



City of West Orange

City Hall
2700 Western Avenue
West Orange, TX 77630

City Council Regular Session Meeting Agenda

Monday, February 9, 2026

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 January 12, 2026 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 acceptance of audit of fiscal year ending September 30, 2025 as prepared and presented by Keri Michutka, CPA
2. Discussion and Possible Action on accepting into record the 2025 Racial Profiling Report as prepared by the West Orange Police Department
3. Discussion and Possible Action on authorizing the Chief of Police to apply for the Justice Assistance Grant for the 2026 year and designate him as the Authorized Official
4. Discussion and Possible Action on joining "Keep Texas Beautiful," as an affiliate to be known as "Keep West Orange Beautiful," approval of payment of annual dues of \$200; establishment of a Board and naming Mayor Pro-Tem Kennedy as contact person for affiliation
5. Discussion and Possible Action on adoption of Ordinance No. 495, an ordinance authorizing participation with other Entergy service area cities in matters concerning Entergy Texas, Inc. at the Public Utility Commission of Texas in 2026; 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
6. Discussion and Possible Action on approval of the October-December, 2025, Quarterly Investment Report
7. Discussion and Possible action on Ordinance No. 496, an ordinance ordering the General Election to be held in the City of West Orange, Texas on May 2, 2026 to fill the offices of three Aldermen; providing for the date, hours, ballot, Early Voting Clerk; providing for the Early Voting Polling Place locations and designating the City of West Orange as one voting precinct, making findings related thereto; and providing an effective date

Discusión y posible aprobación de la Ordenanza n.º 496, una ordenanza que convoca a elecciones generales en la ciudad de West Orange, Texas, el 2 de mayo de 2026 para cubrir los cargos de tres concejales; estableciendo la fecha, el horario, la papeleta de votación y el funcionario encargado de la votación anticipada; designando los lugares de votación anticipada y declarando a la ciudad de West Orange como un único distrito electoral; y estableciendo la fecha de entrada en vigor.

8. Discussion and Possible Action on Ordinance No. 497 ordering a Special Election to be held on Saturday, May 2, 2026 to present to the qualified voters of the City of West Orange, Texas a proposition pertaining to the reauthorization of a local sales and use tax in the City of West Orange at the rate of one-fourth of one percent to provide revenue for maintenance and repair of municipal streets; a Charter amendment to Article IV, Section 5 of the City Charter changing the term of office for the Mayor and Aldermen within the City; a Charter amendment to Article IV, Section 10 of the City Charter addressing vacancies; and a Charter amendment to Article IV, Section 2 of the City Charter addressing regular municipal elections; providing for the date, hours, ballot, Early Voting Clerk; providing for the Early Voting Polling Place locations and designating the City of West Orange as one voting precinct; making findings related thereto; and providing an effective date

Discusión y posible aprobación de la Ordenanza N.º 497, que convoca a una Elección Especial que se celebrará el sábado 2 de mayo de 2026 para someter a la consideración de los votantes calificados de la Ciudad de West Orange, Texas, una propuesta relativa a la reautorización de un impuesto local sobre las ventas y el uso en la Ciudad de West Orange a una tasa del un cuarto del uno por ciento para generar ingresos destinados al mantenimiento y la reparación de las calles municipales; una enmienda al Artículo IV, Sección 5 de la Carta Constitucional de la Ciudad que modifica el período de mandato del Alcalde y los Concejales; una enmienda al Artículo IV, Sección 10 de la Carta Constitucional de la Ciudad relativa a las vacantes; y una enmienda al Artículo IV, Sección 2 de la Carta Constitucional de la Ciudad relativa a las elecciones municipales ordinarias; estableciendo la fecha, el horario, la boleta electoral y el funcionario encargado de la votación anticipada; designando los lugares de votación anticipada y declarando a la Ciudad de West Orange como un único distrito electoral; formulando las conclusiones pertinentes; y estableciendo la fecha de entrada en vigor.

9. Discussion and Possible Action on authorizing the City Secretary to enter into a Joint Election Agreement Services Contract with the Orange County Elections Administration Office for the May 2, 2026 Election

Discusión y posible decisión sobre la autorización a la Secretaria Municipal para celebrar un contrato de servicios de acuerdo de elecciones conjuntas con la Oficina de Administración Electoral del Condado de Orange para las elecciones del 2 de mayo de 2026.

10. Discussion and Possible Action on adjusting Sanitation rates within the City and setting an effective date
11. Discussion and Possible action on approving an agreement with TxDOT for railroad crossing approach maintenance and authorizing Public Works Director to execute said agreement
12. Discussion and Possible Action on approval of a Change Order for the WWTP Improvements Project, which incorporates the addition of tertiary treatment phase into the contract

F. Announcements

- City offices closed Monday, February 16, 2026 in honor of Presidents' Day
- Next Council Meeting – Monday, March 9, 2026; 5:00 p.m.

G. Executive Session

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).

H. Return to Open Session

Discussion and Possible Action, if necessary, as a result of Executive Session under Item G

I. Adjourn



RR Branch
Randy Branch, Mayor

ATTEST:

Theresa Van Meter
Theresa Van Meter, City Secretary

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AGENDA POSTING CERTIFICATION: I certify that a copy of the February 9, 2026 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. February 3, 2026.

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Theresa Van Meter, City Secretary