraldine Larson, President of the Filipino American Chamber of Commerce

Eric Neshanian, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to any proposed ballot measure and the memorandum of understanding related to the proposed Oak Park development.

Don Geller, Irvine resident and Finance Commissioner, spoke in support of the bifurcation of ballot measures and conversion of the Oak Creek Golf Club to a public park and centrally located library.

Russell, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to the proposed Oak Park development and City Council direction to staff to begin the associated General Plan Amendment process.

**RECESS**

Mayor Agran recessed the City Council meeting at 8:50 p.m.

**RECONVENE TO THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Mayor Agran reconvened the City Council meeting at 9:08 p.m.

**5.1 OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION BALLOT MEASURE (CONTINUED)**

City Council discussion included: suggesting clear language in any proposed ballot measure; referenced the distribution of a mailer sent to community members in opposition to Christina Shea; noted State of California (State) housing requirements and the amount of affordable housing in the City compared with other municipalities; noted areas subject to rezoning by a City Council majority; reiterated that Initiative Resolution No. 88-1 was previously approved by voters; suggested clear language and bifurcation of the proposed ballot measures; inquired about a potential statewide special election in November; noted previous open space preservation efforts; questioned the content of any proposed ballot measures; inquired about California Environmental Quality Act requirements; suggested collaboration between the City Attorney and community stakeholders; and inquired about the ballot measure consideration timeline.

**ACTION: Moved by Mayor Agran, seconded by Councilmember Martinez Franco, and unanimously carried to:**

Direct the City Attorney to:

- 1) Prepare a "Voter Protection/Oak Creek Golf Course Exception" ballot measure to confirm, expand and update open space areas subject to voter protection requirements to include the following:
  - a) Lands covered by Initiative Resolution No. 88-1 – more than 8,000 Acres;
  - b) Other lands designated for open space uses, but not identified in Initiative Resolution No. 88-1; and
  - c) Lands designated for commercial or residential development, but operated as publicly-owned parks.

**- AND -**

Allow release of Voter Protection Requirement on Oak Creek Golf Course, if the City becomes entitled to receive at least 315 acres of compensating open space.

- 2) Develop a pair of alternative ballot measures for City Council consideration that bifurcate the “Voter Protection/Oak Creek Golf Course Exception” ballot measure listed in Recommended Action Item No. 1 as follows:
  - a) A “Voter Protection Only” ballot measure to confirm, expand and update open space areas subject to voter protection requirements to include the following:
    - i) Lands covered by Initiative Resolution No. 88-1 – more than 8,000 Acres;
    - ii) Other lands designated for open space uses, but not identified in Initiative Resolution No. 88-1; and
    - iii) Lands designated for commercial or residential development, but operated as publicly-owned parks.
  - b) An “Oak Creek Exception Only” ballot measure that allows the release of Voter Protection Requirement on Oak Creek Golf Course, if the City becomes entitled to receive at least 315 acres of compensating open space.
- 3) Prepare an “Oak Creek General Plan Land Use Modification” ballot measure that directly changes the land use designation on the Oak Creek Golf Course from “preservation” to “MHR: Medium High Density Residential”.
- 4) Prepare resolutions to call the election on the ballot measure for City Council consideration on August 12, 2025, with the election to occur on November 18, 2025.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by Councilmember Treseder, seconded by Vice Mayor Mai, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:51 p.m.**

  
MAYOR OF THE CITY OF IRVINE

  
CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF IRVINE

September 9, 2025