

MINUTES

City of Orange

Orange City Council

January 13, 2026

The City Council of the City of Orange, California convened on Tuesday, January 13, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. in a joint Regular Meeting with the Successor Agency to the Orange Redevelopment Agency 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

Public Comments

Megan Penn, Executive Director, Orange Home Grown, spoke in favor of fair negotiations for the properties on Cypress Street.

Glory Johnson, President, Orange Home Grown, discussed potential plans should the group acquire the properties on Cypress.

Sharon Zimmerman highlighted potential opportunities for Orange Home Grown.

Robert Boice spoke in support of fair negotiations with Orange Home Grown.

Diana Zdenek spoke in support of fair negotiations with Orange Home Grown.

Annalisa Goode spoke in support of fair negotiations with Orange Home Grown.

Written Comments

Kath Voss submitted an ecomment in favor of fair negotiations for the properties on Cypress Street.

Renee Canuso submitted an ecomment in favor of fair negotiations for the properties on Cypress Street.

Emily Atwood submitted an ecomment in favor of fair negotiations for the properties on Cypress Street.

Christine Clarke submitted an ecomment to express appreciation for efforts by Orange Home Grown to support the community.

ITEM TO BE ADDED TO CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

In accordance with Government Code Section 54954.2(b)(2), City Attorney Adourian requested an urgency item be added on the Closed Session agenda as there is a need to take immediate action and the need for action came to the attention of the City subsequent to the agenda being posted.

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9. (One potential case)

A motion was made by Councilmember Tavoularis, seconded by Councilmember Gutierrez to add an urgency item to Closed Session, Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

3. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

The City Council recessed to Closed Session at 5:16 p.m. with all members present to discuss the following including the urgency item added earlier:

a. PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)1.

Title: Fire Chief

b. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6.

City Negotiator: Jarad Hildenbrand, City Manager; Cody Kleen, Acting Human Resources Director

Employee Organizations: Top Management, Orange Management Association, Orange Municipal Employees' Association, and International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 47 (Maintenance and Crafts and Water Division), Orange City Firefighters, Orange Fire Management Association, City of Orange Police Association, City of Orange Police Management Association

c. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8

Property Location: 171 & 177 North Cypress Street, Orange, CA 92866

APN 039-172-04 and APN 039-172-03

Agency Negotiator: Jarad Hildenbrand, City Manager

Negotiating Parties: Orange Home Grown Foundation, Inc.

Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment

d. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9. (One potential case)

4. CLOSED SESSION REPORT

None.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Closed Session was adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

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

Mayor Slater called the joint meeting of the City Council and Successor Agency to the Orange Redevelopment Agency to order at 6:26 p.m.

(Note: Hereinafter the titles of Mayor, Mayor pro tem, Councilmember, City Attorney, and City Clerk shall be used to indicate Mayor/Chair, Mayor pro tem/Vice Chair, Councilmember/Agency Member, City/Agency Attorney, City Clerk/Agency Secretary.)

1.1 INVOCATION

Provided by Rabbi Elizer Gurary from Chabad at Chapman University.

1.2 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Councilmember Jon Dumitru.

1.3 ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None

1.4 PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Introduction of Miss Orange 2026 contestants

1.5 REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS

None.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTSPublic Comments

Dick Reed, IBOW Representative, spoke about upcoming negotiations with labor groups.

Greg Arrowsmith highlighted community outreach programs in Orange, Texas.

Josh B encouraged the Council to consider competitive wages to retain a qualified workforce.

Reggie Mundekis suggested steps the City could take to address the structural deficit.

Mel Vernon spoke against federal immigration actions in the country.

Craig Attanasio encouraged Council to advocate safety in all communities.

Paul Sargeant discussed how Orange Home Grown supports the community.

Mary Oberschlake encouraged Council to advocate safety in all communities.

Megan Penn encouraged continued support for Orange Home Grown.

Doug Turner discussed the Education Farm hosted by Orange Home Grown.

Nikki Patino appreciates City support of the weekly Farmer's Market hosted by Orange Home Grown.

Jordan Robles appreciates efforts by Orange Home Grown to support the community.

Richelle Kalman appreciates efforts by Orange Home Grown to support the community.

Suzanne Tani spoke on the importance of community outreach for compliance with new solid waste laws.

Written Comments

Janice Brownfield encouraged reusing any type of grocery bag as many times as possible to reduce the impact on the environment.

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 December 4, 10, and 18, 2025 and payroll check warrants dated December 5 and 19, 2025.

ACTION: Ratified the accompanying registers.

3.3. Approval of minutes of the City of Orange City Council Regular Meeting held on December 09, 2025.

ACTION: Approved minutes as presented.

3.4. Agreement with Bucknam Infrastructure Group, Inc for Pavement Management Consulting Services for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 through Fiscal Year 2029-2030.

Item 3.4 was removed from the Consent Calendar for separate consideration by Councilmember Gyllenhammer.

Responding to Council inquiry, Director of Public Works Chris Cash confirmed the PCI has remained consistent due to consistent funding.

ACTION: A motion was made by Councilmember Gyllenhammer, seconded by Councilmember Dumitru to approve the agreement with Bucknam Infrastructure Group, Inc in the amount of \$139,067.00 for Pavement Management Consulting Services; and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute on behalf of the City. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

3.5. Agreement with the City of Anaheim for the administration of the 2024 Fiscal Year Urban Areas Security Initiative Grant Program.

Note: Councilmember Dumitru abstained from the vote on this item due to a potential conflict of interest with employment.

ACTION: Approved the agreement with the City of Anaheim for the administration of the 2024 Urban Areas Security Initiative Grant Program; and authorized the Mayor and City Clerk to execute on behalf of the City.

3.6. Agreement with the State of California Department of Justice to participate in and receive funding from the Tobacco Grant Program from November 21, 2025, through June 30, 2029. Resolution No. 11652.

ACTION: 1) Approved agreement with the State of California Department of Justice to participate in and receive funding in the amount of \$301,440 for the Tobacco Grant Program and authorized the City Manager to execute on behalf of the City.

2) Adopted Resolution No. 11652. A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Orange accepting funds in the amount of \$301,440 from the State of California Department of Justice, Office of Attorney General, Tobacco Grant Program, and authorizing the City Manager or Community Development Director to execute the grant program Memorandum of Understanding and related documents.

3) Authorized the appropriation of \$70,253 in grant funds from the State of California Department of Justice into revenue account number 499-6301-43201 - Tobacco Grant.

4. Authorized the appropriation of \$70,253 into the following expenditure accounts.

a. 499-6301-51002 Regular Salaries - Tobacco Grant \$41,501

b. 499-6301-51004 Overtime - Tobacco Grant \$19,799

c. 499-6301-57101 Travel and Conference - Tobacco Grant \$5,608

d. 499-6301-53101 General Office Supplies, and Equipment - Tobacco Grant \$3,345

3.7. Second Amendment to Attorney Services Agreement with Bordin Semmer, LLP to provide legal services relating to litigation defense in the matter of Brandon Jacob Hull v. City of Orange, et al.

ACTION: Approved a Second Amendment to Attorney Services Agreement with Bordin Semmer, LLP in the amount of \$250,000; and authorized the Mayor and City Clerk to execute on behalf of the City.

3.8. Approval of plans and specifications for Replacement of Rolling Garage Doors at Fire Station 7 and Corporation Yard; authorization to advertise for bids; and finding of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) exemption.

Item 3.8 was removed from the Consent Calendar for separate consideration by Councilmember Barrios.

Staff confirmed the locations scheduled for replacement of rolling garage doors.

ACTION: A motion was made by Councilmember Dumitru, seconded by Councilmember Gyllenhammer to:

1) Approve the plans and specifications and authorize advertising for Bid No. 25-26.12, Replacement of Rolling Garage Doors at Fire Station 7 and Corporation Yard (SP-4321)

2) Find that the project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, (Class 1, Existing Facilities).

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

3.9. Appropriation of an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000 from the Emergency Transport fund to the California Department of Health Care Services for participation in a one-time Public Provider Ground Emergency Medical Transportation Intergovernmental Transfer Program.

ACTION: Authorized the appropriation from the Emergency Transport Fund (225) for an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000 to the California Department of Health Care Services, along with a \$150,000 assessment fee to the California Department of Health Care Services for managing the Public Provider Ground Emergency Medical Transportation program, payable in quarterly Intergovernmental Transfers.

3.10. Agreements with C3 Office Solutions, LLC, dba C3 Tech for copier lease and managed print services. (Continued from December 9, 2025)

ACTION: 1) Approved the agreement with C3 Office Solutions, LLC as supplier and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association as lessor in the amount of \$39,030.24 for copier equipment leasing; and authorized the Mayor and City Clerk to execute on behalf of the City.

2) Approved the agreement with C3 Office Solutions, LLC dba C3 Tech for managed print services; and authorized the Mayor and City Clerk to execute on behalf of the City.

3.11. Approval of temporary street closures for approved special events. Resolution No.11654.

ACTION: 1) Adopted Resolution No.11654. A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Orange approving the temporary closure of sections of public streets for approved special events.

2) Approved closure of municipal parking lots and temporary suspension of neighborhood permit parking restrictions for certain events and dates occurring in calendar year 2026.

SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE ORANGE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

3.12. Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule for the fiscal period covering July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027; and last and final Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule for Fiscal Year 2026-37. Resolution No. SAORA-039 and Resolution No. SAORA-040.

1) Adopted Resolution No. SAORA-039. A Resolution of the Governing Board of the Successor Agency to the Orange Redevelopment Agency approving a Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule (ROPS) for the fiscal period covering July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 34177 and taking certain related actions.

2) Directed staff to transmit Fiscal Years 2026-27 ROPS and related Administrative

Budgets to the Orange Countywide Oversight Board of the Successor Agency to the Orange Redevelopment Agency.

3) Adopted Resolution No. SAORA-40. A Resolution of the Governing Board of the Successor Agency to the Orange Redevelopment Agency approving the Last and Final Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule for the Fiscal Period from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, subject to submittal to, and review by the Orange Countywide Oversight Board and the State Department of Finance pursuant to Dissolution Law, authorizing the posting and transmittal thereof.

4) Directed staff to transmit Last and Final ROPS to the Orange Countywide Oversight Board of the Successor Agency to the Orange Redevelopment Agency.

Approval of the Consent Calendar

Items 3.4 and 3.8 were removed from the Consent Calendar and heard separately. Councilmember Dumitru abstained on Item 3.5. All other items were approved as recommended.

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

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

4. REPORTS FROM MAYOR SLATER

4.1. Orange Sustainability Group Update

Jake Comer provided an update on the activities of the Orange Sustainability Group and suggested finding economical ways to implement portions of the Sustainability Plan.

Public Comments

Susan Keefe spoke on the importance of community outreach for compliance with new solid waste laws.

Written Public Comment

Vickie Laughlin submitted an ecomment encouraging the City to be a leader in reducing the use of plastics.

RECESS: The City Council recessed at 7:27 p.m. and reconvened at 7:43 p.m. with all members present.

5. REPORTS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS

5.1. Highlight Local Business (Gutierrez)

Councilmember Gutierrez highlighted the following business: Better Buzz Coffee

She announced the inaugural Santiago Creek Community Bike Ride would take place

January 17.

5.2. Other Councilmember Reports

Councilmember Barrios received consensus to direct staff to report on a drone program to locate illegal fireworks. She suggested adjourning the meeting in honor of Renee Good.

Councilmember Tavoularis accounced an adopt-a street- clean up through Trinity Church on January 17. She received consensus to direct staff to report on becoming a charter city.

6. AB 1234 REPORTS

None.

7. REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER

None.

Item 9.1 was reordered and heard before Item 8.1.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

9.1. Dirt hauling permit for the development of Tract 18163, currently owned by Milan REI X, LLC.

Entered into the record: Correspondence received from the LEA (OC Health Care Agency) referencing concurrence with the Regional Water Quality Control Board's approval of a workplan to relocate Stockpile "H".

City Manager Hildenbrand briefly reviewed the history of the project, the conditions of approval and the objective feasibility determination. Traffic Engineer Larry Tay reviewed a Powerpoint presentation.

Public Speakers

Kelly Herbeck spoke in opposition to a haul route going through the Mabury Ranch community.

Adam Howard spoke in opposition to a haul route going through the Mabury Ranch community.

Dru Whitefeather suggested additional regulatory approvals were needed for a haul route.

Nathan Swanek spoke in opposition to a haul route going through the Mabury Ranch community.

Dan Swolsh spoke in opposition to a haul route going through the Mabury Ranch community.

Robert Frackelton, Villa Park Mayor Pro Tem, asked to continue the item so the City of Villa Park can be included in conversations about the project.

Jordan Wu, Villa Park Mayor, asked that Milan consult directly with Villa Park when intending to frequently travel roads located in Villa Park to complete a project.

Charles Curry expressed safety concerns with the proposed hauling routes.

Bonnie Robinson spoke in opposition to a haul route going through the Mabury Ranch

community.

Kirk McMullin spoke in opposition to a haul route going through the Mabury Ranch community.

Toula Thompson spoke in opposition to a haul route going through the Mabury Ranch community.

Reggie Mundekis highlighted the safeguards in place for all hauling routes and encouraged approval of the permit.

Written Public Comments

Joel Robinson emailed to highlight the environmental impacts of the development and encouraged denying the hauling permit.

Laura Thomas emailed to express safety concerns and encouraged approval of a hauling route that utilizes Santiago Canyon Road.

Ron Priddy submitted an ecomment in opposition to a haul route going through the Mabury Ranch community.

Ilyse Davidoff submitted an ecomment in opposition to a haul route going through the Mabury Ranch community.

City Attorney Adourian confirmed the issuance of the permit is ministerial in nature.

Mr. Tay confirmed the City has approved the traffic control plan submitted by the applicant.

In response to Council inquiry, Chris Nicholson, President of Milan, agreed to match the cash bond provided to Orange for the City of Villa Park to ensure any necessary pavement rehabilitation.

Daniel Boyd, Vice-President, D.R. Horton, spoke about the company's history of building in south Orange County and the importance of adhering to local regulations in order to maintain a relationship with the community. He confirmed the hauling route through Mabury Ranch is a contingency.

Staff was directed to add a specific module to the Orange 24/7 app related to any problems with the project.

A motion was made by Councilmember Dumitru, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bilodeau, to approve the hauling operation, route, and conditions established during City Council discussion including matching provisions to the City of Villa Park and adding a separate module on the Orange 24/7 app; and authorize staff to issue a haul permit and approve minor adjustments, including, but not limited to, extending the duration, if necessary. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

RECESS: The City Council recessed at 9:13 p.m. and reconvened at 9:24 p.m. with all members present.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

8.1. Public Hearing to consider revision of the Master Schedule of Fees and Charges to adopt revised administrative fees as a result of the Cost Allocation Plan and User Fee Study.

Staff received direction to eliminate the Aviation Facility Fee and to ensure the False Alarm Fees for Fire and Police mirror each other.

Mayor Slater opened the Public Hearing at 9:36 p.m.; there being no public speakers, Mayor Slater closed the Public Hearing at 9:36 p.m..

A motion was made by Councilmember Dumitru, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bilodeau, to adopt Resolution No.11653. A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Orange amending the Master Schedule of Fees and Charges for various services. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

9. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

9.1. Dirt hauling permit for the development of Tract 18163, currently owned by Milan REI X, LLC.

This item was previously reordered and heard before Item 8.1.

Item 9.3 was reordered and heard before Item 9.2.

9.3. Approval of speed cushion installation on Maple Avenue between Main Street and Batavia Street.

City Traffic Engineer Larry Tay reviewed a Powerpoint presentation.

Public Speakers

Lindsay Zothneck, Alicia Perez, Phil Christian, Gigi Case, Bill Gallagher, Lorraine Gonzales and Paige Thompson spoke in favor of approval.

A motion was made by Councilmember Dumitru, seconded by Councilmember Gutierrez, to: 1) Approve the installation of speed cushions on Maple Avenue between Main Street and Batavia Street; and 2) Direct staff to conduct a before-and-after study as part of a pilot program.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

9.2. Approval of dedication agreement with Milan REI X, LLC; and acceptance of the dedication of 30.75 acres of open space to the City of Orange from Milan REI X, LLC. Resolution No. 11649.

Public Works Director Chris Cash gave a brief presentation.

Public Speakers

Adrienne Gladson highlighted the benefit of increasing open space in the City.
Theresa Sears spoke in support of the dedication agreement.

A motion was made by Councilmember Barrios, seconded by Councilmember Gyllenhammer, to:

1) Adopt Resolution No. 11649. A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Orange accepting a dedication from Milan REI X, LLC of a 30.75 acres parcel (parcel map no. 2021-187 parcel no. 2) (APNs 370-141-19, 370-041-12, 370-011-08, 370-011-18, 093-280-30, 370-213-01, and 370-011-21) for inclusion in the City's open space reserve.

2) Approve dedication agreement with Milan REI, LLC which dedicates 30.75 acres of land to the City to be used for open space purposes; and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute on behalf of the City.

3) Authorize the City Manager to approve additional agreements and/or easements related to this dedication.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

9.3. Approval of speed cushion installation on Maple Avenue between Main Street and Batavia Street.

This item was previously reordered and heard before Item 9.2.

9.4. Authorize the lease-purchase of a Pierce Enforcer Urban Search and Rescue apparatus through the Houston-Galveston Area Council HGACBuy Cooperative Purchasing Program, Contract No. FS 12-23.

Responding to Council inquiry, staff confirmed the delivery schedule of 3-4 years for the apparatus.

A motion was made by Councilmember Dumitru, seconded by Councilmember Barrios, to:

1) Approve the lease-purchase agreement with PNC Bank in the amount of \$2,171,284.64 for financing for the purchase of one Pierce Enforcer Urban Search and Rescue apparatus; and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute on behalf of the City.

2) Approve the lease-purchase of one Pierce Enforcer Urban Search and Rescue apparatus from South Coast Fire Equipment for \$2,171,284.64.

3) Authorize the appropriation of \$434,257 from Vehicle Replacement (720) unreserved fund balance to: 720-5401-80301 - Vehicle Capitalization

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

9.5. Agreement with Townsend Public Affairs, Inc. for legislative advocacy and grant writing services.

Mayor Slater requested Townsend present a quarterly, in person update at a public meeting.

Elisa Arcidiacono, Senior Associate and Jake Leischner, Associate, reviewed a Powerpoint presentation and addressed Council questions regarding regulations affecting local control and grant opportunities.

A motion was made by Councilmember Barrios, seconded by Councilmember Gutierrez, to approve a three-year professional services agreement with Townsend Public Affairs, Inc. in the amount of \$333,000 for legislative advocacy and grant writing services; and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute on behalf of the City. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

10. LEGAL AFFAIRS

10.1. Introduction and First Reading of Ordinance No. 20-25 amending various sections of Chapter 3.08 of the Orange Municipal Code relating to the City's purchasing system. (Continued from December 9, 2025)

A motion was made by Councilmember Gutierrez, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bilodeau, to introduce and conduct First Reading of Ordinance No. 20-25. An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Orange amending various sections of Orange Municipal Code Chapter 3.08. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

10.2. Introduction and First Reading of Ordinance No. 01-26 adding Chapter 9.45 to the Orange Municipal Code prohibiting the sale and distribution of kratom products.

Code Compliance Manager Rafael Perez reviewed a powerpoint presentation and confirmed kratom does not have a recognized use in the medical community.

Public Speakers

Allison Smith requested access to natural kratom be permitted.

Stephen McIntosh requested access to natural kratom be permitted.

Written Public Comments

Venus Usher submitted an ecomment opposing an outright ban and suggesting reasonable regulation.

Allisun Sturges submitted an ecomment opposing an outright ban and suggesting reasonable regulation.

Jennifer Gillis submitted an ecomment highlighting benefits of natural kratom and suggested banning synthetic 7-OH products.

Esdie Rowell submitted an ecomment highlighting benefits of natural kratom and suggested banning synthetic 7-OH products.

Abdullah Mamun submitted an ecomment highlighting benefits of natural kratom and suggested banning synthetic 7-OH products.

Misty Brown submitted an ecomment highlighting benefits of natural kratom and is opposed to an outright ban.

Devin Chase, President, California Narcotic Officers' Association, submitted a letter in support of banning synthetic 7-OH products and regulations for natural kratom sales.

The Council engaged briefly with Ms. Smith for more information about kratom uses.

A motion was made by Councilmember Barrios, seconded by Councilmember Gyllenhammer, to introduce and conduct First Reading of Ordinance No. 01-26. An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Orange adding Chapter 9.45 of the Orange Municipal Code prohibiting the sale and distribution of kratom products. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:41 p.m. in memory of Renee Good of Minneapolis, Minnesota.

The next Regular City Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 27, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber, with Closed Session beginning at 5:00 p.m., if necessary.

JENNIFER CONNALLY
DEPUTY CITY CLERK

DANIEL R. SLATER
MAYOR