

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING  
ORANGE COVE CITY COUNCIL**

**DATE: TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2017 – 6:00 P.M.**

**LOCATION: Orange Cove Council Chambers  
633 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Orange Cove, California 93646**

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**Victor P. Lopez, Mayor**

**Diana Guerra Silva, Mayor Pro Tem  
Minerva Pineda, Council Member**

**Gilbert Garcia, Council Member  
Josie Cervantes, Council Member**

**A. CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME**

Roll Call  
Invocation  
Flag Salute

**B. CLOSED SESSION:**

1. Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)(1):  
PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION  
Title: City Manager

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SHALL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL ON ANY ITEM ON THIS AGENDA NOTICE

**C. RECONVENE CITY COUNCIL MEETING:**

**D. ADJOURNMENT:**

**ADA Notice:** In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the City Clerk at (559) 626-4488 ext. 214. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting.

**Documents:** Any writings or documents provided to a majority of the City Council regarding any item on this agenda will be made available for public inspection at front counter at City Hall and at the Orange Cove Library located at 815 Park Blvd., Orange Cove, CA during normal business hours. In addition, most documents are posted on City's website at [cityoforangecove.com](http://cityoforangecove.com).

## **STATEMENT ON RULES OF DECORUM AND ENFORCEMENT**

The Brown Act provides that members of the public have a right to attend public meetings, to provide public comment on action items and under the public forum section of the agenda, and to criticize the policies, procedures, or services of the city or of the acts or omissions of the city council. The Brown Act also provides that the City Council has the right to exclude all persons who willfully cause a disruption of a meeting so that it cannot be conducted in an orderly fashion.

During a meeting of the Orange Cove City Council, there is a need for civility and expedition in the carrying out of public business in order to ensure that the public has a full opportunity to be heard and that the Council has an opportunity to conduct business in an orderly manner. The following is provided to place everyone on notice of the rules of decorum and enforcement.

### **GENERAL RULES OF DECORUM**

While any meeting of the City Council is in session, the following rules of decorum shall be observed:

1. All remarks shall be addressed to the City Council as a whole and not to any single member, unless in response to a question from a member of the City Council.
2. A person who addresses the City Council under public comment for a specific agenda item or under the Public Forum section of the agenda may not engage in speech or conduct (i) which is likely to provoke others to violent or riotous behavior, (ii) which disturbs the peace of the meeting by loud and unreasonable noise, (iii) which is irrelevant or repetitive, or (iv) which disrupts, disturbs, or otherwise impedes the orderly conduct of any City Council meeting.
3. A person, other than members of the Council and the person who has the floor, shall not be permitted to enter into the discussion unless requested by the Mayor to speak.
4. Members of the City Council may not interrupt a person who has the floor and is making public comments. Members of the City Council shall wait until a person completes his or her public comments before asking questions or commenting. The Mayor shall then ask Councilmembers if they have comments or questions.
5. No person in the audience at a Council meeting shall engage in disorderly or boisterous conduct, including the utterance of loud, threatening or abusive language, whistling, stamping of feet or other acts which disturb, disrupt or otherwise impede the orderly conduct of any Council meeting.

## **ENFORCEMENT OF DECORUM RULES**

1. The Mayor or other presiding officer shall request that a person speaking at the podium during a public comment period or a member of the audience who is violating the rules of decorum, comply immediately with the rules of decorum.
2. The Mayor or other presiding officer shall request that a person who is breaching the rules of decorum cease such conduct. If after receiving such a warning, the person persists in breaching the rules of decorum, the Mayor or other presiding officer may order the person to leave the City Council meeting. If such person does not leave, the Mayor or presiding officer may request any law enforcement officer who is on duty at the meeting as sergeant-at-arms to remove the person from the Council Chambers. In the event there is no one from law enforcement present, the Mayor or presiding officer may direct the City Manager to contact law enforcement.