

MINUTES - FINAL

City of Orange

Orange City Council

August 26, 2025

The City Council of the City of Orange, California convened on Tuesday, August 26, 2025, 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 5:00 p.m.

1.1 ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None

Councilmember Gutierrez joined Closed Session at 5:02 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, except Councilmember Gutierrez who joined Closed Session at 5:02 p.m., to discuss the following:

a. PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)1

Titles: City Attorney

b. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6

City Negotiators: Jarad Hildenbrand, City Manager; Monica Espinoza, Human Resources Director

Employee Organizations: Orange Management Association, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 47 (Maintenance and Crafts and Water Division), and Top Management

c. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(2)
(One potential case)

4. CLOSED SESSION REPORT

None

5. ADJOURNMENT

Closed Session was adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

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

Mayor Slater called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

1.1 INVOCATION

Given by Sister Katherine Gray from Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange.

1.2 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by City Manager Jarad Hildenbrand.

1.3 ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Barrios

1.4 PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Proclamation honoring K-9 Wyatt for seven and a half years of service to the City of Orange.

Proclamation recognizing September as Hunger Action Month.

Proclamation recognizing Polly's Pies Banberry Pie as the official pie of the City of Orange.

1.5 REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS

None

2. PUBLIC COMMENTSPublic Speakers:

Greg Arrowsmith reviewed information available on Transparent California.

Anne McDermott, Design Review Committee Member, voiced concern over recent criticism of the Design Review Committee process.

Doug Redding spoke about fundraising efforts to bring the Wall that Heals to Orange in October.

Cynthia Gonzalez spoke about ongoing federal immigration raids.

Mary E. Oberschlake implored Council to join a federal lawsuit challenging widespread immigration raids.

Jason Will spoke about ongoing federal immigration raids by masked agents.

Kimberly O'Neill implored Council to join a federal lawsuit challenging widespread

immigration raids.

Gaston Castellanos implored Council to join a federal lawsuit challenging widespread immigration raids.

Jane Hudson implored Council to join a federal lawsuit challenging widespread immigration raids.

Dex Spillers spoke about ongoing federal immigration raids by masked agents.

Anne Stahl-Hughett implored Council to join a federal lawsuit challenging widespread immigration raids.

Mel Vernon spoke about ongoing federal immigration raids.

Gina Boglino spoke about ongoing federal immigration raids.

Lynnette Gertz implored Council to join a federal lawsuit challenging widespread immigration raids.

Roshnee Moorthy implored Council to join a federal lawsuit challenging widespread immigration raids.

Angela Ledevaeh spoke about effects of federal immigration raids on families and implored Council to join a federal lawsuit challenging widespread immigration raids.

Kathe Voss cautioned Council to thoroughly review the accuracy of the Grant Thornton report before making any decisions.

Written Public Comment

Janice Brownfield submitted an email encouraging education efforts for Orange residents about the importance of using organic waste carts for kitchen food scraps.

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. Approval of minutes of the City of Orange City Council Regular Meeting held on August 12, 2025.

ACTION: Approved minutes as presented.

3.3. Agreement with Officer Michael Osborn for the transfer of ownership of police service dog, Wyatt, assigned to the Police Department's Canine Team.

ACTION: Approved the agreement with Michael Osborn to transfer ownership of canine Wyatt; and authorized the Mayor and City Clerk to execute on behalf of the City.

3.4. Agreement with Bear Electrical Solutions, LLC for on-call signal, lighting, and electrical services.

ACTION: 1) Approved the agreement with Bear Electrical Solutions, LLC in the amount not-to-exceed \$750,000 for on-call signal, lighting, and electrical services; and authorized the Mayor and City Clerk to execute on behalf of the City.

2) Authorized the City Manager to execute an optional two-year contract extension in the amount not-to-exceed \$500,000.

3.5. Cooperative Agreement between the City of Anaheim and the City of Orange for the Ball Road-Taft Avenue Corridor Regional Traffic Signal Synchronization Project.

ACTION: Approved the cooperative agreement with the City of Anaheim in the amount of \$61,520 for the implementation of Ball Road-Taft Avenue Corridor Regional Traffic Signal Synchronization Project; and authorized the Mayor and City Clerk to execute on behalf of the City.

3.6. Approval of plans and specifications for the Main Street and Providence Avenue Sewer Improvements and Tustin Street Storm Drain Rehabilitation Project; authorization to advertise for bids; and finding of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) exemption.

ACTION: 1) Approved the plans and specifications and authorized advertising for Bid No. 25-26.01; Main Street and Providence Avenue Sewer Improvements and Tustin Street Storm Drain Rehabilitation Project (SP-4307).

2) Found that the proposed project is categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA per State CEQA Guidelines 15301 (Class 1(c) - Existing Facilities).

3.7. Award of Contract to Peterson-Chase General Engineering Construction Inc. for Bridge Preventive Maintenance/Repair; Bid No. 24-25.23 (SP-3880).

ACTION: 1) Accepted into the City's revenue budget \$1,014,624 in grant funds from Federal Highway Administration Highway Bridge Program to Reimbursable Capital Projects (550):

550-5101-43301-255703 Structural Evaluation of City's Bridges

2) Authorized the appropriation of \$1,014,624 to Reimbursable Capital Projects (550):

550-5101-82001-255703 Structural Evaluation of City's Bridges

3) Authorized the appropriation of \$580,748 from Measure M2 (263) unreserved fund balance to:

263-5101-82001-255703 Structural Evaluations of City's Bridges

4) Approved the contract with Peterson-Chase General Engineering Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$2,831,237, representing an original bid amount of \$2,696,416, plus a 5% contingency of \$134,821, for Bridge Preventive Maintenance/Repair; and authorized the Mayor and City Clerk to execute on behalf of the City.

3.8. Approval of Final Tract Map No. 19253 for the Viewpoint Homes Project located at 901 E. Katella Avenue (formerly known as Intracorp Homes Project).

Note: Councilmember Gutierrez registered a no vote.

ACTION: Approved Final Tract Map No. 19253.

3.9. Quitclaim of Storm Drain Easement at 2013 North Batavia Street.

ACTION: Authorized the Mayor to execute a Quitclaim Deed of the storm drain easement to 2015 N. Batavia Street, LLC, a Nevada Limited Liability Company, at 2013 North Batavia Street (APN 374-651-08).

3.10. Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Orange and the Orange Management Association. Resolution No. 11632.

ACTION: Adopted Resolution No. 11632. A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Orange rescinding Resolution No. 11512 and approving the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Orange and the Orange Management Association concerning wages, hours, and other conditions of employment effective July 1, 2025, through and including June 30, 2026.

Approval of the Consent Calendar

Councilmember Gutierrez registered a no vote on Item 3.8. 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 as recommended. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

4. REPORTS FROM MAYOR SLATER

4.1. Discussion on implementation of Grant Thornton recommendations.

Mayor Slater asked for an update. Staff confirmed the full Grant Thornton report is on the City's website. City Manager Hildenbrand meets with Grant Thornton next week.

Public Speaker:

Reggie Mundekis spoke about the importance of increasing revenue to avoid bankruptcy.

4.2. Chapman University Liaison Committee.

Mayor Slater proposed establishing a liaison committee comprised of three Councilmembers.

A motion was made by Mayor Slater, seconded by Councilmember Gyllenhammer, to establish a Chapman University Liaison Committee comprised of Councilmember Dumitru, Councilmember Tavoularis, and Mayor Slater. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

4.3. Other Mayor Reports

Mayor Slater announced the fountain in Plaza Park was hit by a car early Sunday morning. Council acknowledged improved safety is needed around the Plaza and tasked staff to return with a report outlining improved safety measure options.

5. REPORTS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS

Councilmember Gutierrez thanked Orange Police Department, Orange Unified School District, and Resilience OC for organizing an informational immigration resource meeting for the El Modena Community.

Mayor pro tem Bilodeau reported Transportation Corridor Agencies entered into an agreement with OCTA and Riverside County Transportation Commission to begin construction of the 241/91 Express Connector project. He also reported the Orange County Water District's employees' post employment benefits are fully funded.

6. AB 1234 REPORTS

None

7. REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER

None

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS**8.1. Public Hearing to consider Introduction and First Reading of an ordinance amending provisions in Title 17 of the Orange Municipal Code relating to the sale and service of alcoholic beverages in conjunction with the operation of a bona fide restaurant, subject to special use regulations; and finding of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) exemption. Ordinance No. 13-25.**

Associate Planner Arlen Beck provided the staff report utilizing a PowerPoint presentation. Staff answered Council's questions concerning appeals, existing permits, and the Planning Commission's recommendation to remove Condition #20, which is the prohibition of generic drink specials or happy hour promotions (Section 17.30.025.A.20).

Mayor Slater opened the Public Hearing at 7:26 p.m.; there being no speakers, Mayor Slater closed the Public Hearing at 7:26 p.m.

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

- 1) Introduce and conduct First Reading of Ordinance No. 13-25 with the removal of Condition #20. An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Orange amending Title 17 (Zoning) of the Orange Municipal Code to allow the sale and service of alcoholic beverages in conjunction with the operation of a bona fide restaurant as a permitted use in certain zoning districts subject to special use regulations.
- 2) Find the ordinance categorically exempt from CEQA per State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15061(b)(3).

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Noes: Dumitru

Absent: Barrios

9. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- 9.1. **Establishment of Permit Parking Area “AD” to be compromised of the east side of S. Swidler Place from E. Chapman Avenue to E. Almond Avenue and E. Almond Avenue from S. Swidler Place to S. Olympia Way. Resolution No. 11630.**

Written Public Comment

Natalie Perez submitted an eComment in support of approval.

A motion was made by Councilmember Dumitru, seconded by Councilmember Gyllenhammer, to adopt Resolution No. 11630. A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Orange adopting a revised master resolution of designated permit parking areas and established permit parking opportunity areas within the City of Orange. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Noes: None

Absent: Barrios

After item approval, a member of the public requested to speak. Mayor Slater allowed him to speak.

Public Speaker:

Michael R. Brown, Americana Apartments, spoke about the impacts permit parking will have on residents of his apartment complex.

- 9.2. **Fiscal Years 2025-2030 Citywide Strategic Plan Quarterly Update.**

Senior Assistant to the City Manager Jack Morgan provided an update utilizing a PowerPoint presentation.

The report was received and filed.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

The next Regular City Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 9, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber, with Closed Session beginning at 5:00 p.m., if necessary.

/s/ Pamela Coleman
PAMELA COLEMAN
CITY CLERK

/s/ Daniel R Slater
DANIEL R. SLATER
MAYOR