

**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 MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 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 (*Arrived at 7:31pm*)
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
Nile Clements, Chief Financial Officer
Gracia R. Montilus, Esq., City Attorney (*Arrived at 7:51pm*)
Marlin G. Townes, Legislative Research Officer

The 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

October 7, 2025 Conference and Regular Meeting Minutes

A motion to adopt the Minutes from the October Conference and Regular Meeting was made by Councilmember Tency A. Eason and seconded by Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert.

Motion Adopted

REPORTS

DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REVENUE COLLECTION OCTOBER 2025

The Clerk's Office collected \$406.85, Parking Meters collected \$9,484.27, the Health Department collected \$9,956.00, Recreation collected \$17,605.00, the Planning Department collected \$67,673.00, Public Works collected \$8,957.00, and the Tax Assessor collected \$30.00.

OPRA REPORTS

For the month of October 2025 there were 119 requested, 59 completed, and 60 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 3-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.

Dr. Gloria Boseman of 345 Olcott Street inquired about the changing Citizen Comments to three minutes but keeping Council Comments at five minutes, Department of Community Affairs, and contributions from Developments.

A motion to Close Citizen Comments was made by Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson and seconded by Councilmember Tency A. Eason.

Motion Adopted

There were no Citizen Comments received by e-mail.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert spoke about the West Ward Meeting and upcoming events.

Councilmember Tency A. Eason spoke about the Soup and Salad Event, Turkeys for seniors and the Event at St Matthew AME.

Councilmember Kerry J. Coley spoke about the Feed the Sheep program at Bethel Baptist Church.

Council Vice President Weldon M. Montague, III spoke about the Turkey and Dinner Giveaway on November 25th from 4-6pm at Bethel Baptist Church, People Over Politics Coat Giveaway on December 13th at the Upper Field House, the 5th Annual Hot Meals Event a collaboration with Not Orange, Clarity, Treasurers Island at Ebenezer Baptist Church from 2-6pm on December 13th.

Councilmember Clifford R. Ross spoke about parking gates, LIA Tour, Lincoln Avenue, Handicap Signs and procedure, Paving, Literacy Grant, and the ECC Turkey Giveaway.

Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson spoke about the Soup & salad Event, Speakers, Sponsorships, Library Fundraiser and the process for projects.

Council President Adrienne K. Wooten spoke about the Tree Lighting, Soup and Salad Event, Toy Drive, and the water bill.

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING

63-2025 An ordinance to amend Section 200-40, Schedule IX: Stop Intersections, of the City of Orange Township City Code.

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 63-2025 on Second Reading was made by Councilmember Clifford R. Ross 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

65-2025 A Bond Ordinance providing for the lead service line replacement project, by and in the City of Orange Township, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey, appropriating \$20,000,000 therefor and authorizing the issuance of \$20,000,000 bonds or notes to finance the cost thereof

A motion to close Citizens Comments was made by Council Vice President Weldon M. Montague, III and seconded by Councilmember Clifford R. Ross.

Motion Adopted

A motion to adopt Ordinance 65-2025 on Second Reading was made by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley 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

66-2025 An ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Orange Township Chapter 88, "Fees" Article VIII entitled "Department of Public Works" Section 15 "Fees"

A motion to close Citizens Comments was made by Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson and seconded by Councilmember Tency A. Eason.

Motion Adopted

A motion to adopt Ordinance 66-2025 on Second Reading was made by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley 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

67-2025WO A refunding Bond Ordinance authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$7,000,000 aggregate principal amount of refunding bonds and/or refunding notes by the City of Orange Township, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey, for the purpose of funding an Emergency Appropriation to fund Health Benefits costs.

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 postpone Ordinance 67-2025 on Second Reading to December 16, 2025 Council Meeting 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: Postponed to December 16, 2025 Council Meeting

ORDINANCES – INTRODUCTION | FIRST READING

71-2025 Ordinance of the City of Orange Township, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey providing for a special emergency appropriation in an amount not to exceed \$860,000 to fund contractually required severance liabilities resulting from the layoff or retirement of employees in the City.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 71-2025 on First Reading was made by Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson and seconded by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley.

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 December 2, 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 *477-2025 THROUGH *488-2025

- *477-2025 A resolution approving the Bill List for Council Meeting Vote on November 17, 2025 dated November 12, 2025 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95 (Grand Total: \$10,474,418.10)**
- *478-2025 A resolution authorizing the City of Orange Township to accept a grant award from the New Jersey Urban Enterprise Zone Authority for the Orange UEZ Police Project – Phase 1 in the amount of \$156,000**
- *479-2025 A resolution authorizing the City of Orange Township to accept a grant award from the New Jersey Urban Enterprise Zone Authority for the Orange UEZ Safety Improvements to Main Street project in the amount of \$1,174,922**
- *480-2025 A resolution of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, authorizing a performance escrow refund of \$119,295.60 paid by BSD 100 Main Urban Renewal LLC in exchange for performance bonds submitted in the same amount in connection with construction of a mid-rise multi-family residential building at block 3002, lots 6 through 14 commonly known as 90-112 South Main Street, Orange, New Jersey.**
- *482-2025 A resolution authorizing an award of a non-fair and open professional services contract to Greater Essex Counseling services to provide 13 weekly meetings throughout the months of December 2025, January and February 2026 for opioid related mental health awareness information including education tailored to both the adult and children in the City of Orange Township in an amount not to exceed \$6,500.00.**
- *485-2025 A resolution recognizing November 2025 as Diabetes Awareness Month in the City of Orange Township (Submitted by Council President Adrienne Wooten)**
- *486-2025 A resolution supporting Homelessness and Hunger Awareness in November 2025 in the City of Orange Township (Submitted by Council President Adrienne Wooten)**

RESOLUTIONS (continued)

***488-2025 A resolution authorizing approval to amend the CY 2025 Municipal Budget by inserting items of revenue and appropriations totaling \$70,000.00 in additional grant funding.**

A motion to adopt the Consent Agenda 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: Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten

Motion Adopted

RESOLUTIONS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

481-2025 A resolution Honoring Ken’s Diner for over 30 Years of Service to the Community. (Sponsored by the City of Orange Township Municipal Council) AMENDED

A motion to adopt Resolution 481-2025 as amended was made by Council Vice President Weldon M. Montague, III 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

483-2025 A resolution amending Resolution 81-2023 for the purpose of increasing the amount to lease vehicles from Enterprise FM Trust, 1550 Route 23 North, Suite 101, Wayne, New Jersey 07470, from an amount not to exceed Five Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand (\$575,000) to an amount not to exceed Six Hundred Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$675,000) over a term of Three (3) years from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2026

A motion to postpone Resolution 483-2025 to December 2, 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: Postponed to December 2, 2025

RESOLUTIONS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

484-2025 A resolution directing the Administration to complete a Compliance Review for certain Developments due to continued Developer Nonperformance and failure to provide status reports as previously requested
(Sponsored by the City of Orange Township Municipal Council) **AMENDED**

A motion to adopt Resolution 484-2025 as amended 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

487-2025 A resolution recognizing November 2025 as Family Caregivers and Home Care Month in the City of Orange Township
(Sponsored by the City of Orange Township Municipal Council) **AMENDED**

A motion to adopt Resolution 487-2025 as amended 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

NEW BUSINESS, WALK-ON ORDINANCES | RESOLUTIONS AND OTHER PENDING BUSINESS

489-2025WO A resolution authorizing payment to Alpine Software Corporation, A Software Platform for dispatch, records, inspections, alerting, and scheduling for service rendered to the City of Orange Township's Fire Department in 2025 in an amount not to exceed \$9,929.64.

A motion to Walk-On Resolution 489-2025WO was made by Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson and seconded by Council Vice President Weldon M. Montague, III.

Motion Adopted

489-2025WO A resolution authorizing payment to Alpine Software Corporation, A Software Platform for dispatch, records, inspections, alerting, and scheduling for service rendered to the City of Orange Township’s Fire Department in 2025 in an amount not to exceed \$9,929.64.

A motion to adopt Resolution 489-2025WO was made by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley 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

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business.

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 Council Vice President Weldon M. Montague, III.

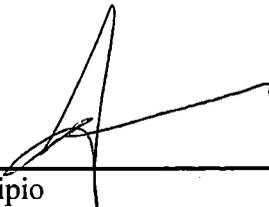
Motion adopted

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 pm.

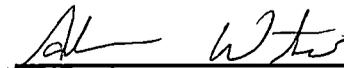
PUBLIC NOTICE

The next City Council Conference and Regular Meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 2,, 2025.

Approved: December 16, 2025



Trisha A. Scipio
Deputy Municipal Clerk



Adrienne K. Wooten
Council President