



City of West Orange

City Hall
2700 Western Avenue
West Orange, TX 77630

City Council Regular Session Meeting Agenda

Monday, January 13, 2025

5:00 p.m.

Council Chambers

A. Call to Order

1. Announce Quorum is Present
2. Invocation
3. Pledges of Allegiance

B. Consent Agenda

Discussion and Possible Action on approval of the minutes of the December 9, 2024 Council Meeting

C. Public Comments

*At this time comments will be taken from the audience on any subject matter, whether or not that item is on the agenda. All comments are limited to a **maximum of three minutes** for each speaker. If more than one person wishes to address the same subject, a spokesperson must be selected, who will be recognized to represent the group. Your comments are appreciated. **The Texas Open Meetings Act does not allow the Council to discuss items not listed on the agenda, however, if possible, your questions may be answered with statement of policy; statement of fact or it may be placed on a future agenda for attention by Council. You also may be directed to the appropriate department head to address your questions or problems.***

D. Reports and Comments

1. City Staff
2. City Council
3. Mayor

E. Regular Session

1. Discussion and Possible Action on adoption of Ordinance No. 490, an ordinance authorizing participation with other Entergy service area cities in matters concerning Entergy Texas, Inc. at the Public Utility Commission of Texas in 2025; authorizing the hiring of lawyers and rate experts; authorizing the City's participation to the full extent permitted by law at the Public Utility Commission of Texas; finding that the meeting complies with the Open Meetings Act and declaring an effective date
2. Discussion and Possible Action on Ordinance No. 491, an Ordinance ordering the General Election to be held in the City of West Orange, Texas on May 3, 2025 to fill the offices of a mayor and two aldermen; stating the location of the polling place and designating the City of West Orange as one voting precinct; making certain provisions related to the manner of voting in the conduct of the elections; prescribing the form of ballot and voting system to be used; providing that this ordinance shall constitute an order for such election and that proper notice thereof shall be given

(Discusión y posible acción sobre la Ordenanza No. 491 una Ordenanza que ordena la celebración de elecciones generales en la ciudad de West Orange, Texas, el 3 de mayo de 2025 para cubrir los cargos de alcalde y dos concejales; que establece la ubicación del lugar de votación y designa a la ciudad de West Orange como un distrito electoral; que establece ciertas disposiciones relacionadas con la forma de votación en la realización de las elecciones; que prescribe la forma de la boleta y el sistema de votación que se utilizará; que esta ordenanza constituirá una orden para dicha elección y que se dará el aviso correspondiente.)

3. Discussion and Possible Action on a Resolution for the City Staff to apply for a grant through the Governor's Public Safety Office which will provide certain cybersecurity measures
4. Discussion and Possible Action on accepting into record the 2024 Racial Profiling Report for the West Orange Police Department
5. Discussion and Possible Action on placing before the voters a City Charter amendment extending Mayor and Aldermen terms of office from two-years to four-years

F. Announcements

1. Period for filing application for place on May 7, 2025 General Election Ballot – Jan. 15, 2025 thru February 14, 2025

(Período para presentar solicitudes de participación en las elecciones generales del 7 de mayo de 2025: del 15 de enero de 2025 al 14 de febrero de 2025)

2. Next Council Meeting – Monday, February 10, 2025; 5:00 p.m.

G. Adjourn



RR Branch
Randy Branch, Mayor

ATTEST:

Theresa Van Meter
Theresa Van Meter, City Secretary

EXECUTIVE SESSION STATEMENT: The City Council reserves the right to adjourn into Executive Session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed below, as authorized by the Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), 551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices) and 551.087 (Economic Development).

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AGENDA POSTING CERTIFICATION: I certify that a copy of the January 13, 2025 agenda of items to be considered by the West Orange City Council was posted on the City's website and City Hall bulletin board on or before 5:00 p.m. January 10, 2025.

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Theresa Van Meter, City Secretary