

MINUTES - DRAFT

City of Orange

Planning Commission

November 03, 2025

The Planning Commission of the City of Orange, California convened on November 3, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in a Regular Meeting in the Council Chamber, 300 E. Chapman Avenue, Orange, California.

1. OPENING/CALL TO ORDER

Chair Vejar called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

1.1 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Leslie led the flag salute.

1.2 ROLL CALL

Present: Leslie, Martinez, Vazquez, Tucker, McCormack, and Vejar

Absent: Maldonado

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine by the Planning Commission and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of said items unless members of the Planning Commission, staff or the public request specific items removed from the Consent Calendar for separate action.

3.1. Approval of meeting minutes of the City of Orange Planning Commission Regular Meeting held on September 15, 2025 and October 6, 2025.

ACTION: Approved minutes as presented.

Approval of the Consent Calendar

A motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner McCormack, to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Leslie, Martinez, Vazquez, Tucker, McCormack, and Vejar

Noes: None

Absent: Maldonado

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

4.1. Public Hearing to consider a request to construct first and second story additions resulting in an additional 1,351 square feet to the residence and replace an attached garage at an existing single-family home located at 443 N. Clinton Street, and finding of CEQA exemption (ENT No. 25-0051).

Planning Manager, Hayden Beckman, presented a summary of the proposed project.

Chair Vejar opened the public hearing at 5:37 p.m.

The Commission asked questions of the architect, Ron Witteveen and the applicant, Andrew Benun.

There being no public speakers, Chair Vejar closed the public hearing at 5:43 p.m.

Following the public hearing, the Commission discussed general support for the project. Commissioner McCormack expressed concerns related to safety and infill design guidelines.

Commissioner Vejar re-opened the public hearing at 5:47 p.m. and the applicant responded to Commissioner McCormack's comments.

Commissioner Vejar re-closed the public hearing at 5:50 p.m.

The Commission had further discussion and questions for staff.

A motion was made by Commissioner Vazquez, seconded by Commissioner Leslie to:

1. Adopt Planning Commission Resolution No. 12-25 approving ENT No. 25-0051 for a 545 square foot addition to the first floor of an existing single-story residence, a new 806 square foot second story, replacement of the attached garage to a total of 701 square feet that includes a new 11 foot high garage door, and a 270 square foot below grade storage area located at 443 N Clinton Street.
2. Find the proposal exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per State CEQA Guidelines Section 15303.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Leslie, Martinez, Vazquez, Tucker, and Vejar

Noes: McCormack

Absent: Maldonado

5. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:59 p.m.

The next Regular Planning Commission Meeting will be held on Monday, November 17, 2025 at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber.

Hayden Beckman
Planning Manager