

Orange County Government

*Orange County Administration Center
201 S Rosalind Ave.
Orlando, FL 32801*



Draft Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 16, 2026

9:00 AM

County Commission Chambers

Board of County Commissioners

Call to Order

County Mayor Jerry L. Demings called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

Present: 6 - Mayor Jerry L. Demings, Commissioner Nicole Wilson, Commissioner Mayra Uribe, Commissioner Maribel Gomez Cordero, Commissioner Kelly Martinez Semrad, and Commissioner Michael Scott

Others present:

County Comptroller Phil Diamond as Clerk

County Administrator Byron Brooks

Office of Management and Budget Director Kurt Petersen

Office of Management and Budget Assistant Manager Nanette Melo

Minutes Supervisor Craig Stopyra

Minutes Coordinator Rafael Encarnacion, Jr.

BUDGET WORK SESSION**CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICES****26-0861**

County Mayor Demings acknowledged that the Constitutional Offices were invited to participate in the Budget Work Session, if they chose to do so. He noted that all Constitutional Offices have submitted their Fiscal Year 2026–2027 budgets and are in agreement with the budgets authorized by Orange County staff.

The Board took no action.

LYNX**26-0862**

James Boyle, Chief Development Officer, LYNX (Central Florida Regional Transportation Authority), presented an overview of LYNX operations. Leonard Antmann, Chief Financial Officer, LYNX (Central Florida Regional Transportation Authority), presented the LYNX budget. Board discussion ensued. County Administrator Brooks contributed to the discussion.

The Board took no action.

**The Board adjourned as the Orange County Board of County Commissioners and
convened as the Orange County Library District Governing Board**

LIBRARY DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD**26-0863**

Library District Governing Board

The Orange County Board of County Commissioners took no action. Refer to the Orange County Library District Governing Board Minutes appended to Legislative File 26-0863, for action taken

by the Orange County Library District Governing Board.

The Board adjourned as the Orange County Library District Governing Board and reconvened as the Orange County Board of County Commissioners

PLANNING, ENVIRONMENTAL AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

26-0864 Tanya Wilson, Director, Planning, Environmental, and Development Services Department, presented an update and budget report. Board discussion ensued. Christine Arrant, Assistant Manager, Building Safety Division, Planning, Environmental, and Development Services Department, Brandy Driggers, Manager, Neighborhood Services, Planning, Environmental, and Development Services Department, County Administrator Brooks and Kurt Petersen, Director, Office of Management and Budget contributed to the discussion.

The Board took no action.

UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

26-0865 Tim Armstrong, Deputy Director, Utilities Department, presented an update and budget report. Board discussion ensued. County Administrator Brooks contributed to the discussion.

The Board took no action.

The Board adjourned as the Orange County Board of County Commissioners and convened as the Orange County Community Redevelopment Agency Governing Board

ORANGE COUNTY COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (CRA)

26-0866 Vanessa Pinkney, Executive Director, Orange Blossom Trail Development Board, presented to the Board the proposed resolution for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 annual budget of the Orange County CRA (Community Redevelopment Agency), as presented and contained within the proposed budget of Orange County. Board discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Commissioner Scott, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, to approve and adopt the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget Resolution 2026-M-36 of the Orange Blossom Trail Community Redevelopment Agency related to the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget of the Orange Blossom Trail Community Redevelopment Agency. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mayor Demings, Commissioner Wilson, Commissioner Uribe, Commissioner Gomez Cordero, Commissioner Martinez Semrad, and Commissioner Scott

The Board adjourned as the Orange County Community Redevelopment Agency Governing Board and convened as the Orange County International Drive Community Redevelopment Agency Governing Board

I-DRIVE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (CRA)

26-0867 Krista Taraszewski, Assistant Project Manager, Neighborhood Services Division, Planning, Environmental, and Development Services Department presented to the Board the proposed annual budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 of the Orange County I-Drive CRA (Community Redevelopment Agency) as presented and contained within the proposed budget of Orange County. Board discussion ensued. Mitchell Glasser, Manager, Housing and Community Development and County Administrator Brooks contributed to the discussion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Scott, seconded by Commissioner Uribe, to approve and adopt Resolution 2026-M-37 of the International Drive Community Redevelopment Agency regarding the proposed Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget of the International Drive Community Redevelopment Agency. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mayor Demings, Commissioner Wilson, Commissioner Uribe, Commissioner Gomez Cordero, Commissioner Martinez Semrad, and Commissioner Scott

The Board adjourned as the Orange County International Drive Community Redevelopment Agency Governing Board and reconvened as the Orange County Board of County Commissioners

CONVENTION CENTER

26-0868 Mark Tester, Executive Director, Convention Center, presented an update and budget report on the Convention Center. Raymond Walls, Deputy Director, Convention Center, presented an update and budget report on the Tourist Development Tax. Board discussion ensued. County Administrator Brooks contributed to the discussion.

The Board took no action.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

26-0869 Board Budget Discussion

Tentative Millage and Budget:

A motion was made by Commissioner Scott, seconded by Commissioner Uribe, to approve the Tentative Millages for Fiscal Year 2026/2027; and further, approve the Tentative Countywide Budget for Fiscal Year 2026/2027. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mayor Demings, Commissioner Wilson, Commissioner Uribe, Commissioner Gomez Cordero, Commissioner Martinez Semrad, and Commissioner Scott

Board discussion ensued regarding the Budget Consent Agenda Item 4, which pertains to the Resolution of the Orange County Board of County Commissioners regarding certain service fees imposed by the Environmental Protection Division. County Administrator Brooks, Kurt Petersen, Director, Office of Management and Budget, and Nanette Melo, Assistant Manager, Office of Management and Budget, contributed to the discussion.

County Mayor Demings deferred Budget Consent Agenda Item 4 for further consideration by the Board. Board discussion ensued.

Budget Consent Agenda:

The motion made by Commissioner Scott, seconded by Commissioner Gomez Cordero, to approve the following Budget Consent Agenda Items: 1) Resolution of the Orange County Board of County Commissioners regarding certain service fees charged by Orange County Fire Rescue Department to take effect on October 1, 2026; 2) Resolution of the Orange County Board of County Commissioners regarding certain service fees charged by Building Safety Division to take effect on October 1, 2026; 3) Resolution of the Orange County Board of County Commissioners regarding certain service fees charged by the Zoning Division to take effect on October 1, 2026; and further, delete 4) Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners regarding certain service fees charged by the Environmental Protection Division to take effect on October 1, 2026, was withdrawn.

Board discussion ensued.

The motion made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Martinez Semrad, to approve the following Budget Consent Agenda Items: 1) Resolution of the Orange County Board of County Commissioners regarding certain service fees charged by Orange County Fire Rescue Department to take effect on October 1, 2026; 2) Resolution of the Orange County Board of County Commissioners regarding certain service fees charged by Building Safety Division to take effect on October 1, 2026; 3) Resolution of the Orange County Board of County Commissioners regarding certain service fees charged by the Zoning Division to take effect on October 1, 2026; 4) Resolution of the Orange County Board of County Commissioners regarding certain service fees charged by the Environmental Protection Division to take effect on October 1, 2026, was withdrawn.

A motion was made by Commissioner Scott, seconded by Commissioner Uribe, to approve Budget Consent Agenda Item 1): Resolution 2026-M-38 of the Orange County Board of County Commissioners regarding certain service fees charged by the Orange County Fire Rescue Department to take effect on October 1, 2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mayor Demings, Commissioner Wilson, Commissioner Uribe, Commissioner Gomez Cordero, Commissioner Martinez Semrad, and Commissioner Scott

A motion was made by Commissioner Scott, seconded by Commissioner Gomez Cordero, to approve Budget Consent Agenda Item 2): Resolution 2026-M-39 of the Orange County Board of County Commissioners regarding certain service fees charged by the Building Safety Division to take effect on October 1, 2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mayor Demings, Commissioner Wilson, Commissioner Uribe, Commissioner Gomez Cordero, Commissioner Martinez Semrad, and Commissioner Scott

A motion was made by Commissioner Scott, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, to approve Budget Consent Agenda Item 3): Resolution 2026-M-40 of the Orange County Board of County Commissioners regarding certain service fees charged by the Zoning Division to take effect on October 1, 2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mayor Demings, Commissioner Wilson, Commissioner Uribe, Commissioner Gomez Cordero, Commissioner Martinez Semrad, and Commissioner Scott

A motion was made by Commissioner Scott, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, to approve the Budget Consent Agenda Item 4): Resolution 2026-M-41 of the Orange County Board of County Commissioners regarding certain service fees charged by the Environmental Protection Division to take effect on October 1, 2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Mayor Demings, Commissioner Wilson, Commissioner Gomez Cordero, and Commissioner Martinez Semrad

Nay: 2 - Commissioner Uribe, and Commissioner Scott

Nonagenda

Commissioner Scott shared an Informational Item based on consultations with Orange County Comptroller's office regarding a future Consent Agenda Item that pertains to expenditures on food and toys for Tangelo Elementary, which are currently not authorized under Orange County policy. Board discussion ensued. County Comptroller Diamond and County Administrator Brooks contributed to the discussion.

√ The notated public hearing is quasi-judicial in nature. As such, any verbal or written communication with a member of the Board of County Commissioners prior to today's quasi-judicial hearing should be disclosed on the record or made a part of the record during the public hearing by or on behalf of the party who communicated with the Board member to allow any interested party an opportunity to inquire about or respond to such communication. Failure to disclose any such communication may place the party who ultimately prevails at the quasi-judicial hearing at risk of having the Board's decision overturned in a court of law due to prejudice against the party who was not privy to the ex parte communication.

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ADJOURNMENT: 4:22 p.m.

ATTEST:

County Mayor Jerry L. Demings

Date: _____

ATTEST SIGNATURE:

Phil Diamond
County Comptroller as Clerk

Deputy Clerk

Any person wishing to appeal any decision made by the Board of County Commissioners at this meeting will need a record of the proceedings. For that purpose, such person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), if any person with a disability as

defined by the ADA needs special accommodation to participate in this proceeding, then not later than two (2) business days prior to the proceeding, he or she should contact the Orange County Communications Division at (407) 836-5517.

Para mayor información en español, por favor llame al (407) 836-3111. Si w bezwen èd nan lang Kreyòl oswa sèvis tradiksyon, tanpri rele (407) 836-3111.

NOTE: Reports from the County Mayor, the County Commissioners, the County Administrator, and the County Attorney may be presented at unscheduled times throughout the day, depending on the length of time required for advertised public hearings.

Copies of Specific Project Expenditure Reports and Relationship Disclosure Forms are not included with agenda items unless there is a listed expenditure or disclosure. Copies of these completed reports and forms may be obtained by contacting the relevant Department /Division Office.

**With respect to informational items, Board action is neither required nor necessary, and Board approval (or disapproval) is not to be implied.