

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 29 NORTH DAY STREET, ORANGE, NEW JERSEY ON TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2025 AT 7:01P.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

Also Present: Joyce Lanier, City Clerk
Chris M. Hartwyk, Business Administrator, via Zoom
Laquana T. Best, Deputy Business Administrator
Nile Clements, Chief Financial Officer
Aaron Mizrahi, Deputy City Clerk
Gracia R. Montilus, Esq., City Attorney
Wendy Sykes, Community Service Director (*Arrived at 7:07pm*)
Marlin G. Townes, Legislative Research Officer
Vincent Vitiello, Police Chief
Trisha Scipio, City Clerk's Office

Absent: Derrick Brown, Fire Chief
Margarette Homere, City Clerk's Office

The Clerk announced a Moment of Silence. Council Vice President dedicated this moment to Police Chaplin, Rev. Dr. Lanell D. Guyton, Chaplin and Essex County College Board of Trustees. Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert also added the Honorable Sharpe James, former Mayor of Newark, New Jersey.

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

Essex County Liaison Reginald Bledsoe thanked the councilmembers who participated in the photo-op for the Thomas Blvd Bridge project. He stated the Oange Park House being developed is nearing completion. There will be a Job Fair in collaboration with Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III on May 29th at Essex County College gymnasium, 177 Market Street from 10am-3pm. There will also be a Paper Shredding event on Saturday, June 7th from 8:30am- 12:30pm at the County DPW, 99 West Bradford, Cedar Grove, NJ. Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III inquired about the Cricket League and Mr. Bledsoe will look into it. Council President Adrienne K. Wooten inquired about an electronics and paint recycle in in Orange which can be done but the

items would need to be transported to Cedar Grove, She also inquired about a traffic light at the Monte Irvin intersection which needs more 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.

ORDINANCE ON SECOND READING

There was no discussion about the Ordinances on Second Reading.

ORDINANCE ON FIRST READING

There was no discussion about the Ordinances on First Reading.

RESOLUTIONS

***264-2025** A Resolution of the City of Orange Township, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey, authorizing certain actions in connection with the sale and issuance of not to exceed \$2,250,000 aggregate principal amount of Water-Sewer Utility Refunding Bonds, Series 2025 (qualified pursuant to the Municipal Qualified Bond Act, P.L. 1976, c. 38, as amended) and authorizing the appropriate officials to do all acts and things deemed necessary and advisable in connection with the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds.

Councilmember Clifford R. Ross asked for clarification, the CFO Nile Clements stated the 4% rate will remain the same.

***265-2025** A resolution authorizing the, cancellation of Tax Sale Certificate #24-00879 for Block 1701, Lot 3, also known as 24 Hillyer Street and issuing a refund to RTLF-NJ II LLC in the amount of \$214,943.29 for accrued interest, premium and penalties.

***266-2025** A resolution authorizing the cancellation of Tax Sale Certificate #24-00137 for Block 1701, Lot 3, also known as 24 Hillyer Street and issuing a refund to Pro Cap 8 FBO Firstrust Bank in the amount of \$127,369.65 for accrued interest, premium and penalties.

***267-2025** A resolution authorizing the cancellation of Tax Sale Certificate# 23-00482 on Block 1701 Lot 3 also known as, 24 Hillyer Street in addition to issuing a refund for accrued interest, premium and penalties to Nalini Funding LLC in the amount of \$252,795.70.

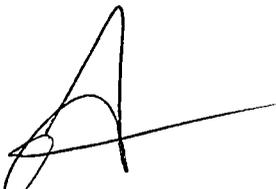
Councilmember Weldon M. Montague III asked for clarification on Resolutions 265-2025 through 267-2025 which are centered on fixing a tax sale error.

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 7:16pm.

Approved: September 2, 2025



Trisha A. Scipio
Acting Deputy Clerk



Adrienne K. Wooten
Council President