



ORLAND CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, January 6, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Terrie Barr at 6:32 PM.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: Councilmembers John McDermott, JC Tolle, Matt Romano, and Mayor Terrie Barr

Councilmembers Absent: Vice Mayor Alex Enriquez

Staff Present: City Manager Joe Goodman, City Clerk Jennifer Schmitke, Police Chief Joe Vlach, City Planner Lisa Lozier, City Engineer Paul Rabo and Recreation Manager Olivia Esquivel

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Orland resident Ron Lane provided an update on the recent food pantry collection coordinated through local schools. He reported that Orland schools collectively donated 6,533 pounds of food, with Capay Elementary School recognized as the top contributor.

Valerie Johnson, a Glenn County resident, shared spay and neuter statistics from Hidden Treasures Sanctuary and expressed her interest in collaborating with the City on the spay and neuter voucher program.

Orland resident Monica Rossman provided information on the upcoming Veterans Stand Down event scheduled for January 21 at the Glenn County Fairgrounds. She also announced that *The Wall That Heals* will be in Orland from March 26–29, noting that community sponsors and volunteers are needed.

Orland resident Coreen DeLeon inquired about the Cultural Enrichment Committee. Mr. Goodman responded that the application for all interested will be available on the City's website by the end of the week.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Warrant List (Payable Obligations)
- B. Approve City Council Minutes from December 16, 2025

- C. Authorizing the City of Orland to Access State and Federal Summary Criminal History Information
- D. Consider 2026 Volunteer Fire Capacity Grant Resolution
- E. Approval of MOU Between the City of Orland and OUSD for Joint Funding of Shared Fence Improvements

Councilmember McDermott commented on Item E, emphasizing the importance of maintaining a strong relationship with the Orland Unified School District. He acknowledged the need for the fence but expressed that the school district has a greater need for it than the City. He also shared his thoughts on the value of proactively budgeting for similar future projects, noting that doing so would help ensure the City is better prepared when such needs arise.

Mayor Barr pulled item B for corrections.

ACTION: Councilmember McDermott moved, seconded by Councilmember Tolle, to approve items A, C, D, and E on the consent calendar. Motion carried by a voice vote 4-0.

Mayor Barr provided corrections to the previous meeting minutes concerning vacancies on the City's boards and commissions. She also advised the City Clerk that she would provide additional corrections related to the County appointments to the Transportation Commission. Councilmember Tolle stated his desire to continue serving in his seat on the Transportation Commission.

ACTION: Councilmember Romano moved, seconded by Councilmember Tolle, to approve item B on the consent calendar with corrections. Motion carried by a voice vote 4-0.

PRESENTATIONS

Recreation Department Annual Presentation

Recreation Manager Olivia Esquivel provided City Council with an overview of the Recreation Department's activities and accomplishments over the past year. The presentation highlighted partnerships with local organizations, including Orland Unified School District and OUSD SPARK, Glenn County Office of Education, County Schools, Orland CEI, First Northern Bank, and various Orland youth sports teams.

Ms. Esquivel reviewed the wide range of youth programs offered, including basketball, soccer, dance, tumbling, jazz technique, and flag football, as well as successful summer camps conducted in partnership with local high school athletic programs. Capital improvements were discussed, including completed projects such as pool plastering and renovation, and basketball court lighting.

Ms. Esquivel reported that the City pool operated full-time during the season, offering swim lessons, lap swim, open swim, and aqua aerobics, and noted continued success with park and pool reservations. The long-standing "Every Child Swims" program, which provides free swim lessons to all second graders in partnership with Mill Street School, was also highlighted.

Adult recreation programs were reported to be fully active, including volleyball, basketball, pickleball, disc golf, tennis, lap swim, and aqua aerobics. Looking ahead, Ms. Esquivel expressed interest in expanding indoor and outdoor space for youth sports and programs.

Ms. Henderson thanked Recreation staff, City Council, Public Works, City Hall staff, and the Recreation Commission for their support and contributions.

Ms. DeLeon agreed that the City requires additional space and athletic fields and thanked the City for its collaboration with Orland Unified School District.

Mr. Lane thanked Ms. Esquivel for her presentation and expressed his support for the Orland swim program through the Recreation Department. Mr. Lane, as a member of the Economic Development Commission (EDC), noted that sports and recreation go hand in hand with economic growth and stated that the EDC is available to support Recreation efforts in any way possible.

Orland resident Daniel emphasized the importance of parks and stated that the City needs additional park land, adding that he would like to see the City expand its parks.

The City Council thanked Ms. Esquivel for her presentation and expressed appreciation for her leadership and for the dedication of Recreation staff in providing youth and recreational opportunities for all community members. The Council discussed departmental staffing needs, explored ways to support Recreation staff better, and agreed that the City requires additional park land, stating they will continue to explore opportunities for land acquisition.

Planning Department Annual Presentation

Ms. Lozier presented an overview of the Planning Department's activities for 2025, noting that the department serves as the City of Orland's land use information center and provides professional support to the City Council and Planning Commission. She explained that the department is responsible for maintaining and implementing the General Plan and Title 17 (Zoning) of the Orland Municipal Code, administering CEQA, processing development projects, staffing Planning Commission meetings, and ensuring statutory and regulatory compliance. The department also assists other City staff with project-related tasks and engages with the public and City clients.

Ms. Lozier summarized key activities and special projects completed in 2025, including zoning code updates, General Plan amendments, processing of planning applications, site plan reviews, conditional use permits, administrative use permits, multiple plan reviews, and ongoing website updates. She also provided a brief update on state legislation affecting planning activities.

Looking ahead, Ms. Lozier identified anticipated projects for 2025, including annexations, subdivisions, Housing Element compliance with the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), development of informational materials for the public, and updates to planning applications to improve project specificity.

Ms. Lozier concluded by thanking City Hall staff, department heads, and City staff for their support.

Ms. DeLeon inquired whether the ADU plans are available upon request, and Ms. Lozier confirmed that the plans are available on the City's website.

An Orland resident expressed appreciation for the Planning Department and its work for the City.

The City Council thanked Ms. Lozier for her presentation and commended her for her continued efforts and positive contributions to the community.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

Tree Ordinance – Policy

City Planner Lisa Lozier presented information to City Council regarding potential development of a Tree Ordinance for the City of Orland. The report was provided to obtain policy direction on whether the City should amend existing landscape regulations in Title 17 of the Municipal Code or pursue a stand-alone tree ordinance focused on tree conservation, protection, and maintenance.

Ms. Lozier explained that current Title 17 landscape standards apply to residential, commercial, industrial, and parking lot landscaping, but do not comprehensively address tree removal, long-term protection, or maintenance of mature or significant trees.

Ms. Lozier informed Council of the differences between a mandatory tree ordinance and a voluntary tree conservation program, including their scope, enforcement, and implementation approaches. Common elements of tree ordinances and potential implementation considerations, such as impacts to development timelines, costs, and staff workload, were also reviewed.

Ms. Lozier noted that a tree conservation program could be implemented as an alternative or in conjunction with an ordinance and referenced the City of Red Bluff's tree ordinance as an example.

Orland resident Jan Walker shared her perspectives on the proposed tree ordinance, including questions regarding responsibility for tree maintenance. She emphasized the importance of fostering community pride in trees, noting their role in improving quality of life and enhancing the visual appeal of the community.

Orland resident Daniel shared ideas he would like considered for a future tree ordinance, stating he is supportive of trees and highlighting their benefits, including improved air quality. He expressed a desire for a process that is affordable and streamlined for developers, as well as an agreed-upon list of appropriate tree species.

County resident Kristi Rumble asked questions regarding whether a permit is required to plant a tree on private property. Ms. Lozier explained that there is currently nothing in the City's code requiring a homeowner to obtain a permit to plant a tree. Ms. Rumble also shared her views on residential versus commercial trees.

Mr. Lane expressed concerns regarding the development of a tree ordinance, specifically related to the distinction between trees and shrubs, and noted the importance of defining what constitutes a heritage tree.

County resident Marilyn Ponci shared concerns regarding the City's lack of tree regulations, identifying landscaping requirements for commercial properties as a primary issue, and expressed support for stronger regulations. Ms. Ponci shared that she would also like the community to share pride in trees.

The City Council discussed the importance of protecting both residential and commercial trees, the need for outreach to property owners regarding vegetation maintenance, and health and safety considerations related to trees. The Council requested that Ms. Lozier review the City of Red Bluff's tree ordinance, provide a copy to Councilmembers, and contact Red Bluff staff to gather feedback.

regarding enforcement and community response regarding their new tree ordinance. Councilmember McDermott stated that any future tree ordinance should proceed through the appropriate process, including review and recommendation by the Planning Commission, before returning to the City Council for consideration.

City Council discussion and possible action to award a construction contract for 3rd Street and 4th Street Alley Water Main Replacement Project

City Engineer Paul Rabo reported that the City of Orland received \$826,703 from the Department of Water Resources Urban and Multibenefit Drought Relief Grant to fund drinking water improvement projects. Three projects were identified, including Central Street Well improvements and water main replacements in the 3rd/4th Street Alley and 4th/5th Street Alley.

He noted that the project on 3rd and 4th Street Alley will replace approximately 483 linear feet of 1912-era water main, along with valves, services, and fire hydrants. A mandatory pre-bid meeting was held on December 15, 2025, with 16 contractors in attendance. Nine bids were received, one of which was non-responsive. The engineer's estimate was \$375,000, and staff determined Walberg, Inc. to be the lowest responsible bidder with a bid of \$329,698.88.

The City Council asked whether there could be potential issues with sewer lines located in the alleys. Mr. Rabo explained that conflicts could occur, as utilities often run side by side, which is why the City required a mandatory pre-bid meeting. He noted that this allowed each contractor to walk the project sites with him, review the various utilities present, and gain an understanding of potential challenges associated with the work.

The Council also inquired whether the alleys would be repaved following construction. Mr. Rabo confirmed that repaving all disturbed areas was included as part of the project bid.

The City Council thanked Mr. Rabo for his flexibility in managing the projects, completing the work on time, and ensuring that funding was not forfeited.

ACTION: Councilmember McDermott moved, seconded by Councilmember Tolle, 1) to award a construction contract for the 3rd Street and 4th Street Alley Water Main Replacement Project to Walberg, Inc.; and 2) Authorize the City Manager to execute the contract and all other documents necessary to complete the project. Motion carried by a voice vote, 4-0.

City Council discussion and possible action to award a construction contract for 4th Street and 5th Street Alley Water Main Replacement Project

City Engineer Paul Rabo reported that the City of Orland received approximately \$826,703 from the Department of Water Resources Urban and Mult benefit Drought Relief Grant to fund drinking water improvement projects. The funding will support three projects, including Central Street Well improvements and water main replacements in the 3rd/4th Street Alley and 4th/5th Street Alley.

He noted that the project on 4th and 5th Street Alley will replace approximately 524 linear feet of 1912-era water main, along with valves, services, and fire hydrants. A mandatory pre-bid meeting was held on December 15, 2025, with 16 contractors in attendance. Nine bids were received, one of which was non-responsive. The engineer's estimate was \$410,000, and Walberg Inc. was determined to be the lowest responsible bidder with a bid of \$377,341.82.

ACTION: Councilmember McDermott moved, seconded by Councilmember Tolle, 1) to award a construction contract for the 4th Street and 5th Street Alley Water Main Replacement Project to Walberg, Inc., and 2) Authorize the City Manager to execute the contract and all other documents necessary to complete the project. Motion carried by a voice vote, 4-0.

City Manager Verbal Report

City Manager Joe Goodman provided the City Council with an update on several ongoing matters throughout the community, including the following:

- Roof repairs at the Fire Department are 99% complete, with only trim work and final inspection remaining.
- Rebecca has returned to the office.
- The Public Works Department is currently short-staffed and is working to fill several vacancies. Staff are also addressing roadway patching as quickly as possible given the rainy weather conditions.
- There has been a delay in the hiring process for part-time finance support.

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Councilmember McDermott:

- Had no items to report.

Mayor Barr:

- Had no items to report.

Vice Mayor Enriquez:

- Had no items to report.

Councilmember Romano:

- Had no items to report.

Councilmember Tolle:

- Had no items to report.

MEETING ADJOURNED 9:12 PM

Jennifer Schmitke, City Clerk

Terrie Barr, Mayor