

MINUTES - FINAL

City of Orange

City Council

February 11, 2025

The City Council of the City of Orange, California convened on Tuesday, February 11, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. in a Regular Meeting in the Council Chamber, 300 E. Chapman Avenue, Orange, California.

5:00 PM CLOSED SESSION

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Slater called Closed Session to order at 5:01 p.m.

1.1 ROLL CALL

Present: Bilodeau, Barrios, Dumitru, Gutierrez, Tavoularis, Gyllenhammer, and Slater

Absent: None

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

None

3. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

The City Council recessed to Closed Session at 5:02 p.m. with all Members present to discuss the following:

a. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6

City Negotiator: Tom Kisela, City Manager

Employee Organizations: Orange Management Association, Orange Municipal Employees' Association, Orange Maintenance and Crafts Employees' Association, and International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 47, Orange Fire Management Association, Executive and Senior Management

b. PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)1

Title: City Attorney

4. CLOSED SESSION REPORT

None

5. ADJOURNMENT

Closed Session was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

6:00 PM REGULAR SESSION**1. OPENING/CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Slater called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

1.1 INVOCATION

Given by Chaplain Sean Chavarria from Community Foundation of Orange.

1.2 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Councilmember Kathy Tavoularis.

1.3 ROLL CALL

Present: Bilodeau, Barrios, Dumitru, Tavoularis, Gyllenhammer, and Slater

Absent: Gutierrez

1.4 PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

1.5 REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS

None

2. PUBLIC COMMENTSPublic Speakers:

Reggie Mundekis stated it was time to move forward instead of finding blame for the City's fiscal issues.

Sammy Rodriguez read a petition calling for a forensic audit.

Jonathan Zimmerman spoke about expanding exclusion zones for safe and sane fireworks and voiced his support of the Library and its programs.

Kathleen Stevens voiced her support of the Library.

John Nelson commented on the street sweeping fund.

Mark Girardeau spoke in opposition of the Orange Heights housing development.

Eddie Albright expressed concerns with allowing safe and sane fireworks.

Humberto Delgadillo spoke in opposition of the Orange Heights housing development.

Written Comment

Lily Paredes emailed in opposition of the Orange Heights housing development.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

All items on the Consent Calendar are considered routine and are enacted by one motion approving the recommended action listed on the Agenda. Any member of the City Council, staff, or the public may request an item be removed from the Consent Calendar for discussion or separate action. Unless otherwise specified in the request to remove an item from the Consent Calendar, all items removed shall be considered immediately following action on the remaining items on the Consent Calendar.

3.1. Waive reading in full of all ordinances on the Agenda.

ACTION: Approved.

3.2. Confirmation of accounts payable warrant registers dated January 9, 16, 23, and 30, 2025 and payroll check warrants dated January 3, and 17, 2025.

ACTION: Ratified the accompanying registers.

3.3. Approval of minutes of the City of Orange City Council Regular Meetings held on January 14 and 28, 2025.

ACTION: Approved minutes as presented.

3.4. Agreement with the Orange Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Bureau for production of the Orange May Parade.

Item 3.4 was removed from the Agenda.

ACTION: Item was withdrawn. The item was not discussed and no action was taken.

3.5. Appropriation of \$21,508 in Emergency Preparedness funding received from the Emergency Management Performance Grant Fiscal Year 2023.

Note: Councilmember Dumitru abstained due to a potential conflict with employment.

ACTION: 1) Accepted into the City's General Fund (100) revenue budget \$21,508 in grant funds from the Orange County Sheriff's Department Emergency Management Bureau to:

100.3021.45495.30239 Emergency Management Performance Grant Fiscal Year 2023

2) Authorized the appropriation of \$21,508 into General Fund (100):

100.3021.50221.30239 Emergency Management Performance Grant Fiscal Year 2023

3.6. Appropriation of \$13,826.98 in designated disbursement and grant funding received from Santiago Library System, California Library Association, and California State Library.

ACTION: 1) Accepted into the City's revenue budget \$13,826.98 in disbursement and grant funds from Santiago Library System, California Library Association, and California State Library to General Fund (100) as follows:

100.2001.48390.19988 Santiago Library System \$3,603.98

100.2001.45495.30121 Lunch at the Library \$10,223

2) Authorized the appropriation of \$13,826.98 from Santiago Library System, California Library Association, and California State Library to General Fund (100) as follows:

100.2001.53301.19988 Santiago Library System \$3,603.98

100.2016.53340.30121 Lunch at the Library \$10,223

3.7. Second Reading and adoption of an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Orange establishing Parking Meter Zones, operations; fees; and procedures. Ordinance No. 02-25.

Item 3.7 was removed from the Consent Calendar for separate consideration by Councilmember Gyllenhammer.

Councilmember Barrios recused herself from Item 3.7 due to a potential conflict with a nearby property and left the dais at 6:25 p.m.

Staff responded to questions regarding signage and the process for adding a permit parking area in the neighborhoods surrounding Old Towne.

Public Speakers:

RC Alley, AO Architechts, spoke in opposition of paid parking in Orange Plaza area.

Scott Jones, AO Architects, spoke in opposition of paid parking in Orange Plaza area.

Jason Rupp, AO Architechts, spoke in opposition of paid parking in Orange Plaza area.

Jack Selman, AO Architechts, spoke in opposition of paid parking in Orange Plaza area.

AJ Ricci spoke in support of adoption of the ordinance.

Written Comment

Steven Nelson submitted an eComment in opposition of adopting the ordinance.

Council discussed continuing the item until the next meeting when all Councilmembers would be present.

ACTION: A motion was made by Mayor Slater, seconded by Mayor pro tem Bilodeau, to continue Item 3.7 to the next Regular City Council meeting on February 25, 2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Bilodeau, Dumitru, Tavoularis, Gyllenhammer, and Slater

Noes: None

Absent: Gutierrez

Recuse: Barrios

Councilmember Barrios returned to the dais at 6:45 p.m.

- 3.8. Authorize purchase of 103 iPads from Verizon Wireless for the Fire Department's Electronic Patient Care Reporting, Mapping, Fire Inspections, and Incident Command and Management System, utilizing a National Association of State Procurement Officials Value Point Contract.**

ACTION: Approved the purchase of 103 iPads from Verizon Wireless in the amount of \$105,000, utilizing the National Association of State Procurement Officials Value Point Contract #MA 152-1.

- 3.9. Authorize the purchase of one set of vehicle extrication tools from Municipal Emergency Services for the Fire Department as part of the department's approved equipment replacement plan for capital improvement projects, using a Cooperative Purchasing Agreement.**

ACTION: Approved the purchase of one set of Genesis Rescue Tools from Municipal Emergency Services in the amount of \$82,000 utilizing the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Agreement, Contract #020124-MES.

3.10. Authorize increase of blanket purchase order for OCLC, Inc. to purchase eBooks, eAudiobooks, and e-content services in the amount of \$8,600 funded by Santiago Library System and Orange Public Library Foundation.

ACTION: 1) Approved the purchase order increase of \$8,600 for eBooks, eAudiobooks, and e-content services from OCLC, Inc.; and 2) Authorized the City Manager to approve increases to the blanket purchase order should the Library receive donations designated for purchase of additional materials.

3.11. City Traffic Commission Activity Report for 2024.

ACTION: Received and filed.

Approval of the Consent Calendar

Item 3.4 was removed from the agenda and was not considered. Item 3.7 was removed from the Consent Calendar and heard separately. Councilmember Dumitru abstained from Item 3.5. All other items were approved as recommended.

A motion was made by Councilmember Gyllenhammer, seconded by Councilmember Tavoularis, to approve the Consent Calendar as recommended. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Bilodeau, Barrios, Dumitru, Tavoularis, Gyllenhammer, and Slater

Noes: None

Absent: Gutierrez

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

4. REPORTS FROM MAYOR SLATER

4.1. Orange Park Acres Evacuation Plan

Mayor Slater reported City staff is working with OPA to refine the current evacuation plan.

5. REPORTS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS

5.1. South Coast Air Quality Management District proposed amended rules pertaining to residential furnaces and small water heaters (Barrios)

Councilmember Barrios reported South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) is proposing to amend Rules 1111 and 1121 pertaining to residential furnaces and small water heaters. During discussion there was Council consensus to direct the City Manager and/or Mayor to send a letter to SCAQMD requesting they defer consideration of these rules.

5.2. Solar Initiatives for City Buildings (Gyllenhammer)

Councilmember Gyllenhammer discussed identifying solar options and opportunities for City facilities including the use of a Power Purchase Agreement. It was Council consensus to direct staff to return with information on available solar options for the City to consider.

Written Comment

Janice Brownfield submitted an email in support of utilizing solar power.

5.3. Highlight Local Business (Gutierrez)

This item was not discussed.

5.4. Other Councilmember Reports

Councilmember Tavoularis requested an update on street sweeping enforcement.

6. AB 1234 REPORTS

None

7. REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER

None

8. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**8.1. Adoption of a resolution modifying the application process, lottery process, and number of permits to sell Safe and Sane Fireworks. Resolution No. 11597.**Public Speaker:

Beth Albright spoke in opposition of the current boundaries outlined in the fireworks ordinance.

Council discussed the maximum number of annual permits to be issued and reserving permits for the four local high schools.

A motion was made by Mayor pro tem Bilodeau, seconded by Councilmember Dumitru, to identify 12 permits as the maximum number of annual permits to be issued for the sale of Safe and Sane fireworks. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Bilodeau, Dumitru, Tavoularis, Gyllenhammer, and Slater

Noes: Barrios

Absent: Gutierrez

A motion was made by Mayor pro tem Bilodeau, seconded by Councilmember Dumitru, to reserve four of the maximum number of permits for Orange High School, El Modena High School, Richland Continuation High School, and Orange Lutheran High School. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Bilodeau, Dumitru, Tavoularis, and Gyllenhammer

Noes: Barrios, and Slater

Absent: Gutierrez

A motion was made by Mayor pro tem Bilodeau, seconded by Councilmember Dumitru, to adopt Resolution No. 11597. A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Orange, California, rescinding and replacing Resolution No. 11593 to reestablish a fee and adopt rules and regulations regarding the number of permits as well as the application and lottery process to sell "Safe and Sane" Fireworks pursuant to Orange Municipal Code Chapter 8.13.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Bilodeau, Dumitru, Tavoularis, Gyllenhammer, and Slater

Noes: Barrios

Absent: Gutierrez

9. LEGAL AFFAIRS

9.1. Introduction and First Reading of Ordinance No. 03-25 containing administrative updates to various sections of Titles 9, 10, 12, and 13 of the Orange Municipal Code.

A motion was made by Councilmember Barrios, seconded by Councilmember Gyllenhammer, to introduce and conduct First Reading of Ordinance No. 03-25. An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Orange amending various sections in Titles 9, 10, 12, and 13 of the Orange Municipal Code to delete outdated language, update references to conform with current law and code provisions, and achieve internal consistency. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Bilodeau, Barrios, Dumitru, Tavoularis, Gyllenhammer, and Slater

Noes: None

Absent: Gutierrez

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

The next Regular Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 25, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, with Closed Session beginning at 5:00 p.m., if necessary.

/s/ Pamela Coleman

PAMELA COLEMAN
CITY CLERK

/s/ Daniel R. Slater

DANIEL R. SLATER
MAYOR