



**MINUTES  
FINANCE COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
July 15, 2019**

City Council Chamber  
1 Civic Center Plaza  
Irvine, CA 92606

**CALL TO ORDER – 5:30 p.m.**

**ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: 4	Commissioner:	Fournier
	Commissioner:	Young
	Vice Chair:	Sievers
	Chair:	Shute
ABSENT: 1	Commissioner:	Cheema

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Vice Chair Sievers led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**INTRODUCTIONS**

There were no introductions.

**PRESENTATIONS**

There were no presentations.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chair Shute made the following announcement:

- Four dates remain in the 2019 Sizzlin' Summer Concert Series.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

There were no committee reports.

**ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA**

There were no additions or deletions.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The following individuals spoke on the Veterans Cemetery:

Jack Fancher, Irvine resident, spoke in support of a Veterans Cemetery at the golf course site.

Jeanne Baran, Irvine resident, spoke on potential noise concerns and gun salute guidelines at Veterans Cemeteries.

**COMMISSION BUSINESS**

**1. MINUTES**

**ACTION: Moved by Commissioner Young, seconded by Vice Chair Sievers, to:**

Approve the minutes of a regular meeting of the Finance Commission held on June 17, 2019

The motion carried as follows:

AYES:	3	COMMISSIONERS:	Fournier, Shute, Young
NOES:	0	COMMISSIONERS:	None
ABSENT:	1	COMMISSIONERS:	Cheema
ABSTAIN:	1	COMMISSIONERS:	Sievers

**2. VETERANS CEMETERY SITE RECOMMENDATION**

Rebecca Bridgeford, Manager, Orange County Great Park, answered questions.

Discussion included: remediation estimates and phase 1 construction costs at the ARDA site and concern over remediation costs coming in over budget; Assembly Bill 368 funding; donating the land before full funding has been identified; the perceived value of the land; planning in advance to ensure the City does not have an obligation to provide additional funding; returning ownership of the land to the City if Phase 1 is not completed within a designated timeframe; the proximity to homes and school sites; negotiating a recommendation to secure funding before land is turned over; and cemetery maintenance costs & operations obligations.

**ACTION: Moved by Chair Shute, seconded by Commissioner Fournier, to:**

Recommend City Council designate up to 100 acres of land located on the site of the former Marine Corps Air Station El Toro, commonly known as the "Golf Site," in the Orange County Great Park for a Southern California State Veterans Cemetery.

The motion carried as follows:

AYES:	3	COMMISSIONERS:	Fournier, Shute, Young
NOES:	1	COMMISSIONERS:	Sievers
ABSENT:	1	COMMISSIONERS:	Cheema
ABSTAIN:	0	COMMISSIONERS:	None

**ADJOURNMENT**

By consensus, Chair Shute adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

  
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JIM SHUTE  
CHAIR

  
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KRISTIN GRIFFITH  
DIRECTOR OF FINANCIAL  
MANAGEMENT & STRATEGIC  
PLANNING

  
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MELINDA NEUMANN  
RECORDING SECRETARY

  
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DATE APPROVED