



City of West Orange

City Hall
2700 Western Avenue
West Orange, TX 77630

City Council Regular Session Meeting Agenda

Monday, May 11, 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 March 9, 2026 Council Meeting
- Presentation of Council certificates for those with expiring terms

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. Adjourn to Public Hearing

A hearing to solicit input from the public regarding the changes to the Scope of Work as it pertains to the General Land Office Grant No. 24-067-015-E202

E. Reconvene Regular Session

F. Reports and Comments

1. City Staff
2. City Council
3. Mayor

G. Regular Session

1. Canvass of the May 2, 2026 Special Election
2. Issuance of Statements of Elected Officers
3. Issuance of Oaths of Office of Elected Officials
4. Presentation of Certificates of Election
5. Discussion and Possible Action on election of Mayor Pro-Tempore
6. Discussion and Possible Action on a request from Travis Rost and/or Tracy Rost Byrdson for a variance to Ordinance No. 205-A, to allow for an outdoor public burn
7. Discussion and Possible Action on an application to the WOVFD submitted by Andrew Michael Bledsoe
8. Discussion and Possible Action on decision-making authority of Keep West Orange Beautiful
9. Discussion and Possible Action on an Interlocal Agreement with Orange County for the joint procurement of goods and services

10. Discussion and Possible Action on the following residential tax exemptions for tax year 2026:

- a. Homestead
- b. 65 or older
- c. Disabled

11. Discussion and Possible Action on a Resolution authorizing the Public Works Director to apply for a grant from Texas Parks and Wildlife and authorizing the mayor to submit a letter of commitment

12. Discussion and Possible Action on accepting into record the Quarterly Investment Report for January – March, 2026

H. Announcements

- All non-emergency departments of the City will be closed Monday, May 25, 2026 in observance of Memorial Day.
- Next Council Meeting – Monday, June 8, 2026; 5:00 p.m.

I. 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).

J. Return to Open Session

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

K. 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 May 11, 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. May 5, 2026.

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Theresa Van Meter, City Secretary