



ORLAND CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, October 20, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Vice Mayor Enriquez at 6:00 PM.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: Councilmembers JC Tolle, John McDermott, Wade Elliott, Vice Mayor Alex Enriquez

Councilmembers Absent: Mayor Terrie Barr

Staff Present: Interim City Manager Justin Chaney, City Clerk Jennifer Schmitke, City Attorney Scott Drexel, Library Director Jody Meza, Finance Director Joanne Moore, City Planner Jake Morley

CITIZENS COMMENTS ON CLOSED SESSION - None

MEETING ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION AT 6:01 PM

CLOSED SESSION ENDED AND RECONVENED TO REGULAR SESSION AT 6:17 PM

REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION - *City Council met in Closed Session with City staff and City Attorney Scott Drexel to discuss public employee performance evaluation, as posted on the agenda. Pursuant to Government Code § 54957 (b)(1)*

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Warrant List (Payable Obligations)
- B. Approve City Council Minutes for October 6, 2026

ACTION: Councilmember McDermott moved, seconded by Councilmember Elliott, to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion carried by a voice vote, 4-0.

PROCLAMATION

Vice Mayor Enriquez presented a proclamation on behalf of the Orland City Council to the Friends of the Library, proclaiming October 18–24, 2026, as National Friends of Libraries Week in Orland. Several members of the Friends of the Library were in attendance to receive the proclamation.

Council thanked the members of the Friends of the Library for attending the meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

Discussion on State Legislative Efforts Impacting Local Land Use and Planning Authority

Councilmembers Tolle and Elliott presented a discussion on restoring local control over land use and housing development in Orland. The presentation reviewed state legislation that has expanded streamlined housing approval processes and discussed the importance of maintaining meaningful local input regarding neighborhood compatibility, infrastructure, building scale, privacy, and land use. Local examples included Woodward Family Apartments, the Youth & Family Wellness Center, Tranquility Place, and Lakewest Parkside.

Orland resident Helen Tolle asked about the City's criteria for determining whether there is an oversaturation of homes and apartments.

Orland resident Betty Skala expressed opposition to the proposed rezoning of a project near her home, specifically voicing concerns about R-3 zoning and the influence developers have on development projects.

Orland resident and Economic Development Commission Chair Ron Lane encouraged residents to attend City commission meetings, noting that commissions discuss City projects and provide important information to the public. Mr. Lane stated that he is not opposed to development but expressed concerns regarding a proposed project near the fairgrounds. He also suggested advocating for state mandates and requesting additional sidewalks.

Orland resident Rebecca Malin expressed her opposition to the proposed project near the fairgrounds.

Orland resident Sharon Lazorko emphasized the importance of local control and preserving the character of the community. She also recommended reviewing the City's water-use regulations and enforcement, including addressing properties with dead or dying yards.

Council discussed and proposed referring the issue to the Planning Commission to review the California Cities for Local Control model resolution, examine applicable state laws and local examples, and develop a proposed resolution for future joint consideration by the Planning Commission and City Council.

City Manager Verbal Report

Mr. Chaney reported that the well on Walker Street was pressure tested today. The water meter has been installed at the water tank site, and the project is awaiting transformers from PG&E.

Mr. Chaney also reported that City Hall operations are going well. He noted that City Council will interview two City Manager candidates tomorrow.

City Council Communications and Reports

Councilmember Elliott: nothing to report

Councilmember McDermott: nothing to report.

Councilmember Tolle: nothing to report.

Vice Mayor Enriquez: nothing to report.

MEETING ADJOURNED 7:35 PM

Jennifer Schmitke, City Clerk

Alex Enriquez, Vice Mayor