



CITY of YORBA LINDA

CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE YORBA LINDA REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY, YORBA LINDA HOUSING AUTHORITY AND YORBA LINDA MUNICIPAL FINANCING AUTHORITY JOINT MEETING

MINUTES

**March 17, 2026, 6:30 p.m.
Council Chambers
4845 Casa Loma Avenue**

Councilmembers Present: Campbell, Huang, Lim, Singh, Rodriguez

Staff Present: Brown, Farnsworth, Grant, Han, Kudron, Lai, Lixey, Litfin, Wigginton

CALL TO ORDER

The City Council/Successor Agency to the Yorba Linda Redevelopment Agency convened at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 4845 Casa Loma Avenue.

ROLL CALL

Councilman Shivinder Singh arrived at 5:40 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE YORBA LINDA REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION

Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) (1 case)

Name of Case: Yorba Canyon, LLC v. City of Yorba Linda
Case Number: 30-2025-01497724-CU-WM-CXC, Superior Court, County of Orange

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

None.

CONVENE INTO CLOSED SESSION

The City Council convened into Closed Session at 5:31 p.m.

RECESS

CALL TO ORDER

The City Council/Successor Agency to the Yorba Linda Redevelopment Agency, Yorba Linda Housing Authority and Yorba Linda Municipal Financing Authority reconvened at 6:32 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 4845 Casa Loma Avenue, Yorba Linda.

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

OCFA Cadet Post 2

INVOCATION

Pastor Brian Long, Yorba Linda Lighthouse Church

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

City Attorney Todd Litfin said there was no reportable action on the items discussed in Closed Session.

INTRODUCTIONS & PRESENTATIONS

RECOGNITION OF WEST YORBA LINDA LITTLE LEAGUE 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Mayor Carlos Rodriguez invited West Yorba Linda Little League President Jeff Carter, Treasurer Allen Zakharin, and attending Board Members to the lectern and congratulated them on their 50th anniversary. He noted that this milestone reflects the organization's longstanding dedication and the collective efforts of its coaches, volunteers, players, and families.

The City Council presented a certificate of recognition. Additional certificates were received from the offices of Congresswoman Young Kim, Senators Steven Choi and Kelly Seyarto, Assemblymember Phillip Chen, and Supervisor Don Wagner's representative, Pat Buttress.

RECOGNITION OF MISS YORBA LINDA & MISS YORBA LINDA TEEN 2025

Mayor Rodriguez invited 2025 Miss Yorba Linda Johnna Breault and Miss Yorba Linda Teen Michaela Watson to the lectern and recognized them for their outstanding service and dedication to the community during their reign.

They also received certificates from the offices of Congresswoman Kim, Senators Choi and Seyarto, Assemblymember Chen, and Supervisor Wagner's representative, Ms. Buttress.

RECOGNITION OF HEALTH OCCUPATIONS STUDENTS OF AMERICA

Mayor Rodriguez invited Esperanza High School Health Occupations Students of America students Claire Kim, Jazzlyn Jurado, Caris Chung, Aditi Patel, and Violet Bentley to present their “Ditch the Drink” PowerPoint, highlighting the health risks associated with energy drink consumption.

The City Council presented the students with a certificate of recognition. They also received certificates from the offices of Congresswoman Kim, Senators Choi and Seyarto, Assemblymember Chen, and Supervisor Wagner’s representative, Ms. Buttress.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – ITEMS ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR OR ITEMS NOT ON THE REMAINDER OF THE AGENDA

Peter Meng, resident, commented on Consent Calendar Item No. 6, and expressed his opposition.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Moved by Campbell

Seconded by Lim

Approve the Consent Calendar.

AYES (5): Campbell, Huang, Lim, Singh, and Rodriguez

CARRIED (5 to 0)

1. WAIVE READING IN FULL OF ALL ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS ON THE AGENDA

Waive reading in full of all ordinances and resolutions on the agenda and declare that said titles which appear on the public agenda shall be determined to have been read by title and further reading waived.

2. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE CHECK REGISTER – MARCH 17, 2026

Receive and file the accounts payable check register and wire transfer report dated March 17, 2026, in the amount of \$1,386,089.36.

3. APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 24, 2026 CITY COUNCIL / SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE YORBA LINDA REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY SPECIAL MEETING

Approve the minutes of the February 24, 2026 City Council/Successor Agency to the Yorba Linda Redevelopment Agency joint special meeting.

4. APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 3, 2026 CITY COUNCIL / SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE YORBA LINDA REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING

Approve the minutes of the March 3, 2026 City Council/Successor Agency to the Yorba Linda Redevelopment Agency joint meeting.

5. ACCEPT MUSTANG FIELDS FLAGPOLE DONATION FROM EAST HILLS YORBA LINDA LITTLE LEAGUE

1.) Accept a \$14,568.50 donation from East Hills Yorba Linda Little League for a flagpole at Mustang Fields; and 2.) Appropriate \$14,568.50 to the General Fund Parks Maintenance budget to complete the project.

6. ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2026-5975 INITIATING PROCEEDINGS TO CHARGE ANNUAL LMAD ASSESSMENTS FOR FY 2026-27

Adopt Resolution No. 2026-5975, initiating proceedings to charge annual assessments for Fiscal Year 2026-27 for the Street Lighting and Landscape Maintenance Assessment District.

7. INITIATE ZONE L-1A PROPOSITION 218 PROCEEDINGS

1.) Adopt Resolution No. 2026-5976, initiating proceedings to levy a proposed new or increased assessment for Local Landscaping Zone L-1A within the Yorba Linda Street Lighting and Landscaping Maintenance District, commencing Fiscal Year 2026-27; 2.) Adopt Resolution No. 2026-5977, approving the Engineer's Report regarding a proposed new or increased assessment for Local Landscaping Zone L-1A within the Yorba Linda Street Lighting and Landscaping Maintenance District for Fiscal Year 2026-27; and 3.) Adopt Resolution No. 2026-5978 declaring intention to ballot property owners for a proposed new or increased assessment for Local Landscaping Zone L-1A within the Yorba Linda Street Lighting and Landscaping Maintenance District and setting a time and place for a Public Hearing and authorizing the balloting procedures.

8. APPROVE THE 2025 GENERAL PLAN ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT

Approve the 2025 General Plan Annual Progress Report.

9. RECEIVE AND FILE REPORTS OF PLANNING COMMISSION ACTIONS FROM THEIR LAST MEETING

Receive and file this report.

10. CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE AND AGENCY REPORTS

Receive and file this report.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT/MAYOR'S REPORT/MATTERS PRESENTED BY COUNCILMEMBERS/ OTHER AGENCY REPORTS

City Manager Peter Grant announced that a National Weather Service heat advisory is in effect this week and encouraged residents to stay cool, remain hydrated, and utilize City facilities as cooling centers. He noted that additional heat safety tips are available on the City's website.

Councilwoman Janice Lim announced the upcoming Love Yorba Linda Day of Service on Saturday, April 25, 2026. She also highlighted the success of the Pat Nixon Day of Service on March 16th, which featured over 40 projects. Councilwoman Lim shared insights from her recent advocacy trip with the Association of California Cities-Orange County, where housing affordability was a key focus, and noted that state representatives will visit Yorba Linda to discuss strategies to make housing more affordable. She also addressed concerns regarding SB 357, human trafficking, and the need for funding for Proposition 36, and thanked Congresswoman Young Kim for securing \$3 million in federal funding for the Savi Ranch Parkway Improvement Project.

Mayor Pro Tem Peggy Huang spoke on Consent Calendar Item No. 10, referencing two Southern California Association of Governments reports - Connect SoCal 2025 Local Data Exchange and Preliminary Regional Growth Projections, and said these are the factors SCAG will look at as it prepares for the housing element.

Councilwoman Tara Campbell thanked the Yorba Linda Women's Club for hosting its recent Spring Craft Faire, noting that proceeds support scholarships for local students, and encouraged attendance at the upcoming Fall event.

Councilman Shivinder Singh highlighted the REACH Foundation's Shamrock Run, which drew over 2,000 participants in support of the Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District (PLYUSD). The event featured participation from more than 50 local businesses and community partners, as well as a Student Entrepreneur Marketplace showcasing over 30 students in grades 4 through 12 selling handmade crafts. Approximately 740 individuals participated in the run, half of whom were age 18 and under.

Mayor Rodriguez echoed appreciation for the federal funding secured for the Savi Ranch Parkway Improvement Project, emphasizing its importance for safety, mobility, and infrastructure. He also shared his participation in Read Across America Week at Travis Ranch Elementary and the Pat Nixon Day of Service. He urged parents and e-bike riders to attend an E-Bike Safety Meeting at the Yorba Linda Public Library on Monday, March 23, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. He concluded his comments by announcing Parks and Recreation's 41st Egg-citement Hunt on Saturday, April 4, at 10:00 a.m. at Hurless Barton Park. Families are encouraged to arrive early, as the egg hunt will begin promptly at 10:00 a.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

11. ANNUAL REPORT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES

Chief of Police Services Captain De Anne Wigginton presented a PowerPoint update on 2025 law enforcement activities. She reviewed the City's demographics and staffing, including herself, five Sergeants, three Investigators, Deputies, a Crime Prevention Specialist, an Investigative Assistant, three Community Service Officers, and an Office Specialist. Captain Wigginton reported that total calls for service decreased from 23,326 in 2024 to 22,773 in 2025, while average response times improved from 5:30 to 4:42 minutes. She also summarized crime, arrest, and traffic data, highlighting significant arrests, drug enforcement efforts, and firearm seizures. Additionally, she noted four community e-bike safety presentations and outlined the department's participation in community events, including Heroes Supporting Heroes, the Law Enforcement Torch Run, and Heroes for St. Jude, as well as ongoing social media safety tips outreach. She concluded with an outlook for 2026.

12. APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH BRAVO SIGN & DESIGN, INC. FOR THE HIDDEN HILLS MONUMENT RESTORATION

Councilwoman Lim recused herself from the item at 7:34 p.m. She, along with City Attorney Litfin, clarified that recusal was not legally required but was done to avoid any appearance of conflict.

Public Works Director / City Engineer Jamie Lai provided a PowerPoint presentation on the item. She said approval of the agreement with Bravo Sign & Design would restore the three Hidden Hills monument entry signs, originally constructed in 1980. The proposed Option A includes stone-clad columns, monument walls, monument uplighting, including back-lit lettering and logo, and solar uplighting for secondary walls at a total cost of \$182,850, including a \$23,850 contingency. A lower-cost alternative (Option B), removes the stone cladding along the walls. It would only have stone-clad columns and stucco walls, no back lighting on lettering and logo, uplighting for main monument sign and solar uplighting for secondary walls. The cost for the alternative is \$115,000, including a \$15,000 contingency.

David Ramocinski, resident, said he spoke on this item when it was originally on the Consent Calendar at the February 3rd meeting, and expressed his gratitude to Councilwoman Campbell for pulling and continuing the item. He said that allowed him to meet with staff, and he is appreciative that an alternative option has been presented. He said he reached out to 12 of his neighbors and only 6 responded. Of those, 5 said they were in favor of the original, more expensive option. Mr. Ramocinski inquired about the scope of demolition. He encouraged staff to seek multiple bids for future projects

Bob Short, said he was one of the residents that Mr. Ramocinski contacted, but did not have the opportunity to respond. He said he spoke to about 10 other neighbors and voiced that they are in full support of Option A.

Ann Hart, said she surveyed her neighbors, and they all expressed support for a new entry monument.

Director Lai clarified that the project does not involve complete demolition of the existing monument. Councilwoman Campbell expressed support for Option A, consistent with resident feedback.

Councilwoman Lim rejoined the meeting at 7:50 p.m. following the vote.

Moved by Campbell

Seconded by Huang

1.) Approve an Agreement with Bravo Sign & Design, Inc. for the Hidden Hills Monument Restoration Project for \$159,000 and authorize a contingency of \$23,850; and 2.) Authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement and to incorporate any City Council design modifications.

AYES (4): Campbell, Huang, Singh, and Rodriguez

ABSTAINED (1): Lim

CARRIED (4 to 0)

13. INITIATE AN UPDATE OF CITYWIDE POSTED SPEED LIMITS

Public Works Director Lai presented a staff report on the City's speed limits, noting that the current limits were established by ordinance in 2014. She explained that adoption of Ordinance No. 2026-1129 would repeal Ordinance No. 2014-1007 and streamline future updates by allowing speed limit changes to be adopted by resolution, effective immediately, rather than requiring a second reading and a 30-day implementation period. She added that all existing speed limits in Yorba Linda will remain in effect and enforceable during the transition.

Moved by Campbell

Seconded by Lim

Approve Ordinance No. 2026-1129 rescinding Ordinance No. 2014-1007, which established citywide posted speed limits.

AYES (5): Campbell, Huang, Lim, Singh, and Rodriguez

CARRIED (5 to 0)

14. APPROVE FY 2024-25 GENERAL FUND YEAR-END RESULTS AND FY 2025-26 MID-YEAR BUDGET UPDATE

Finance Director Sunny Han provided a PowerPoint covering the FY 2024-25 Year-End Results and the FY 2025-26 Mid-Year Review. She said the General Fund Budget was originally adopted with \$457k surplus. She discussed the General Fund Reserve, Library Fund, and Funding Pension & Retiree Medical Obligations. With respect to the Mid-Year Update, she said the results are generally positive and provided notable adjustments. She said sales tax is projected to decrease by \$30,000 due to inflation and interest rates, however Parks & Recreation classes and rental revenue is projected to increase \$17,000. Director Han said the Year-end surplus is projected to decrease from \$114,000 to \$44,000. She concluded with Mid-Year Adjustments and staff recommendations.

Richard de Bruijn, resident, expressed concerns about pension plans and unfunded liabilities.

A conversation ensued with Council and staff regarding credit card transaction fees and the city's recovery of those changes, the e-bike safety campaign and the importance of Shop Dine Support Yorba Linda and the reduced sales tax revenue.

Moved by Campbell

Seconded by Singh

1.) Appropriate \$6,766,200 of General Fund operating reserves from FY 24-25 surplus: a. \$583,100 to the unfunded accrued pension liability; b. \$583,100 to Other Post-Employment Benefits Trust; and c. \$5,600,000 to the Special Reserve Fund; 2.) Appropriate \$933,800 of FY 2024-25 Library Fund operating reserves from FY 24-25 surplus: a. \$116,900 to unfunded accrued pension liability; b. \$116,900 to the Other Post-Employment Benefits Trust; and c. \$700,000 to the Library Reserve Fund; 3.) Approve the FY 2024-25 Budget appropriations (Attachment 1); 4.) Approve FY 2024-25 appropriations and carryovers (Attachment 3); 5.) Receive and file FY 2025-26 mid-year line-item transfers and supplemental appropriations (Attachment 2); and 6.) Approve \$1,469,000 of FY 2025-26 Budget adjustments (Attachment 4).

AYES (5): Campbell, Huang, Lim, Singh, and Rodriguez

CARRIED (5 to 0)

15. CREATE A CITY COUNCIL AD HOC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Mayor Carlos Rodriguez reported that the City held an economic development workshop on February 24 and reaffirmed the Council’s commitment to exploring opportunities to grow revenue. While property tax remains the primary revenue source, he emphasized the importance of increasing sales tax revenue. He noted that the workshop included a recommendation to establish an ad hoc committee to support economic development efforts, including business support, retention, attraction, expansion, and long-term vitality strategies.

Mayor Rodriguez expressed his interest in serving on the ad hoc committee and nominated Mayor Pro Tem Huang to serve alongside him.

Moved by Rodriguez

Seconded by Singh

1.) Create a City Council ad hoc economic development committee; and 2.) Ratify the Mayor’s appointment of two Council Members to the committee - himself and Mayor Pro Tem Huang.

AYES (5): Campbell, Huang, Lim, Singh, and Rodriguez

CARRIED (5 to 0)

ADJOURNMENT - IN MEMORY OF PAMELA BERRY

Mayor Rodriguez adjourned the meeting in memory of Pamela Berry, at 8:15 p.m. to the next regularly scheduled City Council/Successor Agency to the Yorba Linda Redevelopment Agency joint meeting on April 7, 2026.

City Clerk