

MINUTES CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP
NEW JERSEY

THIS IS A CONFERENCE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP HELD AT CROSS AND CROWN CHRISTIAN CHURCH, 476 THOMAS BLVD., ORANGE, NEW JERSEY ON TUESDAY, JUNE 17, 2025 AT 7:00P.M.

Roll Call:

Present: Councilmember Kerry J. Coley, East Ward
Council Vice President Tency A. Eason, North Ward
Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert, West Ward (Arrived at 7:08pm)
Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III, At-Large
Councilmember Clifford R. Ross, At-Large
Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, South Ward (Arrived at 7:05pm)
Council President Adrienne K. Wooten, At-Large

Also Present: Joyce Lanier, City Clerk
Chris M. Hartwyk, Business Administrator, (Virtually via Zoom)
Laquana T. Best, Deputy Business Administrator
Derrick Brown, Fire Chief
Nile Clements, Chief Financial Officer
Aaron Mizrahi, Deputy City Clerk
Gracia R. Montilus, Esq., City Attorney
Marlin G. Townes, Legislative Research Officer
Trisha Scipio, City Clerk's Office

Absent: Vincent Vitiello, Police Chief
Margarette Homere, City Clerk's Office

The Clerk announced a Moment of Silence. Council Vice President Tency A. Eason dedicated this moment to the Democratic Leaders as we are living in trying times.

The Clerk announced a "SPECIAL NOTICE: Please be apprised anyone wishing to discuss Agenda or General Items shall raise their hand during Citizens Comments and will be allowed a maximum of five (5) minutes to interact with the Council.

The City Clerk announced that the requirements of N.J.S.A. 10:4-9 et. seq., "Sunshine Law" has been met. A notice of this meeting was sent to the Orange Record and published in the Star-Ledger on May 1, 2025, posted on the Bulletin Board in City Hall, the Council's Website (www.orangetwpnjcc.org), the City's Website (www.orangenj.gov) and filed in the Office of the City Clerk.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

A motion to suspend the rules to hear from George Wheatle Williams of the Nishuane Group was made by Council Vice President Tency A. Eason and seconded by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley.

Motion Adopted

George Wheatle Williams, founder and owner of the Nishuane Group acknowledged the presence of the Project Leader, Steve Martin who sponsored the preparation of the project. The Urban Enterprise Zone's five-year plan was presented, outlining strategies to stimulate economic growth through community engagement and collaboration with stakeholders. The plan included seven goals, such as business retention, attracting a national supermarket, and developing an arts district. Mr. Wheatle Williams emphasized the need for increased accessibility to the Urban Enterprise Zone program and proposed a social media campaign to enhance awareness. Additionally, the plan suggests boundary revisions to boost commercial activities and will enter a 30-day public comment period if approved. Council President Adrienne K. Wooten inquired about the timeline of this plan which is mandated. Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert inquired if there would be opportunities to create SID's within the zone which was affirmative. Mr. Wheatle Williams gave his closing statement and thanked the Council for allowing him to present.

The resolutions and ordinances to be presented at tonight's meeting are listed on the attached Regular Meeting Agenda. If any Council Member wishes to discuss any resolution or ordinance, it may be discussed at this time.

ORDINANCE ON SECOND READING

20-2025 An ordinance of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township to approve a tax exemption for a twenty-two (22) year period and authorizing the execution of a financial agreement for payments in lieu of taxes between the City and 27 BSTO Urban Renewal, LLC. *(Postponed at the May 20, 2025 Meeting)*

This Ordinance will be pulled.

ORDINANCE ON FIRST READING

32-2025 An ordinance to amend the code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 200, entitled "Vehicles and Traffic" Section 200-10.2 residential parking permit. (Ordinance postponed from 5-20-2025)

This Ordinance will be postponed until July 1, 2025 Council Meeting.

RESOLUTIONS

***291-2025** A resolution authorizing the City of Orange Tax Collector to prepare and mail estimated tax bills in accordance with P.L.1994, c.72.

Councilmember Clifford R. Ross asked how many tax bills will be estimated. CFO Nile Clements addressed the Councilman.

***297-2025** A resolution authorizing Lewis Consulting Group, Inc., 2604 Atlantic Avenue, Suite 600, Wall, New Jersey 07719 to provide professional Response Action Outcome (RAO) services for Colgate Park in an amount not to exceed \$21,131.25.

Councilmember Kerry J. Coley asked for clarification and if this was the responsibility of the Engineer. Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk stated the city will pay for this and it may be reimbursable through a grant. He stated The Lewis Consulting Group did an initial round of testing in Colgate Park, some soil boring this contract authorizes them to do some additional investigative work with regard to the results of those soil borings. Now this is a special requirement because some of the funds that are being used to redo the park are Green Acres funds, so we have to do a separate environmental analysis of the soil.

***299-2025** A resolution authorizing the services of the Hatfield Schwartz Law Group to represent City of Orange Township in the matter of Danny Nunez, Kevin DeMasi, David Cadet, Erick Geronimo, David Lunelli, Geovany Ayala, Michael John Costantino, Jr., Keenan Gooden, Shayna Gerald, Devon Bernard, Edward Hall and Milton Mendoza v. City of Orange Township and City of Orange Police Department, Docket No. ESX-L-3530-25 in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 for calendar year 2025.

Councilmember Kerry J. Coley asked for clarification. Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk explained there is a lawsuit involving multiple defendants within the police department. Each of the defendants is currently represented by different counsel. The Hatfield and Schwartz group is representing the city in the matter. And this would be an extension of their contract for the year 2025.

***300-2025 A resolution authorizing a contract to Traffic and Parking Control Company (TAPCO), LLC, 5100 W. Brown Deer Road, WI 53223 to purchase parking meters, parts, materials, supplies and provide parking management services under the National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance (NCPA)/Omnia in an amount not to exceed \$229,241.88.**

This Resolution was amended on the floor. Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk gave the amendments: It says purchase of parking meters that should say purchase of parking stations. In the third whereas clause the same change in the second line parking meters to parking stations And in the now therefore be it resolved paragraph in the second line an agreement with TAPCO not IPS. Yeah, therefore be a resolved the second line. Exchange the take out IPS and put in TAPCO.

***305-2025 A resolution censuring Orange Municipal Councilmember Quantavia Hilbert for unacceptable conduct during the May 20, 2025, Municipal Orange Municipal Council**

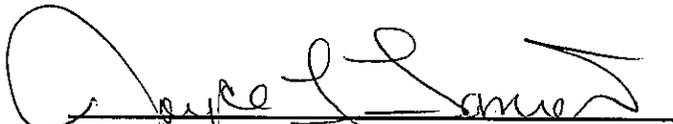
Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert expressed her concerns with this resolution as she felt it contained errors in the account of events that happened at the May 20, 2025 Council Meeting.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson and seconded by Councilmember Clifford R. Ross

Motion Adopted

The meeting was adjourned at 7:36pm.

Approved: July 1, 2025



Joyce L. Lanier
City Clerk



Adrienne K. Wooten
Council President