

**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 VIA AUDIO-VIDEO CONFERENCING ON TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2025, AT 7:00 P.M.**

**Roll Call:**

**Present:** Councilmember Kerry J. Coley, East Ward  
Council Vice President Tency A. Eason, North Ward  
Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert, West Ward  
Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III, At-Large  
Councilmember Clifford R. Ross, At-Large  
Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, South Ward  
Council President Adrienne K. Wooten, At-Large (*Arrived at 7:10pm*)

**Also Present:** Joyce Lanier, City Clerk  
Chris M. Hartwyk, Business Administrator  
Derrick Brown, Fire Chief  
Gracia R. Montilus, Esq., City Attorney  
Marlin Townes, Legislative Research Officer  
Trisha Scipio, City Clerk's Office

**Absent:** Vincent Vitiello, Police Chief  
Tamara Robinson, Deputy City Clerk  
Margaret Homere, City Clerk's Office

The Clerk announced a Moment of Silence. Councilmember Clifford R. Ross asked that this moment be dedicated in memory of William Hathaway's mother who recently passed.

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 Star Ledger, published in the Record Transcript on July 11, 2024, posted on the Bulletin Board in City Hall, the Council's Website ([www.orangetwpnjcc.org](http://www.orangetwpnjcc.org)), the City's Website ([www.orangenj.gov](http://www.orangenj.gov)) and filed in the Office of the City Clerk.

**MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION**

There were no Matters for Discussion.

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.

**ORDINANCES – SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING**

**58-2024** An ordinance amending the Municipal Code of the City of Orange Township Chapter 4 Administration of Government Section 4.10 adding I, entitled Resolution for Emergent Matters at Official Ceremonial Events. (Sponsored by Council President Wooten) (Postponed)  
This will remain postponed until the April 1, 2025, Council Meeting.

**7-2025** A bond ordinance providing for the acquisition of access equipment for the Lincoln Avenue and Crane Street parking garages, by and in the City of Orange Township, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey; appropriating \$384,000 therefor and authorizing the issuance of \$364,800 Bonds or Notes of the City to finance part of the cost thereof.

Councilmember Clifford R. Ross inquired about the timeline which is 20 days before a Purchase Order can be cut. The installation will take approximately three days.

**ORDINANCES – INTRODUCTION | FIRST READING**

**10-2025** An ordinance amending the City of Orange Township’s City Code, specifically Article VIII, Section 88-15 and Section 185-13.5 and Section 185-13.6 which address the new procedures for residents requesting a curb cut.

Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert asked for clarification. Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk explained that it clarified communications between Zoning and the Department of Public Works. Councilmember Clifford R. Ross also inquired about the fees which will be put into escrow. Council Vice President Tency A. Eason inquired about existing cuts which will receive a summons.

**11-2025** A refunding bond ordinance authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$7,000,000 aggregate principal amount of water-sewer utility refunding bonds, Series 2025 by the City of Orange Township, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey for the purpose of restructuring the outstanding 2014 refunding bonds previously issued by the City and appropriating the proceeds of such refunding bonds to such purpose and authorizing the issuance of such refunding bonds pursuant to the provisions of the Municipal Qualified Bond Act.

This Ordinance will be pulled by Administration.

**RESOLUTIONS NO \*147-2025 THROUGH \*175-2025**

**\*149-2025** A resolution authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$5,000,000 of tax anticipation notes of 2025 for the City of Orange Township, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey.

Councilmember Kerry J. Coley asked for clarification. Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk stated it was to help the City’s cash flow.

**\*150-2025** A resolution of the City of Orange Township, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey authorizing the submission of an application to the Local Finance Board (I) pursuant to N.J.S.A. §40A:2-55 in connection with the issuance of not to exceed \$7,000,000 aggregate principal amount of water-sewer utility refunding bonds, Series 2025, (II) for the approval of a refunding bond ordinance of the City pursuant to the provisions of the Municipal Qualified Bond Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:3-1 et seq. (The “Act”), and (III) for the approval of the issuance of refunding bonds as qualified bonds under the provisions of the Act.

This Resolution will be pulled by Administration.

**\*155-2025** A resolution rescinding Resolution #65-2025 adopted February 4, 2025 authorizing the services of Dilworth & Paxson, LLP to provide redevelopment counsel services for CY 2025 January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, not to exceed \$50,000.00 with additional fees paid separately from the Budget and received from an escrow account established and solely funded by applicants for specific projects.

CR asked why this is duplicated and 155 will be recinded

**\*156-2025** A resolution appointing the Law Firm of Dilworth & Paxson, LLP to provide special redevelopment counsel services for CY 2025 January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025 not to exceed \$50,000.00 with additional fees paid separately from the Budget and received from an escrow account established and solely funded by applicants for specific projects.

Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III asked for clarification. Business Administrator stated the Administration met with this company and believe it’s a better fit.

**\*157-2025** A resolution approving settlement in the matter of James Hodges v. Joana Okaforsea and the City of Orange Township ESX-L-9028-21 in the amount of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000.00).

Council Vice President Tency A. Eason inquired if this was in East Orange which it is along with Orange.

**\*159-2025** A resolution authorizing the award of an emergency contract for HVAC repairs to Municipal buildings to Millennium Mechanical, LLC, P.O. Box 1020, Little Falls, New Jersey 07424 in an amount not to exceed \$3,278.04.

Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert inquired if this included City Hall which it does not.

**\*161-2025** A resolution authorizing a contract to Natural Green Lawn Care and Sport Care Synthetic Field Maintenance, 795 East Main Street, Bridgewater, New Jersey 08807 to provide turf maintenance and repairs to College Park and Central Playground under the ESCNJ 22/23-37 Co-Op commencing April 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025 in an amount not to exceed \$16,600.00.

Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III wanted clarification.

**\*163-2025** A resolution to enter into Memorandum of Agreement with Metropolitan YMCA of the Oranges for the co-facilitation of the 2025 Mayor’s Circle of Excellence Summer Camp not to exceed \$147,000.00.

Councilmember Clifford R. Ross asked if this could be done in house which it would not be financially sound.

**\*175-2025** A resolution supporting the New Jersey State Immigrant Trust Act (ITA) S3672/A 4987. (Sponsored by City of Orange Township Council)

Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert asked colleagues why this was previously voted down. Councilmember Kerry J. Coley explained that the state has not taken official action on this. Council Vice President Tency A. Eason stated this will be taken off the Consent agenda tonight.

**118-2025** A resolution authorizing a professional services agreement with Friend & Wenzel LLC to provide legal services to the City of Orange Township Zoning Board of Adjustment for a period beginning January 1, 2025 and continuing through December 31, 2025 in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00, with additional fees paid separately from an escrow account that will be solely funded by developers pertaining to their specific projects. *Postponed*

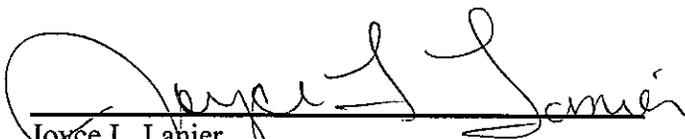
This Resolution will remain postponed.

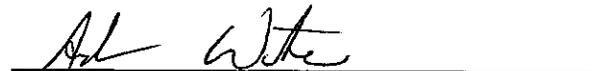
A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson and seconded by Council Vice President Tency A. Eason.

**Motion Adopted**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:29pm.

Approved: March 4, 2025

  
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 Joyce L. Lahier  
 City Clerk

  
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 Adrienne K. Wooten  
 Council President