

PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

City of Orange, Texas



THE IMPORTANCE OF PLANNING

Planning gives design, shape, and structure.

According to the American Planning Association, *Planning* works to improve the welfare of people and their communities by creating more convenient, equitable, healthful, efficient and attractive places for present and future generations.

PLANNING

Draws on social sciences such as public administration, political science, economics, sociology, and social psychology as well as specialized knowledge related to land use, architecture, transportation, historic preservation, housing, environmental sciences, civil engineering, management and municipal law.

WHO is involved in the planning process?

- City Council
- Planning and Zoning Commission
- Public
 - Community Groups
 - Neighborhoods
 - Business interests
 - Social interests
 - Media
- Consultants
- City Staff

WHAT issues are included in planning?

- When to plan
- What to include in the plan
- Coordination of different plans
- Handling conflicts between different planning ideas/goals/objectives
- Cost
- Anticipating future trends/needs/desires
 - Changing economic climate and income levels
 - Changing demographics
 - Technological changes
 - Social changes
 - Natural/environmental changes
 - Federal/state legislative mandates/laws
 - More participatory, more electronically based and concerned with increasingly complex issues
- Changing planning techniques and policies to meet future needs

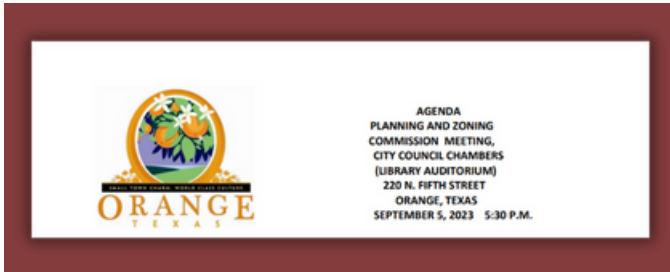
WHY do we plan?

- Allows the community to assess its current condition and issues
- Provides a vision for the future—should be realistic and achievable
- Coordinate/guide policies, procedures and decisions
- Provides information to potential developers/investors on how the City sees itself developing
- Provides information to the public about the community

HOW do we plan?

- P&Z reviews need to update the Comprehensive Master Plan and provides a recommendation to the City Council
- Council provides the funding and directs that the update of the Comprehensive Master Plan be initiated
- P&Z and City Council decide what elements need to be in the Comprehensive Master Plan
- Requests for Proposals With Qualifications issued, proposals evaluated and planning consultant hired
- Make population projections, determine trends and acquire accurate information on land use, transportation, drainage, infrastructure and other relevant aspect of development, economic and social issues
- Use participatory techniques to involve community residents within the planning process:
 - Public meetings to gather information
 - Surveys
 - P&Z and Council public hearings
- Evaluate information using various quantitative and qualitative methodologies. Present information using charts, maps, graphs and other visual displays
- P&Z reviews draft of the comprehensive plan and conducts public hearings and disseminates information on the draft plan
- P&Z revises the draft plan if necessary and votes to recommend adoption by the City Council
- Council reviews plan, makes any desired changes, and adopts updated Comprehensive Master Plan

BOARD & COMMISSION MEETINGS AND MORE



On September 5th, the Planning and Zoning Commission held a regular meeting. Director of Planning, Kelvin Knauf presented highlights concerning one recommendation and asked the commission to consider and possibly take action on a proposed ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances Chapter 9 “Subdivision Regulations”. The commission voted 7-0, to recommend adopting the new ordinance.



During the City Council meeting, and in regards to the Planning Administration. A first reading was presented to council to consider an ordinance amending the Orange Code of Ordinances by amending Chapter 9 “Subdivision Regulations”.

Discussion/Action

Council re-appointed George Mortimer to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a term ending September 14, 2025.

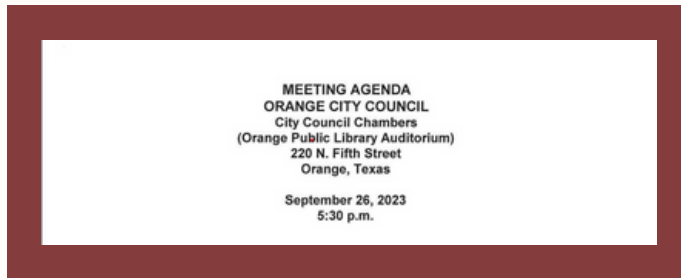
Council re-appointed Daryl Cowart to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a term ending September 14, 2025.

Council appointed John Jefferson III to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a term ending September 14, 2025.



During the HPC meeting, the commission was asked to consider and possibly take action on (1) finding no historical significance for a structure that was submitted as part of the Orange County Housing Buyout Program (2) consider and possibly take action on applications for Certificates of Appropriateness for 7 properties under demolition and new construction for *Siblings Helping Siblings*. The certificates were all approved.

BOARD & COMMISSION MEETINGS AND MORE



Resolutions

During the City Council meeting Planning Director, Kelvin Knauf presented a resolution of consideration to council. The resolution releases properties from the extra-territorial jurisdiction (ETJ) of the City of Orange; as well as establishing an effective date. Council voted in favor of the resolution 6-0.

During the September 26th meeting Grants Planner, Rita Monson presented consideration of a resolution to council. The resolution authorized the City Manager to accept the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant award of \$316,764 for the Community Development Block Grant Year 2023 Federal funding. Council voted in favor of the resolution 6-0.

Ordinances

Kelvin Knauf presented consideration of an ordinance amending the Orange Code of Ordinances by amending Chapter 9 “Subdivision Regulations” in its entirety, repealing all ordinances in conflict with this ordinance to the extent of such conflict with this clause; providing a penalty clause; providing an effective date. Council voted 6-0 to approve the ordinance.

Kelvin Knauf presented consideration of an ordinance amending the boundaries of the extra-territorial jurisdiction (ETJ) of the City; providing for a severability clause; providing for repeal of all ordinances in conflict with this ordinance; establishing an effective date. Council voted 6-0 to approve the ordinance.

Discussion/Action

Council appointed Robert Ortiz to the Historic Preservation Commission for a term ending September 23, 2025.

Council re-appointed Kenneth Wheeler to the Historic Preservation Commission for a term ending September 23, 2025.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT PROJECT UPDATES

The City of Orange appreciates all of its Adopt-a-Street participants, and encourages others to consider the program. Your efforts help make Orange a better place to live, work, and play!



Pictured L to R: Eric Bland, Will Harmon, Felipe Montas, Tina Mouton, Ramon Lopez, Dennis Eaton, Jose Luis Ruiz, Johnathan Findley, Greg Dickerson

In early September, **Conrad Cares** volunteered their time to clean up Border Street. Volunteer Tina Mouton shared in a statement, “I hope we can get more organizations to join us in this mission to clean up the city.”



Let's Make Bailey's Great Again volunteer group has worked consistently for the past few months to keep Simmons Drive to North Street clean.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT PROJECT UPDATES

The City of Orange continues to take on the initiative to demolish substandard houses. The Planning Department is currently in the process of demolishing substandard properties throughout the city.

 Before

After 



ORANGE TRIVIA

1. What is the current population in the City of Orange?
2. Is the City of Orange classified as a general law or home rule city?
3. Who was the first mayor of the City of Orange?

Continuing Professional Education for Texas Plumbers

Plumbers and Inspectors licensed in Texas must take a Continuing Education Course of six contact hours each year before renewing their license. An annual training was recently held for local plumbers and inspectors, including City of Orange - Building Official, Marvin Benoit and Building Inspector, Randy Holman.



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



Community Survey Coming Soon!

October 2 - December 2, 2023, the Grants Administration will collect responses for the **2024 Annual Action Plan**. The survey will be available on the City of Orange website, via Facebook, City Hall, city parks, the Orange Recreation Center, and in the Cove Recreation area kiosk. We will also partner with local non-profit organizations and churches to assist with distribution.



CONGRATULATIONS!



Amanda Dupree
Code Enforcement Officer

Amanda received her Code Enforcement Officer certification.



Marvin Benoit
Building Official

Marvin was appointed Vice President of the Golden Triangle Inspectors Association.

ANSWERS: 1.19,169 2. home rule 3. John Fielding



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