



MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AND SPECIAL JOINT MEETING WITH THE GREAT PARK BOARD

June 10, 2025
City Council Chamber
1 Civic Center Plaza
Irvine, CA 92606

CALL TO ORDER - CITY COUNCIL

The regular meeting of the Irvine City Council was called to order at 4:05 p.m. on June 10, 2025, in the City Council Chamber, Irvine Civic Center, 1 Civic Center Plaza, Irvine, California; Mayor Agran presiding.

ROLL CALL

Present: 6	Councilmember:	William Go
	Councilmember:	Melinda Liu
	Councilmember:	Betty Martinez Franco
	Councilmember:	Kathleen Treseder
	Vice Mayor:	James Mai
	Mayor:	Larry Agran

Absent: 1	Councilmember:	Mike Carroll
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1. CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Melching announced the following Closed Session items and noted the removal of Closed Session Item No. 1.3:

- 1.1 **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION: Significant Exposure to Litigation (Gov. Code Section 54956.9(d)(2) or (3)): One case.**
- 1.2 **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION – Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) – City of Irvine v. Orange County Transportation Authority, et al., Orange County Superior Court Case No. 30-2023-01366419-CU-WM-CXC**
- 1.3 **PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION: Government Code Section 54957 – Title: City Manager**

Prior to recessing to Closed Session, the following individuals spoke in support of the City ending litigation against the Orange County Transportation Authority related to the Orange County Maintenance Facility (Closed Session Item No. 1.2):

- Doug Elliott, Irvine resident and Community Services Commissioner
- Siddharth Mehta, Seal Beach resident
- Leeza
- Deborah Franza, Irvine resident
- Brian Yanity, Fullerton resident and Vice President-South of the Rail Passenger Association of California and Nevada
- Adriana Rizzo, Riverside resident and member of Californians for Electric Rail
- James, Irvine resident

RECESS

Mayor Agran recessed the City Council meeting to Closed Session at 4:23 p.m.

RECONVENE TO THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Agran reconvened the City Council meeting at 5:35 p.m. City Attorney Melching, on behalf of the City Council, announced that no reportable action was taken in Closed Session for Item No. 1.1, and further noted the possibility of resuming consideration of Closed Session Item No. 1.2 following the conclusion of discussion of Council Business items.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Treseder led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

Chara Wondercheck, Arts & Learning Conservatory student, performed the National Anthem and Lift Every Voice and Sing.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS

Susan Sayre, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to the use of telephone and internet surveys related to Irvine CONNECT ridership; and suggested survey goals including targeting all residents, educating residents regarding routes and venue locations, and determining desired destinations not located along the proposed routes for future route expansion or modification.

Kim Caughren, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to an increase in aircraft noise over Central Park West.

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

- Susie Winocur, Irvine resident
- Tim Stanley
- Paula Miller, Irvine resident and President of the Ranch Homeowners Association
- Frank Southern, Irvine resident

Alan Meyerson, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to previous comments and actions by Vice Mayor Mai and Councilmembers Liu, Go, and Treseder.

Siddharth Mehta, Seal Beach resident, spoke in support of the City's continued membership in the Orange County Power Authority.

Crit Van Tuyl, on behalf of the Irvine Dog Park Association, spoke in support of an increased number of dog parks in the City and associated benefits.

Wing Chow, Irvine resident, spoke in support of the proposed Oak Park development and noted the possibility of capitalizing funds intended to be spent on the proposed Great Park gondola system.

Scott Perley and D.E., Irvine residents, spoke in opposition to the establishment of the Office of Inclusive Excellence.

Don Croucher, California Fire Museum and Safety Learning Center, noted the museum's current fundraising efforts and spoke in support of its inclusion in Great Park-related materials, including the park's website, as a potential future partner.

Sara Marshall, Irvine resident, spoke in support of the City taking action to stand in solidarity with individuals targeted by the federal government.

Eric Neshanian, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to the Office of Inclusive Excellence, the proposed development of the proposed Oak Creek development, and an alleged hate incident.

“Irvine Matters” spoke in support of transparency and in opposition to City Attorney Melching’s comments at the May 27, 2025, City Council meeting regarding a Fair Political Practices Commission investigation and an alleged conflict of interest for Mayor Agran pertaining to the proposed veterans cemetery in the Great Park.

Jisung Choi, Irvine student, spoke in support of installing recycling bins at gas stations in the City.

Jane B., Irvine resident, expressed appreciation to Councilmember Liu for her efforts to exhibit transparency and keep residents informed of what happens at City Council meetings, and in opposition to the recent number of City Council special meetings.

Jeremy Ficarola, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to Councilmember Carroll’s attendance record at Great Park Board and City Council meetings.

Jason Garshfield, Irvine resident, noted inconsistencies in decorum at previous City Council meetings and spoke in support of increasing the number of alcohol-serving establishments in the City.

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

There was no report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Liu

- As the City’s representative to the Orange County Sanitation District, Councilmember Liu announced a new program called Resource Innovation for a Sustainable Environment (RISE), which encompasses various initiatives aimed at enhancing water, energy, solids, and air management operations to ensure a cleaner, more resilient future for the community. For more information, visit ocsan.gov/RISE.
- The current plan to develop the second phase of Cypress Village, a co-development by the Irvine Community Land Trust and Cabrillo Economic Development Corporation, is underway with financial support from the Orange County Housing Finance Trust.

- In recognition of Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month, Councilmember Liu recently attended the Alzheimer's Association's kickoff event for the upcoming 2025 Walk to End Alzheimer's on October 4 at Orange Coast College (Walk), formed a team to raise money for the Walk, and met with Board members to learn about the impact of dementia on Orange County residents and their families as well as current legislative priorities aimed at addressing the issue. Efforts are also underway in collaboration with City staff to raise awareness. Members of the public may contact Councilmember Liu's office for information on how to join Team Liu at the Walk.
- Members of the public are invited to attend a Flag Day event at City Hall in conjunction with the City to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the U.S. Army, which will be held on Saturday, June 14, at 8 a.m.
- From July 1 through 13, the City of Irvine will collaborate with the Irvine 2/11 Marine Adoption Committee to showcase illuminated flags as a tribute to veterans and active-duty service members. Councilmember Liu's office will sponsor flags for two veterans from the Veterans Alliance of Orange County (VALOR), Bobby McDonald and Nick Berardino. Members of the public are encouraged to sponsor a flag.
- Councilmember Liu's office will host its first Older Adult Resource Fair on Saturday, June 28, a free event open to all members of the public that will include partnerships with public agencies and local nonprofits to share a wide range of senior-focused resources, including the American Red Cross, Orange County Health Care Agency, and SCAN Health Plan, and representatives from the offices of Congressman Dave Min, State Senator Steven Choi, and Assemblywoman Cottie Petrie-Norris.

Councilmember Martinez Franco

- Councilmember Martinez Franco noted her recent appointment by Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) President Cindy Allen to SCAG's Community, Economic, and Human Development Committee, which will provide an opportunity to assist communities across Southern California by studying significant problems, programs, and other matters pertaining to the regional issues of community, economic, and human development.
- Councilmember Martinez Franco spoke in opposition to recent raids and associated tactics by immigration authorities that have impacted Latino communities in Southern California; and encouraged community members to gather peacefully to express their opposition, call congressional representatives, support immigrant rights organizations, and consider running for office.

Councilmember Go

- Councilmember Go congratulated the Northwood Orioles little league team for winning the 2025 District 55 Tournament of Champions by defeating Laguna Beach by a score of 11 to 1. The team will be recognized at a future City Council meeting.
- Members of the public are invited to attend the Wildfire Preparedness and Home Insurance Town Hall to be held on Wednesday, June 18, at 5:30 p.m. at Great Park Hangar 244 in partnership with Mayor Agran, the Office of California Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara, Orange County Fire Authority, and Irvine Police Department. Topics to be discussed include homeowners' insurance, fire preparedness, local emergency response, and regional and federal initiatives.

Mayor Agran

- The annual Field of Valor flag display returns to the Irvine Civic Center Lawn from July 1 through 13. Each sponsored flag is a tribute to a veteran, active-duty service member, or someone who gave their life in service to their country. Members of the community are invited to honor military heroes by sponsoring a flag or visiting the flag display. Flags are individually illuminated and personalized with the name of an honoree. Sponsorships are \$65, proceeds benefit the Irvine 2/11 Marine Adoption Committee, and submissions must be received by Friday, June 20. For more information, visit cityofirvine.org/FieldOfValor.
- The Summer in the City series provides free, family-friendly fun featuring Movies on the Lawn, live concerts, and Symphony in the Cities, and will include the following events:
 - A screening of Harold and the Purple Crayon will take place on Friday, June 13, at Hicks Canyon Community Park. Food trucks will arrive at 6 p.m. Movies begin after sunset and are weather permitting.
 - Summer concerts will return to Mike Ward Community Park – Woodbridge on Saturday, July 19, at 5:30 p.m. with the blues and soul sounds of Family Style.
 - Pacific Symphony's Symphony in the Cities will take place on Sunday, August 3, at Mike Ward Community Park — Woodbridge. Pre-concert, family-friendly activities will begin at 5:30 p.m. and the concert will begin at 7 p.m.

Members of the public are encouraged to bring low-back chairs or blankets for seating to Summer in the City events and pack a picnic or purchase treats from on-site gourmet food trucks. For more information, visit cityofirvine.org/summer.

- The City, in partnership with the Orange County Inland Empire Small Business Development Center, will host two upcoming events to support small businesses.
 - The Small Business Capital and Growth Conference will take place on Friday, June 27, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at City Hall, and is designed to equip small business owners with the tools, resources, and connections needed to grow and fund their businesses and will feature a resource fair highlighting business support and capital resources; breakout sessions on preparing for growth and accessing funding; lender matchmaking for direct lender connections; and personalized one-on-one consultations to assess financial readiness and explore tailored financing strategies.
 - The Small Business Clinic will take place on Thursday, August 21, from 5 to 8 p.m. at University Community Center and offers business owners a no-cost opportunity to meet one-on-one with a consultant for a 30-minute session focused on immediate needs related to marketing, operations, or financial assessment. Following the initial meeting, each participant will be paired with a primary consultant for ongoing, no-cost support to help grow and expand their business.

For more information, visit cityofirvine.org/EconomicDevelopment.

- Along with Vice Mayor Mai and Councilmember Martinez Franco, Mayor Agran joined California's Big City Mayors (BCM) in Sacramento after the release of the May Revise on May 20 and 21. The BCM delegation called on state leaders to protect Homeless, Housing Assistance, and Prevention (HHAP) funding for local governments in this year's state budget. Mayor Agran spoke during a virtual press conference with the coalition to emphasize its message. The Legislature released their budget framework, which proposes the restoration of HHAP Round 7, but at half of the requested amount. State leaders were urged to commit to ongoing HHAP Round 7 funding, as the funds are critical resources for cities to make progress on homelessness. In Irvine, several of the Irvine Cares initiatives in the Health & Wellness division rely on continued funding to keep up the City's innovative instant affordability programs. Statewide, HHAP funds have helped house more than 152,000 people over the life of the program. The City's legislative advocacy will continue in order to protect the progress made to date.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

City Manager Chi noted the continuance of Council Business Item No. 5.4 (Consideration of a Request by Councilmember Martinez Franco to Discuss the Establishment of the Office of Inclusive Excellence) to a future City Council meeting.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR – CITY COUNCIL

Moved by Vice Mayor Mai, seconded by Councilmember Liu, and unanimously carried by those members present (Councilmember Carroll absent), to approve Consent Calendar Item Nos. 2.1 through 2.4.

2.1 MINUTES

ACTION:

- 1) Approved the minutes of an adjourned regular meeting of the City Council held on May 13, 2025.
- 2) Approved the minutes of a special meeting of the City Council held on May 26, 2025.

2.2 WARRANT AND WIRE TRANSFER RESOLUTION

ACTION:

Adopted RESOLUTION NO. 25-70 – 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

2.3 ANNUAL MEASURE M2 ELIGIBILITY SUBMITTAL AND MEASURE M2 WATER QUALITY GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION

ACTION:

- 1) Approved and authorized staff to submit the Annual Measure M2 Seven-year Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 2025-26 through 2031-32 to comply with the Measure M2 eligibility criteria.
- 2) Adopted RESOLUTION NO. 25-71 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, CONCERNING THE STATUS AND UPDATE OF THE CIRCULATION ELEMENT, AND MITIGATION FEE PROGRAM FOR THE MEASURE M (M2) PROGRAM
- 3) Adopted RESOLUTION NO. 25-72 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, CONCERNING THE STATUS AND UPDATE OF THE PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE MEASURE M (M2) PROGRAM

- 4) Adopted RESOLUTION NO. 25-73 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDS FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANUP, TIER 1 GRANT PROGRAM UNDER ORANGE COUNTY LOCAL TRANSPORTATION ORDINANCE NO. 3 FOR CITYWIDE CATCH BASIN CONNECTOR PIPE SCREEN INSTALLATION PROJECT – PHASE 5
- 5) Directed staff to establish a Capital Improvement Project at the time of grant award and appropriate a local match of approximately \$300,000 from System Development Charge (Fund 118).

2.4 COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUND GRANT NOMINATIONS

ACTION:

- 1) Approved Councilmember Carroll's request for Community Partnership Fund Grant Nomination to Working Wardrobes for a New Start in the amount of \$2,000 in support of program costs.
- 2) Authorized the City Manager to prepare and sign a funding agreement for the organization listed above. **(Contract No. 12055)**

CONVENE TO THE SPECIAL JOINT MEETING WITH THE GREAT PARK BOARD

Mayor/Director Agran convened the special joint meeting with the Great Park Board at 6:42 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present:	6	Councilmember/Vice Chairman:	William Go
		Councilmember/Director:	Melinda Liu
		Councilmember/Director:	Betty Martinez Franco
		Councilmember/Director:	Kathleen Treseder
		Vice Mayor/Director:	James Mai
		Mayor/Director:	Larry Agran
Absent:	1	Councilmember/Chairman:	Mike Carroll

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS

3.1 FISCAL YEAR 2025-27 BIENNIAL BUDGET

Mayor/Director Agran opened the public hearing at 6:45 p.m.

Jonathan Nih, Deputy Director of Administrative Services, presented the staff report and responded to questions. Dahle Bulosan, Director of Administrative Services; Oliver Chi, City Manager; and Grace Yoon-Taylor, Budget Officer, also responded to questions.

Alan Meyerson, Irvine resident, spoke in support of the City's financial management practices.

Jay Bruce expressed concern regarding the potential exclusivity in the allocation of \$22.5 million in Development Impact Fee revenue to Swyft Cities.

Don Geller, Irvine resident and Finance Commission (FC) Chair, expressed appreciation to City staff and his FC colleagues for their roles in assembling the biennial budget and guiding it through the review process, and spoke in support of the FC recommendation to adopt the biennial budget with no waiver of business license fees for smaller businesses.

City Council discussion included: inquiring about the City's ability to withstand an economic downturn; questioned whether the proposed budget would include improvements to Lakeview Senior Center; inquired about the City's ability to utilize alternative funding sources for transportation means other than the proposed gondolas by Swyft Cities in the Great Park; questioned City Council meeting protocols; inquired about assistance to small ethnic chambers of commerce; questioned the possibility of a sliding scale for business license fees; inquired about the impact of the City's minimum wage increase on the proposed budget; questioned Santa Ana Unified School District (USD) coverage in the Irvine Business Complex and allocated funding for its Irvine schools; inquired about Saddleback Valley USD boundaries in Irvine; questioned proposed business license fee thresholds, current business license fees, and previous related City Council action; and inquired about the Finance Commission's recommendation related to business license fees.

ACTION: Moved by Councilmember/Director Liu, seconded by Vice Mayor/Director Mai, and unanimously carried by those members present (Councilmember/Chairman Carroll absent), to close the public hearing at 7:16 p.m.

ACTION: Moved by Mayor/Director Agran, seconded by Councilmember/Director Liu, and unanimously carried by those members present (Councilmember/Chairman Carroll absent), to:

- 1) Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 25-74 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING AND APPROVING THE APPROPRIATIONS BUDGET AND FINANCIAL POLICIES FOR THE CITY OF IRVINE FOR FISCAL YEARS 2025-27
- 2) Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 25-75 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-26
- 3) Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 25-76 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING FULL-TIME POSITIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF COMPENSATION RESOLUTIONS AND SUPERSEDING RESOLUTION NO. 25-16, WHICH IS INCONSISTENT THEREWITH
- 4) Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 25-77 – 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
- 5) Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 25-78 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE STUDY AND ESTABLISHING AND ADOPTING DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEES
- 6) Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 25-79 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, ADJUSTING DEVELOPMENT PROCESSING AND BUSINESS LICENSE FEES OUTLINED IN THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 24-41, UPDATING THE DEPOSIT FOR CERTAIN APPEALS, AND REPLACING AND SUPERSEDING ALL PREVIOUS RESOLUTIONS THAT ARE INCONSISTENT THEREWITH, **as amended**, to adopt the Finance Commission recommendation to remove the proposed business license exemption for small businesses with nine or fewer employees.

- 7) Approve the Fiscal Year 2025-27 Great Park Budget, as required by the Fiscal Transparency and Reforms Act.
- 8) Authorize the City Manager to execute the Memorandums of Understanding for the Educational Partnership Fund program for Fiscal Year 2025-27 with Irvine Unified and Tustin Unified School Districts and Irvine Valley College (IVC)/IVC Foundation.
- 9) Authorize the City Manager to execute the Memorandums of Understanding for the Challenge Match Grant program for Fiscal Year 2025-27 with Irvine Unified School District/Irvine Public Schools Foundation, Tustin Unified School District and Santa Ana Unified School District/Santa Ana Public Educational Foundation.

ACTION: Moved by Mayor/Director Agran, seconded by Councilmember/Director Liu, and unanimously carried by those members present (Councilmember/Chairman Carroll absent), to:

Introduce for the first reading and read by title only ORDINANCE NO. 25-15 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING TITLE 2, DIVISION 7 OF THE CITY OF IRVINE MUNICIPAL CODE TO ESTABLISH CHAPTER 9 CITYWIDE DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEES

ADJOURNMENT - SPECIAL JOINT MEETING WITH THE GREAT PARK BOARD

Moved by Mayor/Director Agran, seconded by Vice Mayor/Director Mai, and unanimously carried by those members present (Chairman Carroll absent), to adjourn the special joint meeting with the Great Park Board at 7:48 p.m.

RECONVENE TO THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Agran reconvened the City Council meeting at 7:48 p.m.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS (CONTINUED)

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

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

Continue the public hearing to July 8, 2025, at 5 p.m. or soon thereafter.

4.2 ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS RELATED TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING IMPLEMENTATION PROCEDURE UPDATES AND THE INSTITUTION OF A COMMUNITY PREFERENCE POLICY FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS

Mayor Agran opened the public hearing at 7:51 p.m.

Pete Carmichael, Assistant City Manager, and Heather Dion, Chief Health & Wellness Director, presented the staff report and responded to questions.

Susan Sayre, Irvine resident, spoke in support of increasing the percentage of affordable housing units in perpetuity, allocating units compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act, locating affordable housing units along Irvine CONNECT routes, and converting certain market rate units to affordable housing.

Terri Mihalovich-Gerstner, Irvine resident and business owner, spoke in opposition to the proposed ordinance.

Robin G. spoke in support of the proposed ordinance.

City Council discussion included: inquiring about the timeframe for the proposed Hoag partnership and development; questioned participation criteria and contingency plans in the event that Irvine-connected status changed for participants; inquired about documentation requirements for the unhoused; questioned prioritization of Irvine residents and discrimination prevention; inquired about in-lieu fees and menu options for developers; questioned the possibility for future ordinance amendments; inquired about partnerships with local housing nonprofit organizations; questioned the inclusion of Americans with Disabilities Act adaptable amenities in certain units; and inquired about contingency plans in case funding was exhausted.

ACTION: Moved by Mayor Agran, seconded by Councilmember Martinez Franco, and unanimously carried by those members present (Councilmember Carroll absent), to close the public hearing at 8:16 p.m.

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

Introduce for the first reading and read by title only ORDINANCE NO. 25-16 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING ZONE CHANGES 00953093-PZC AND 00950164-PZC, TO AMEND CHAPTER 2-3 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO UPDATE AND EXPAND AVAILABLE MENU OPTIONS FOR SATISFACTION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING REQUIREMENTS, TO UPDATE AND EXPAND THE LOCAL DENSITY BONUS OPTION, TO ESTABLISH A COMMUNITY PREFERENCE POLICY FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS, AND TO IMPLEMENT TECHNICAL UPDATES FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING REQUIREMENTS

4.3 DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT FOR DISCOVERY PARK RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT IN PLANNING AREA 31 (IRVINE SPECTRUM 6)

Mayor Agran opened the public hearing at 8:30 p.m.

Erica Hong, Senior Planner, presented the staff report and responded to questions. Ann Wu, Principal Planner, was also available for questions.

Barry Curtis, representing Irvine Company, spoke in support of the proposed Development Agreement.

There was no City Council discussion.

ACTION: Moved by Mayor Agran, seconded by Vice Mayor Mai, and unanimously carried by those members present (Councilmember Carroll absent), to close the public hearing at 8:37 p.m.

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

Introduce for first reading and read by title only ORDINANCE NO. 25-17 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT 00948850-PDA TO ESTABLISH PUBLIC BENEFITS AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING REQUIREMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH AN 1,858-UNIT MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT LOCATED AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LAGUNA CANYON ROAD AND DISCOVERY IN PLANNING AREA 31 (IRVINE SPECTRUM 6); FILED BY IRVINE COMPANY

4.4 ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT FOR WAREHOUSE AND LOGISTICS USE STANDARDS AND RELATED DEFINITIONS AND PROCEDURES

Mayor Agran opened the public hearing at 8:40 p.m.

Marika Poynter, Chief of Planning & Policy, presented the staff report and responded to questions.

Mihran Toumajan, on behalf of National Association of Industrial and Office Parks (NAIOP) SoCal, spoke in support of the proposed ordinance.

Luis Gomez, on behalf of Rexford Industrial, spoke in support of the proposed ordinance and a minor modification to the definition of “warehouse.”

City Council discussion included: inquiring about changes in definitions of key terms and related discussions; noted the potential for future amendments to the ordinance; and noted the need to balance the master plan with economic development.

ACTION: Moved by Councilmember Liu, seconded by Councilmember Go, and unanimously carried by those members present (Councilmember Carroll absent), to close the public hearing at 8:56 p.m.

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

Introduce for first reading and read by title only ORDINANCE NO. 25-18 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING ZONE CHANGE 00948798-PZC TO AMEND SECTION 1-2-1, SECTION 2-9-4, SECTION 3-3-1, CHAPTER 3-37, CHAPTER 4-3, CHAPTER 9-4, CHAPTER 9-34, AND CHAPTER 9-38 OF THE IRVINE ZONING ORDINANCE BY ADDING, MODIFYING, OR DELETING CERTAIN DEFINITIONS, REVIEW PROCEDURES, LAND USE REGULATIONS, AND PARKING REQUIREMENTS PERTAINING TO WAREHOUSE AND LOGISTICS USE DEVELOPMENTS AND ADD CHAPTER 3-44 TO REFLECT NEW WAREHOUSE AND LOGISTICS USE STANDARDS

5. COUNCIL BUSINESS

5.1 UPDATES TO APPOINTMENTS OF CITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES

This item was removed from the agenda originally published on June 3, 2025.

5.2 FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 LANDSCAPE, LIGHTING AND PARK MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT

Josh Brooks, Deputy Director of Administrative Services, presented the staff report and responded to questions. Dahle Bulosan, Director of Administrative Services, was also available for questions.

There was no City Council discussion.

Prior to City Council action, Carl Petersen, City Clerk, announced that there was no majority protest in opposition to the proposed measure to increase the Landscape, Lighting, and Park Maintenance Assessment.

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

Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 25-80 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE PROPERTY OWNER PROTEST BALLOTING PROCEEDING CONCERNING PROPOSED INCREASED ASSESSMENTS FOR THE LANDSCAPE, LIGHTING, AND PARK MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT, OVERRULING ALL PROTESTS CONCERNING THE ASSESSMENTS, AND CONFIRMING AND ORDERING THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-26

The motion carried as follows:

AYES: 5 COUNCILMEMBERS: Go, Liu, Mai, Martinez Franco, and Agran

NOES: 1 COUNCILMEMBERS: Treseder

ABSENT: 1 COUNCILMEMBERS: Carroll

ABSTAIN: 0 COUNCILMEMBERS: None

5.3 2025 FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONE MAP ADOPTION

Jesse Cardoza, Deputy Director of Community Development/Chief Building Official, presented the staff report and responded to questions. Claudia Landeras-Sobaih, Deputy Building Official, and Oliver Chi, City Manager, were also available for questions.

City Council discussion included: inquiring about local authority to reduce defensible space requirements; questioned impacts on insurance availability; inquired about credit to homeowners for fire mitigation efforts, homeowner ability to seek better rates, and potential collaboration between the City and insurers; and suggested collaboration with other cities and the California Insurance Commissioner.

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

Introduce for first reading and read by title only ORDINANCE NO. 25-19 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, REPEALING CITY COUNCIL ORDINANCE NO. 12-03 IN ITS ENTIRETY AND ADOPTING AN UPDATED FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONE MAP FOR THE CITY OF IRVINE

5.4 CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY COUNCILMEMBER MARTINEZ FRANCO TO DISCUSS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE OFFICE OF INCLUSIVE EXCELLENCE

This item was continued to a future City Council meeting. See Additions and Deletions (page 7).

5.5 CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY COUNCILMEMBER GO TO DISCUSS IRVINE’S REPRESENTATION TO THE ORANGE COUNTY POWER AUTHORITY BOARD

This item was removed from the agenda originally published on June 3, 2025.

1. CLOSED SESSION (CONTINUED)

City Attorney Melching announced the continuation of consideration for the following Closed Session item:

1.2 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION – Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) –City of Irvine v. Orange County Transportation Authority, et al., Orange County Superior Court Case No. 30-2023-01366419-CU-WM-CXC

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RECONVENE TO THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Agran reconvened the City Council meeting at 10:14 p.m. City Attorney Melching, on behalf of the City Council, announced that no reportable action was taken in Closed Session for Item No. 1.2.

ADJOURNMENT - CITY COUNCIL

Moved by Councilmember Treseder, seconded by Vice Mayor Mai, and unanimously carried by those members present (Councilmember Carroll absent), to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 p.m.


MAYOR OF THE CITY OF IRVINE


CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF IRVINE

July 8, 2025