



ORLAND CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, June 16, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

Councilmembers Absent: None

Staff Present: Acting City Manager Janet Wackerman, City Clerk Jennifer Schmitke, City Attorney Scott Drexel, Public Works Director Zach Barber, Library Director Jody Meza

CITIZENS COMMENTS ON CLOSED SESSION - None

MEETING ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION AT 6:01 PM

CLOSED SESSION ENDED AND RECONVENED TO REGULAR SESSION AT 6:37 PM

REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION - *Mayor Barr announced that the City Council met in Closed Session with City staff and City Attorney Scott Drexel to discuss public employment appointments and conference with labor negotiators. Pursuant to Government Code § 54957.1, Mayor Barr reported that no reportable action was taken.*

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

County resident Stephen Nordbye shared information regarding the Glenn County Senior Expo scheduled for Thursday, June 25.

County resident Valerie Johnson spoke about Hidden Treasures Cat Sanctuary and requested to be placed on a future City Council agenda to discuss moving forward with the City's voucher program.

Orland resident Daniel Louder expressed concerns regarding the ongoing high costs associated with CalPERS.

Orland resident Andy Ramirez shared information regarding the upcoming Fourth of July Parade.

Orland resident Ron Lane identified several public safety and infrastructure concerns throughout the City, including the need to repair the sidewalk behind the Glenn County Fairgrounds, repaint the roadway markings on the curve near Papst Avenue and Yolo Street, repaint the lane markings at the signalized intersection of Sixth Street and South Street, address tree branches and sticks in the power lines near C.K. Price Middle School, and update roadway markings in the S-curve near the new Ampla Health facility on Cortina Drive. Public Works Director Zach Barber stated that staff would review the reported areas of concern.

Waste Management District Manager Joel Burbank introduced himself to the Council, shared that he is responsible for Waste Management services in Orland, and stated that he looks forward to working with the City.

County resident Susie Smith thanked the Mayor for asking questions during City Council meetings regarding important budget items and also thanked Todd Bishop for his newspaper article regarding the City's budget discussion.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Warrant List (Payable Obligations)
- B. Approve City Council Minutes for June 2, 2026

ACTION: Vice Mayor Alex Enriquez moved, seconded by Councilmember Wade Elliott, to approve the consent calendar as presented. Motion carried by a voice vote 5-0.

PRESENTATION – Habitat for Humanity – Tranquility Point

Karen Gheorma and Amara Pickens, representatives of Purpose Place, provided a presentation regarding the proposed expansion of the Purpose Place Apartments campus. They explained the Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program (BHCIP), discussed the organization's outpatient Substance Use Disorder (SUD) treatment program, and reviewed funding opportunities through the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) and Habitat for Humanity. The presenters also provided an overview of the residential services offered, including intensive residential treatment and detoxification services.

Councilmembers discussed the proposed project, expressed concerns regarding the location of the facility and the potential impact on homelessness within the community, and asked questions about the treatment services to be provided, resident supervision, and overall operations of the facility. Habitat for Humanity representatives responded to Council's questions and provided additional information regarding the project. John Nicoletti offered a tour to all Councilmembers.

The City Council thanked Habitat for Humanity for their presentation and the information provided.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

Police and Fire Chief Employment Agreements

City Negotiation Attorney Greg Einhorn presented the staff report regarding proposing the third amendments to the employment agreements for the Police Chief and Fire Chief. Mr. Einhorn explained that both employment agreements were scheduled to expire on June 30, 2026, and that the proposed amendments would extend each agreement for an additional 90 days to ensure there was no lapse in coverage while the City continued its recruitment for a permanent City Manager.

Mr. Einhorn recommended that the City Council approve the proposed amendments and authorize the Interim City Manager to execute the agreements.

ACTION: Councilmember Elliott moved, seconded by Councilmember Tolle, to approve the proposed amendments to the Police Chief and Fire Chief agreements as presented; authorize the Interim City Manager to execute the documents. Motion carried by a voice vote 5-0.

City Manager Recruitment

Contracted Staff Member Janet Wackerman presented the staff report regarding the recruitment process for the City's vacant City Manager position. Ms. Wackerman stated that hiring a well-qualified City Manager remained the highest priority for both the City Council and staff, noting that conducting a comprehensive executive recruitment is a time-intensive process that existing staff do not have the capacity to manage while maintaining daily operations.

Ms. Wackerman explained that the City had requested a proposal from RGS, an existing contracted service provider for financial consulting, to provide executive recruitment services for the vacant City Manager position. She noted that Police Chief Chaney had discussed the City's needs with Kay Randolph Pollard of RGS, who prepared an estimate and proposal for Council's consideration.

Councilmember Elliott inquired whether additional recruitment firms had been contacted and expressed interest in bringing the recruitment process back for further discussion after other firms have been solicited. Mayor Barr stated she would like the Council to review the applications that have already been received and requested consideration of a special meeting for that purpose. Council did not support holding a special meeting to review the four applications currently submitted.

Ms. Wackerman advised that the applications already received could be forwarded to the selected recruitment firm for consideration as part of the recruitment process. Council agreed that utilizing a recruitment firm is the appropriate direction and expressed that there is no need to rush into selecting a firm until an Interim City Manager has been appointed.

Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget Adoption

Roberto Moreno, RGS, presented the Fiscal Year 2026–2027 Proposed Budget. Mr. Moreno explained that the budget was the result of a collaborative effort among all department heads and reflected staff's commitment to achieving a balanced General Fund budget, which has been a primary goal of the City Council. He reported that the proposed budget included a General Fund operating surplus of approximately \$242,000 while maintaining City services and addressing key operational needs.

Mr. Moreno reviewed the changes made since the June 2 budget workshop, including an additional \$80,000 in General Fund revenue resulting from an agreement negotiated by Police Chief Vlach with the school district for reimbursement of the School Resource Officer, updates to the RMRA (SB1) Fund to reflect approved street projects, increased Maintenance Assessment District revenues, the addition of \$200,000 in County ARPA funding, the inclusion of Arts Commission revenues, and the deferral of the Shasta Street STIP project to a future fiscal year. He emphasized that the proposed budget represented the beginning of an ongoing process and that staff would continue refining the budget through quarterly updates and future policy discussions.

Mr. Moreno reviewed the General Fund budget, noting that the projected surplus was achieved through several cost-saving measures, including leaving several vacant positions unfilled, reducing temporary maintenance staffing, allocating additional Public Works costs to Maintenance Assessment Districts, recovering library administrative costs from county branch libraries, and shifting CalPERS Unfunded Accrued Liability (UAL) and Pension Obligation Bond (POB) expenses to Measures A and J. He explained that these actions would provide the City time to develop long-term policies for a structurally balanced budget while maintaining current service levels.

Mr. Moreno then summarized the remaining major funds included in the proposed budget. He explained that Measure A would utilize fund balance for one-time expenditures while preserving reserves for future fire apparatus replacement, and that staff would work toward reducing ongoing expenditures in future years. He noted that Measure J would continue funding ambulance services, library, recreation, streets, and capital improvements, including the installation of ballfield lights and expanded sidewalk repairs made possible through the use of County ARPA funds. He also reviewed the Gas Tax, RMRA (SB1), County ARPA, Maintenance Assessment District, Arts Commission, Development Impact Fee, STIP, Water, Sewer, and Industrial Sewer Funds, outlining their projected revenues, expenditures, and planned projects.

Mr. Moreno concluded by stating that staff would return to the City Council throughout the fiscal year with quarterly budget updates, recommendations for expenditure reductions, and a comprehensive Capital Improvement Plan identifying planned projects over the next five years. He recommended approval of the Fiscal Year 2026–2027 Proposed Budget.

Councilmembers asked clarifying questions regarding ambulance services, the Building Department budget, strike team costs, and the reimbursement process for strike team expenses. Mr. Moreno responded to the questions and provided additional clarification.

Mayor Barr asked about the Arts Center, including how ongoing expenses would be funded and where those costs would be reflected in the budget moving forward. Councilmember McDermott stated that he did not foresee the City allowing the Arts Center to close and requested that the matter be revisited in the coming months. Council discussed potential funding options, including the use of reserves and available ARPA funds.

Orland resident Margaret VanWarmerdam expressed concerns regarding increases in maintenance assessment districts while not seeing clear information regarding how the funds are being utilized. She requested that the City provide greater accountability and transparency regarding maintenance assessment districts.

Orland resident Steve Elliott spoke regarding the Arts Gallery's plans to remain open and expressed appreciation for the City Council's willingness to assist the Arts Center during its time of need.

ACTION: Councilmember Elliott moved, seconded by Councilmember McDermott, to approve the Proposed Budget will allow the City to meet all its obligations in FY 26-27 with the addition of the guarantee \$17,000 proposed budget going to the Arts Commission if there is a shortfall and begin work on a structurally balanced budget for FY 2027-28 with the addition of the guarantee \$17,000 of budget going to the Arts Commission. Motion carried by a voice vote 5-0.

Interim City Manager Appointment, Agreement, and Out-of-Class Compensation

City Attorney Scott Drexel presented the staff report regarding the appointment of Fire Chief Justin Chaney to serve as Interim City Manager. Mr. Drexel explained that, due to the vacancy in the City Manager position, Fire Chief Chaney had agreed to serve in the interim role while continuing to perform his duties as Fire Chief. The appointment would be effective July 1, 2026, with the agreement to be executed on or before that date.

Mr. Drexel explained that while serving as Interim City Manager, Chief Chaney would receive a temporary out-of-class differential in addition to his Fire Chief salary, bringing his total monthly compensation to \$13,333, which is the established City Manager salary. He noted that because Chief Chaney would retain his Fire Chief classification, the differential would be temporary, non-pensionable, and would not be reported to CalPERS. Upon completion of the interim assignment, his compensation would revert to his Fire Chief salary.

Vice Mayor Enriquez expressed concern regarding comments that had been made suggesting Chief Chaney was too busy to serve in the proposed role. He stated, however, that he trusted the judgment of the department heads and would support Chief Chaney if he was the individual selected by department heads to participate.

Action: Councilmember McDermott moved, seconded by Councilmember Tolle, to approve the appointment of Fire Chief Justin Chaney as Interim City Manager, effective July 1, 2026, and authorized execution of the Interim City Manager Employment Agreement and authorize the mayor to sign. Motion carried by a voice vote 5-0.

City Council Communications and Reports

Council Member Reports:

- **Councilmember Elliott** reported that the Senior Expo is a valuable resource for the community and announced that he would be out of town and unable to attend the July 7, 2026, City Council meeting.
- **Vice Mayor Enriquez** reported that he attended a meeting focused on reestablishing the Kiwanis Club in Orland.
- **Mayor Barr** thanked members of the community for their continued involvement and support.
- **Councilmember McDermott** reminded the community that the Glenn County Senior Expo would be held on June 25, 2026, at the Glenn County Fairgrounds. He also announced that he would be out of town and unable to attend the July 7, 2026, City Council meeting.
- **Councilmember Tolle** encouraged the community to stay informed about legislation being considered in California by utilizing resources such as CalMatters and the League of California Cities. He also reported attending a local meeting to help bring the Kiwanis Club back to Orland. Councilmember Tolle inquired about canceling the July 7, 2026, City Council meeting due to the Independence Day holiday.

Council Direction:

Following discussion, the City Council reached a consensus directing staff to cancel the regular City Council meeting on July 7, 2026.

MEETING ADJOURNED 8:36 PM

Jennifer Schmitke, City Clerk

Terrie Barr, Mayor