

June 23, 2026
City Council Meeting

PowerPoint Presentations

Item 9.2

CHARTER CITY DISCUSSION SECOND PUBLIC HEARING



SIX ITEMS OF INTEREST

1. Sully-Miller Site
2. Resetting Term Limits
3. Removing the City's ability to control real estate costs or rent
4. If charter cities can sell its public utility absent voter approval
5. Clarifications Regarding Article VII (Temporary Vacancies due to misconduct)
6. Specific benefits of adopting a city charter

Item 1: Section 204 - Open Reserve Protection

Section 204. Open Reserve Protection

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Charter, any real property commonly known as the Sully-Miller Property, or any portion thereof, acquired by the City of Orange for open space preservation purposes, shall be held in trust by the City as a permanent Open Space Reserve.

The Open Space Reserve shall be maintained and used exclusively for open space preservation, passive recreation, habitat restoration, conservation, trails, equestrian uses, educational uses, and other similar non-intensive recreational and environmental purposes consistent with the Orange Park Acres Specific Plan and the rural character of the surrounding community.

The City shall not approve, construct, permit, lease, sell, transfer, or otherwise allow any residential development, including single-family, multifamily, mixed-use residential, affordable housing, supportive housing, transitional housing, or any other form of residential use on the Open Space Reserve.

This restriction shall run with the land and may only be amended or repealed by a vote of the electors of the City of Orange at a regularly scheduled municipal election.

Item 2: Section 503 – Term Limits

Section 503. Commencement of Term Limits

The term limits established by this Article shall commence upon the effective date of this Charter. Service as Mayor or Council Member completed prior to the effective date of this Charter shall not be counted for purposes of calculating term limits under this Article, nor shall the remaining unexpired term be counted if the existing term commenced prior to the effective date of this Charter.

For purposes of this Article, only terms of office commencing after the effective date of this Charter shall apply toward the limitations set forth herein.

Item 3 : Section 603 – Property Rights Protection Measure

Section 603. Property Rights Protection Measure

The City shall not enact or enforce any measure which mandates the price or other consideration payable to the owner in connection with the sale, lease, rent, exchange or other transfer by the owner of real property. Any such measure is hereby repealed.

The word "mandates" as used in this section includes any measure taken by ordinance, resolution, administrative regulation or other action of the City to establish, continue, implement or enforce any control or system of controls on the price or other terms on which real property in the city may be offered, sold, leased, rented, exchanged or otherwise transferred by its owner. The words "real property" as used in this section refers to any parcel of land or site, either improved or unimproved, on which a dwelling unit or residential accommodation is or may be situated for use as a home, residence or sleeping place.

Item 4 : Sections 604 & 605 – Public Utilities and Sales of City Assets

Section 604. Sales of City Assets

Pursuant to Government Code Section 37350, the City may purchase, lease, receive, hold, and dispose of real and personal property for the *common benefit consistent with all notice, hearing, and voter approval requirements required by law.*

Section 605. Public Utilities

Pursuant to applicable law, the City Council may sell and dispose of any public utility owned by the City, subject to all requirements of state law and voter approval where required.

Item 5 : Sections 701 – Temporary Vacancy, Suspension, and Ethical Misconduct

Section 701. Temporary Vacancy, Suspension, and Ethical Misconduct

.....Nothing in this section shall authorize removal from office except where disqualification occurs by operation of law, including conviction of specified crimes, judicial findings of official misconduct, or violations of ethics and conflict-of-interest laws where removal is authorized by applicable law.

The City Council may adopt by ordinance additional procedures consistent with due process, applicable law, and this Charter.

Any action taken pursuant to this section shall be subject to review by the City Attorney and shall be consistent with all applicable provisions of state law.

Item 6: Charter City Benefits

The two areas of governance where adopting a city charter may render the greatest benefit include:

Government Structure and Self-Governance:

- Local Government Design
- Elections

Public Contracting and Prevailing Wage Benefits:

- Prevailing Wage Exemption on Locally-Funded Projects
- Public Contracting Flexibility

LOOKING FORWARD

Step	Date	Status
First Public Hearing	May 12, 2026	Completed
Second Public Hearing	June 23, 2026	Scheduled
Conduct Vote to Place on November 2026 Ballot	July 14, 2026	Not Completed



Design Review Ordinance Update

City Council
June 23, 2026

Ordinance No. 18-25

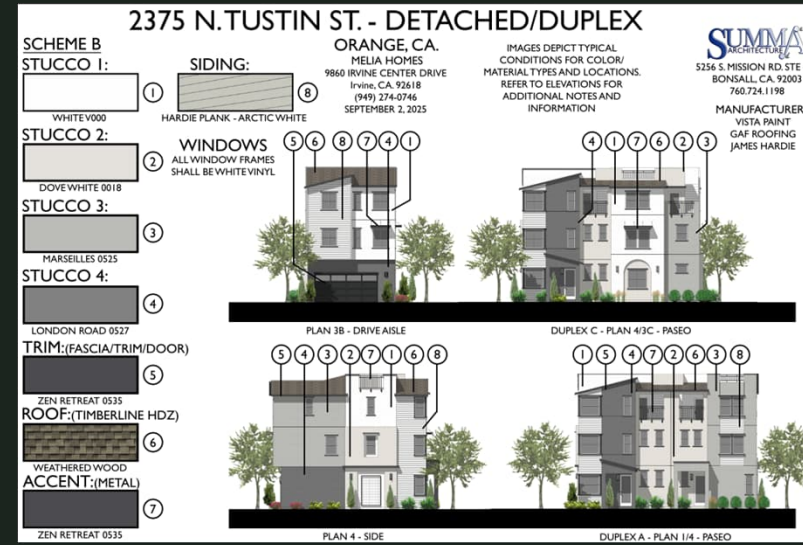
- Adopted October 28, 2025, Effective December 12, 2025
- Design Review Committee
 - Projects in Historic Districts
 - Historic structures outside of a district
- Outcomes
 - Reduction in entitlement processing time
 - Streamlined design review process
 - Reduced staff time and cost to applicants



Streamlined Projects



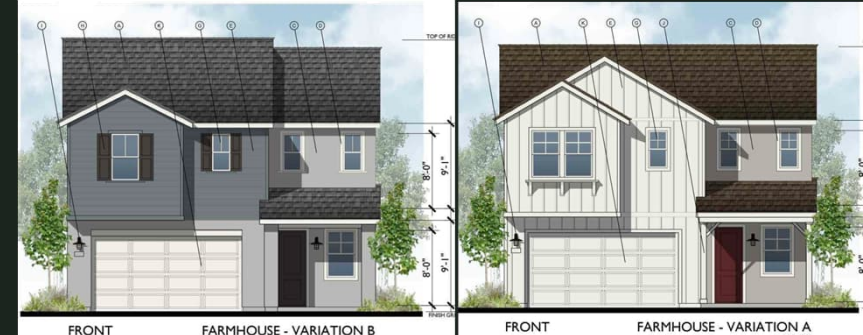
Fletcher 15 Small Lot Subdivision (Approved)



Melia Homes Small Lot Subdivision (Approved)



Rancho Ridge Planned Unit Development (Pending)



Milan Residential Project (Pending)