



**MINUTES**

**CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
AND  
REGULAR JOINT MEETING  
WITH THE CITY OF IRVINE AS  
SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE  
DISSOLVED IRVINE  
REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

**September 12, 2023  
Council Chamber  
1 Civic Center Plaza  
Irvine, CA 92606**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Irvine City Council and regular joint meeting with the City of Irvine as Successor Agency to the dissolved Irvine Redevelopment Agency was called to order at 4:16 p.m. on September 12, 2023, in the City Council Chamber, Irvine Civic Center, 1 Civic Center Plaza, Irvine, California; Mayor/Chairwoman Khan presiding.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: 5 Councilmember/Boardmember: Larry Agran  
Councilmember/Boardmember: Mike Carroll  
Councilmember/Boardmember: Kathleen Treseder  
Vice Mayor/Vice Chairwoman: Tammy Kim  
Mayor/Chairwoman: Farrah N. Khan

**1. SCOPING SESSION**

**1.1 SCOPING SESSION FOR GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT IN  
PLANNING AREA 51 (GREAT PARK); FILED BY CITY OF IRVINE**

Joel Belding, Deputy Director of Great Park & Sustainability, presented the staff report.

There were no requests to speak.

There was no City Council discussion.

**By consensus**, received and filed. No action was taken.

## **RECESS**

Mayor Khan recessed the City Council meeting at 4:18 p.m.

## **RECONVENE TO THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Mayor Khan reconvened the City Council meeting at 5:08 p.m.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Councilmember Treseder led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **INVOCATION**

Pastor Lynn Linis from Free Chapel provided the invocation.

## **MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Mayor Khan asked for a moment of silence in memory of Mary Ann Gaido, Planning Commissioner and former Irvine City Councilmember, who passed away after a courageous battle with cancer.

## **2. PRESENTATIONS**

### **2.1 *Proclaim September 17-23, 2023, as "Parent Teacher Association Membership Week"***

Mayor Khan introduced Jim Leung, President, and Dawn Mortazavi, Vice President of Membership, from the Irvine Unified Council Parent Teacher Association and presented a proclamation recognizing September 17-23, 2023, as "Parent Teacher Association Membership Week."

### **2.2 *Proclaim September 2023, as "Hunger Action Month"***

Mayor Khan introduced Jeanette Mayer, Second Harvest Food Bank Ambassador, and Anthony Martinez, Logistics Coordinator from Abound Food Care, and presented a proclamation recognizing September 2023, as "Hunger Action Month."

**2.3 E-Bike and Traffic Safety Update**

Matt McLaughlin, Police Lieutenant, and Kerwin Lau, Deputy Director of Transportation, provided a brief update on electric bicycles and related traffic safety.

There were no requests to speak.

City Council discussion included: expressing appreciation to staff for data compilation pertaining to contraflow, as well as community education and outreach; inquired about why state legislation required non-electric bicycles to be treated in the same manner as electric bicycles; questioned whether the City had the authority to require bicycle riders to dismount in crosswalks and ride single file in bicycle lanes; inquired about bicycle lane capacity; suggested the creation of protected bicycle lanes as a potential solution; inquired about training requirements imposed by the school districts prior to students being allowed to ride to school; questioned the status of proposed legislation; and inquired about the possibility of the City setting up its own licensing program and whether other cities were pursuing similar options.

**By consensus**, received and filed.

Following Presentation Item No. 2.3, Mayor Khan reordered the agenda to consider Public Hearing Item No. 5.1 prior to Presentation Item No. 2.4.

**5. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**5.1 PUBLIC HEARING REQUESTING INPUT REGARDING THE COMPOSITION OF POTENTIAL CITY COUNCIL ELECTION DISTRICTS (6 P.M.)**

Mayor Khan opened the public hearing at 6:04 p.m.

Brian King, Assistant City Manager; and Dr. Justin Levitt, Vice President, National Demographics Corporation (NDC), presented the staff report and responded to questions. Melissa Haley, Deputy City Manager, was also available for questions.

Susan Sayre, Irvine resident, spoke in support of Maps 149, 148, 136, and 133, and keeping older villages together.

Alan Meyerson, Irvine resident, spoke in support of Map 151.

Michelle Johnson, Irvine resident and President of Woodbridge Village Association, spoke in opposition to dividing Woodbridge between two districts.

Tom Chomyn, Irvine resident, spoke in support of Maps 144 and 151.

Jefferson Wall, Local Affairs Coordinator for Associated Students of the University of California, Irvine, spoke in support of 1) Maps 133, 144, and 146; 2) keeping University of California, Irvine (UCI) together with University Town Center, as well as Park West, Toscana and Villa Siena Apartments; and 3) in opposition to including UCI in the same district as Turtle Rock, Turtle Ridge, and Shady Canyon.

Harvey Liss, Irvine resident, spoke in support of Map 151, and in opposition to Maps 148 and 149 due to having two Councilmembers in the same district.

Ed McNew, Irvine resident, spoke in support of Map 151 and in opposition to having two Councilmembers in the same district.

Kayla Asato, on behalf of Orange County Environmental Justice, spoke in support of Map 148, as well as Maps 147 and 136 given that environmental justice communities stayed together; and in opposition to Maps 146, 149, 150, 151, 154, 155, 159, and 160.

Doug Elliott, Irvine resident, spoke in support of Map 148.

Tiffany I., Irvine resident, spoke in support of Maps 147 and 148, and in opposition to separating Woodbury and blending it with Great Park.

Jeremy Ficarola, Irvine resident and President of Cypress Village Homeowners Association, spoke in support of Map 148 and in opposition to Map 151.

Lurette Forrest, Irvine resident, spoke in support of Map 151.

Layne Jackson Hubbard, researcher at the University of California, Irvine (UCI), spoke in support of Map 148.

City Council discussion included: discussing which maps split the fewest villages while meeting legal requirements; suggested that a list of all instances with over 40% Citizen Voting Age Population be provided at the next public hearing; questioned whether NDC produced additional maps; inquired about the overall districting process to date, including levels of public participation; questioned the outcome of the California Supreme Court's decision on the Santa Monica case; inquired about the origin of Maps 144, 147 and 148; questioned whether State law included protection of incumbents; suggested adjustments to Map 148 to combine Park West, Toscana, and Villa Siena apartment communities with the Irvine Business Complex (IBC) and UCI; inquired about representation and incumbent terms; discussed the impacts of Map 151 on University

Park and inquired about the splitting of any other villages; inquired about next steps and remaining timelines for the districting process; and discussed map preferences and rationale for selecting such preferences.

Following discussion, each Councilmember, by roll call, indicated their preferred map as follows:

Agran	151
Carroll	135
Treseder	148
Kim	148 with no modifications
Khan	151

**ACTION: Moved by Councilmember Carroll, seconded by Councilmember Agran, and unanimously carried to close the public hearing at 7:35 p.m.**

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

Direct staff to proceed with Maps 135, 148, and 151 and explore the development of a combined map incorporating the best qualities of these maps for consideration at the next public hearing.

**2. PRESENTATIONS (CONTINUED)**

**2.4 Irvine Open Streets Event Update**

This item was continued to the September 26, 2023, City Council meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS - CITY COUNCIL - NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS**

Susan Sayre, Irvine resident, spoke in support of better working conditions and living wage for healthcare workers.

KN Chan spoke in support of expanding the City’s badminton programs.

Gregory Klein, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to loud cars on Campus Drive, and expressed concern about e-bike safety issues by young riders.

Alan Meyerson, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to voters selecting candidates solely based on similar ethnicity.

Caller 279 spoke in opposition to start times for general public comments, disenfranchisement in the public comment process, misconduct in the Irvine Police Department, and violation of victims' rights.

Sam Billimoria spoke in support of erecting a monument to honor Cyrus the Great.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

There was no report.

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

#### Mayor Khan

- Chetna Reddy Pagydyala, a Beckman High Sophomore, who represented Irvine on Team USA in the International Cricket Council Women's T20 World Cup Americas Qualifier. Chetna is one of 14 players on Team USA and has played cricket since age 8 in Irvine parks. Team USA was undefeated in six matches against opponents including Canada, Brazil, and Argentina in the first step of the qualification pathway to the 2024 Women's T20 World Cup and will advance to the global qualifiers in 2024.
- Mayor Khan noted her attendance at the United Way's Homelessness Update for Orange County in late August, where data was presented on thoughts provided by Orange County residents on housing and homelessness. County-wide data was collected by Dean Jon Gould of the UCI School of Social Ecology, and Ken Goldstein, Senior Vice President for Survey Research and Institutional Policy for the Association of American Universities. More information is available on the United Way website.
- Mayor Khan joined Fentanyl Solution for National Fentanyl Prevention and Awareness Day on August 19 at Heritage Park, where attendees heard from four mothers who shared their heart-breaking stories of losing their children due to illegal drugs laced with fentanyl, several of whom received their pills from a friend. Mayor Khan expressed her appreciation to have been inducted onto the Board of Fentanyl Solution, and will be working with the group and many other community partners to educate the community and providing support, including test strips, to help keep community members safe.
- Mayor Khan noted her recent participation in the Climate Resiliency Investigative Hearing, hosted by Orange County Supervisors Foley and Sarmiento on August 30, which also included the Mayors of Laguna Beach and Costa Mesa, as well as the Mayor Pro Tempore of Santa Ana. Mayor Khan also provided an update on the City's environmental sustainability goals, plans, and programs in partnership with the County of Orange to ensure environmental sustainability in Irvine and throughout the County.

- Last week, Mayor Khan attended a special session of the U.S. Conference of Mayors in San Diego, which focused on mental health, resources, housing, reducing drug use and drug trafficking, and reducing the proliferation of ghost guns. Additional updates are forthcoming and will be made available on Mayor Khan's social media accounts.
- The Orange County Sustainability Decathlon, to be held October 5 through 15 at the Orange County Fair and Events Center in Costa Mesa, is seeking volunteers. Members of the public interested in volunteering can visit [OCSD23.com/volunteer](https://www.ocsd23.com/volunteer) for more information and to sign up.
- Members of the public are invited to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month at the second annual Fiesta Latina en Irvine event on Sunday, September 17, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Great Park. The event honors the generations of Latin American individuals and heroes who have positively influenced and enriched our nation, society, and community, and provides opportunities to learn about the histories, cultures, traditions, and contributions of Hispanic Americans through music, food, language, and art. The free event is open to all ages. For more information, visit [cityofirvine.org/fiesta](https://cityofirvine.org/fiesta).
- On Friday, September 29, the City is hosting a Mid-Autumn Festival in partnership with South Coast Chinese Cultural Center at Great Park from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. This family-friendly festival includes education, entertainment, crafts, food trucks, and artistic demonstrations. Local community partners will be in attendance to support the event and share organizational information and resources. Members of the public are invited to celebrate this honored tradition. The event is free and open to all ages. For more information, visit [cityofirvine.org/MidAutumn](https://cityofirvine.org/MidAutumn).
- Community members can support animals in need while enjoying a night of dinner and laughs at the seventh annual Comedy Unleashed event on Tuesday, September 19. The fundraiser, held at the Irvine Improv, features performances from comedian Erik Schwartz and two more professional acts. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and the show begins at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$44 and can be purchased online or at the Irvine Improv ticket counter. All proceeds go directly to the Irvine Animal Care Center, which provides housing, care, and enrichment for homeless, neglected, abused, or unwanted animals. For more information, visit [irvineanimals/events](https://irvineanimals/events).

#### Councilmember Treseder

- Councilmember Treseder provided a brief update regarding the Orange County Power Authority (OCPA) and items for consideration at its September 13 meeting, which included the Power Content Label, with comparisons between OCPA power mixes and the average 2022 California Power Mix, to highlight the agency's delivery and purchasing of renewable energy from independent renewable energy providers. She also welcomed the City of Buena Park's new representative, Mayor Pro Tempore Susan Sonne, who replaces Councilmember Jose Trinidad Castaneda.

Vice Mayor Kim

- At the end of August, Vice Mayor Kim hosted the first-ever celebration in the City of Irvine for International Taekwondo Day and thanked the Irvine-based taekwondo academies that attended. Hundreds of residents visited Great Park to enjoy a spectacular taekwondo performance by Kim Eung Hwa Korean Dance Academy and Sunmoon University Taekwondo Demonstration Team. Vice Mayor Kim also expressed appreciation to Councilmember Treseder for attending the event.
- The City of Hope in Irvine recently received a \$100 million donation from the Cherng Family, of Panda Express fame. Their charitable foundation's gift was provided to establish The Cherng Family Center for Integrative Oncology at City of Hope to blend Eastern and Western medicine and provide the data points needed to pursue innovative care that will forge and eradicate cancer treatment in Orange County and throughout the world. Vice Mayor Kim expressed her appreciation to the Cherng Family for their generous donation.
- Vice Mayor Kim, as the City's appointee to Orange County Fire Authority, announced that approximately 1,700 emergency calls were received in the City of Irvine in August, including 48 fires and over 1,400 Emergency Medical Services calls.
- As the City's delegate to Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District, Vice Mayor Kim reminded members of the public to stay vigilant by discarding standing water around their properties due to recent rain, which is breeding ground for mosquitos.

Councilmember Agran

- The Office of Councilmember Larry Agran and Solar Rights Alliance will host a Rooftop Solar Town Hall on Thursday, September 14, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at City Hall to discuss the looming California Public Utilities Commission Utility Tax, its potential impact, and to learn about efforts to increase solar rooftops in the City. Representatives from Cool Irvine and OC Goes Solar will also be in attendance.

**ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS**

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

**CONVENE TO THE REGULAR JOINT MEETING**

Mayor/Chairwoman Khan convened the regular joint meeting of the City Council with the City of Irvine as Successor Agency to the dissolved Irvine Redevelopment Agency at 8:12 p.m.

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

There were no requests to speak; however, Councilmember Carroll requested clarification from City Attorney Melching regarding the Successor Agency's subject matter jurisdiction.

#### **3. CONSENT CALENDAR - CITY COUNCIL**

Prior to approval of the Consent Calendar, the following individuals spoke on Consent Calendar Item Nos. 3.9, 3.14, and 3.15.

##### Item 3.9

- 279 spoke about the connection between cyberstalking, cyber bullying, and cyber harassment with school shootings.

##### Item 3.14

- Sahand Cyrusian, Irvine resident, spoke in support of establishing the proposed bus route and protected bicycle lanes.
- James, local technology employee, spoke in support of the proposed bus route with 20-minute headways.
- Dane Carstens, UCI graduate and remote programmer, also spoke in support of the proposed bus route.

##### Item 3.15

- Alan Meyerson, Irvine resident, spoke in support of an 8,000- to 10,000-seat amphitheater in Great Park and volunteered to serve on the Amphitheater Subcommittee.

**Moved by Vice Mayor Kim, seconded by Councilmember Carroll, and unanimously carried to approve City Council Consent Calendar Item Nos. 3.1 through 3.4, 3.6 through 3.8, 3.11 through 3.13, and 3.15; and Successor Agency Consent Calendar Item Nos. 4.1 and 4.2. City Council Consent Calendar Item Nos. 3.5, 3.9, 3.10, and 3.14 were removed for separate discussion.**

**3.1 MINUTES**

**ACTION:**

- 1) Approved the minutes of a regular meeting of the City Council held on July 25, 2023.
- 2) Approved the minutes of a regular meeting of the City Council and regular joint meeting with the City of Irvine as Successor Agency to the dissolved Irvine Redevelopment Agency held on August 8, 2023.

**3.2 PROCLAMATIONS**

**ACTION:**

- 1) Proclaimed September 15 - October 15, 2023, as "National Hispanic Heritage Month."
- 2) Proclaimed September 17, 2023, as "Constitution Day and Citizenship Day"; and September 17-23, 2023, as "Constitution Week."
- 3) Proclaimed September 17-23, 2023, as "National Forensic Science Week."
- 4) Proclaimed September 17-23, 2023, as "Parent Teacher Association Membership Week."
- 5) Proclaimed September 29, 2023, as "Mid-Autumn Festival/Chuseok Celebration Day."
- 6) Proclaimed September 2023, as "Hunger Action Month."
- 7) Proclaimed September 2023, as "Children's Emotional Wellness Month."
- 8) Proclaimed September 2023, as "National Suicide Prevention & Action Month."

**3.3 WARRANT AND WIRE TRANSFER RESOLUTION**

**ACTION:**

Adopted RESOLUTION NO. 23-82 - 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 TREASURER'S REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

**ACTION:**

Received and filed the Treasurer's Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023.

**3.5 RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT TITLED “WELCOME TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD”**

This item was removed for separate discussion at the request of Mayor Khan, who requested clarification on the City’s responses to findings and recommendations, and suggested edits to those responses.

Tim Gehrich, Director of Community Development, and Jesse Cardoza, Deputy Director of Community Development, responded to questions.

City Council discussion included: inquiring about what mechanisms exist to determine the number of group homes in the City, and whether any other cities have access to that information; inquired about why the City has not considered an ordinance similar to other cities related to group homes; and suggested revisions to certain responses, as well as discussing the report’s recommendations and responses in depth in the future.

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

Authorize the Mayor to sign a response letter, on behalf of the City Council, to the Orange County Grand Jury Report titled “Welcome to the Neighborhood” **as amended** to include revisions as follows:

- 1) Finding F7: Add that the City would monitor and track the ability to review such an ordinance.
- 2) Finding F10: Revise to state that the City agreed with this finding and seeks input on the definition of “well-operated group homes.”
- 3) Recommendation R1: Revise to state that the City would work with other public entities insofar as goals align; however, further analysis may be needed on the breadth and scope of the interdisciplinary panel.
- 4) Recommendation R4: Revise to add that this would be an opportunity for agencies such as the Association of California Cities – Orange County to collaborate rather than create a task force.

**3.6 ANNUAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG), EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANTS (ESG), AND HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP (HOME) PROGRAMS END-OF-YEAR PROGRESS REPORT TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

**ACTION:**

Authorized the City Manager to submit the Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report, including public comments received for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG), and Home Investment Partnership (HOME) Programs to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

**3.7 NOTICE OF PENDING APPROVAL FOR A TRACT MAP IN GREAT PARK NEIGHBORHOODS**

**ACTION:**

Received and filed.

**3.8 ADDING THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION TO THE CITY'S COMPENSATION POLICY FOR CITY COMMISSIONS**

**ACTION:**

Adopted RESOLUTION NO. 23-83 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 17-16 AND ESTABLISHING THE COMPENSATION POLICY FOR THE PLANNING COMMISSION, TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION, COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION, FINANCE COMMISSION, SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION, AND THE SENIOR CITIZEN'S COUNCIL

**3.9 CITY OF IRVINE RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT TITLED "SCHOOL SHOOTINGS: HOW PREPARED ARE ORANGE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS?"**

This item was removed for separate discussion at the request of Mayor Khan, who requested clarification on the City's responses to findings, and suggested edits to those responses.

Bill Bingham, Police Lieutenant, responded to questions.

City Council discussion included: inquiring about non-responses to items not applicable to the City; suggested certain modifications, as well as discussing the report's recommendations and responses in depth in the future.

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

Authorize the Mayor to sign a response letter, on behalf of the City Council, to the Orange County Grand Jury Report on "School Shootings: How Prepared Are Orange County Public Schools?" for submittal to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court of Orange County **as amended** to revise F8 to state that the City of Irvine was unable to comment on budget and School Resource Officer matters for other jurisdictions and districts, and add "however" in front of the next sentence that began "in the IPD Youth Services Unit."

**3.10 CITY OF IRVINE RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT TITLED "HUMAN SEX TRAFFICKING IN OC"**

This item was removed for separate discussion at the request of Mayor Khan, who requested clarification on the City's response to a finding.

Bill Bingham, Police Lieutenant, responded to questions.

City Council discussion included: inquiring about why there was a response to one recommendation and not another; and suggested reviewing and discussing the report's recommendations and responses in depth at a future meeting.

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

Authorize the Mayor to sign a response letter, on behalf of the City Council, to the Orange County Grand Jury Report on "Human Sex Trafficking in OC" for submittal to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court of Orange County.

**3.11 ACCEPTANCE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL ALCOHOL POLICING PARTNERSHIP GRANT FISCAL YEAR 2023-24**

**ACTION:**

- 1) Accepted an Alcohol Policing Partnership Grant Fiscal Year 2023-24 award in the amount of \$75,863.
- 2) Authorized the Chief of Police to approve and execute, and the City Clerk to attest to a grant agreement associated with the Alcohol Policing Partnership Grant Fiscal Year 2023-24 between the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control and the City of Irvine.
- 3) Approved a budget adjustment request in the amount of \$75,863, reflecting an increase in revenues and appropriations.

**3.12 ACCEPTANCE OF CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY SELECTIVE TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM (STEP) GRANT AND CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY PROGRAM GRANT**

**ACTION:**

- 1) Authorized a \$380,000 STEP grant award from the California Office of Traffic Safety.
- 2) Approved a budget adjustment appropriating \$380,000 for the California Office of Traffic Safety STEP grant.
- 3) Authorized a \$28,000 Child Passenger Safety Program grant award from the California Office of Traffic Safety.
- 4) Approved a budget adjustment appropriating \$28,000 for the California Office of Traffic Safety Child Passenger Safety Program grant.

**3.13 ONE IRVINE PROGRAM STATUS UPDATE**

**ACTION:**

- 1) Received and filed One Irvine program status update.
- 2) Approved One Irvine renter sustainability kit program.

**3.14 YALE-BARRANCA FIXED-ROUTE PILOT SERVICE**

This item was removed for separate discussion at the request of Mayor Khan, who expressed appreciation to all who worked on and supported this item.

There was no City Council discussion.

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

- 1) Authorize the execution of an agreement with LAZ Parking, LLC. **(Contract No. 11716)**
- 2) Approve a budget adjustment for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 in the amount of \$1,901,635 for the preparation and implementation of the new service.
- 3) Approve a budget adjustment for FY 2024-25 in the amount of \$950,163 for the continued operations of the service to complete a one-year pilot.

**3.15 GREAT PARK AMPHITHEATER UPDATE AND NEXT STEPS**

**ACTION:**

- 1) Recommended that the City Council authorize the City Manager to release a Request for Qualifications seeking an operator for the Great Park Amphitheater, **as amended** to provide flexibility with qualifications of submitters pertaining to the 6,000-seat minimum venue management requirement.
- 2) Recommend that the City Council authorize the City Manager to engage the Pacific Symphony in discussions regarding establishment of a formal partnership that would result in designating the Pacific Symphony as Irvine’s resident orchestra **as amended** to engage other orchestras, including but not limited to Los Angeles Philharmonic, San Diego Philharmonic, and San Bernardino Philharmonic.

(Unless otherwise directed by a member of the City Council, the vote on this matter will reflect the prior action of each Councilmember when he or she sat and voted as a member of the Board of Directors of the Great Park Corporation. However, if a Councilmember is not present at the City Council meeting, his or her vote will be reflected as absent.)

**Approved 3-2 (Directors Kim and Treseder opposed).**

**4. CONSENT CALENDAR - SUCCESSOR AGENCY**

**4.1 MINUTES**

**ACTION:**

Approved the minutes of a regular joint meeting of the City of Irvine as Successor Agency to the dissolved Irvine Redevelopment Agency with the Irvine City Council held on August 8, 2023.

**4.2 WARRANT AND WIRE TRANSFER RESOLUTION – CITY COUNCIL AS SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE DISSOLVED IRVINE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

**ACTION:**

Adopted RESOLUTION NO. 23-06 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, AS SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE DISSOLVED IRVINE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY ALLOWING CERTAIN CLAIMS AND DEMANDS OF THE CITY COUNCIL AS SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE DISSOLVED IRVINE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY AND SPECIFYING THE FUNDS OUT OF WHICH THE SAME ARE TO BE PAID

**ADJOURNMENT - REGULAR JOINT MEETING**

Moved by Vice Mayor/Vice Chairwoman Kim, seconded by Mayor/Chairwoman Khan, and unanimously carried to adjourn the regular joint meeting with the Successor Agency at 8:37 p.m.

**RECONVENE TO THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Mayor Khan reconvened the City Council meeting at 8:37 p.m.

**6. COUNCIL BUSINESS**

**6.1 *AGREEMENT WITH PERKINS EASTMAN FOR DESIGN SERVICES TO DEVELOP A GYMNASIUM AT COLONEL BILL BARBER MARINE CORPS MEMORIAL PARK***

Joel Belding, Deputy Director of Great Park & Sustainability, presented the staff report and responded to questions. Sean Crumby, Director of Project Delivery & Sustainability, also responded to questions.

The following individuals spoke in support of the construction of a two-story gym with one floor consisting of 16 badminton courts:

- KN Chan
- Sam Zhao
- Shannon Hsu
- Max Zhang
- Wang Shuang
- Raymond Sun, Irvine resident
- Mandy Li
- Simon Santhosh
- Hai Huang

Tiffany I., Irvine resident, spoke in support of services and access for disabled individuals.

City Council discussion included: inquiring about adding a second story to incorporate permanent space for badminton; questioned when the matter related to badminton was initially brought before the City Council; noted the need to balance badminton with other sports; and inquired about the possibility of temporary taping for badminton courts until the gym is built.

**ACTION: Moved by Mayor Khan, seconded by Vice Mayor Kim, and unanimously carried to:**

Award and authorize the City Manager to execute a contract for a not-to-exceed amount of \$3,274,600 to Perkins Eastman for Design and Construction Management Support Services for the Colonel Bill Barber Marine Corps Memorial Park Gymnasium Project, **as amended** to include a second story to the gym dedicated to 16 indoor badminton courts. **(Contract No.11718)**

**6.2 CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY VICE MAYOR KIM TO REVIEW POSSIBLE PUBLIC SAFETY ENHANCEMENTS THROUGH USE OF DRONE TECHNOLOGY**

This item was agendized at the request of Vice Mayor Kim, who asked for City Council consideration to review possible public safety enhancements through use of drone technology.

Christopher Bees, Police Sergeant, provided a brief presentation on the Drone as First Responder program and responded to questions. Michael Kent, Director of Public Safety/Chief of Police, was also available for questions.

There were no requests to speak.

City Council discussion included: inquiring about top speeds of drones; expressed concern about the protection of privacy issues; questioned whether drones have been used to locate missing individuals; inquired about whether drones have heat sensors that could detect home intruders; questioned whether drones would be used to replace helicopters; and questioned whether drones had weapons.

**By consensus**, received and filed. No action was taken.

**6.3 CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY MAYOR KHAN TO APPROVE A LETTER OF INTENT TO ESTABLISH IRVINE ACCELERATOR WITH SUNSTONE MANAGEMENT**

This item was agendized at the request of Mayor Khan, who asked for City Council consideration to approve a letter of intent to establish Irvine Accelerator with Sunstone Management.

Eric Romero, Director of Economic Development for Sunstone Management, spoke in support of the proposed letter of intent.

Doug Elliott, Irvine resident, spoke about the importance of studying the impacts of the Irvine Accelerator and noted the potential for diminishing returns with too many accelerators in California.

There was no City Council discussion.

**ACTION: Moved by Mayor Khan, seconded by Vice Mayor Kim, and unanimously carried to:**

Approve a letter of intent to establish Irvine Accelerator with Sunstone Management.

**6.4 CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY COUNCILMEMBER AGRAN TO ALLOCATE \$1.5 MILLION IN AVAILABLE IRVINE RECOVERY PLAN FUNDS TO ONE IRVINE PROGRAM**

This item was agendaized at the request of Councilmember Agran, who asked for City Council consideration to allocate \$1.5 million in available Irvine Recovery Plan funds to the One Irvine Program.

There were no requests to speak.

City Council discussion included: questioning whether Transit Vision Program funds are still needed.

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

Allocate \$1.5 million in Irvine Recovery Plan funding to the One Irvine Program to fully fund those who are on the waiting list for the Green Home Grant Program and the Home Improvement Loan Program.

**6.5 CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY COUNCILMEMBER TRESSEDER TO DISCUSS STRENGTHENING THE CITY'S LOBBYING ORDINANCE AND CREATING AN INDEPENDENT ETHICS COMMITTEE**

This item was agendaized at the request of Councilmember Tresseder, who asked for City Council consideration to discuss strengthening the City's lobbying ordinance and creating an independent ethics committee.

The following individuals spoke in opposition to strengthening the City's lobbying ordinance and creating an independent ethics committee:

- Jocabed Torres
- Cristobal Gallardo, UCI student

- Sebastian Chavez, member of Concerned Irvine Residents for Ethics

Doug Elliott, Irvine resident, spoke in support of strengthening the City's lobbying ordinance.

Harvey Liss, Irvine resident, spoke in support of strengthening the City's lobbying ordinance and City-funded election campaigns.

David Lingerfelt, Irvine resident spoke in support of lowering the lobbyist registration threshold to \$1.

City Council discussion included: questioning whether other cities were surveyed; inquired about the definition of "lobbyist," what constitutes a "reportable event," disclosure requirements during public comment, and potential members of an ethics committee; noted the potential of duplicate efforts with respect to Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) matters related to campaign financing; and clarified the differences between nonprofit and lobbying organizations.

**ACTION:** Moved by Councilmember Treseder, seconded by Vice Mayor Kim, to:

Direct the City Manager to work with City staff to examine options to: 1) strengthen the current lobbying ordinance and its enforcement, 2) study laws and details relevant to practices of other cities, and 3) develop a plan tailored to Irvine; and return to the City Council within 60 days with a report on efforts by other jurisdictions to strengthen lobbying ordinances and their enforcement.

**ACTION: A friendly amendment was made by Councilmember Agran, accepted by Councilmember Treseder as the maker of the motion and Vice Mayor Kim as the seconder, and unanimously carried to:**

Direct the City Manager to work with City staff to examine options to: 1) strengthen the current lobbying ordinance and its enforcement, 2) study laws and details relevant to practices of other cities, and 3) develop a plan tailored to Irvine; and return to the City Council within 60 days with a report on efforts by other jurisdictions to strengthen lobbying ordinances and their enforcement **as amended** to allow Councilmember Treseder's involvement in the process.

**ADJOURNMENT-CITY COUNCIL**

**Moved by Vice Mayor Kim, seconded by Mayor Khan, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting in memory of Cooks Corner shooting victim and Irvine resident John Leehey at 10:45 p.m.**

  
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MAYOR OF THE CITY OF IRVINE

  
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CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF IRVINE

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October 10, 2023