

MINUTES - FINAL

City of Orange

City Council

April 22, 2025

The City Council of the City of Orange, California convened on Tuesday, April 22, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. in a Regular Meeting in the Council Chamber, 300 E. Chapman Avenue, Orange, California.

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(b), Councilmember Gyllenhammer participated in this meeting via teleconference from Outrigger Kona Resort & Spa, Hualalai Room, 78-128 Ehukai St., Kailua-Kona, HI 96740. A copy of the agenda was posted at this location.

5:00 PM CLOSED SESSION

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Slater called Closed Session to order at 5:00 p.m.

1.1 ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None

Councilmember Gutierrez joined Closed Session at 5:01 p.m. and Councilmember Gyllenhammer joined Closed Session via teleconference at 5:01 p.m.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

None

3. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

The City Council recessed to Closed Session at 5:01 p.m. with all Members present to discuss the following:

a. PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)1

Title: City Manager

b. PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)1

Title: City Attorney

c. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8
Property Location: 307 E Chapman Avenue
Agency Negotiator: Aaron Schulze, Economic Development Manager
Negotiating Parties: Hicham Semaan, Mike Hernandez, Adam Chez
Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment.

d. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6
City Negotiators: Tom Kisela, City Manager; Monica Espinoza, Human Resources Director
Employee Organizations: Orange Management Association, Orange Municipal Employees' Association, and International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 47 (Maintenance and Crafts and Water Division)

At 7:02 p.m., the City Council recessed from Closed Session to the Regular Session in the Council Chamber.

The Council reconvened in Closed Session at 8:39 p.m. with all Members present.

4. CLOSED SESSION REPORT

None

5. ADJOURNMENT

Closed Session was adjourned at 10:12 p.m.

7:00 PM REGULAR SESSION**1. OPENING/CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Slater called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

1.1 INVOCATION

Given by Pastor Brenton Fessler from Refuge OC.

1.2 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Councilmember Arianna Barrios.

1.3 ROLL CALL

Councilmember Gyllenhammer participated via teleconference.

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

Absent: None

1.4 ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

1.5 REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS

Interim City Attorney Winthers reported that Closed Session recessed at 7:02 p.m. Council will reconvene in Closed Session after the Regular Session.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public Speakers:

Alyce Watanabe expressed concerns with the permit parking program.

Jill Hargis, Orange Sustainability Group member, urged Council to implement the Sustainability Plan.

Casey Gallagher spoke in opposition of the Orange Heights housing development.

Tiffany Lwin spoke in opposition of the Orange Heights housing development.

Celina Berenguer, Alzheimer's Orange County, introduced her organization and described the support they provide to Orange County families and individuals.

Siddharth Mehta spoke in opposition of the Orange Heights housing development.

Kevin Li spoke in opposition of the Orange Heights housing development.

Dylan Slayton spoke in opposition of the Orange Heights housing development.

Paul Sargeant spoke in opposition of the Orange Heights housing development.

Jake Comer urged Council to implement the Sustainability Plan.

Shari Oalal spoke in opposition of the Orange Heights housing development.

Suzanne Tani urged Council to implement the Sustainability Plan.

Doug Redding announced The Wall That Heals, a three-quarter scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington D.C., will travel to the City of Orange October 2-5, 2025.

Councilmember Gyllenhammer verified there was no one present that wanted to speak at his location.

Written Public Comment

Janice Brownfield submitted an email urging Council to implement the Sustainability Plan.

Vickie Laughlin, Orange Sustainability Group member, submitted an eComment urging Council to implement the Sustainability Plan.

Bill Melcher, Orange Sustainability Group member, submitted an eComment urging Council to implement the Sustainability Plan.

Joe Thompson submitted an eComment urging Council to implement the Sustainability Plan.

Brian Hews submitted an eComment encouraging the City to enforce no parking on street sweeping days.

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. Approval of minutes of the City of Orange City Council Special Meeting and Regular Meeting held on April 8, 2025.

ACTION: Approved minutes as presented.

3.2. Adoption of the updated City of Orange Sewer System Management Plan

Item 3.2 was removed from the Consent Calendar for separate consideration by Councilmember Dumitru.

Staff answered Council's questions regarding properties still on septic systems and the process to connect them to the City's sewer system.

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

1) Adopt the updated City of Orange Sewer System Management plan; and 2) Authorize and direct the Public Works Director to execute and deliver any and all documents (including amendments or modifications to the Sewer System Management Plan) deemed necessary or advisable in order to carry out, give effect to, and comply with the terms and intent of State Water Resources Control Board Order No. 2022-0103-DWQ. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Approval of the Consent Calendar

Item 3.2 was removed from the Consent Calendar and heard separately. All other items were approved as recommended.

A motion was made by Mayor pro tem Bilodeau, seconded by Councilmember Gutierrez, to approve the Consent Calendar. 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. AB 1234 REPORTS

None

5. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

5.1. Agreement with Grant Thornton Advisors, LLC for Budget Risk and Economic Opportunities Advisory Services.

A motion was made by Councilmember Barrios, seconded by Councilmember Dumitru, to approve the agreement with Grant Thornton Advisors, LLC in the amount of \$110,000 for Budget Risk and Economic Advisory Services, plus a 6% contingency for administrative expenses of \$6,600, for a total of \$116,600; 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

5.2. Letter of Intent with Milan REI X, LLC and Landify ECT Corporation for a potential open space/park development.

Public Speaker:

Kim Pheln spoke in support of approval and supports utilizing the property for open space.

A motion was made by Councilmember Dumitru, seconded by Councilmember Gutierrez, to approve the letter of intent with Milan REI X, LLC and Landify ECT Corporation for potential open space/park development, and authorize the City Manager 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

6. STUDY SESSION

6.1. Second Budget Study Session for the Proposed Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget.

Staff provided an overview of the Capital Improvement Program including deferred projects and reductions.

The report was received and filed.

Council recessed at 8:39 p.m. and reconvened in Closed Session at 8:45 p.m. with all Members present.

Council reconvened in Regular Session at 10:12 p.m. with nothing to report.

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:12 p.m.

The next Regular City Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 13, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber, with a Special Meeting for Closed Session beginning at 4:30 p.m.

/s/ Pamela Coleman
PAMELA COLEMAN
CITY CLERK

/s/ Daniel R. Slater
DANIEL R. SLATER
MAYOR