

**MINUTES CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP
NEW JERSEY**

THIS IS THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP HELD AT CITY HALL, 29 NORTH DAY STREET, ORANGE, NEW JERSEY ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 2025 FOLLOWING THE CONFERENCE MEETING.

Councilmember Clifford R. Ross led all assembled in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call:

Present: Councilmember Kerry J. Coley, East Ward
Councilmember Tency A. Eason, North Ward
Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert, West Ward
Council Vice President 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

Also Present: Trisha A. Scipio, Acting Deputy Clerk
Chris M. Hartwyk, Business Administrator
Laquana T. Best, Deputy Business Administrator
Derrick Brown, Fire Chief
Nile Clements, Chief Financial Officer
Aaron Mizrahi, Esq., Deputy City Attorney (*Arrived at 7:10pm*)
Marlin G. Townes, Legislative Research Officer

Absent: Gracia R. Montilus, Esq., City Attorney

The Acting Deputy Clerk announced 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 and published in the Record Transcript on Thursday, July 10, 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.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

March 4, 2025 Conference & Regular Meeting Minutes

(Councilmembers Hilbert & Summers-Johnson were absent and should abstain)

A motion to approve the March 4, 2025 Conference & Regular Meeting Minutes was made by Councilmember Clifford R. Ross and seconded by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley.

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Tency A. Eason, Weldon M. Montague, III,
Hon. Clifford R. Ross, and Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten

Nays: None

Abstain: Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert and Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson

Absent: None

Motion Adopted

May 20, 2025 Conference & Regular Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve the May 20, 2025 Conference & Regular Meeting Minutes was made by Councilmember Clifford R. Ross and seconded by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley.

Motion Adopted

June 4, 2025 Conference & Regular Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve the June 4, 2025 Conference & Regular Meeting Minutes was made by Councilmember Clifford R. Ross and seconded by Councilmember Tency A. Eason.

Motion Adopted

August 6, 2025 Budget Hearing Meeting Minutes

(Councilmember Hilbert was absent and should abstain)

A motion to approve the August 6, 2025 Budget Hearing Meeting Minutes was made by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley and seconded by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III.

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Tency A. Eason, Weldon M. Montague, III,
Hon. Clifford R. Ross, Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, and Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten

Nays: None

Abstain: Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert

Absent: None

Motion Adopted

August 6, 2025 Conference & Regular Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve the June 4, 2025 Conference & Regular Meeting Minutes was made by Council Vice President Weldon M. Montague, III and seconded by Councilmember Tency A. Eason.

Motion Adopted

REPORTS

DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REVENUE COLLECTION

The Clerk's Office collected \$362.60 for July 2025.

The Health Department collected \$12,069.00 for July 2025.

The Planning Department collected \$292,131.00 for July 2025.

OPRA REPORTS

For the month of July 2025, there were 113 Requested, 78 Completed, and 35 Remaining.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

There were no Communications and Petitions.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON GENERAL ISSUES/AGENDA ITEMS

Members of the public wishing to address the Council may do so during this portion of the meeting. Speakers must sign their name on the Comments Sign-Up sheet and approach the microphone, when called upon. To allow maximum public involvement, each speaker is permitted one 5-minute period to interact with the Council and must provide his or her name and street address prior to beginning any remarks. Visual aids are not permitted.

Speakers are reminded to be courteous and mindful of other individuals. Each person has the right to speak on any subject but is responsible for abuse of that right. The City bears no liability for any comments made by the public and maintains discretion to remove any person engaging in obscene or disruptive conduct. The Council will consider all comments and questions, and will respond, if and when appropriate, which may or may not be during this meeting.

Gloria Stewart of Hampton Terrace wished Councilman Weldon M. Montague, III and Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson a Happy Birthday. She expressed concerns about re-pavement and it being done properly. She spoke about National Night which was a low turnout. She inquired about the Community Center completion and she spoke about how happy the school event made her. Colin Kapernick was an inspiration as well as the message from the Mayor.

Anthony Burke of 477 Hillside Ave inquired about Ordinance 51-2025 and Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk spoke to dissolving the Parking Authority and creating the Utility.

A motion to Close Citizen Comments was made by Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson and seconded by Councilmember Clifford R. Ross.

Motion Adopted

There were no Citizen Comments received by e-mail.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Kerry J. Coley hoped all had a great and enjoyable summer. He was pleased to see the boards on display with the information of the cities developments. He stated water should be a priority in the city and commended the Business Administrator on his work with the water. He hopes Directors will submit their 2026 Budget soon. He inquired about the street pavement which continues. He wants developers to leave area clean when their projects are complete.

Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert hopes everyone enjoyed their summer. She gave best wishes to the school district on the upcoming year. She spoke about the upcoming events in the community.

Councilmember Tency A. Eason congratulated Ms. Stewart for 50 years in the school district. She stated the energy at the convocation was very positive. She wants the meter reports included in the agenda. She stated the Community Center is four months behind. Council President replied that Mr. Bledsoe stated the Community Center would be done by the end of October. The splash park is now open in Metcalf. DMV will come to St. Matthew on October 1st from 10am-2pm. You must register and the Real ID will be available.

Councilmember Clifford R. Ross hopes everyone had a great summer. He is proud of the city with all of the activities and park updates. He brought attention to the poster boards with the information on the developers. This is Prostate Cancer Awareness month and he encourages all men to get screened. People over Politics over will have a book bag giveaway on Saturday.

Council Vice President Weldon M. Montague, III wished the students a great upcoming year. He was happy to see all councilmembers at book bag event this past Saturday. There will be a raffle for 4 free SORA licenses at the upcoming Book Bag giveaway. There will also be lunch pals and free haircuts being giving out. He asked for the gas receipt from WAWA each month, and the list of the City's Leased and owned vehicles.

Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson stated this begins her thirtieth year teaching this year. She was happy about the Book Bag Giveaway and she gave updates on upcoming events. She encourages men to go into education.

Council President Adrienne K. Wooten gave an update on some of the development in the city. She thanked Council for voting to rescind legislation for developers who are not moving projects along. She spoke about the convocation being the epitome of attending a HBCU.

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING

50-2025 An ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 200, entitled “Vehicles and Traffic”, Section 200-52-1 Handicapped Parking Spaces (373 Olcott Street)

A motion to close Citizens Comments was made by Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson and seconded by Council Vice President Weldon M. Montague, III.

Motion Adopted

A motion to adopt Ordinance 50-2025 was made by Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson and seconded by Councilmember Tency A. Eason.

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Tency A. Eason, Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Clifford R. Ross, Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, and Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion Adopted

51-2025 An ordinance of the City of Orange Township, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey, dissolving the Parking Authority of the city of Orange City Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:5A-20.

A motion to close Citizens Comments was made by Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson and seconded by Councilmember Clifford R. Ross.

Motion Adopted

A motion to adopt Ordinance 51-2025 was made by Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson and seconded by Council Vice President Weldon M. Montague, III.

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Tency A. Eason, Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Clifford R. Ross, Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, and Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion Adopted

52-2025 An ordinance of the City of Orange Township, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey creating a Parking Utility.

A motion to close Citizens Comments was made by Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson and seconded by Council Vice President Weldon M. Montague, III.

Motion Adopted

A motion to adopt Ordinance 52-2025 was made by Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson and seconded by Councilmember Clifford R. Ross.

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Tency A. Eason, Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Clifford R. Ross, Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, and Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion Adopted**ORDINANCES – INTRODUCTION | FIRST READING****53-2025 An ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 200, Entitled “Vehicles and Traffic”, Section 200-33, Entitled Schedule II: No Parking Certain Hours. (Central Avenue) (Sponsored by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley)**

A motion to postpone Ordinance 53-2025 was made by Councilmember Clifford R. Ross and seconded by Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson.

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Tency A. Eason, Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Clifford R. Ross, Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, and Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion Adopted: Postponed**54-2025 An ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 200, entitled “Vehicles and Traffic” Section 200-52-1, Handicapped Parking Spaces (266 Mt. Vernon Avenue)**

A motion to adopt Ordinance 54-2025 on First Reading was made by Councilmember Tency A. Eason and seconded by Councilmember Clifford R. Ross.

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Tency A. Eason, Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Clifford R. Ross, Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, and Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion Adopted: Final Reading October 7, 2025

55-2025 An ordinance amending ordinance 21-2017 and ordinance 15-2020 relating to salaries of certain employees of the City of Orange Township

A motion to adopt Ordinance 55-2025 on First Reading was made by Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson and seconded by Council Vice President Weldon M. Montague, III.

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III,
Hon. Clifford R. Ross, Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, and Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten

Nays: Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert

Abstain: Hon. Tency A. Eason

Absent: None

Motion Adopted: Final Reading October 7, 2025

CONSENT AGENDA

ALL ITEMS LISTED WITH AN ASTERISK (*) ARE CONSIDERED TO BE ROUTINE BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND WILL BE ENACTED BY ONE MOTION. THERE WILL BE NO SEPARATE DISCUSSION OF THESE ITEMS UNLESS A COUNCIL MEMBER SO REQUESTS, IN WHICH EVENT, THE ITEM WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE GENERAL ORDER OF BUSINESS AND CONSIDERED IN ITS NORMAL SEQUENCE OF THE AGENDA.

RESOLUTIONS NO *364-2025 THROUGH *391-2025

- *364-2025** A resolution honoring the Perinatal Health Equity Initiative of East Orange for their outstanding work in promoting Perinatal Health and Community Wellness.
(Submitted by Council President Adrienne K. Wooten)
- *365-2025** A resolution appointing Councilman Kerry J. Coley to the Standing Committee on Budget and Finance (Submitted by Council President Adrienne K. Wooten)
- *366-2025** A resolution appointing Councilman-At-Large Clifford R. Ross to the Standing Committee on Budget and Finance (Submitted by Council President Adrienne K. Wooten)
- *367-2025** A resolution appointing Council Vice President Weldon M. Montague, III to the Standing Committee on Budget and Finance (Submitted by Council President Adrienne K. Wooten)
- *368-2025** A resolution appointing Councilwoman Jamie B. Summers-Johnson to the Standing Committee on Governmental Operations
(Submitted by Council President Adrienne K. Wooten)
- *369-2025** A resolution appointing Councilman Kerry J. Coley to the Standing Committee on Governmental Operations (Submitted by Council President Adrienne K. Wooten)
- *370-2025** A resolution recognizing National Opioid Awareness Day in the City of Orange Township
(Submitted Council President Adrienne K. Wooten)
- *371-2025** A resolution honoring the Life, Legacy, and Memory of the late Thomas R. Ashley, Esq.
(Submitted by Council President Adrienne K. Wooten and the Orange Municipal Council)
- *372-2025** A resolution authorizing the issuance of a Raffle License for Saint John's Catholic Church.
- *373-2025** A resolution honoring MichelleG for her outstanding contributions as a Media Personality, Educator, Community Leader, and Humanitarian
(Submitted by Council President Adrienne K. Wooten and the Orange Municipal Council)
- *374-2025** A resolution appointing Dennis Motley to the Budget and Finance Standing Committee of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township
(Submitted by South Ward Councilmember Jamie Summers-Johnson)
- *375-2025** A resolution appointing Veronica Scott to the Budget and Finance Standing Committee of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township
(Submitted by Council President Adrienne K. Wooten)
- *376-2025** A resolution authorizing approval to amend the CY 2025 Municipal Budget by inserting items of revenue and appropriations totaling \$1,448,279.10 in additional grant funding.

- *377-2025 A resolution authorizing a refund of fifty dollars (\$50.00) paid by Allisson Julien of 281 Hickory Street, Apt. 5, Orange, New Jersey for the Volleyball program to the Orange Recreation Division referenced receipt number 002127 Confirmation #3892306027 dated February 19, 2025.
- *378-2025 A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a non-clinical affiliation agreement with the University of New England for public health practicum placements for administrative and prophylactic purposes.
- *379-2025 A resolution authorizing the second (2nd) extension of the contract between the City of Orange Township and Occupational Health Centers for New Jersey, P.A. d/b/a Concentra Medical Centers, to provide employee medical examination for the period of April 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025 in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00.
- *380-2025 A resolution authorizing the renewal of a contract with CDW-G, 230 N. Milwaukee Avenue, Vernon Hills, IL 60061 to provide zoom video communication services for thirty-five employees to access the City of Orange Township servers from any location in an amount not to exceed \$10,085.50 beginning August 16, 2025 until August 15, 2026.
- *381-2025 A resolution amending resolution #153-2014 with the New Jersey Department of Transportation, 1035 Parkway Avenue, Trenton, New Jersey 08625 for the Highland Avenue Train Station Rehabilitation Project for an additional \$585,779.10 making the new amount of \$4,212,234.32.
- *382-2025 A resolution of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township approving an agreement with NV5 Inc. for professional preliminary engineering and design assistance services as part of the "Scotland Road Gateway Beatification Project" in an amount not to exceed \$191,433.77.
- *383-2025 A resolution authorizing the purchase of playground equipment from Picerno-Giordano Construction, LLC, 200 Market Street, Kenilworth, New Jersey 07033 for the Central Playground Improvements in an amount not to exceed \$10,137.25.
- *384-2025 A resolution declaring an emergency and ratifying a contract between the City of Orange Township and Shauger Property Services, Inc., 429 Dodd Street, East Orange, New Jersey 07017 for emergency main water and sewer repairs at 115 Central Avenue and 24 South Center Street in the amount not to exceed \$60,920.99.
- *385-2025 A resolution authorizing Woodard & Curran, Inc., 12 Mountfort Street, Portland, ME 04101 (New Jersey branch located at 50 Millstone Road, Building 400, Suite 201, East Windsor, New Jersey 08520) to purchase 200 meter replacements (5/8") in the amount not to exceed \$64,368.00.
- *388-2025 A resolution authorizing Mott MacDonald, 111 Wood Avenue South, Iselin, New Jersey 08830 to provide professional engineering, design, construction administration and construction oversight services for the 291 Walton Avenue, South Orange, New Jersey Water Main Replacement Services Program in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00.
- *391-2025 A resolution approving the Bill List for Council Meeting vote on September 2, 2025 dated August 21, 2025 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95 (Grand Total: \$9,204,552.55)

A motion to adopt the Consent Agenda was made by Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson and seconded by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley.

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Tency A. Eason, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Clifford R. Ross, Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, and Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion Adopted

RESOLUTIONS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

There were no Resolutions removed from the Consent agenda for a separate vote.

NEW BUSINESS AND WALK-ON ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

There was no New Business, nor Walk-On Ordinances and Resolutions.

OTHER PENDING BUSINESS

There was no other Pending Business.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

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

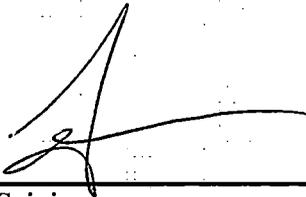
Motion adopted

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36pm.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The next City Council Conference and Regular Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 16, 2025.

Approved: September 16, 2025



Trisha A. Scipio
Acting Deputy Clerk



Council Vice President
Weldon M. Montague, III