

June 23, 2026
City Council Meeting

Written Public Comments

General Public Comments

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From: Janice Brownfield
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2026 2:05 PM
To: City Council Public Comment
Subject: Public Comment Non-Agenda Item

As our City of Orange grapples with a general fund deficit, some other cities do as well, including the City of Irvine. Its council recently voted to use \$6.338 million from two reserve funds to balance its 2025-26 general fund budget, which still leaves almost \$200 million in reserves. Irvine is considering a sales tax increase, while our City has placed a 1% sales tax increase and a hotel tax increase on the November ballot. Increased taxes can place additional financial burdens on residents and businesses, but one way city governments can help is to support State legislative efforts to rein in surging utility bills.

For the Irvine City Council meeting on June 23, the OC City Affordability Resolution is on the agenda to officially support State bills including SB 905 and SB 913 "aimed at strengthening consumer protections, increasing accountability, and improving oversight for utility providers like Southern California Edison (SCE) and Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas)." The resolution seeks to cap utility executive compensation, overhaul the California Public Utilities Commission, and expand access to plug-in solar.

Irvine is the founding member of Orange County Power Authority (OCPA), a community choice aggregator, designed to provide affordable renewable energy to customers of SCE. It has been reported that "a staggering 1 in 5 SCE customers are currently behind on their utility bills, owing an average of \$829 in past-due debt." Advocates for affordable utilities note that is "evidence that the transition to clean energy must prioritize consumer affordability and implement robust carbon dividend programs that protect low- and middle-income households from sudden cost spikes."

In addition to Irvine, the Cities of Buena Park and Fullerton also participate in the OCPA, to be joined by Fountain Valley in April, when it is set to launch the transition. OCPA has extended its "rate stabilization plan to protect residents from SCE's rate volatility" and offers 100% solar energy and bill discounts up to 20% for eligible low-income residents.

Orange City Council

Meeting Time: 06-23-26 18:00

eComments Report

Meetings	Meeting Time	Agenda Items	Comments	Support	Oppose	Neutral
Orange City Council	06-23-26 18:00	50	4	3	0	1

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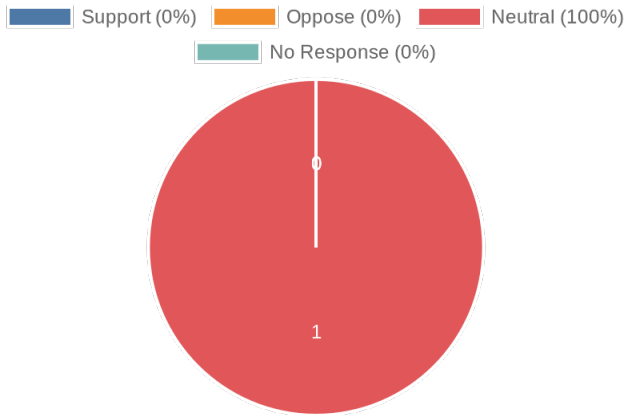
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2. PUBLIC COMMENTS At this time, members of the public may address the Council on matters not listed on the agenda within the subject matter jurisdiction of the City Council, provided that NO action may be taken on off-agenda items unless authorized by law. Public Comments are limited to three (3) minutes per speaker unless a different time limit is announced.	1	0	0	1
9.1. Continued Public Hearing to consider Introduction and First Reading of Ordinance No. 04-26 adding Chapter 8.38 of Title 8 ("Health and Safety") to the Orange Municipal Code relating to maintenance and security standards for unoccupied or abandoned properties and adoption of fees and fines for regulations, monitoring and progressive administrative citations (Continued from June 9, 2026)	3	3	0	0

Agenda Item: eComments for 2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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Overall Sentiment



Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 2:56pm 06-19-26

Hello I'm Daniel Martinez

I would like to address the city council regarding an idea for the 3rd of July 250tu Celebration.

As we approach the 250th anniversary of our nation's independence, I believe it is important that our community commemorate this historic milestone in a meaningful way. While I understand that the traditional fireworks show has been canceled due to budget constraints, I would encourage the City to consider hosting an alternative celebration for residents.

One possible option would be a community block party or picnic at one of our local parks, perhaps at the same location where the fireworks show has traditionally been held. The event could feature inflatable play areas for children, food trucks, family-friendly activities, and the inflatable movie screen previously used for Movies in the Park. A patriotic and family-oriented film such as The Sandlot could be shown in the evening.

Additionally, the City could designate a supervised area where residents may safely use legal fireworks in accordance with local regulations. Having a limited presence from our Police and Fire Departments would help ensure public safety while also providing an opportunity for community engagement. It could even be an event where first responders are encouraged to attend with their families.

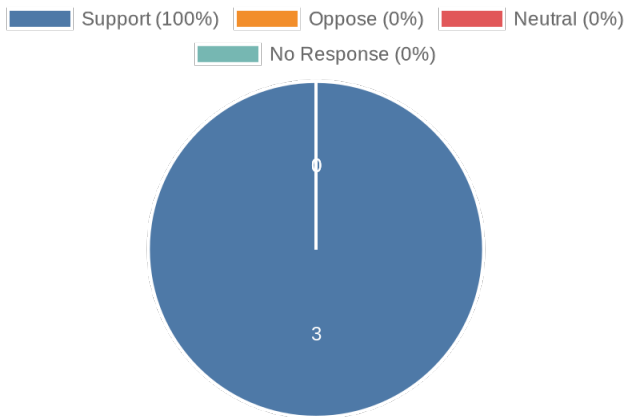
To keep costs low, the City could seek sponsorships from local businesses. For example, an inflatable rental company may be willing to provide equipment in exchange for promotional opportunities. Likewise, food trucks could be invited to participate without vendor fees, allowing them to benefit from the event while generating local sales tax revenue. That revenue could help offset some of the costs associated with staffing and event operations.

I believe a community-centered celebration such as this would provide residents with an opportunity to come together, celebrate our nation's 250th birthday, and maintain a valued tradition in a fiscally responsible manner.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Overall Sentiment



Guest User

Location:
Submitted At: 1:26pm 06-23-26

I support this

Guest User

Location:
Submitted At: 9:32am 06-23-26

Please introduce and pass this ordinance, the city has numerous vacant locations where the property owners are purposely not keeping them up because they either don't care about the community and or are too cheap to keep up on the maintenance. These business owners don't care about the city and should be fined. These properties create a public nuisance. Thank you for your time.

Guest User

Location:
Submitted At: 6:35pm 06-22-26

Hello council, please pass this ordinance, The old mall of Orange, specifically Sears and JC Pennys are a perfect example of why this ordinance should move forward and be put in place. The neighborhood residents have been constantly talking to the mayor and other city officials about how these abandoned property owners fail to clean up, keep up and maintain the properties. Code Enforcement has worked diligently to help the residents but need the tools necessary to enforce the violations. No one wants unsightly properties in their neighborhoods they

create eye sores and bring more problems. Please consider moving this ordinance forward.