

**MEETING AGENDA
ORANGE CITY COUNCIL
City Council Chambers
(Orange Public Library Auditorium)
220 N. Fifth Street
Orange, Texas**

**January 27, 2026
5:30 p.m.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Spears

2. INVOCATION and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member McKenna

3. MOTION

- a) Motion finding that the advance posting and notice requirements of Article 8.1200 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Orange, Texas have been met in relation to all minutes and pending ordinances and resolutions on this agenda and that the reading of such items be confined to the captions as are agreed upon by the ordinances and resolutions.

1 Mayor/Council

4. CITIZEN 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 three minutes for each speaker. Your comments are appreciated. As the Texas Open Meetings Act does not allow the Council to respond to items not listed on the agenda, your comments will be duly noted by the Council and forwarded to the appropriate department for prompt consideration. A member of the audience that desires to speak during the City Council's consideration of any specific agenda item is requested to notify City staff prior to the start of the meeting.

5. CITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a) City Staff Announcements and City Events

Staff

6. PRESENTATION

- a) Presentation by Octavia Guzman, Orange County Tax Assessor-Collector, regarding property tax rates.

Staff: M. Kunst

7. CONSENT AGENDA

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| a) December 9, 2025 Orange Economic Development Corporation Meeting Minutes | 6 | Mayor/Council |
| b) January 13, 2026 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes | 11 | Mayor/Council |

8. ORDINANCES

a) First Reading:

Consider an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Orange, Texas, authorizing participation with other Entergy service area cities in matters concerning Entergy Texas, Inc. at the Public Utility Commission of Texas in 2026; authorizing the hiring of lawyers and rate experts; authorizing the City's participation to the full extent permitted by law at the Public Utility Commission of Texas; finding that the meeting complies with the Open Meetings Act; and declaring an effective date.

20 Staff: M. Kunst

9. RESOLUTIONS

- a) Consider a resolution ordering a General Election for the purpose of electing a Council Member for Place 3 (Single-Member District 3) and a Council Member for Place 6 (At-Large); providing for the date, hours, ballot, early voting clerk and Notice of Election; providing for polling places and judges; providing for other matters relating to the City election; ordering a Run-Off Election, if necessary, to be held on June 13, 2026; and determining that the meeting at which this resolution is passed is open to the public as required by law.

Una Resolución que ordene una elección general con el fin de elegir a un concejal para el lugar 3 (distrito de un solo miembro 3) y un concejal para el lugar 6 (en general); disponga la fecha, el horario, la boleta, el secretario de votación anticipada y un aviso de elección; disponga lugares de votación y jueces; disponga otros asuntos relacionados con las elecciones de la ciudad; ordene una elección de desempate, si fuese necesario, para realizarse el 13 de junio de 2026; y determina que la reunión en la que se aprueba esta resolución está abierta al público según lo requieran las leyes.

22 Staff: J. Pool

- b) Consider a resolution entering into a Joint Election Agreement Services Contract with the Orange County Elections Administrator to provide election services for the City of Orange.

33 Staff: J. Pool

10. DISCUSSION/ACTION

- a) Consider a motion to approve a Performance Agreement with Pro Watercross to host a jet ski racing event at the City Boat Ramp, March 6-8, 2026, at a fee of \$26,500, in an effort to promote tourism and the hotel industry.

42 Staff: D. Williams

b) Consider a motion to approve a Special Event Agreement with Deep South Racing Association (DSRA) to host a drag boat races event at the City Boat Ramp the weekend of May 16-17, 2026, at a fee of \$16,000, in an effort to promote tourism and the hotel industry.

46 Staff: D. Williams

c) Consider a motion to approve a contract agreement with Elite Fishing Series to host a nationally televised fishing tournament at the City Boat Ramp, September 10-12, 2026, at a fee of \$19,865, in an effort to promote tourism and the hotel industry.

52 Staff: D. Williams

11. REPORTS

a) City Manager Report

b) City Council Report

12. ADJOURN TO CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

a) Deliberation regarding Economic Development Negotiations as authorized by Section 551 of the Texas Government Code:

(1) Deliberation regarding real estate development project proposal as authorized by Section 551.087 of the Texas Government Code - Project Northwest update.

Mayor/Council

(2) Deliberation regarding real estate development project proposal as authorized by Section 551.087 of the Texas Government Code - Project Capstone update.

Mayor/Council

13. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

a) Take action as necessary regarding items 12a (1) and 12a (2).

Mayor/Council

14. ADJOURNMENT

All items listed on the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine and non-controversial by the Council and will be approved by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council Member so requests in which case the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered as part of the normal order of business.

If, during the course of the meeting and discussion of any items covered by this notice, City Council determines that a Closed Executive Session of the Council is required, then such closed meeting will be held as authorized by Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Section 551.071 - consultation with counsel on legal matters; Section 551.072 - deliberation regarding purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property; Section 551.073 - deliberation regarding a prospective gift; Section 551.074 - personnel matters regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee; Section 551.076 - implementation of security personnel or devices; Section 551.087 - deliberation regarding economic development negotiation; Section 551.089 - deliberation regarding security devices or security audits, and/or other matters as authorized under the Texas Government Code. If a Closed or Executive Session is held in accordance with the Texas Government Code as set out above, the City Council will reconvene in Open Session in order to take action, if necessary, on the items addressed during Executive Session.

Texas Penal Code 30.06:

"Pursuant to Section 30.06, Penal Code (trespass by license holder with a concealed handgun), a person licensed under Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code (handgun licensing law), may not enter this property with a concealed handgun"

"De conformidad con la Sección 30.06 del código penal (entrada de persona con licencia de portar o llevar armas de mano oculta), una persona licenciada bajo el subcapítulo H, capítulo 411 del código de gobierno (ley de licenciación para portar o llevar armas de mano) no se permite entrar en esta propiedad con "ninguna armas de mano oculta"

Texas Penal Code 30.07:

"Pursuant to Section 30.07, Penal Code (trespass by license holder with an openly carried handgun), a person licensed under Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code (handgun licensing law), may not enter this property with a handgun that is carried openly"

"De conformidad con la Sección 30.07 del código penal (entrada de una persona con licencia de portar o llevar armas de mano visible), una persona licenciada bajo el subcapítulo H, capítulo 411 del código de gobierno (ley de licenciación para portar o llevar armas de mano visible) no se permite entrar en esta propiedad con ninguna "armas de mano visible"

No Firearms Allowed

No se permite ninguna armas de fuego

COUNTY OF ORANGE }

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT a Regular Meeting of the Orange Economic Development Corporation of the City of Orange, Orange County, Texas, was held in the City Council Chambers (Library Auditorium) on Tuesday, December 9, 2025.

EDC MEMBERS PRESENT:	Kimberly Manning	President
	Mary McKenna	Vice-President
	Dustin Yu	Treasurer
	Reginald Broussard, Jr.	Secretary
	Larry Spears Jr.	Director
	George Mortimer	Director
	William Stark IV	Director

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:	Brad Childs	Mayor Pro-Tem
	Paul Burch	Council Member
	Matt Chandler	Council Member
	Terrie T. Salter	Council Member (arrived at 8:46 a.m.)

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:	Michael Kunst	City Manager
	Jay Trahan	Assistant City Manager, Director of Economic Development
	Patricia Anderson	City Secretary
	Jennifer Pool	Deputy City Secretary
	Cheryl Zeto	Director of Finance
	Mike Zeto	Director of IT
	Jake Travis	I T Technician
	Adam Jack	Public Works Director
	Wade Robinson	Police Major
	Isaac Henry	Police Bailiff
	Kristen Ross	Visitor Services & Events Manager
	Guy Goodson	City Attorney

President Manning called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

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AND THAT THE READING OF SUCH ITEMS BE CONFINED TO THE CAPTION OF THE RESOLUTIONS.

Secretary Broussard moved to approve the motion. Second to the motion was made by Treasurer Yu, which carried unanimously.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Director Mortimer moved to approve the minutes of the October 14, 2025 Orange Economic Development Corporation Meeting. Second to the motion was made by Director Spears, which carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING COMMENTS REGARDING FINANCIAL INCENTIVES RELATED TO INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS WITH GULF STATE INDUSTRIES, LLC (STS INDUSTRIAL), 4514 W. LUTCHER DRIVE, ORANGE, TEXAS 77632, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$200,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

Public Hearing began at 8:02 a.m.

Mr. Trahan gave a brief overview of the project, advising it is a \$1.9 million capital investment with a \$200,000 EDC incentive.

Mr. Blake Habetz, Project Manager STS Industrial gave a brief PowerPoint Presentation, which is included in and being made a part of these minutes. He highlighted the following areas:

- Enhanced Property Tax Base
- Job Creation
- Sales Tax Revenue

Public Hearing ended at 8:06 a.m.

CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING COMMENTS REGARDING FINANCIAL INCENTIVES RELATED TO INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS WITH CYPRESSWOOD FLEXPARK, LP (FLEX WAREHOUSE), STATE HIGHWAY 87 AND FM 105, ORANGE, TEXAS 77630, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$200,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

Public Hearing began at 8:07 a.m.

Mr. Trahan gave a brief overview of the project, advising it is a \$9 million capital investment, with a \$200,000 EDC incentive.

Mr. Cook and Mr. Akbari, ITEX, advised of the following information about the project:

- Two phases
- Flex industrial buildings
- Preleased buildings
- Single-tenant buildings with laydown yards
- Warehouse
- Working with multiple lenders

Public Hearing ended at 8:11 a.m.

CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING COMMENTS REGARDING FINANCIAL INCENTIVES RELATED TO INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS WITH NEWTON CORE, LLC, 910 12TH STREET, ORANGE, TEXAS 77630, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$40,000. THE PROPOSED INCENTIVE IS INTENDED TO SUPPORT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS, INCLUDING PROJECTS THAT MEET THE CRITERIA FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING DESIGNATION.

Public Hearing began at 8:12 a.m.

Mr. Trahan gave a brief overview of the project and advised the project is a \$400,000 capital investment, consisting of \$80,000 concrete work, with a \$40,000 EDC incentive.

Public Hearing ended at 8:13 a.m.

DISCUSSION/ACTION

MOTION OF INTENT TO APPROVE AN EDC INCENTIVE WITH GULF STATE INDUSTRIES, LLC (STS INDUSTRIAL), 4514 W. LUTCHER DRIVE, ORANGE, TEXAS 77632 FOR ELIGIBLE INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$200,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

Director Mortimer moved to approve the motion. Second to the motion was made by Treasurer Yu, which carried unanimously.

MOTION OF INTENT TO APPROVE AN EDC INCENTIVE WITH CYPRESSWOOD FLEXPARK, LP, STATE HIGHWAY 87 AND FM 105, ORANGE, TEXAS 77630 FOR ELIGIBLE INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$200,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

Secretary Broussard moved to approve the motion. Second to the motion was made by Treasurer Yu, which carried unanimously.

MOTION OF INTENT TO APPROVE AN EDC INCENTIVE WITH NEWTON CORE, LLC (12TH STREET & PARK), 910 12TH STREET, ORANGE, TEXAS 77630 FOR ELIGIBLE

INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$40,000. THE INCENTIVE IS INTENDED TO SUPPORT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS, INCLUDING PROJECTS THAT MEET THE CRITERIA FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING DESIGNATION.

President Manning inquired as to if the project had been officially designated as affordable housing.

Mr. Goodson advised there will be verbiage included in the EDC agreement, ensuring the project will be designated at Affordable Housing, and that status is to be maintained.

Secretary Broussard moved to approve the motion. Second to the motion was made by Director Spears, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Trahan acknowledged the teamwork and diligence of Ms. Gravett, Ms. Pool and Ms. Anderson regarding their efforts over the past year.

REPORTS FROM DIRECTORS

Vice-President McKenna wished everyone a Merry Christmas and advised Orange is booming.

Director Mortimer wished everyone a Merry Christmas and advised he is looking forward to the new year. He also advised he would like the public to be aware the EDC Board has had many discussions regarding projects, before they get to the point of a public hearing, so that is why the Board may not have many questions.

Director Spears wished everyone a Feliz Navidad and congratulated the Gravetts' on the birth of their baby. He thanked City Staff and the EDC Board Members. He requested all EDC grant recipients to please share their experience on the City of Orange EDC's business-friendly process.

President Manning advised she is thankful for the role of President of the EDC and is excited for the new year.

Secretary Broussard wished everyone a Happy Holiday season and advised he has had a good experience for his first year with the EDC.

Treasurer Yu wished everyone a Merry Christmas and advised he has enjoyed his first year with the EDC and he is looking forward to 2026.

Director Stark wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. He thanked the Board and community for the opportunity to serve.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

8. a) Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations as authorized by Section 551 of the Texas Government Code:

- (1) Deliberation regarding real estate development project proposal
as authorized by Section 551.087 of the Texas Government Code.

The Economic Development Corporation met in a closed executive session at 8:23 a.m.

Council Member Salter arrived to the meeting.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

The Economic Development Corporation reconvened in open session at 8:50 a.m.

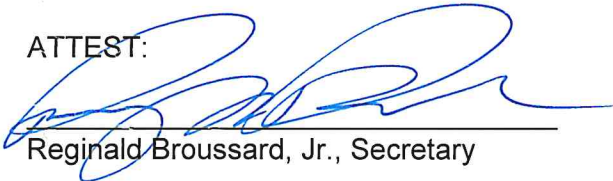
There was no action taken for Item 8 a (1).

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Corporation, Treasurer Yu moved to adjourn the meeting. Second to the motion was made by Secretary Broussard which carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 a.m.

ATTEST:


Reginald Broussard, Jr., Secretary


Mary McKenna, Vice-President

STATE OF TEXAS }

January 13, 2026

COUNTY OF ORANGE }

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT a Regular Meeting of the Orange City Council of the City of Orange, Orange County, Texas, was held in the City Council Chambers (Orange Public Library Auditorium) on Tuesday, January 13, 2026.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Larry Spears Jr.	Mayor
Brad Childs	Mayor Pro-Tem
Matt Chandler	Council Member
Terrie T. Salter	Council Member
Mary McKenna	Council Member
George Mortimer	Council Member
Paul Burch	Council Member

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Michael Kunst	City Manager
Jay Trahan	Assistant City Manager,
	Director of Economic
	Development
Patricia Anderson	City Secretary
Jennifer Pool	Deputy City Secretary
Cheryl Zeto	Director of Finance
Lane Martin	Chief of Police
John Bilbo	Fire Chief
Kelvin Knauf	Director of Planning and
	C o m m u n i t y
	Development
Adam Jack	Director of Public Works
Brenna Manasco	Library Director
Divon Williams	Deputy Director of
	CVB/Assistant to the
	City Manager
Alison Clary	Communication and
	Marketing Coordinator
Rita Monson	Grants Planner
Madison Floyd	Deputy Director of
	Public Works
Amy Williams	Public Works Secretary
Payton Smith	Deputy Fire Chief
Kristen Ross	Visitor Services and
	Events Manager
Mike Zeto	CIS Manager
Jake Travis	I T Technician
Isaac Henry	Police Baliff
Guy Goodson	City Attorney

STAFF MEMBERS ABSENT: None

Mayor Spears called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Mayor Pro-Tem Childs led the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

MOTION FINDING THAT THE ADVANCE POSTING AND NOTICE REQUIREMENTS OF ARTICLE 8.1200 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ORANGE, TEXAS HAVE BEEN MET IN RELATION TO ALL MINUTES AND PENDING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS ON THIS AGENDA AND THAT THE READING OF SUCH ITEMS BE CONFINED TO THE CAPTIONS AS ARE AGREED UPON BY THE ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS.

Council Member Burch moved to approve the motion. Second to the motion was made by Council Member Chandler which carried with the following vote:

COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTING AYE: Mayor Spears, Mayor Pro-Tem Childs, Council Member Chandler, Council Member Salter, Council Member McKenna, Council Member Mortimer and Council Member Burch

COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTING NO: None

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Wesley Bushnell, Entergy - Project Manager for the new Gunstream Road Laydown Yard, and Jim Malain, Customer Manager for Entergy advised they are here to address questions and concerns from citizens regarding the temporary Laydown Yard, which is adjacent to their substation property.

Mr. Bushnell made the following comments regarding the Laydown Yard:

- * Mission is to limit or eliminate outages - Laydown Yard helps with efficiency
- * Working with neighbors to address their concerns:
 - * Fencing - cosmetic look
 - * Dust accumulation - road base improved
 - * Damage to Gunstream - working with City to ensure plans align to improve
 - * Appropriate drainage - will ensure this is addressed
 - * Intersection of Tulane and Gunstream - working on remedies with City Staff

CITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Clary invited everyone to "Mardi Gras on the Sabine", Saturday, February 7th. She advised of the following schedule of events:

- * 2:00 pm: Gates Open
- * 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm: Kid Activities
- * 2:00 pm – 10:00 pm: Food Vendors, Free State Cellars Winery, and Beer Booth
- * 3:00 pm: Second Line March with the Krewe de Kids Parade
- * 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm: Big Fun Brass Band

- * 6:00 pm: Greater Orange Area Chamber of Commerce Krewe of Krewes Parade
Live Entertainment following the Krewe of Krewes Parade
- * 7:00 pm: Opener – The Four Horses
- * 8:30 pm: Headliner – Wayne Touns

Mayor Spears thanked Mr. Bushnell for his presentation. He also advised him of the Community Room at the Neighborhood Facility Building in case they needed a place to meet with citizens to address any concerns or questions they may have.

PRESENTATION

PRESENTATION BY REPRESENTATIVE(S) OF THE ORANGE COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT REGARDING PROPERTY APPRAISALS.

Mr. Kunst introduced Scott Overton, Chief Appraiser of the Orange County Appraisal District.

Mr. Overton made the following comments regarding the process from start to when the property values are mailed out in July:

- * Shared a brief overview of the different stages to the appraisal process
 - * August through February - “Discovery Phase” (appraisers are in the field and staff is collecting information from sales data, deed transactions and questionnaires)
 - * January and February - run sales ratios to determine values from year to year
 - * March - work on preliminary values
 - * April - preliminary appraisal role is submitted to all entities for budgetary purposes
 - * May through July - citizens may appeal values for adjustments
 - * July 25th - Certify tax rolls and submit to Tax Assessor

Mr. Overton advised of the following:

- * Tax code charges them to be at 100% of Market Value on January 1st.
- * Defined Market Value per Section 1.04, Subsection 7
- * Audited by the State of Texas every year
- * Two types of Audits (alternated): Maps Audit and Property Value Study
- * Required to be (above or below) 5% margin of error of 100 of market value and look at sales closely
- * if out of compliance, schools can lose state funding
- * explained the Homestead Cap
- * City of Orange offers the following:
 - * 20% Homestead exemption
 - * \$20,000 (additional) Over 65 and disabled
 - * Over 65 and disabled can “Freeze” taxes
- * Discussed two new exemptions added by the legislature: Disaster Exemption and House Fire Exemption

Mayor Spears advised the high prices of homes are what is driving the market. Mr. Overton agreed.

Mr. Kunst advised he would like to know if the market value is only judged based on Orange County data. Mr. Overton advised that is correct, only data within the boundaries of Orange County is used for their calculations.

Council Member Salter advised she would like more information about the appeal window, referenced on the notice mailed from OCAD. Mr. Overton advised the notice states the appeal window is 30 days from the date the notices are mailed or May 15th, whichever is later. He advised a citizen may come in to their office, meet with a staff member and adjustments may be made until the rolls are certified in July. Mr. Overton advised, if a protest is not filed by May 15th, the citizen can not present their case to the appraisal review board.

Mayor Pro-Tem Childs advised there was a post on Facebook and a citizen advised they would like to know how commercial development might affect private property value and does the appraisal district take that into account when evaluating property values. Mr. Overton advised that it depends on the market and if people are moving into the area and they are paying more for the homes, then it will drive the market. He advised, however, if it is just growth of the industry, and there is not residential growth, then it will not affect it, as there is no direct correlation.

Mayor Spears asked Mr. Overton if he had any recommendations he would like to give someone. Mr. Overton advised he recommends to visit their website, review your statement, verify the homestead is listed on the property and to complete the homestead property letter that they mail every five years. He advised if they do not receive the information requested, they must remove the homestead on the property.

Council Member Salter advised she would like to know how the appraisal district looks at the market value and is it valued across the board or for different areas and neighborhoods within the City. Mr. Overton advised of the following break down of ratio of studies:

- * Countywide
- * School district (individually)
- * Increased sales activity in subdivisions or areas
- * Subdivision or area of increased activity
- * Adjustments may be made (lower or higher)

Council Member Mortimer advised the OCAD website is user friendly.

Mr. Overton advised starting on August 7th, it is a requirement to have information regarding tax rate hearings and meetings. He advised an individual can get an estimate of their taxes.

PUBLIC HEARING

CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING TO ALLOW CITIZENS TO COMMENT ON THE 2026 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN (YEAR 3 OF THE 5-YEAR CONSOLIDATED PLAN) FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS.

The public hearing began at 9:46 a.m.

Ms. Monson advised this is a required public hearing for anyone who might have questions.

There were no citizen comments.

The public hearing ended at 9:47 a.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

NOVEMBER 4, 2025 PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 18, 2025 SPECIAL CALL ORANGE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION MEETING MINUTES

DECEMBER 9, 2025 SPECIAL CALL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Council Member Mortimer moved to approve the foregoing three items on the Consent Agenda in one motion. Second to the motion was made by Council Member Burch which carried with the following vote:

COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTING AYE: Mayor Spears, Mayor Pro-Tem Childs, Council Member Chandler, Council Member Salter, Council Member McKenna, Council Member Mortimer and Council Member Burch

COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTING NO: None

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION AWARDDING A CONTRACT TO DANIELS BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF FOUR HUNDRED TWENTY-SIX THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED FORTY-NINE AND 00/100 (\$426,149) DOLLARS FOR THE CITY HALL HVAC CONTROLS PROJECT.

Mayor Pro-Tem Childs moved to approve the resolution. Second to the motion was made by Council Member Burch which carried with the following vote:

COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTING AYE: Mayor Spears, Mayor Pro-Tem Childs, Council Member Chandler, Council Member Salter, Council Member McKenna, Council Member Mortimer and Council Member Burch

COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTING NO: None

A copy of this resolution is being made a part of these minutes as Resolution Number 2026-01.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 WITH BDS CONSTRUCTORS, LLC DBA MK CONSTRUCTORS FOR BID #2025-20 SUNSET ADDITION WATER AND SEWER PROJECT.

Council Member Mortimer moved to approve the resolution. Second to the motion was made by Council Member Chandler which carried with the following vote:

COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTING AYE: Mayor Spears, Mayor Pro-Tem Childs, Council Member Chandler, Council Member Salter, Council Member McKenna, Council Member Mortimer and Council Member Burch

COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTING NO: None

A copy of this resolution is being made a part of these minutes as Resolution Number 2026-02.

DISCUSSION/ACTION

MOTION APPROVING ACTION TAKEN BY THE ORANGE EDC IN THE FORM OF A MOTION OF INTENT APPROVING AN EDC INCENTIVE WITH LAVA JAVA, LLC, 2402 16TH STREET, ORANGE, TEXAS 77630 FOR ELIGIBLE INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$25,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

Mayor Pro-Tem Childs moved to approve the motion. Second to the motion was made by Council Member Salter which carried with the following vote:

COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTING AYE: Mayor Spears, Mayor Pro-Tem Childs, Council Member Chandler, Council Member Salter, Council Member McKenna, Council Member Mortimer and Council Member Burch

COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTING NO: None

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE HOMEOWNER'S APPRAISAL OF THE PROPERTY AT 2501 4TH STREET, ORANGE, TEXAS IN LIEU OF THE APPRAISAL THAT THE CITY COMMISSIONED FOR THE TDEM HMGP DR-4332-108 BUYOUT PROGRAM.

Council Member Burch moved to approve the motion. Second to the motion was made by Council Member Salter which carried with the following vote:

COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTING AYE: Mayor Spears, Mayor Pro-Tem Childs, Council Member Chandler, Council Member Salter, Council Member McKenna, Council Member Mortimer and Council Member Burch

COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTING NO: None

MOTION APPROVING THE RESIGNATION OF KRISTEN ROSS FROM THE CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU ADVISORY BOARD EFFECTIVE JANUARY 13, 2026.

Council Member Chandler moved to approve the motion. Second to the motion was made by Council Member Salter which carried with the following vote:

COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTING AYE: Mayor Spears, Mayor Pro-Tem Childs, Council Member Chandler, Council Member Salter, Council Member McKenna, Council Member Mortimer and Council Member Burch

COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTING NO: None

CONSIDER A MOTION APPOINTING _____ TO THE CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU ADVISORY BOARD FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 13, 2026 - JANUARY 13, 2028.

Council Member Chandler moved to appoint Rusty Dollar to the Convention and Visitors Bureau Advisory Board. Second to the motion was made by Council Member Mortimer which carried with the following vote:

COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTING AYE: Mayor Spears, Mayor Pro-Tem Childs, Council Member Chandler, Council Member Salter, Council Member McKenna, Council Member Mortimer and Council Member Burch

COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTING NO: None

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Kunst advised Monday, January 19th is a City Holiday in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. He advised Octavia Guzman, Orange County Tax-Assessor-Collector will make a presentation at the January 27th Council Meeting regarding property tax rates. He invited the Council Members to stop by his office to discuss the budget, property values or tax rates.

CITY COUNCIL REPORT

Council Member McKenna wished everyone a "Happy New Year". She congratulated everyone who received an award at the Greater Orange Area Chamber of Commerce 2025 Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet: Ms. Clary received the Next Generation Spotlight Award, Ms. Monson received the Non-Profit Business of the Year Award and Mayor Pro-Tem Childs received the Citizen of the Year Award.

Mayor Pro-Tem Childs wished everyone a "Happy New Year". He advised Keith Longlois with the Orange Police Department retired and to thank him if you see him.

Council Member Mortimer wished everyone a "Happy New Year". He advised he is excited about this year. He thanked City Staff, Police Department and Fire Department.

Council Member Burch wished everyone a "Happy New Year". He referenced a post that was made on Social Media regarding property that people were using to dump garbage on and accused the City Council of not caring. He advised the property that was being referred to was private property, not City owned.

Council Member Chandler wished everyone a "Happy New Year". He advised a citizen reached out to him regarding the new app, Orange Texas 311, and that it worked great.

Council Member Salter thanked Council Member Burch for speaking out regarding the post that was made on Social Media. She advised that citizens have to help Council. She advised Council cares and must follow proper channels. She also asked everyone to be respectful.

Mayor Spears wished everyone a "Happy New Year". He thanked Mr. Bushnell, Mr. Malain, Mr. Overton and City Staff. He asked for a moment of silence for Jason Laughlin. He advised the Martin Luther King, Jr. March will be held on Monday.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

12. a) Deliberation with City Attorney pursuant to Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code:
- (1) Deliberation regarding the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property as authorized by the Texas Government Code, Section 551.072 - regarding the donation of property in the vicinity of Border Street and Arkansas Street in Orange, Texas.
 - (2) Deliberation regarding prospective gifts as authorized by the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551.073 - regarding prospective gifts of land parcels R36061 and R36066 in Orange, Texas.

The Council met in a closed executive session at 10:09 a.m.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

The Council reconvened in open session at 10:26 a.m.

TAKE ACTION AS NECESSARY REGARDING ITEMS 12 a (1) and 12 a (2).

No Action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Council, Council Member Chandler moved to adjourn the meeting. Second to the motion was made by Council Member Salter, which carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

ATTEST:

Larry Spears Jr., Mayor

Patricia Anderson, City Secretary

ORDINANCE _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ORANGE, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION WITH OTHER ENTERGY SERVICE AREA CITIES IN MATTERS CONCERNING ENTERGY TEXAS, INC. AT THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS IN 2026; AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF LAWYERS AND RATE EXPERTS; AUTHORIZING THE CITY'S PARTICIPATION TO THE FULL EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW AT THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS; FINDING THAT THE MEETING COMPLIES WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, Cities have exclusive original jurisdiction over rates, operations, and services of an electric utility in areas in the municipality pursuant to *Tex. Util. Code* § 33.001; and

WHEREAS, Cities have standing in each case before the Public Utility Commission of Texas that relates to an electric utility providing service in the municipality pursuant to *Tex. Util. Code* § 33.025; and

WHEREAS, Entergy Texas, Inc. ("ETI" or "Company") is expected to file rate change requests in various proceedings before the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("Commission") or before municipalities in 2026, which may include (1) a base rate case, (2) rate proceedings or cost adjustments such as a transmission cost recovery rider, a distribution cost recovery rider, a generation cost recovery rider, energy efficiency cost recovery factor, or storm restoration cost or offset true-ups, (3) and various fuel cost refunds or surcharges and reconciliations; and

WHEREAS, Cities have the statutory right to set fair and reasonable rates for both the Company and customers within Cities; and

WHEREAS, Cities are entitled to reimbursement by the utility of their reasonable rate case expenses to participate in cases that are deemed rate proceedings pursuant to *Tex. Util. Code* § 33.023.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ORANGE, TEXAS, that:

SECTION 1. The City of Orange shall participate with other Cities to intervene in ETI's various rate filings related to any base rate adjustment proceedings or cost of service adjustments, the various fuel cost surcharges and reconciliations, and any other interim or incremental surcharge proceedings or surcharge adjustments filed with the Commission or with municipalities in 2026.

SECTION 2. The City of Orange employs the Lawton Law Firm P.C. to represent the City regarding ETI rate matters before local regulatory authorities and the Commission and authorizes counsel to employ rate experts as are recommended by the Cities' Steering Committee to intervene in rate- or fuel-related proceedings at the Commission concerning ETI's rates charged to Texas customers.

SECTION 3. All such actions shall be taken pursuant to the direction of the Cities' Steering Committee. Cities' Steering Committee shall have authority to retain rate consultants and lawyers. Cities' Steering Committee shall direct the actions of Cities' representatives in the above proceedings. The Steering Committee is directed to obtain reimbursement from ETI of all reasonable expenses associated with participation in said proceedings.

SECTION 4. The meeting at which this Ordinance was approved was in all things conducted in strict compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall be effective from and after the date of its passage.

PASSED and **APPROVED** by _____ vote on the first reading this the _____ day of _____, 2026.

PASSED, APPROVED and **ADOPTED** by _____ vote on final reading this the _____ day of _____, 2026.

Larry Spears Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Patricia Anderson, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

MEMORANDUM

To: Michael Kunst, City Manager
Mayor and City Council Members

From: Patricia Anderson, TRMC
City Secretary

Date: January 20, 2026

Re: May 2, 2026 General Election

This is the Resolution for Ordering and giving Notice of the May 2, 2026 General Election for the following positions: Council Member Place 3 (Single-Member District 3) and Council Member Place 6 (At-Large). Both places are three (3) year terms.

Filing for place on the ballot began on Wednesday, January 14th and ends on Friday, February 13th. Candidate packets can be picked up in the City Secretary's Office.

Early Voting by personal appearance will be conducted Monday, April 20th through Friday, April 24th from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday, April 27th and Tuesday, April 28th from 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. May 2nd is Election Day and polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

If you agree please place on the next Council agenda.

A RESOLUTION ORDERING A GENERAL ELECTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING A COUNCIL MEMBER FOR PLACE 3 (SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICT 3) AND A COUNCIL MEMBER FOR PLACE 6 (AT-LARGE); PROVIDING FOR THE DATE, HOURS, BALLOT, EARLY VOTING CLERK AND NOTICE OF ELECTION; PROVIDING FOR POLLING PLACES AND JUDGES; PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO THE CITY ELECTION; ORDERING A RUN-OFF ELECTION, IF NECESSARY, TO BE HELD ON JUNE 13, 2026; AND DETERMINING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS RESOLUTION IS PASSED IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AS REQUIRED BY LAW.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ORANGE, TEXAS:

That in accordance with the provisions of the City Charter of the City of Orange, Texas, the laws of the State of Texas, and the Code of Ordinances of the City of Orange relating thereto, there shall be held in the City of Orange, Texas on the 2nd day of May, 2026, a General Election to elect a Council Member Place 3 (Single-Member District 3) and a Council Member Place 6 (At-Large) and that all legally qualified voters residing within the corporate limits of the City of Orange shall be entitled to vote in said election.

The City Secretary is directed to give notice of the time and place of said election by publishing an order of election to be published in a newspaper of general circulation in this City not less than ten (10) days nor more than thirty (30) days before the election, in accordance with Chapter 4 of the Texas Election Code.

All ballots shall be prepared in accordance with the TEXAS ELECTION CODE. Optical Scan ballots shall be used for early voting by mail and the ExpressVote Voting System in conjunction with Optical Scan Ballots shall be used for early voting by personal appearance and voting on Election Day, both of which are part of the ExpressVote Voting System. The City Council hereby adopts for use in early voting and election day the ExpressVote Voting System as approved by the Secretary of State. The form of Ballot to be used in said election shall be substantially as follows:

GENERAL ELECTION

FOR COUNCIL MEMBER PLACE 3, (SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICT 3)
(Three-year term)

FOR COUNCIL MEMBER PLACE 6, (AT-LARGE)
(Three-year term)

The City has executed a Joint Election Agreement Services Contract with Orange County and the Orange County Elections Administrator to conduct early voting, election day voting and a run-off if necessary.

The Orange County Elections Administrator shall serve as the early voting clerk and shall conduct early voting. The places at which early voting shall be conducted are shown in Exhibit "A". For the election to be held on May 2, 2026 under the Joint Election Agreement Services Contract, the City appoints the election judges as named by the Orange County Elections Administrator.

Ballot applications to be voted by mail are to be sent to the office of the Elections Administrator. The deadline for receiving ballot by mail applications is the close of business on April 20, 2026.

Donna Alford, Early Voting Clerk
Orange County Elections Administration
123 South Sixth Street
Orange, Texas 77630
Telephone Number: 409-882-7973
Email Address: elections@co.orange.tx.us

Website Address: <https://www.co.orange.tx.us/departments/ElectionsAdministration>

City of Orange Website Address: <https://www.orangetexas.gov>

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted Monday, April 20, 2026 through Friday, April 24, 2026 from 8:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m., Monday, April 27, 2026 and Tuesday, April 28, 2026 from 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. The early voting clerk shall not permit anyone to vote early by personal appearance on State or City holidays or when the polling places are not open to the public.

The Election Day polling places shall be open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. The voting precincts shall be set forth as filed in the Office of the City Secretary, City Hall, 812 North 16th Street; Orange, Texas. Voting shall be conducted at the designated polling places shown in Exhibit "A".

Per the requirements of the Help America Vote Act (HAVA), signed into Federal Law in 1992, Texas House Bill 1549, and Section 61.012 of the Texas Election Code, the Orange City Council hereby adopts for use in early voting and election day voting, the ExpressVote Voting System which complies with the Office of the Texas Secretary of State and Federal laws as a voting system that permits voters with physical disabilities (blindness) to cast a secret ballot. The City of Orange will provide at least one accessible voting system in each polling place in compliance with the above stated laws. The ExpressVote Voting System shall be leased from Orange County in a separate Agreement.

Should any candidate in the General Election fail to receive a majority vote, then in that event a Run-off Election shall be ordered to be held on June 13, 2026 for every place in the regular municipal election to which no one was elected as required by Section 5.02 of the City Charter.

It is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Resolution is considered is open to the public as required by law, and that public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given as required.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this the 27th day of January 2026.

Larry Spears Jr., Mayor

Brad Childs, Mayor Pro-Tem

Matt Chandler, Council Member

Mary McKenna, Council Member

Paul Burch, Council Member

George T. Mortimer, Council Member

Terrie T. Salter, Council Member

ATTEST:

Patricia Anderson, City Secretary

APPROVED:

City Attorney

**EXHIBIT “A”
MAY 2, 2026**

Voters may vote at any one of these locations:

Donna Alford, Elections Administrator/Early Voting Clerk

EARLY VOTING

Monday, April 20 – Friday, April 24 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Monday, April 27 – Tuesday, April 28 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM

LOCATION	ADDRESS	ROOM / BUILDING
Orange Public Library (Main Early Voting Location)	220 N. 5th Street - Orange	Ira Williamson Meeting Room
Orange County Precinct 2 POD	5320 Arnel Lane - Mauriceville	Main Room
Orange County Precinct 3 POD	2010 Hwy 87 S - Orange	Main Room
Raymond Gould Community Center	385 Claiborne Street - Vidor	Main Room

ELECTION DAY

Saturday, May 2, 2026 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM

LOCATION	ADDRESS	ROOM / BUILDING
Orange Public Library	220 N. 5th Street – Orange	Ira Williamson Meeting Room
Orange County Precinct 1 POD	8520 FM 1130 – Orange	Board Room
Orange County Precinct 2 POD	5320 Arnel Lane - Mauriceville	Main Room
Orange County Precinct 3 POD	2010 Hwy 87 S - Orange	Main Room
Bridge City Library	101 Parkside Drive - Bridge City	Main Room
Raymond Gould Community Center	385 Claiborne Street -Vidor	Main Room

- **NOTE: These POLLING LOCATIONS are subject to change, depending on the entities having an election.**

**CITY OF ORANGE, TEXAS
NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION**

To the registered voters of the City of Orange, Texas:

Notice is hereby given that the polling places and hours listed below for voting in a General Election held on May 2, 2026 to elect a Council Member for Place 3 (Single-Member District 3) and a Council Member for Place 6 (At-Large) are as follows:

EARLY VOTING POLLING PLACE LOCATIONS AND HOURS:

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted: Monday, April 20, 2026 through Friday, April 24, 2026 from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Monday, April 27, 2026 and Tuesday, April 28, 2026 from 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. at the following locations:

Orange Public Library (Main Early Voting Location)
Ira Williamson Meeting Room
220 N Fifth Street
Orange, Texas 77630

Orange County Precinct 2 POD
Main Room
5320 Arnel Lane
Mauriceville, Texas 77632

Raymond Gould Community Center
Main Room
385 Claiborne Street
Vidor, Texas 77662

Orange County Precinct 3 POD
Main Room
2010 Hwy 87 S
Orange, Texas 77630

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:

Donna Alford, Early Voting Clerk
Orange County Elections Administration
123 South Sixth Street
Orange, Texas 77630

Telephone Number: 409-882-7973

Email Address: elections@co.orange.tx.us

Website Address: <https://www.co.orange.tx.us/departments/ElectionsAdministration>

City of Orange Website Address: <https://www.orangetexas.gov>

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on April 20, 2026.

ELECTION DAY POLLING PLACE LOCATIONS AND HOURS:

The below locations will be open on Election Day, Saturday, May 2, 2026, during the hours of 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. for voting:

Orange Public Library
Ira Williamson Meeting Room
220 N Fifth Street
Orange, Texas 77630

Orange County Precinct 1 POD
Board Room
8520 FM 1130
Orange, Texas 77632

Orange County Precinct 2 POD
Main Room
5320 Arnel Lane
Mauriceville, Texas 77632

Orange County Precinct 3 POD
Main Room
2010 Hwy 87 S
Orange, Texas 77630

Bridge City Library
Main Room
101 Parkside Drive
Bridge City, Texas 77611

Raymond Gould Community Center
Main Room
385 Claiborne Street
Vidor, Texas 77662

Issued this the 27th day of January, 2026.

Larry Spears Jr., Mayor

UNA RESOLUCIÓN QUE ORDENE UNA ELECCIÓN GENERAL CON EL FIN DE ELEGIR A UN CONSEJAL PARA EL LUGAR 3 (DISTRITO DE UN SOLO MIEMBRO 3) Y UN CONSEJAL PARA EL LUGAR 6 (EN GENERAL); DISPONGA LA FECHA, EL HORARIO, LA BOLETA, EL SECRETARIO DE VOTACIÓN ANTICIPADA Y UN AVISO DE ELECCIÓN; DISPONGA LUGARES DE VOTACIÓN Y JUECES; DISPONGA OTROS ASUNTOS RELACIONADOS CON LAS ELECCIONES DE LA CIUDAD; ORDENE UNA ELECCIÓN DE DESEMPATE, SI FUESE NECESARIO, PARA REALIZARSE EL 13 DE JUNIO DE 2026 Y DETERMINE QUE LA REUNIÓN EN LA QUE SE APRUEBA ESTA RESOLUCIÓN ESTÁ ABIERTA AL PÚBLICO SEGÚN LO REQUIERAN LAS LEYES.

QUEDA RESUELTO POR EL CONSEJO MUNICIPAL DE LA CIUDAD DE ORANGE, TEXAS:

Que, de acuerdo con las disposiciones de la Carta Orgánica de la ciudad de Orange, Texas, las leyes del estado de Texas y el Código de Ordenanzas de la ciudad de Orange en relación con ellas, se llevará a cabo en la ciudad de Orange, Texas el 2 de mayo de 2026, una Elección General para elegir a un Concejale del Lugar 3 (distrito de un solo miembro 3) y un Concejale del Lugar 6 (en general) y todos los votantes legalmente calificados que residiesen dentro de los límites corporativos de la ciudad de Orange tendrán derecho a votar en dicha elección.

Se le indica al Secretario de la ciudad que notifique la hora y el lugar de dicha elección publicando un orden de elección que se publicará en un periódico de circulación general en esta ciudad no menos de diez (10) días ni más de treinta (30) días antes de la elección, de acuerdo con el capítulo 4 del Código Electoral de Texas.

Todas las boletas electorales se prepararán de acuerdo con el CÓDIGO ELECTORAL DE TEXAS. Las boletas electorales de escaneo óptico se utilizarán para la votación anticipada por correo postal y el sistema de votación ExpressVote junto con las boletas electorales de escaneo óptico se utilizarán para la votación anticipada por asistencia personal y votación el día de las elecciones, las cuales forman parte del sistema de votación ExpressVote. Mediante este documento, el Concejo Municipal adopta para su uso en la votación anticipada y el día de las elecciones el Sistema de votación ExpressVote, según lo aprobado por el Secretario de Estado. La forma de Boleta que se utilizará en dicha elección será sustancialmente la siguiente:

ELECCIÓN GENERAL

DE UN CONSEJAL DEL LUGAR 3 (DISTRITO DE UN SOLO MIEMBRO 3)
(Plazo de tres años)

DE UN CONCEJAL DEL LUGAR 6 (EN GENERAL)
(Plazo de tres años)

La ciudad ha celebrado un Contrato de servicios del acuerdo de elección conjunta con el condado de Orange y el Administrador de elecciones del condado de Orange para llevar a cabo la votación anticipada, la votación el día de la elección y una elección de desempate, si fuese necesario.

El Administrador de elecciones del condado de Orange se desempeñará como secretario de votación anticipada y llevará a cabo la votación anticipada. Los lugares en los que se realizará la votación anticipada se muestran en el Anexo "A". Para que la elección se lleve a cabo el 2 de mayo de 2026 en virtud del Contrato de servicios del acuerdo de elección conjunta, la ciudad designa a los jueces electorales según los hubiese nombrado el Administrador de elecciones del condado de Orange.

Las solicitudes de boletas de votación por correo postal deben enviarse a la oficina del Administrador de elecciones. La fecha límite para recibir la boleta por correo postal es el cierre de actividades el 20 de abril de 2026.

Donna Alford, Early Voting Clerk

Orange County Elections Administration
123 South Sixth Street
Orange, Texas 77630
Número de teléfono: 409-882-7973
Correo electrónico: elections@co.orange.tx.us
Dirección del sitio web: <https://www.co.orange.tx.us/departments/ElectionsAdministration>

Dirección del sitio web de la ciudad de Orange: <https://www.orangetexas.gov>

La votación anticipada por asistencia personal se llevará a cabo del lunes 20 de abril de 2026 al viernes 24 de abril de 2026 de 8:00 a. m. a 5:00 p. m., y el lunes 27 de abril de 2026 y el martes 28 de abril de 2026 de 7:00 a. m. a 7:00 p. m. El secretario de votación anticipada no permitirá que nadie vote de manera anticipada por asistencia personal en días feriados estatales o municipales o cuando los lugares de votación no estuviesen abiertos al público.

Los lugares de votación del día de las elecciones estarán abiertos de 7:00 a. m. a 7:00 p. m. Los distritos de votación se establecerán según lo dispuesto en la Oficina del Secretario Municipal, Ayuntamiento, 812 North 16th Street; Orange, Texas. La votación se llevará a cabo en los lugares de votación designados que se muestran en el Anexo "A".

Según los requisitos de la Ley de Ayuda para el Voto de los Estados Unidos de Norteamérica (Help America Vote Act, HAVA), promulgada como Ley Federal en 1992, en el Proyecto de Ley 1549 de la Cámara de Representantes de Texas y en la sección 61.012 del Código Electoral de Texas, el Concejo de la ciudad de Orange adopta, mediante este documento, para su uso en la votación anticipada y el voto el día de las elecciones, el Sistema de votación ExpressVote que cumple con la Oficina del Secretario de Estado de Texas y las leyes federales como un sistema de votación que permite a los votantes con discapacidades físicas (ceguera) emitir una boleta secreta. La ciudad de Orange proporcionará, al menos, un sistema de votación accesible en cada lugar de votación de conformidad con las leyes establecidas con anterioridad. El Sistema de votación ExpressVote se arrendará del condado de Orange en un Acuerdo separado.

En caso de que un candidato en la Elección General no recibiese un voto mayoritario, se ordenará que se lleve a cabo una Elección de desempate el 13 de junio de 2026 para cada lugar en la elección municipal regular para el cual nadie hubiese sido elegido según lo requerido por la sección 5.02 de la Carta orgánica de la ciudad.

Por medio de este documento se determina y concluye de manera oficial que la reunión en la que se considera esta Resolución está abierta al público conforme a lo requerido por las leyes y que la notificación pública de la hora, el lugar y el propósito de dicha reunión se entregó según lo requerido.

PROMULGADO, APROBADO Y ADOPTADO el 27 de enero de 2026.

Larry Spears Jr., alcalde

Brad Childs, alcalde suplente

Matt Chandler, concejal

Mary McKenna, concejal

Paul Burch, concejal

George T. Mortimer, concejal

Terrie T. Salter, concejal

CERTIFICAN:

Patricia Anderson, secretaria de la ciudad

APROBADO:

Abogado municipal

**ANEXO “A”
2 DE MAYO DE 2026**

***Los votantes pueden votar en una de las
siguientes ubicaciones:***

Donna Alford, administradora de elecciones/secretaria de
votación anticipada

VOTACIÓN ANTICIPADA

Lunes 20 de abril – Viernes 24 de abril 8:00 a. m. – 5:00 p. m.

Lunes 27 de abril – Martes 28 de abril 7:00 a. m. – 7:00 p. m.

UBICACIÓN	DIRECCIÓN	SALA/EDIFICIO
Orange Public Library (lugar principal de votación anticipada)	220 N. 5th Street, Orange	Ira Williamson Meeting Room
Punto de distribución (POD) del precinto 2 del condado de Orange	5320 Arnel Lane, Mauriceville	Main Room
Punto de distribución (POD) del precinto 3 del condado de Orange	2010 Hwy 87 S, Orange	Main Room
Centro comunitario Raymond Gould	385 Claiborne Street, Vidor	Main Room

DÍA DE LA ELECCIÓN

Sábado 2 de mayo de 2026 7:00 a. m. – 7:00 p. m.

UBICACIÓN	DIRECCIÓN	SALA/EDIFICIO
Orange Public Library	220 N. 5th Street, Orange	Ira Williamson Meeting Room
Punto de distribución (POD) del precinto 1 del condado de Orange	8520 FM 1130, Orange	Board Room
Punto de distribución (POD) del precinto 2 del condado de Orange	5320 Arnel Lane, Mauriceville	Main Room
Punto de distribución (POD) del precinto 3 del condado de Orange	2010 Hwy 87 S, Orange	Main Room
Biblioteca de Bridge City	101 Parkside Drive, Bridge City	Main Room
Centro comunitario Raymond Gould	385 Claiborne Street, Vidor	Main Room

- **NOTA:** Estos LUGARES DE VOTACIÓN están sujetos a cambios según las entidades que celebren una elección.

**CIUDAD DE ORANGE, TEXAS
AVISO DE ELECCIÓN GENERAL**

A los votantes registrados de la ciudad de Orange, Texas:
mediante este documento, se notifica que los lugares de votación y horarios enumerados a continuación para votar en una Elección general celebrada el 2 de mayo de 2026 para elegir a un Concejal del Lugar 3 (distrito de un solo miembro 3) y un Concejal del Lugar 6 (en general) son los siguientes:

LUGARES Y HORARIOS DE LOS LUGARES DE VOTACIÓN ANTICIPADA:

se realizará una votación anticipada por asistencia personal: del lunes 20 de abril de 2026 al viernes 24 de abril de 2026 de 8:00 a. m. a 5:00 p. m., y el lunes 27 de abril de 2026 y el martes 28 de abril de 2026 de 7:00 a. m. a 7:00 p. m. en los lugares siguientes:

Orange Public Library (lugar principal de votación anticipada)
condado de Orange
Ira Williamson Meeting Room
220 N Fifth Street
Orange, Texas 77630

Punto de distribución (POD) del precinto 2 del
condado de Orange
Main Room
5320 Arnel Lane
Mauriceville, Texas 77632

Raymond Gould Community Center
condado de Orange
Sala principal
385 Claiborne Street
Vidor, Texas 77662

Punto de distribución (POD) del precinto 3 del
condado de Orange
Main Room
2010 Hwy 87 S
Orange, Texas 77630

Las solicitudes de boletas por correo postal se deberán enviar a:

Donna Alford, Early Voting Clerk
Orange County Elections Administration
123 South Sixth Street
Orange, Texas 77630

Número de teléfono: 409-882-7973

Correo electrónico: elections@co.orange.tx.us

Dirección del sitio web: <https://www.co.orange.tx.us/departments/ElectionsAdministration>

Dirección del sitio web de la ciudad de Orange: <https://www.orangetexas.gov>

Las solicitudes de boletas por correo postal se deberán recibir, a más tardar, antes del cierre de actividades el 20 de abril de 2026.

LUGARES Y HORARIOS DE LOS LUGARES DE VOTACIÓN EL DÍA DE LAS ELECCIONES:

Los siguientes lugares estarán abiertos el día de las elecciones, el sábado 2 de mayo de 2026, de 7:00 a. m. a 7:00 p. m. para votar:

Orange Public Library
de Orange
Ira Williamson Meeting Room
220 N Fifth Street
Orange, Texas 77630

Punto de distribución (POD) del precinto 1 del condado
de Orange
Board Room
8520 FM 1130
Orange, Texas 77632

Punto de distribución (POD) del precinto 2 del condado
de Orange
Main Room
5320 Arnel Lane
Mauriceville, Texas 77632

Punto de distribución (POD) del precinto 3 del condado
de Orange
Main Room
2010 Hwy 87 S
Orange, Texas 77630

Bridge City Library
Main Room
101 Parkside Drive
Bridge City, Texas 77611

Raymond Gould Community Center
Main Room
385 Claiborne Street
Vidor, Texas 77662

Emitido el 27 de enero de 2026.

Larry Spears Jr., alcalde

MEMORANDUM

To: Michael Kunst, City Manager
Mayor and City Council Members

From: Patricia Anderson, TRMC
City Secretary

Date: January 20, 2026

Re: May 2, 2026 General Election

This Resolution is entering into a Joint Election Agreement Services Contract with the Orange County Elections Administrator to provide election services for the City. All the political subdivisions of Orange County will also enter into the same Contract.

If you agree please place on the next Council agenda.

STATE OF TEXAS

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COUNTY OF ORANGE

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ORANGE COUNTY, TEXAS
JOINT ELECTION AGREEMENT SERVICES CONTRACT

II PREAMBLE

1.01. Parties. This Joint Election Services Contract is entered into by and between Orange County Elections Administrator/Representative (the “Administrator”), and the following political subdivisions of the State of Texas (the “Entities”).

The City of Orange, City of Pinehurst, City of Vidor, City of Pine Forest, City of Bridge City, City of Rose City, City of West Orange

West Orange –Cove CISD, Little Cypress-Mauriceville CISD, Bridge City ISD, Vidor ISD, Orangefield ISD

Orange County Drainage District, Orange County Navigation & Port District, Orange County Emergency District 1, Orange County Emergency District 2, Orange County Emergency District 3, Orange County Emergency District 4, Mauriceville Utility District, Orange County Water District 1 and Orange County Water District 2.

1.02. Statutory Authority. The Parties are entitled to enter into this contract pursuant to the Texas Election Code §31.092.

1.03 Purpose. The purpose of this contract is to authorize the Administrator to conduct and supervise the Entities’ General Election to be held on the 2nd day of May 2026, and a possible run-off election on 13th day of June 2026.

1.04. Consideration. The Parties enter into this contract based upon the mutual covenants and agreements set forth within the body of this contract.

II OBLIGATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATOR/REPRESENTATIVE

2.01. The Administrator shall assume the following responsibilities on behalf of the Entities:

- a) Serve as early voting clerk for the General Election and any resulting Run-Off Election.
- b) Supervise the conducting of early voting as well as procure the location and personnel to conduct the early voting as the case may be. This also includes processing requests from voters for ballots by mail.
- c) Provide general overall supervision of the election and, further, generally advise the entities with respect to miscellaneous issues arising before and during the conduct of the election.

- d) Procure and provide ballots needed for election.
- e) Prepare and provide ballot boxes, locks and keys for early voting and election day.
- f) Store ballots for the 22-month retention period.
- g) Procure and distribute election supplies, including the preparation of election kits and distribution of ballots. In this regard, the Administrator shall also purchase the supplies and print the ballots for use in the electronic voting machine "Express Votes" required under the Help America Vote Act ("HAVA").
- h) Procure, prepare, and distribute election equipment.
- i) Publish notice of the date, time, and place of a school of instruction for election judges and clerks, and to, further assume responsibility for conducting any such school.
- j) Appoint and notify election judges and alternate judges of their appointment for election day and early voting.
- k) Arrange for the use of polling places for election day and early voting.
- l) Provide information services for voters and election officers during early voting and election day.
- m) Prepare list of registered voters required for use in early voting and election day, if needed.
- n) Shall conduct all logic and accuracy testing in accordance with the procedures set forth by the Texas Secretary of State.
- o) Shall prepare and publish any required notices of such testing.
- p) Arrange for the use of tabulating personnel needed at the central counting station in preparation for tabulation of the ballots.
- q) Supervise the handling, counting and disposition of election returns to the entities and assist in preparing the tabulation for the official canvass.
- r) On the evening of election day, after the polls have closed, report to the entities the results of early voting, and of all regular voting as the ballots and/or tabulations are delivered to the office of the administrator by or on behalf of the election judges, for the purpose of allowing the entities to report such election results to the election candidate(s), public and news media.
- s) Assist the entities in the official canvassing of election returns.
- t) Provide bilingual services for early voting and on election day for the entities at a cost not to exceed \$150.00.

III. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE ENTITY

3.01 The Entities shall assume the following responsibilities in conjunction with the provision of elections services under this contract and shall assume all costs associated with performance of its responsibilities under the contract as follows:

- a) Prepare election orders, resolutions, notices and other related documents for approval or adoption by the Entities as the case may be.
- b) Accept all candidate filings for place on the ballot and provide information to the Administrator.
- c) Prepare and provide ballot layout to Elections Administrator. (The Entities must sign off on proof of ballot from ES&S before they are printed.)
- d) Post the publication of election notices.

3.02. Payment of Administrative Fees and Costs. The Entities shall be assessed, and shall pay to the Administrator an administrative fee equal to ten percent (10%) of the total

cost of conducting the election or a minimum fee of \$75.00, and performance of all other responsibilities and duties as set forth in this contract.

As soon as reasonably possible after the election, the Administrator will Submit an itemized invoice to the Entities for actual costs and expenses directly attributable to coordination, supervision, and conducting of the election.

The Entities will be responsible for paying any and all cost incurred by the Administrator to conduct the election set out in the itemized invoice after the election. Itemized cost will be based on percentage of registered voter in each entity.

IV. GENERAL PROVISIONS

4.01. Number of Voting Locations. There shall be eight Election Day voting locations, and four early voting locations established for purposes of this election.

4.02. Hold Harmless. The Entities shall hold harmless the Administrator, as well as the department, from any and all claims made arising out of an act and/or omission of the Entities to perform its obligations under the contract. Further, the Administrator shall hold harmless the Entities, its employees, agents and officials from any and all acts and/or omissions arising out of the failure by the Administrator to perform the obligations under the contract.

4.03. Copies of Contract. The Administrator shall file copies of this contract with the Orange County Treasurer and the Orange County Auditor. The Entities shall maintain a copy of this Contract on file at its principal office.

4.04. Texas Law To Apply. Texas law shall apply to the contract.

4.05. Venue. Venue for any dispute arising out of the performance of any obligation set forth in this Contract shall lie in Orange County, Texas.

AGREED on the date last executed by either Party.

ORANGE COUNTY, TX

(Signature)

Date

(Printed Name and Title of Administrator)

ENTITIES

CITY OF ORANGE, TX

(Signature)

Date

(Printed Name and Title of Representative)

CITY OF PINEHURST, TX

(Signature)

Date

(Printed Name and Title of Representative)

CITY OF VIDOR, TX

(Signature)

Date

(Printed Name and Title of Representative)

CITY OF PINE FOREST, TX

(Signature)

Date

(Printed Name and Title of Representative)

CITY OF BRIDGE CITY, TX

(Signature)

Date

(Printed Name and Title of Representative)

CITY OF ROSE CITY, TX

(Signature)

Date

(Printed Name and Title of Representative)

CITY OF WEST ORANGE, TX

(Signature)

Date

(Printed Name and Title of Representative)

WEST ORANGE-COVE CISD

(Signature)

Date

(Printed Name and Title of Representative)

LITTLE CYPRESS-MAURICEVILLE CISD

(Signature)

Date

(Printed Name and Title of Representative)

BRIDGE CITY ISD

(Signature)

Date

(Printed Name and Title of Representative)

VIDOR ISD

(Signature)

Date

(Printed Name and Title of Representative)

ORANGEFIELD ISD

(Signature)

Date

(Printed Name and Title of Representative)

ORANGE COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT

(Signature)

Date

(Printed Name and Title of Representative)

ORANGE COUNTY NAVIGATION & PORT DISTRICT

(Signature)

Date

(Printed Name and Title of Representative)

MAURICEVILLE UTILITY DISTRICT

(Signature)

Date

(Printed Name and Title of Representative)

ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT #1

(Signature)

Date

(Printed Name and Title of Representative)

ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT #2

(Signature)

Date

(Printed Name and Title of Representative)

ORANGE COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT

(Signature)

Date

(Printed Name and Title of Representative)

A RESOLUTION ENTERING INTO A JOINT ELECTION AGREEMENT SERVICES CONTRACT WITH THE ORANGE COUNTY ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR TO PROVIDE ELECTION SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF ORANGE.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ORANGE, TEXAS:

That it is in the best interest of the voters of the City of Orange, to enter into a Joint Election Agreement Services Contract with the Orange County Elections Administrator to provide election services to the local political subdivision for its 2026 General Election and, if necessary, a runoff election to be held on June 13, 2026.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED on this the 27th day of January 2026.

Larry Spears Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Patricia Anderson, City Secretary

APPROVED:

City Attorney

MOTION

Motion to approve a Performance Agreement with Pro Watercross to host a jet ski racing event at the City Boat Ramp, March 6-8, 2026, at a fee of \$26,500.00, in an effort to promote tourism and the hotel industry.

Larry Spears Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Patricia Anderson, City Secretary

January 27, 2026

Memo

Date: January 16, 2026
To: Mike Kunst, City Manager
From: Divon Williams, Deputy CVB Director/Assistant to the City Manager
cc: Jay Trahan, Assistant City Manager/CVB Director
Re: PRO WATER CROSS 2026 JET SKI RACES

Please see the attached Special Event Agreement submitted by Pro Watercross to host the jet ski racing event at the City Boat Ramp on March 6-8, 2026.

Subject to your review and approval, please place this Agreement on the next City Council meeting agenda for discussion and possible action. Please contact me at extension #3344 for additional information.

Jet Ski Performance Agreement

This agreement is made and entered into this 27th day of January, 2026, by and between:

"The City" Orange, TX

and

"The Promoter" Pro Watercross

1. Purpose and Scope of Agreement

The City agrees to host, and the Promoter agrees to stage, a professional Jet Ski racing event (the "Event") on the dates and at the location specified below. This agreement is contingent upon formal approval by the City Council on **January 27, 2026**, and the subsequent commitment of Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) funds.

2. Event Details and Responsibilities

- **Event Name:** Liqui Moly Pro Watercross National Tour
- **Event Dates:** Friday, March 6, 2026 – Sunday, March 8, 2026
- **Event Location:** Orange City Boat Ramps / Sabine River
- **Promoter Responsibilities:** Full event production, national/regional promotion, athlete management, and safety protocols.
- **City Responsibilities:** Permit approval, essential public safety support (Police/Fire/EMS/Traffic Control), local venue access, and financial commitment.

3. Financial Agreement and Payment Schedule

The total fee for Pro Watercross to stage the Event, including the CBS Sports Network Broadcast upgrade, is Twenty-Six Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$26,500.00). ✓

Deposit of \$13,250.00 following the city council approval (Jan 27, 2026), Final payment \$13,250.00 Friday March 6, 2026

Payment is contingent upon the approval of Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) funding. A City Purchase Order (PO) will be entered for the total amount upon approval.

4. Promoter Deliverables and Marketing Value

- **A. Full Event Production:** Professional race management, safety protocols, and athlete coordination.

- **B. Base Marketing & Economic Value:** Promotion to 135k+ social media fans, regular e-blast inclusion, and delivery of hotel stays/local spending.
- **C. CBS Sports Network Media Package:** National TV exposure, including city highlights and promotional vignettes as agreed upon for the broadcast.

5. Standard Terms and Conditions

- **Cancellation:** Full refund if cancelled by Promoter. If City cancels after **February 4, 2026**, a **\$5,000.00** forfeiture fee applies.
- **Force Majeure:** Negotiation in good faith for rescheduling if events outside control occurs.
- **Insurance:** Promoter to provide COI naming City as Additional Insured with **\$2,000,000.00** limit.

6. Signatures

City of Orange, TX By: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Pro Watercross By: _____

Name: **Terry Hiebert**

Title: **CFO**

MOTION

Motion to approve a Special Event Agreement with Deep South Racing Association (DSRA) to host a drag boat races event at the City Boat Ramp the weekend of May 16 -17, 2026, at a fee of \$16,000, in an effort to promote tourism and the hotel industry.

Larry Spears Jr., Mayor


ATTEST:

Patricia Anderson, City Secretary

January 27, 2026

Convention & Visitors Bureau
Department

Memo

Date: January 15, 2026
To: Mike Kunst, City Manager
From: Divon Williams, Deputy CVB Director/Assistant to the City Manager
cc: Jay Trahan, Assistant City Manager/CVB Director 
Re: **DEEP SOUTH RACING ASSOCIATION (DSRA) 2026 BOAT RACES**

Please see the attached Special Event Agreement submitted by the Deep South Racing Association (DSRA) to host the drag boat races at the City Boat Ramp the weekend of May 16-17, 2026.

Subject to your review and approval, please place this Agreement on the next City Council meeting agenda for discussion and possible action. Please contact me at extension #3344 for additional information.

Special Event Agreement

This contract is entered into on 1/15/26 at Orange, Texas by and between DSRA (Deep South Racing Association), a Sporting Events Promoter, and the City of Orange with regards to DSRA Racing Event on May 16 and May 17, 2026.

FEES

City of Orange agrees to pay DSRA a total of \$16,000 (\$8,000 due upon acceptance and \$8,000 due on Sat., May 16th)

Should cancellation occur, fees will be deferred until DSRA reschedules the event. Cancellation is determined by weather/safety before the race starts.

LOCATION AND TIME

Sabine River, Orange, TX

Event hours shall be between 8:00a.m. and 7:00p.m.

Race Hours shall be between 11:00 a.m. and 6:00p.m.

SECURITY AND SAFETY

DSRA is fully responsible and equipped for the special event contracted. DSRA shall establish a command post in the immediate vicinity for the Race for the safety and security of this event. The command post shall be staffed at all times with one (1) representative of DSRA. City of Orange shall provide officers for the event as follows: A minimum of two (2) officers (with a minimum of eight (8) hours) per race day.

DSRA acknowledges and agrees that City of Orange also provide fire/paramedic personnel for the event, and it is City of Orange sole responsibility to provide any and all personnel necessary for the event, including providing an ambulance at City of Orange cost and expense. DSRA shall provide rescue and paramedic personnel paid by DSRA.

No swimming will be allowed during the event times.

CLEANUP

City of Orange shall be responsible for the cleanup and trash receptacles at the event.

PERMITS

DSRA and City of Orange shall apply and make available any permits and any license necessary for the event. City of Orange is a site and location provider and is not responsible for any application or licensing of the event. City of Orange shall assume all costs for any required water patrol.

INSURANCE

At least ten (10) days prior to the event, DSRA shall provide City of Orange a Certificate of Insurance providing personal injury and property damage liability insurance naming City of Orange, its employees and agents, as additional insured with a minimum coverage of \$2 million combined single limit coverage. Said insurance shall not be cancelled or altered without 30 days' notice in writing to City of Orange. DSRA insurers shall be primarily responsible for any and all liability resulting or arising from the performance of the contract and City of Orange and their insurers shall not be required to contribute. For insurance purposes, the event area shall be defined to include all areas occupied or affected by the event.

DSRA agrees to define, indemnify, and hold City of Orange harmless from and against any and all liability and expenses, including defense costs and legal fees, caused by the negligent or wrongful act or omission of DSRA, its agents, officers and employees, including, but not limited to, personal injury, bodily injury, death and property damage.

All participants will be required to show waivers on behalf of City of Orange. DSRA will assume full responsibility for ensuring the waivers are signed by said participants and shall assume cost for reproduction of waivers.

ADVERTISING

All sponsor signs, props, product facsimiles, deemed necessary by DSRA to identify the event, shall be approved as to location and content by City of Orange. City of Orange will not unnecessarily deny said approval and will not curtail certain constitutional rights of DSRA. All necessary costs involving the permit for signage as required by the city shall be paid by DSRA. PARKING

City of Orange shall be responsible for the designation of parking areas on premises.

SPECIAL EVENTS

DSRA agrees and stipulates that it will comply with all requirements set forth by the State, County, and City.

ADDITIONAL PROVISION/RESPONSIBILITIES OF City of Orange, City of Orange shall allow DSRA the opportunity to sell official DSRA concession items (t-shirts) pursuant to certain conditions.

Food or beverage concessions shall be permitted by vendors

Per City of Orange conditions and Health Department approval.

City of Orange shall notice all affected residents and businesses of race as required.

ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS/RESPONSIBILITIES OF DSRA, DSRA shall be allowed to sell DSRA event t-shirts and per City of Orange shall release any claim on the proceeds.

DSRA will be required to obtain an amplification permit as necessary. Event shall be conducted in compliance with any and all municipality or city ordinances. DSRA will be solely responsible for event management. DSRA shall be responsible for all prize money, equipment, sound system and personnel necessary for conducting such an event. DSRA shall set up and tear down between the hours of 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. on scheduled days.

Event Organizer:

Site Representative:

Randy Wheat

By. Deep South Racing Association

Date:

1/15/2026

By: City of Orange

Date: _____

IDEMNIFICATION for the City of Orange

Notwithstanding any other provision contained in the agreement, DSRA agrees to protect, defend, indemnify, and hold the city of Orange, Texas, its agents, officers, employees, contractors and representatives (each an "INDEMNIFIED PERSON"), harmless from and against any and all liabilities, claims, demands, suits, judgments, causes of action, damages, costs, losses or expenses of every kind and character, which may be imposed on, incurred by, or asserted against, any indemnified persons for personal injury or death to persons, or loss of or damage to property, and to pay all costs and expenses therefrom, including reasonable attorney's fees, that any indemnified person may sustain, arising out of, incident to, concerning or resulting from the performance described in the agreement. Without limitation, and notwithstanding any other provision contained in this agreement, the foregoing indemnities shall apply to each indemnified person with respect to any claims which in whole or in part are caused by or arise out of the negligence of such indemnified person and/or any other indemnified person, except to the limited extent the claims against an indemnified person's gross negligence or willful misconduct. If DSRA or any third party ever alleges such gross negligence or willful misconduct by any Indemnified Person, the indemnification provided for in this Section shall nonetheless be paid upon demand, subject to later adjustment or reimbursement, until such time as a court of competent jurisdiction enters a final judgment as to the extent and effect of the alleged gross negligence or willful misconduct. The indemnification provided for in this Section shall survive the termination of this Agreement and shall extend and continue to benefit each individual or entity who is or has at any time.

Name : *Randy Wheat*

Date 1/15/2026

MOTION

Motion to approve a contract agreement with Elite Fishing Series to host a nationally televised fishing tournament at the City Boat Ramp, September 10 - 12, 2026, at a fee of \$19,865, in an effort to promote tourism and the hotel industry.

Larry Spears Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Patricia Anderson, City Secretary

January 27, 2026

Convention & Visitors Bureau
Department

Memo

Date: January 20, 2026
To: Mike Kunst, City Manager
From: Divon Williams, Deputy CVB Director/Assistant to the City Manager
cc: Jay Trahan, Assistant City Manager/CVB Director
Re: Subject

Please see the attached contract agreement submitted by Elite Fishing Series to host a nationally televised fishing tournament at the City Boat Ramp, September 10 - 12, 2026.

Subject to your review and approval, please place this agreement on the next City Council meeting agenda for discussion and possible action.

Please contact me at extension #3344 for additional information.

NEW!

NEW!

ELITE

FISHING SERIES TV

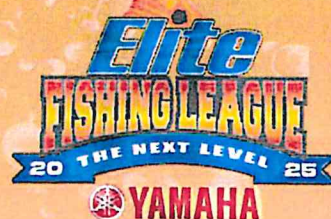
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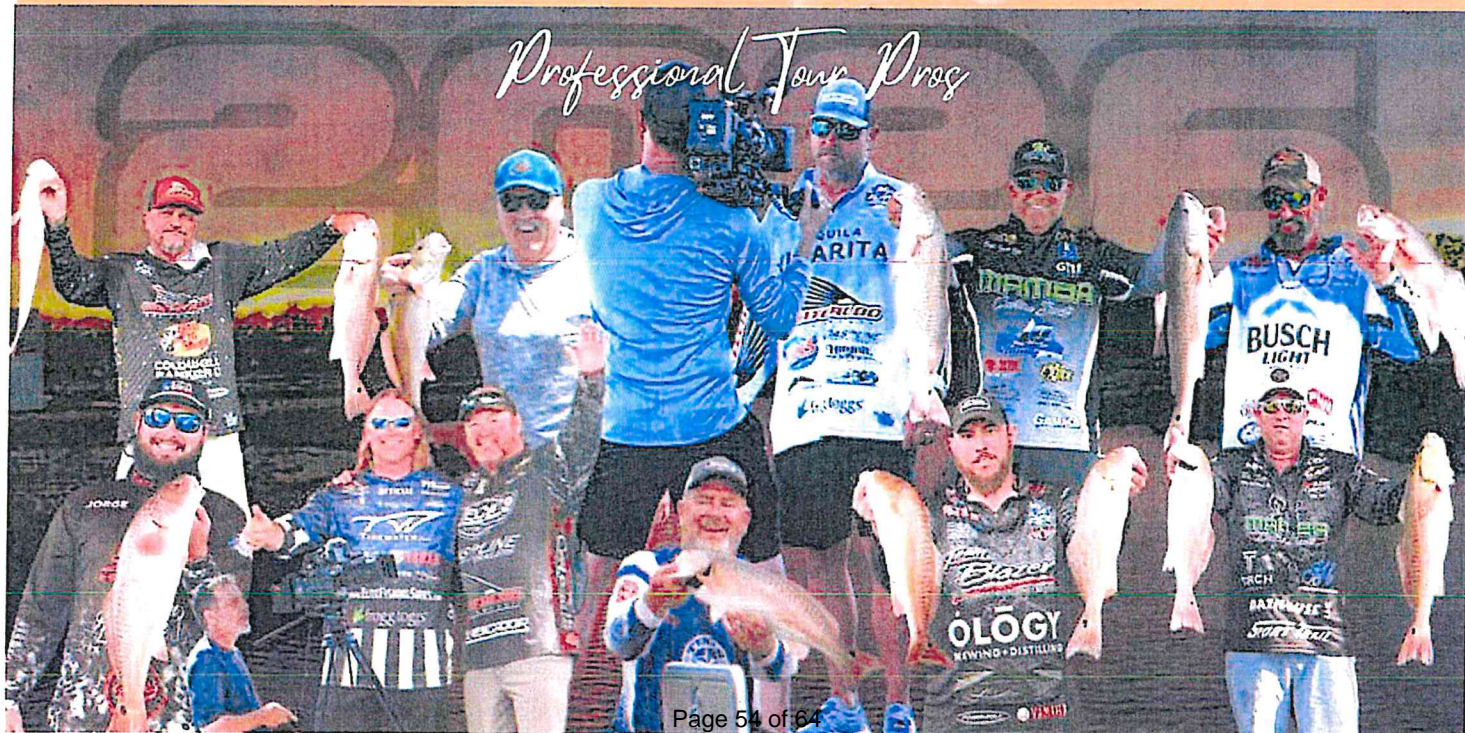


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Professional Tour Pros

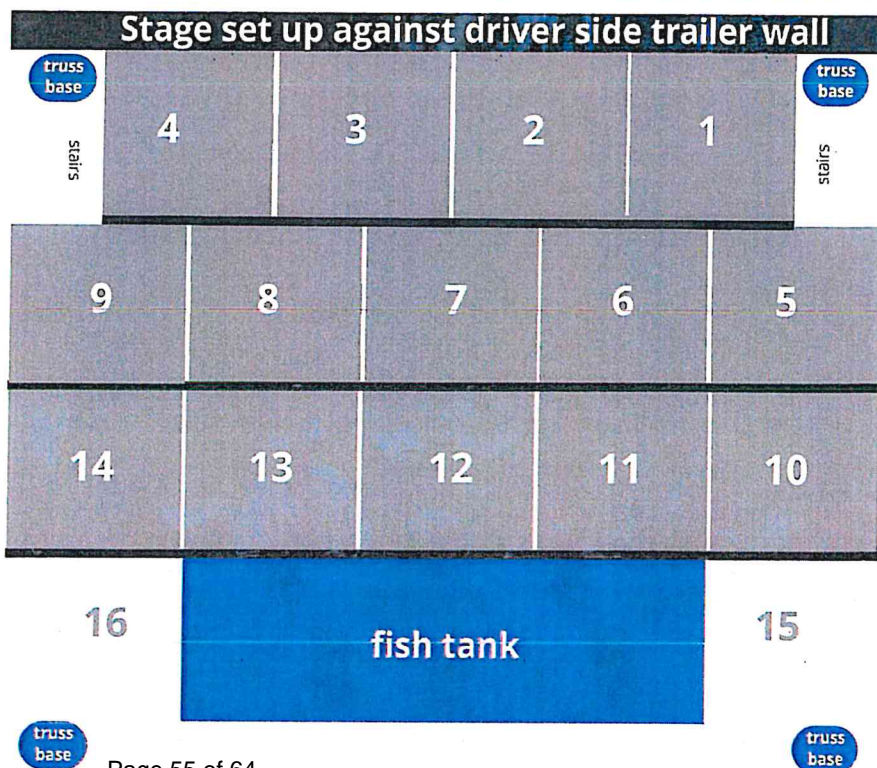




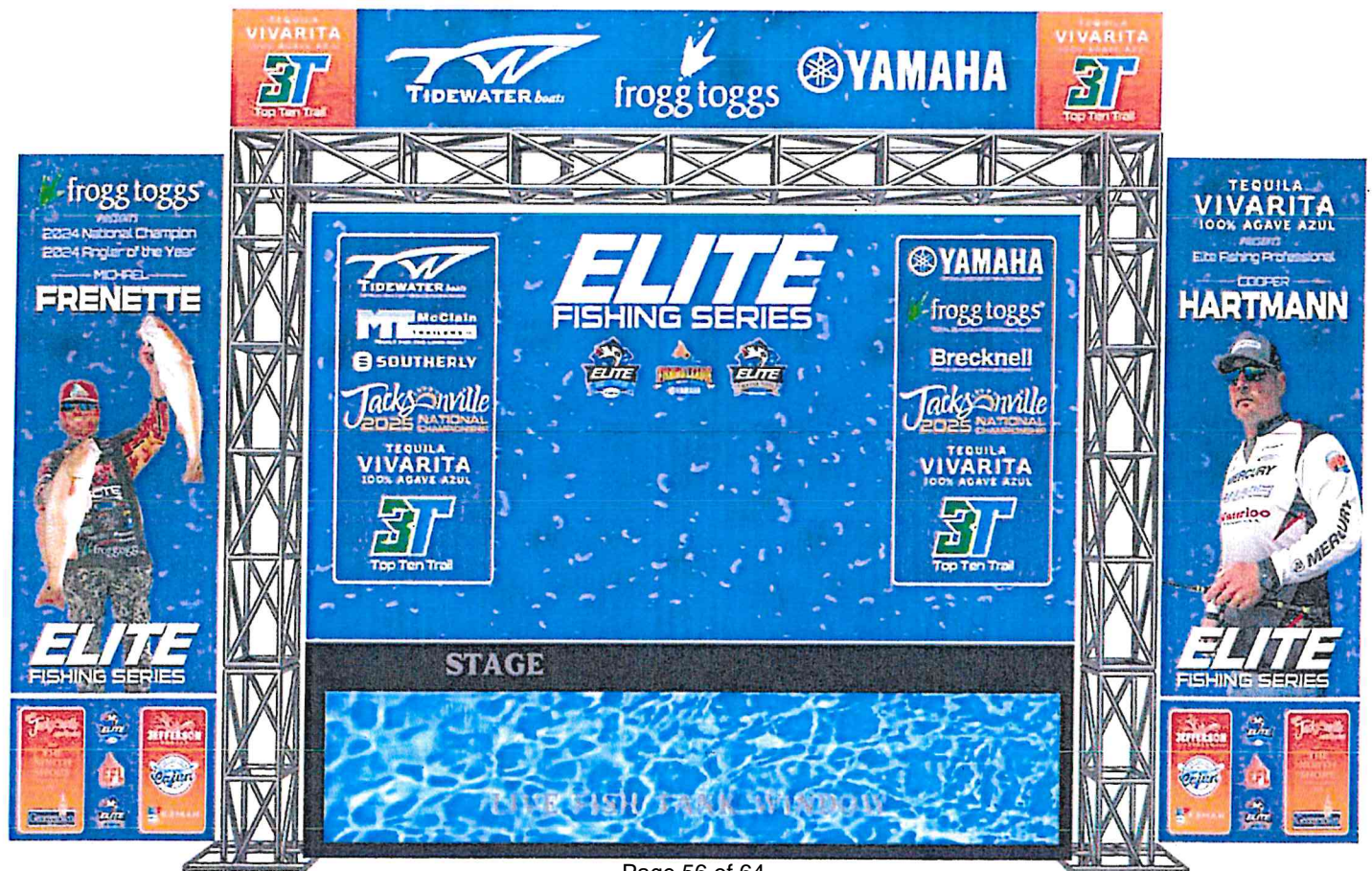
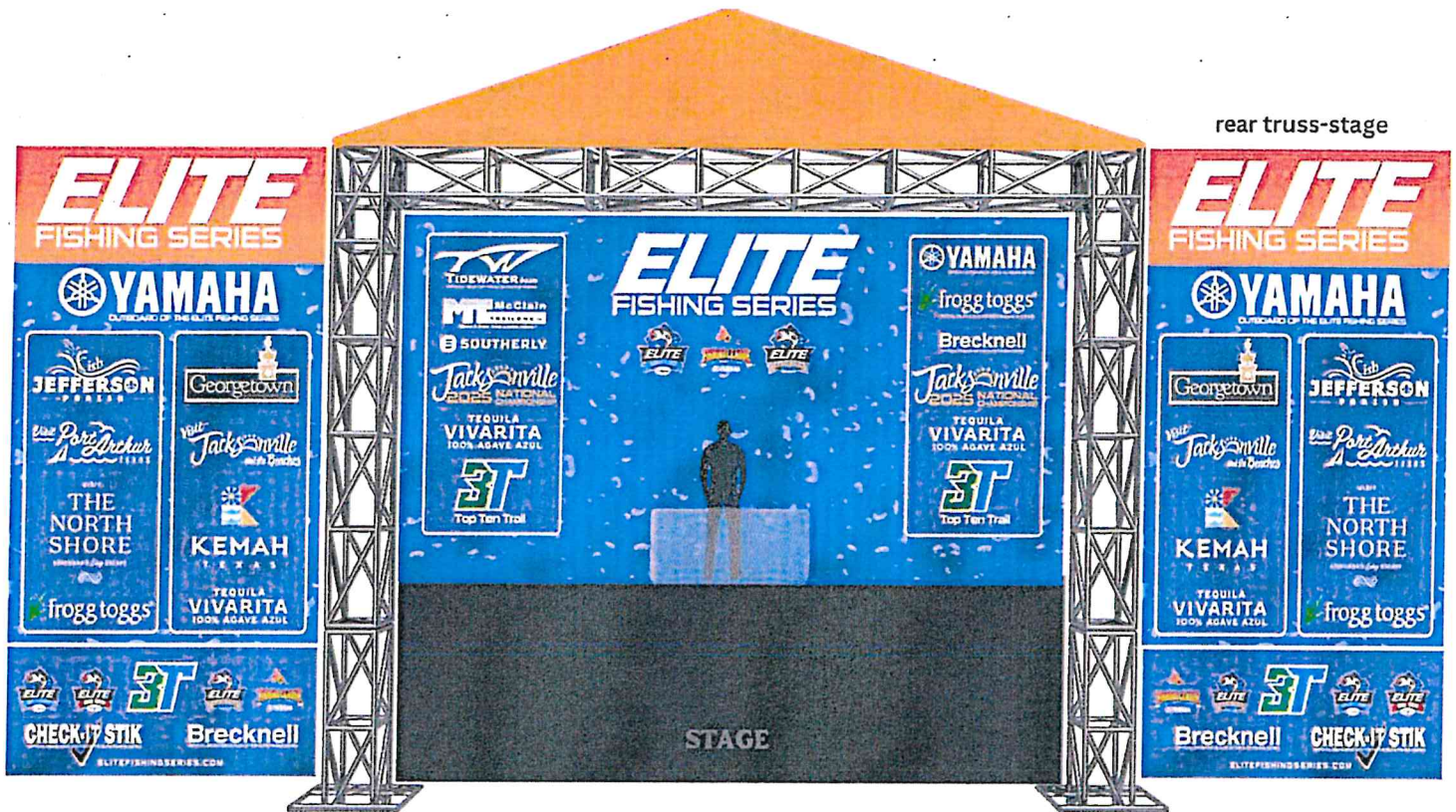
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25' x 16' deep as shown- back of stage (pieces 1-4) is built out from driver side of trailer toward audience- Trailer and stage stay together and act as 1 set up.

The trailer width adds approx 10' of depth to the overall set up- 30' deep x 50' in length in addition to filming tent and fish tanks..



STAGE SET UP AND SIGNAGE 35' WIDE X 25' DEEP X 18' TALL





ELITE STAGE ELITE COMMUNITY



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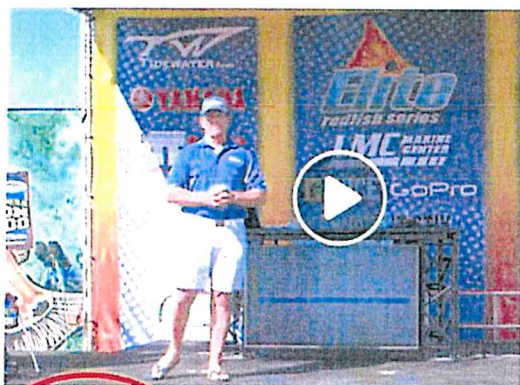


MONTHLY IMPRESSIONS AVERAGE FROM 5 ELITE SOCIAL SITES

312,409

Elite Redfish Series was live!
Published by LiveU Solo · June 19, 2020 ·

Day 1 weigh in of the 2020 #MyrtleGroveMadness ever Tidewater Boats LLC Elite Redfish Series, tour stop 1, p Yamaha Outboards.



40,398
People Reached

3,604
Engagements

122

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Follow along as teams talk about, get ready for day 1 of the #MyrtleGroveMadness 2020 event



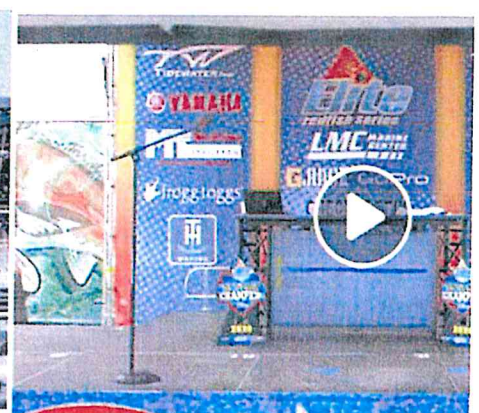
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Elite Redfish Series was live.
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The final day of the Showtime on Sabine brou Waterloo Rods...



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People Reached

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Engagements

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2024 RECORD SETTING ORGANIC INTERACTION WITH FANS

2.9 MILLION
FANS REACT



JULY 2024

Insights Elite 2024 Growth [See all](#)

Last 28 days : Feb 1 - Feb 28 ▼

People reached	218,013 ▲513%
Post engagements	58,219 ▲630%
Page likes	200 ▲426%

NATIONAL BROADCAST - DIGITAL - ONLINE AND SOCIAL VIEWSHIP

**TIME WARNER DISCOVERY TOPS
431 MILLION HOMES IN 2024.**



**WARNER BROS.
DISCOVERY**

**DESTINATION AMERICA
23,000,000 HOUSEHOLDS**



**SPACE CITY HOME NETWORK
SW REGIONAL AFFILIATES**



Mobile Apps and Streaming Available

Discovery and Destination America time buys are available through the following subscriptions. Programs airing on Discovery and Destination America air simultaneously on the below platforms.

DirectTV Stream	AT&T TV	Hulu Live TV
Fubo TV	Philo	Sling TV
	YouTube TV	

D-Go (includes the following shared apps)

Discovery shows scheduled for a minimum of a full quarter will be placed on D GO during their airtime flight plus 30 days after the flight

List of shared apps

Discovery	TLC
Travel	Investigation Discovery
Science	Oprah Winfrey Network
Animal Planet	Destination America
HGTV	American Heroes Channel
Food Channel	Discovery Life
Cooking Channel	Discovery Family

AVODs

(Ad supported video platforms) available pending approval by the platforms

Pluto TV (linear and VOD)

Vudu

Amazon Marketplace (programs uploaded to Amazon Marketplace and they are charged a nominal fee to view them)

Outdoor Action by Careco TV (the following platforms are available on the following:

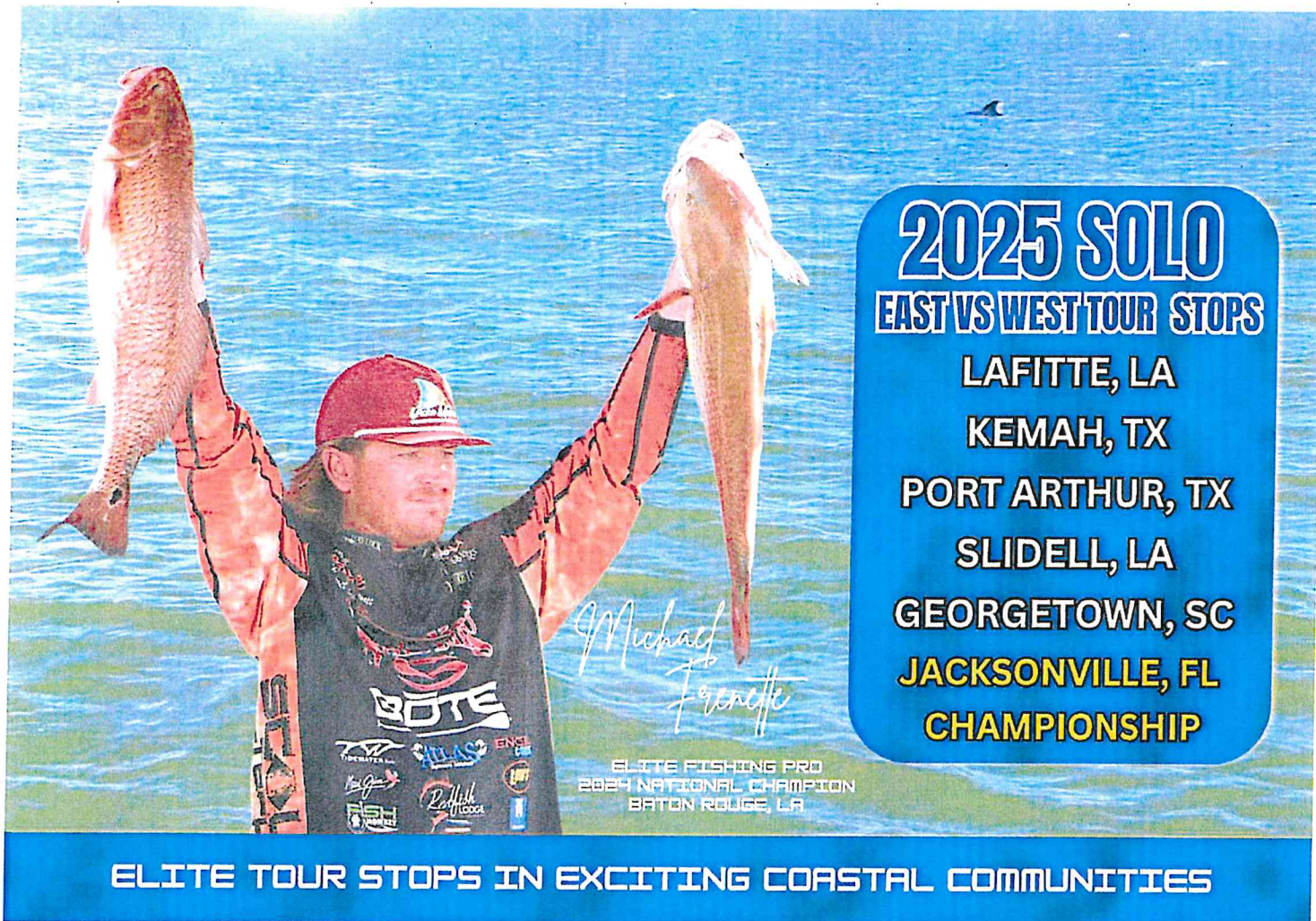
Available on the following:

Roku	Glewed TV
Amazon Fire TV	rlaxx
Apple TV	vidgo
Apple App Store	VU
Google Play	TCL

Pursuit Up (Available to customers purchasing airtime on Pursuit Network)

Glewed TV	KlowdTV	Vizio
Xumo	Sports TV	Stirr
Local Now	Select TV	
Samsung TV	Xfinity Flex	

**ADDITIONAL
AIRING
PLATFORMS
to Television**



2025 SOLO EAST VS WEST TOUR STOPS

- LAFITTE, LA
- KEMAH, TX
- PORT ARTHUR, TX
- SLIDELL, LA
- GEORGETOWN, SC
- JACKSONVILLE, FL
- CHAMPIONSHIP

Michael Frenette

ELITE FISHING PRO
2024 NATIONAL CHAMPION
BATON ROUGE, LA

ELITE TOUR STOPS IN EXCITING COASTAL COMMUNITIES

Discovery - The Elite Redfish League - Q4

Source: Nielsen Media Research MIT

Viewing = Live+7

→ **SEE ELITE EPISODES HERE** ←

Network	Program	Date	Day	Time	Viewers	T/C	Duration
DISCOVERY	ELITE FISHING LEAGUE, THE	10/11/20	SUN	07:00 AM - 07:29 AM	153000	1	30
DISCOVERY	ELITE FISHING LEAGUE, THE	10/18/20	SUN	07:00 AM - 07:29 AM	125310	1	30
DISCOVERY	ELITE FISHING LEAGUE, THE	10/25/20	SUN	07:00 AM - 07:29 AM	152500	1	30
DISCOVERY	ELITE FISHING LEAGUE, THE	11/01/20	SUN	07:00 AM - 07:29 AM	138000	1	30
DISCOVERY	ELITE FISHING LEAGUE, THE	11/08/20	SUN	07:00 AM - 07:29 AM	149340	1	30
DISCOVERY	ELITE FISHING LEAGUE, THE	11/15/20	SUN	07:00 AM - 07:29 AM	151000	1	30
DISCOVERY	ELITE FISHING LEAGUE, THE	11/22/20	SUN	07:00 AM - 07:29 AM	163000	1	30
DISCOVERY	ELITE FISHING LEAGUE, THE	11/29/20	SUN	07:00 AM - 07:29 AM	156000	1	30
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DISCOVERY	ELITE FISHING LEAGUE, THE	12/13/20	SUN	07:00 AM - 07:29 AM	144000	1	30
DISCOVERY	ELITE FISHING LEAGUE, THE	12/20/20	SUN	07:00 AM - 07:29 AM	156200	1	30
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DISCOVERY	ELITE FISHING LEAGUE, THE	TOTALS		TOTALS>>>>	1793750	12	360

1.8 MILLION VIEWERS IN ORIGINAL AIRINGS

The TVHH and viewer information is compiled from Discovery Channel ratings, as well as "Nielsen Overnight Reports" with adjustments for DVR viewing. A combination is used to represent the most accurate estimate of weekly TVHH and viewer delivery available to and used by Careco Multi Media.



#1 NATIONALLY TELEVISED SERIES 2021- 2024



Network	Program	Date	Day	Time	Viewers	T/C	Duration
Discovery	Elite Fishing Series	11/21/2021	SUNDAY	07:00-08:00 AM	109,300	1	60
Discovery	Elite Fishing Series	11/28/2021	SUNDAY	07:00-08:00 AM	114,600	1	60
Discovery	Elite Fishing Series	12/05/2021	SUNDAY	07:00-08:00 AM	145,400	1	60
Discovery	Elite Fishing Series	12/12/2021	SUNDAY	07:00-08:00 AM	156,900	1	60
Discovery	Elite Fishing Series	12/19/2021	SUNDAY	07:00-08:00 AM	161,700	1	60
Discovery	Elite Fishing Series	12/26/2021	SUNDAY	07:00-08:00 AM	188,200	1	60
Discovery	Elite Fishing Series	11/21/21-12/26/21	SUNDAYS	07:00-08:00 AM	876,100	6	360
Discovery	Elite Fishing Series	11/20/2022	SUNDAY	07:30-08:00 AM	121,900	1	30
Discovery	Elite Fishing Series	11/27/2022	SUNDAY	07:30-08:00 AM	123,800	1	30
Discovery	Elite Fishing Series	12/04/2022	SUNDAY	07:30-08:00 AM	144,900	1	30
Discovery	Elite Fishing Series	12/11/2022	SUNDAY	07:30-08:00 AM	128,100	1	30
Discovery	Elite Fishing Series	12/18/2022	SUNDAY	07:30-08:00 AM	165,600	1	30
Discovery	Elite Fishing Series	12/25/2022	SUNDAY	07:30-08:00 AM	121,700	1	30
Discovery	Elite Fishing Series	11/20/22-12/25/22	SUNDAYS	07:30-08:00 AM	806,000	6	180
Discovery	Elite Fishing Series	11/19/2023	SUNDAY	07:30-08:00 AM	189,200	1	30
Discovery	Elite Fishing Series	11/26/2023	SUNDAY	07:30-08:00 AM	207,300	1	30
Discovery	Elite Fishing Series	12/03/2023	SUNDAY	07:30-08:00 AM	211,500	1	30
Discovery	Elite Fishing Series	12/10/2023	SUNDAY	07:30-08:00 AM	225,700	1	30
Discovery	Elite Fishing Series	12/17/2023	SUNDAY	07:30-08:00 AM	210,600	1	30
Discovery	Elite Fishing Series	12/24/2023	SUNDAY	07:30-08:00 AM	223,200	1	30
Discovery	Elite Fishing Series	11/20/23-12/25/23	SUNDAYS	07:30-08:00 AM	1.3 MIL	6	180
Discovery	Elite Fishing Series	11/24/2024	SUNDAY	07:30-08:00 AM	309,502	1	30
Discovery	Elite Fishing Series	12/1/2024	SUNDAY	07:30-08:00 AM	377,449	1	30
Discovery	Elite Fishing Series	12/8/2024	SUNDAY	07:30-08:00 AM	355,660	1	30
Discovery	Elite Fishing Series	12/15/2024	SUNDAY	07:30-08:00 AM	412,543	1	30
Discovery	Elite Fishing Series	12/22/2024	SUNDAY	07:30-08:00 AM	386,599	1	30
Discovery	Elite Fishing Series	12/29/2024	SUNDAY	07:30-08:00 AM	492,024	1	30
Discovery	Elite Fishing Series	11/24/24-12/29/24	SUNDAYS	07:30-08:00 AM	2.5 MIL	6	180

Discovery - Elite Fishing Series - Q4 '20-24 Ratings Source: Nielsen Media Research MIT Viewing = Live + 7
The TVHH and viewer information is compiled from Discovery Channel's Nielsen rating reports, as well as adjustments for DVR viewing, digital viewing and streaming platform viewers. A combination is used to represent the most accurate estimate of weekly TVHH delivery and viewership available to Careco.

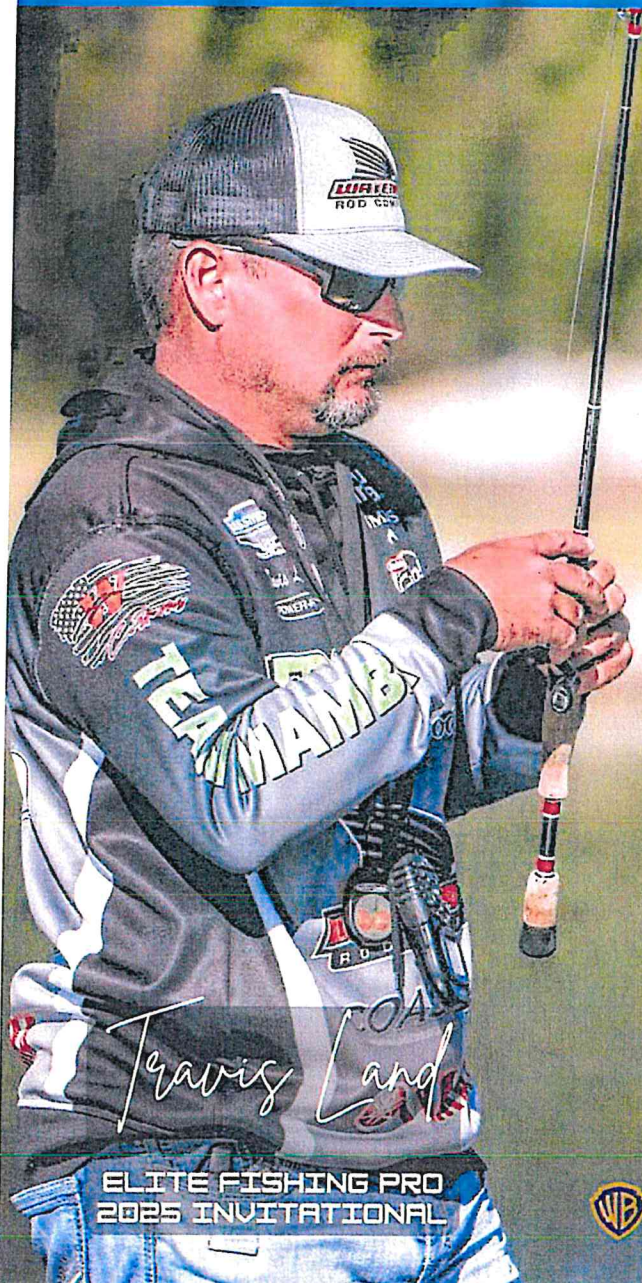
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2026 SOLO PROPOSED TOUR STOPS

**JACKSONVILLE, FL
KICK OFF CLASSIC**

KEMAH, TX

GEORGETOWN, SC

SLIDELL, LA

PORT ARTHUR, TX

ORANGE, TX

Travis Land
ELITE FISHING PRO
2025 INVITATIONAL



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ELITE FISHING SERIES HOST DELIVERABLES

Elite Fishing Series on-site Event Deliverables

- To produce the 3 day Elite Fishing Series event within the city of Orange in 2026, presented by and working with the **city of Orange, TX CVB**.
- The event will be preceded by 10 days of official practice for tour pros.
- 2026 Elite stage banner walls and signage to include **Orange, TX CVB** logo/brand marks.
- Video and still image content from event provided post event via FTP or dropbox.
- **Orange, TX CVB** official logo and link included on Elite fishing series website for 2026.
- Host mentions of partner's participation at live weigh in, network broadcasting episode, social network videos and livestream productions.

TV Exposure and Integration Regional Airings

- **Orange, TX CVB** to be featured as the official host and presenter of the event.
- Additional exposure in graphics, voiceovers and special features during partnered episode(s).
- AT&T Sportsnet or similar regional network(s) with airings in Q4 of 2026 and Q1 of 2027.
- Due to network availability and changes similar networks with similar delivery times and viewership may be substituted..

TV Exposure National Airings

- Sponsorship recognition throughout all national, online and social media promoting **Orange, TX CVB** as presenting sponsor of the Elite Fishing Series event.
- Sponsorship recognition promoting the official CVB of **Orange, TX** as the presenting sponsor and official host of the tournament and television episode(s).
- Each episode featuring the community represented by **Orange, TX** will include video billboards, throws to and rejoins from commercial airplays, selected audio/video voiceovers and closing credits.
- **Orange, TX** graphics, bumpers, commercial airplays and live streaming in HD of all weigh ins and other promotions throughout all original and re-aired episode(s) on network and digital apps.
- One(1) :30 second commercial provided by **Orange, TX** aired during selected episode(s).
- One(1) community intro feature integration setting up the event and promoting **Orange, TX** episode.
- All **Orange, TX** episodes air in perpetuity on the Elite Fishing Series official television page hosted on the Elite Fishing Television website.
- The Elite Fishing Series and its competitors create and share digital content as it happens live at event.

HOST - PRESENTING SPONSOR AGREEMENT AND DELIVERABLES

The Elite Fishing Series will provide deliverables listed in this proposal in exchange for:

~~\$24,710.00~~

\$19,865.00

The Elite Fishing Series will work together with a local hotel(s) to **create and promote the opportunity** for overnight room stays for its staff, boaters, kayakers, friends, families and fans for the week of the event.

Signature: _____
(Elite Fishing Series rep)

Date: 1/08/2026

ELITE
FISHING SERIES

Signature: _____
(Orange, TX rep)

Date: _____

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TOURNAMENT - TELEVISION DELIVERABLES

4 Day Live Event + Brand Inclusion + Digital Content ☐

- **Tournament:** Captain's meeting followed by 3 days of competition.
- **Branding:** Community logo and brand mark inclusion in large format, full color banner walls as shown in attached images.
- **Professional 4K Media:** Live streaming of each day's weigh-in video, remote GoPro and stage cameras, drone aerial coverage, and high-resolution DSLR photography. All media downloaded to portable drive and delivered 2-3 weeks post event.

\$7,500.00

Filming Production and Regional Television Deliverables ☐

- **Television:** Community featured on air as official tournament and television sponsor of the event with billboard inclusion, logo and link used in commercial throws and replays, bumps, graphics, voiceovers, throughout community's episode.
- **Production:** On the water footage captured by professional videographers and produced for network television to standards as required by each network(s).
- **Networks:** Regional network airings on 1 or more- Destination America, Pursuit Channel, SCHN, Fox regions, Sportsman Channel and or World Fishing Network-
- **Frequency:** 13 weeks of episodes usually in the first quarter of the following season and aired multiple airings per week.

\$14,620.00

National and Worldwide Television Deliverables ☐

- **Network:** National and worldwide airings on Time Warner Discovery Channel in late fourth quarter (Q4) and/or early in first quarter (Q1) of following year. Discovery's reach is 431 million homes worldwide and offers the highest amount of potential viewership.
- **Feature:** 45-60 second community feature/introduction at beginning of episode.
- **Commercial:** 30 second commercial delivered by community or can be shot and produced by PM Productions, an affiliate of Elite Fishing Series if needed.

\$19,865.00

Please initial the package check box, sign, and return via email to info@elitefishingseries.com

Signature: _____
(Orange rep)

Date: _____