MINUTES - FINAL

City of Orange

Orange City Council

July 14, 2026

The City Council of the City of Orange, California convened on Tuesday, July 14, 2026, 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 5:02 p.m.

1.1 ROLL CALL

Present: Bilodeau, Barrios, Dumitru, Gutierrez, Tavoularis, Gyllenhammer, and Slater
Absent: None

Councilmember Tavoularis joined Closed Session at 5:10 p.m.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

None

3. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

The City Council recessed to Closed Session at 5:03 p.m. with all Members present, except Councilmember Tavoularis who joined Closed Session at 5:10 p.m., to discuss the following:

a. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957
Title: City Manager

b. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957
Title: City Attorney

4. CLOSED SESSION REPORT

None

5. ADJOURNMENT

Closed Session was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

6:00 PM REGULAR SESSION

1. OPENING/CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Slater called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

1.1 INVOCATION

Given by Pastor Marco Salinas from Spirit and Truth Worship Center.

1.2 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Councilmember Kathy Tavoularis.

1.3 ROLL CALL

Present: Bilodeau, Barrios, Dumitru, Gutierrez, Tavoularis, Gyllenhammer, and Slater
Absent: None

1.4 ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

1.5 REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS

None

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public Speakers:
Dan Swoish spoke regarding a billboard installed in his neighborhood and dirt hauling activities from a nearby construction site.
Greg Arrowsmith spoke regarding federal funding provided to community colleges.
Curt Peterson spoke regarding the potential sale of all City-owned properties, including the Taft Library.
Joshua Hervol expressed concerns regarding permit parking restrictions that prevent him from parking on his street.
Craig Attanasio expressed concerns regarding the current state of the nation.
Donald Tolford, Holiday Skate Center owner, stated that the property owner is ending the facility's lease and requested assistance in identifying a new location for the skate center.
Mary Oberschlake expressed opposition to the use of Flock cameras in the City.
Jack Williams spoke regarding assistance available to small businesses affected by the Garden Grove hazardous materials incident.

Written Public Comment
Marci Carey submitted an eComment expressing concerns with the use of Flock cameras in the City.

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 June 4, 11, 18, and 25, 2026 and payroll check registers dated June 5 and 19, 2026

ACTION: Ratified the accompanying registers.

3.3. Approval of minutes of the City of Orange City Council Regular Meetings held on June 9, and June 23 2026; and Special Meeting held on June 29, 2026

ACTION: Approved minutes as presented.

3.4. Agreement with Triad Consulting & System Design Group, L.L.C. for security consulting services

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

Staff confirmed that no other parties would have access to the City's security camera network.

ACTION: A motion was made by Councilmember Dumitru, seconded by Councilmember Gutierrez, to approve the two-year with three optional annual extensions agreement with Triad Consulting & System Design Group, L.L.C. in the amount of $147,000.00 for security 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, Dumitru, Gutierrez, Tavoularis, Gyllenhammer, and Slater
Noes: Barrios
Absent: None

3.5. Approval of a new license agreement with the California Fire Museum to continue operating a fire department history museum at the Old Orange City Fire Department Headquarters located at 176 South Grand Street

A speaker card was submitted for Item 3.5; therefore, the item was removed from the Consent Calendar for separate consideration.

Public Speaker:
Peter Schumacher spoke in opposition, citing concerns about the City's current financial status.

ACTION: A motion was made by Councilmember Gyllenhammer, seconded by Councilmember Dumitru, to approve the license agreement with the California Fire Museum to operate a fire department history museum on a temporary basis at 176 South Grand Street; 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

3.6. Approval of plans and specifications for Walnut Avenue at Orange Street Traffic Signal Installation and authorization to advertise for bids; and finding of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) exemption

Item 3.6 was removed from the Consent Calendar for separate consideration by Councilmember Barrios.

Council discussed the location and timing of the proposed traffic signal at Walnut Avenue and Orange Street with the Walnut Avenue and Glassell Street signal, including the possibility of restricting the intersection to left-turn only. Staff confirmed the intersection met traffic warrants.

Council discussed the proposed traffic signal at Walnut Avenue and Orange Street, including its location, timing, and coordination with nearby traffic signals; and the possibility of restricting the intersection to left-turn only. Staff confirmed that the intersection meets the applicable traffic signal warrants.

ACTION: A motion was made by Mayor pro tem Bilodeau, seconded by Mayor Slater, to:
1) Approve the plans and specifications and authorize advertising for Bid No. 26-27.01 (SP-4301), Walnut Avenue at Orange Street Traffic Signal Installation.
2) Find that the proposed project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per State CEQA Guidelines 15301 (Class 1(c) - Existing Facilities).
The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Bilodeau, Gutierrez, Tavoularis, Gyllenhammer, and Slater
Noes: Barrios, and Dumitru
Absent: None

3.7. Appropriation of $220,000 from the Low- and Moderate-Income Housing Asset Fund for the final loan disbursement to Orange 702, L.P. for the Orion Senior Housing Apartments Project

ACTION: 1) Authorized the appropriation of $220,000 from the Low- and Moderate-Income Housing Fund (232) unreserved fund balance to:
232-8001-81999-256019 Orion Senior Housing Apartments Project
2) Authorized the Community Development Director, or designee, to disburse the remaining loan proceeds to Orange 702, L.P. upon verification that all conditions for final disbursement have been satisfied.

3.8. Second Reading and adoption of Ordinance No. 04-26 adding Chapter 8.38 to the Orange Municipal Code relating to the maintenance and security standards for unoccupied or abandoned properties

ACTION: Adopted Ordinance No. 04-26.

3.9. Second Reading and adoption of Ordinance No. 11-26 amending Chapter 10.40 of the Orange Municipal Code pertaining to parking meter zones

ACTION: Adopted Ordinance No. 11-26.

3.10. Authorize purchase of medical supplies and medications from Life-Assist, Inc.

ACTION: Approved the purchase of medical supplies and medications from Life-Assist, Inc. in an amount of $425,000 for Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

3.11. Authorize purchase of Fire Department uniforms, wildland safety gear, and ambulance operator equipment from LineGear, Inc.

ACTION: Approved the purchase of Fire Department uniforms, wildland safety gear, and ambulance operator equipment from LineGear, Inc. in an amount not to exceed $257,000.

3.12. Authorize purchase of Fire Department personal protective equipment, specialized safety equipment and supplies, and department uniforms from LN Curtis & Sons

ACTION: Approved the purchase of Fire Department personal protective equipment, specialized safety equipment and supplies, and department uniforms from LN Curtis & Sons in an amount not to exceed $157,000.

3.13. Adoption of Resolution No. 11710 designating certain City officials and employees required to complete Ethics Training and Fiscal and Financial Training pursuant to Government Code Sections 53234 et seq. and 53238 et seq. (Senate Bill 827, 2025)

ACTION: Adopted Resolution No. 11710. A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Orange designating certain officials and employees required to complete Ethics Training and Fiscal and Financial Training pursuant to Senate Bill 827 (2025).

3.14. Amend the Citywide Pay Schedule in accordance with the requirements of California Code of Regulations, Title 2, Section 570.5

ACTION: Adopted Resolution No. 11711. A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Orange rescinding Resolution No. 11651 and amending the Citywide Pay Schedule in accordance with the requirements of California Code of Regulations, Title 2, Section 570.5.

3.15. Establishment of a loading zone in front of 233 N. Lemon Street

ACTION: Adopted Resolution No. 11706. A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Orange for the establishment of a loading zone on the east side of Lemon Street adjacent to the frontage of 233 N. Lemon Street (Accessor Parcel Number 039-162-21).

Approval of the Consent Calendar

Items 3.4, 3.5, and 3.6 were removed from the Consent Calendar and heard separately. All other items were approved as recommended.

A motion was made by Councilmember Tavoularis, seconded by Councilmember Gutierrez, 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

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4. REPORTS FROM MAYOR SLATER

Mayor Slater announced that staff would present a report at the July 28 Council meeting regarding an update to July 4th and fireworks enforcement.

5. REPORTS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS

5.1. Chapman PILOT Agreement (Barrios)

Councilmember Barrios provided an overview of the negotiations with Chapman regarding a Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) program and requested that the item be agendized for a future Council meeting.

Council discussed the unlikely potential for a PILOT agreement with Chapman and the importance of maintaining a partnership with the university.

During further discussion, Mayor Slater distributed a letter from Chapman University dated June 2, 2025, indicating that the university had declined to continue pursuing a PILOT agreement with the City.

Public Speaker:
Doug Redding spoke in support of a PILOT program.

6. AB 1234 REPORTS

None

7. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMITTEES, AND COMMISSIONS

7.1. Appointments to the Design Review Committee and Planning Commission

A motion was made by Councilmember Dumitru, seconded by Councilmember Tavoularis, to confirm Mayor Slater's recommendation to appoint Donnie DeWees to the Design Review Committee to fill an unexpired term ending on June 30, 2027, and Connie Benson to the Planning Commission for a four-year term expiring on June 30, 2030. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Bilodeau, Barrios, Dumitru, Gutierrez, Tavoularis, Gyllenhammer, and Slater
Noes: None
Absent: None

8. REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER

None

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS

9.1. Public Hearing to consider a request to establish a Planned Unit Development (PUD) and subdivide a 2.02-acre parcel into 11 single-family homes at 647 N. Rancho Santiago Boulevard and Introduction and First Reading of Ordinance No. 12-26 approving Zone Change No. 1318, and finding of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Exemption

Planning Manager Hayden Beckman presented the staff report utilizing a PowerPoint presentation.

During deliberations, Council discussed fire access, parking, and lack of parkway between sidewalk and curb.

Mayor Slater opened the Public Hearing at 8:02 p.m.; there being no speakers, Mayor Slater closed the Public Hearing at 8:02 p.m.

A motion was made by Councilmember Gutierrez, seconded by Councilmember Gyllenhammer, to: 1) Adopt City Council Resolution No. 11709. 2) Introduce and conduct First Reading of Ordinance No. 12-26. 3) Find the request categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with Section 15183 of the State CEQA Guidelines (Projects consistent with a Community Plan, General Plan, or Zoning).

Mayor Slater requested to amend the motion to allow for the creation of a parkway if possible. Councilmember Gutierrez and Councilmember Gyllenhammer agreed to the amendment.

An amended motion was made by Councilmember Gutierrez, seconded by Councilmember Gyllenhammer, to:
1) Adopt City Council Resolution No. 11709 with the inclusion of a parkway if possible. A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Orange approving Tentative Tract Map No. 0052, Conditional Use Permit No. 3203, Design Review No. 5119, and Major Site Plan Review No. 1137, to establish an 11-unit Planned Unit Development and subdivide a 2.02-acre parcel into 11 separate parcels located at 647 N. Rancho Santiago Boulevard.
2) Introduce and conduct First Reading of Ordinance No. 12-26. An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Orange Approving Zone Change No. 1318 to change the zoning classification from Single Family Residential 10,000 square feet (R1-10) to Single Family Residential 10,000 square feet - PUD No. 3203 (R1-10 [PUD 3203]) on a 2.02-acre site located at 647 N. Rancho Santiago Boulevard.
3) Find the request categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with Section 15183 of the State CEQA Guidelines (Projects consistent with a Community Plan, General Plan, or Zoning).

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Bilodeau, Barrios, Dumitru, Gutierrez, Tavoularis, Gyllenhammer, and Slater
Noes: None
Absent: None

10. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

10.1. Consider two resolutions that would submit to the voters a question adopting a City Charter, establishing priorities for filing written arguments, and directing the City Attorney to prepare an Impartial Analysis

Deputy City Manager Jack Morgan provided a brief overview of the five revised sections of the proposed City Charter.

Public Speakers:
Reggie Mundekis spoke in opposition citing concerns with Sections 400, 803, and 804.
Betty Talbert spoke in support of the revisions but expressed a preference for retaining an eight-year Council term limit rather than extending it to twelve years.
Mary Oberschlake spoke in opposition.

Council discussed each revised Charter section individually. Consensus was reached on the revisions to Section 204 regarding open space, Option 2 of Section 400 regarding the composition of the City Council, and Section 403 regarding eligibility.

Council then voted on the remaining proposed revisions.

A motion was made by Mayor Slater, seconded by Councilmember Gutierrez, to approve Section 501 of the proposed Charter, providing that "No person shall serve as a member of the City Council for more than two four-year terms in a lifetime."

A substitute motion was made by Councilmember Tavoularis, seconded by Councilmember Dumitru, to approve Section 501 of the proposed Charter as submitted, providing that "No person shall serve as a member of the City Council for more than three four-year terms in a lifetime. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Bilodeau, Dumitru, Tavoularis, and Slater
Noes: Barrios, Gutierrez, and Gyllenhammer
Absent: None

A motion was made by Mayor Slater, seconded by Councilmember Dumitru, to approve Section 603, Protection of Private Property Rights, in the proposed City Charter. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Bilodeau, Dumitru, Gutierrez, Tavoularis, Gyllenhammer, and Slater
Noes: Barrios
Absent: None

A motion was made by Mayor Slater, seconded by Councilmember Dumitru, to remove the second paragraph in Section 803, Supermajority Vote Required to Submit New Taxes, in the proposed City Charter.

After discussion, Mayor Slater requested to amend his motion to remove the entire section. Councilmember Dumitru agreed to the amendment.

An amended motion was made by Mayor Slater, seconded by Councilmember Dumitru, to remove Section 803, Supermajority Vote Required to Submit New Taxes, in the proposed City Charter. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Bilodeau, Dumitru, Gutierrez, Tavoularis, Gyllenhammer, and Slater
Noes: Barrios
Absent: None

A motion was made by Mayor pro tem Bilodeau, seconded by Councilmember Dumitru, to strike the word "structural" from Section 801 in the proposed City Charter. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Bilodeau, Dumitru, Gutierrez, Tavoularis, and Slater
Noes: Barrios, and Gyllenhammer
Absent: None

A motion was made by Councilmember Tavoularis, seconded by Councilmember Dumitru, to adopt Resolution No. 11707 with revisions to the proposed City Charter as approved by the City Council. A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Orange ordering the submission to the voters a question relating to a proposed City Charter for adoption at the November 3, 2026, General Municipal Election as called by Resolution No. 11669.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Bilodeau, Dumitru, Tavoularis, and Slater
Noes: Barrios, Gutierrez, and Gyllenhammer
Absent: None

A motion was made by Councilmember Tavoularis, seconded by Councilmember Dumitru, to adopt Resolution No. 11708 authorizing Councilmember Tavoularis and Councilmember Dumitru to author direct arguments in favor. A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Orange setting priorities for filing written arguments regarding a City measure and directing the City Attorney to prepare an Impartial Analysis for the measure to be submitted to the voters at the General Municipal Election held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Bilodeau, Dumitru, Tavoularis, and Slater
Noes: Barrios, Gutierrez, and Gyllenhammer
Absent: None

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:29 p.m.

The next Regular City Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 28, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, with Closed Session beginning at 5:00 p.m. if necessary.

/s/ Pamela Coleman	/s/ Daniel R. Slater
PAMELA COLEMAN	DANIEL R. SLATER
CITY CLERK	MAYOR