



City of West Orange

City Hall
2700 Western Avenue
West Orange, TX 77630

City Council Regular Session Meeting Agenda

Monday, September 14, 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 August 10, 2026 Council Meeting and August 25, 2026 Budget Workshop

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 an application for membership in the WOVFD submitted by Charles E. Lambert, Jr.
2. Discussion and Possible Action on an application for membership in the WOVFD submitted by Nicholas Zerko
3. Discussion and Possible Action on a request for a variance to Ordinance No. 302-F to allow Mr. Shannon Helton to live in his RV on-site while repairing fire-damaged portions of residence at 2927 Western Avenue
4. Discussion and Possible Action on extending variance to Ordinance No. 302-F issued to Alan and Crystal Bates (1122 Albany) on June 8, 2026
5. Discussion and Possible Action on a request for a variance to Ordinance No. 302-F submitted by Renee Cross to allow for the placement of a manufactured home at 1810 Houston Avenue
6. Discussion and Possible Action on reappointing the following individuals to the West Orange Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors:
 - Meritta Kennedy
 - Jon Sherwin
 - Charlotte Alford
7. Discussion and Possible Action on Ordinance No. 500 (*by record vote*), levying taxes at the rate of \$0.424515 per \$100 assessed value for the maintenance and operation expenses of the City of West Orange, Texas for the fiscal year commencing October 1, 2026 and ending September 30, 2027

8. Discussion and Possible Action on a Resolution ratifying a property tax rate that would increase the budget by \$30,908, which is a 3.85% increase over last year's budget. The property tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year is \$3,230.

F. Announcements

- Next Council Meeting – Monday, October 12, 2026; 5:00 p.m.
- "Holiday in the Park" - Saturday, October 24, 2026

G. Executive Session

The City Council will enter into Executive Session 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), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), and/or 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices).

H. Return to Open Session

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

I. Adjourn




Randy Branch, Mayor

ATTEST:


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).*

NOTICE OF ASSISTANCE AT THE PUBLIC MEETINGS: The West Orange City Council Chambers is wheelchair accessible. Access to the building and special parking are available at the north entrance facing Austin Avenue. Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who may need auxiliary aids or services such as interpreters for persons who are deaf or hearing impaired, readers, or large print are requested to contact the City Secretary's office at 409-883-3468 or by FAX at 409-882-0652 at least two (2) working days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

AGENDA POSTING CERTIFICATION: I certify that a copy of the September 14, 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. September 8, 2026.

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Theresa Van Meter, City Secretary