



City of West Orange

City Hall
2700 Western Avenue
West Orange, TX 77630

City Council Regular Session & Public Hearing Meeting Agenda

Monday, March 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 February 9, 2026 Council Meeting
- proclaiming the month of April, 2026 as "Fair Housing Month" in West Orange

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. Convene Public Hearing

Council will conduct a Public Hearing to solicit input from the community concerning awareness for the support of fair housing as well as to address concerns of residents as they may relate to fair housing

F. Reconvene Regular Session

1. Discussion and Possible Action on a variance request submitted by Ms. Peggy Smith for Section (B)3 of Ordinance No. 302-F, pertaining to Application Requirements for a Permit to place a manufactured home within the City of West Orange
2. Discussion and Possible Action on an application to the WOVFD submitted by Brendon Roberts
3. Discussion and Possible Action on an application to the WOVFD submitted by John Edwards
4. Discussion and Possible Action on acceptance of Texas A&M Forest Service Grant #AE-203-136198 for Equipment for the WOVFD (\$25,000 grant requiring 5% match)
5. Discussion and Possible Action on acceptance of Texas A&M Forest Service Grant #AE-203-253 for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for the WOVFD (\$25,000 grant requiring 5% match)
6. Discussion and Possible Action on acceptance of Texas A&M Forest Service Grant #AE-203-148104 for Training Aids for the WOVFD (\$10,000 grant requiring -0- match)
7. Discussion and Possible Action on acceptance of the Certification of Unopposed Candidates for the May 2, 2026 General Election

Discusión y posible acción sobre la aceptación de la certificación de candidatos sin oposición para las elecciones generales del 2 de mayo de 2026

8. Discussion and Possible Action on Ordinance No. 498, an Ordinance cancelling the May 2, 2026 General Election

Discusión y posible acción sobre la Ordenanza n° 498, una ordenanza que cancela las elecciones generales del 2 de mayo de 2026

9. Discussion and Possible Action on Ordinance No. 497-A, an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 497, calling for a Special Election in the City of West Orange, Texas, to put before the voters the reauthorization of the Street Maintenance Tax and three amendments to the City Charter

Discusión y posible acción sobre la Ordenanza n° 497-A, una ordenanza que modifica la Ordenanza n° 497, que convoca a una elección especial en la ciudad de West Orange, Texas, para presentar a los votantes la reautorización del Impuesto de Mantenimiento de Calles y tres enmiendas a la Carta Municipal

10. Discussion and Possible Action on approval of the Notice of Election for the May 2, 2026 Special Election

Discusión y posible acción tras la aprobación del Aviso de Elección para las Elecciones Especiales del 2 de mayo de 2026

G. Announcements

- Organizational meeting of "Keep West Orange Beautiful" – Monday, March 30, 2026; 5:30 p.m.; City Council Chambers
- City offices closed Friday, April 3rd & Monday, April 6th in honor of Good Friday and Easter
- Spring Cleanup – Friday & Saturday, April 10th & 11th; 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- Next Council Meeting – Monday, April 13, 2026; 5:00 p.m.

H. 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).

I. Return to Open Session

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

J. Adjourn



R R 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 March 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. March 3, 2026.

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Theresa Van Meter, City Secretary