

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, OCTOBER 7, 2025 FOLLOWING THE CONFERENCE MEETING.

Councilmember Kerry J. Coley 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
Gracia R. Montilus, Esq., City Attorney
Marlin G. Townes, Legislative Research Officer

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

September 16, 2025 Conference Meeting Minutes

(Councilmembers Hilbert, Ross and Wooten were absent and should abstain)

A motion to adopt the September 16, 2025 Conference Meeting Minutes 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. Weldon M. Montague, III,
and Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson

Nays: None

Abstain: Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Clifford R. Ross, and Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten

Absent: None

Motion Adopted

September 16, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

(Councilmembers Ross and Wooten were absent and should abstain)

A motion to adopt the September 16, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes was made by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley and seconded by Councilmember Tency A. Eason.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: Hon. Clifford R. Ross, and Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten

Absent: None

Motion Adopted**REPORTS****DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REVENUE COLLECTION**

Parking Meters collected \$10,111.98 in July 2025.

Parking Meters collected \$8,340.56 in August 2025.

The Department of Public Works collected \$598,581.00 in September 2025.

OPRA REPORTS

For the month of September 2025, there were 108 OPRA Requests, 59 Completed, and 49 Remaining.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS**NJ TRANSIT INFORMATIONAL PUBLIC HEARING****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.

Alysa Rodriguez of 487 Mountainview Avenue expressed her concerns about reducing Citizens Comments time, \$2 million grant, and the salary increase ordinance. The CFO explained the \$2 million grant is in the budget.

Darnelle Gibbs of 400 Lincoln Avenue expressed concerns about Resolution 408-2025 and the \$2 million grant.

E. Lydell Carter of 196 Clairmont Terrace expressed concerns about Ordinance 58-2025 hoping this passes because there is a danger at the intersection.

Brent Engle of 174 Heywood Avenue expressed concerns about Ordinance 62-2025 and is curious why a Bond Ordinance is being used and also agreed that Ordinance 62-2025 should be passed.

ED Donnelly of 419 Central Avenue expressed concerns about Resolution 414-2025 and the funds so that jobs would be saved. The safety of the city is what needs to be discussed.

Shawn O'Grady of 419 Central Avenue is from the Fire Fighters Union and he wanted to speak about the safety in the city and saving jobs of Fire Fighters.

Dr. Gloria Boseman of 345 Olcott Street inquired about Resolutions 416-2025, 429-2025, the infrastructure going up, the Library, and she thanked the Fire Fighters for their service.

Harold Johnson of 235 Fuller Terrace spoke about financial literacy and National Life Insurance Month.

Gerald Murphy of 26 South Harrison Street spoke about the soil at Berwyn Street, and the main on Berwyn.

A motion to Close Citizen Comments was made by Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson and seconded by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley.

Motion Adopted

There were no Citizen Comments received by e-mail.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert thanked the Citizens who came out for the Council Meeting. She agreed with Dr. Boseman when negotiating with Developers, and began questions about Permit Parking, Air BNB, and the ADU.

Councilmember Kerry J. Coley spoke to the leak on Main Street, the Berwyn Street Development, contamination on Berwyn mentioned by a resident, and repaving on William Street.

Councilmember Tency A. Eason spoke to DMV coming to St. Matthew, Pink Out in Orange which was a collaboration with East Orange, the Salary Ordinance which she abstained from as she did not support it, uniforms for Crossing Guards, Community Forums and she stated she supports Fire and Police.

Council Vice President Weldon M. Montague, III requested updates on the Parking Utility, Parking Meters, Orange Memorial Site, YMCA Site, and the old Fire Station. He stated he supports Fire and Police as well.

Councilmember Clifford R. Ross thanked the Fire Department for showing up in large numbers for the Council Meeting. He stated Councilmembers do not support lay-offs. He mentioned success of the Pink Out Walk which was held this past Saturday. He requested updates on LIA Development, Gates, the Clairmont Terrace Ordinance, and the upcoming election.

Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson spoke to Citizens Comments made about lay-offs, and how she work with residents.

Council President Adrienne K. Wooten spoke to the Fire Union and intimidation. She wanted to address some bad rumors.

Council President Adrienne K. Wooten suspended the rules to hear from Senator Britnee Timberlake.

Senator Britnee Timberlake stated she has historically had a good relationship with the City of Orange Township. She was able to go to Trenton and get funds for the City of Orange Township to save jobs in the City. She is in support of First Responders and Civil Service workers and wanted the residents to know this. She is committed to be a partner with the city and wanted to make it clear that the funds she acquired was to be used for Fire, Police and already laid-off employees.

A motion to take a three minute recess was made by Councilmember Tency A. Eason and seconded by Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson.

Motion Adopted.

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING

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 close Citizens Comments was made by Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson and seconded by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley.

Motion Adopted

A motion to adopt Ordinance 54-2025 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. 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. Tency A. Eason

Motion Adopted

57-2025 An ordinance authorizing and providing for certain capital projects and purchases and appropriating \$437,500 for said projects and purchases authorized to be undertaken in, by and for the city of orange township, in the county of Essex, New Jersey

Alyssa Rodriguez expressed her concerns with this ordinance.

A motion to close Citizens Comments was made by Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson and seconded by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley.

Motion Adopted

A motion to adopt Ordinance 57-2025 on Second 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

ORDINANCES – INTRODUCTION | FIRST READING

**58-2025 An ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 200, Entitled “Vehicles and Traffic”, to change Traffic Patterns on Clairmont Terrace.
(Sponsored by Councilmember Jamie Summers-Johnson)**

A motion to adopt Ordinance 58-2025 on First Reading 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: Final Reading November 5, 2025

59-2025 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 (345 South Jefferson Street)

A motion to adopt Ordinance 59-2025 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 November 5, 2025

60-2025 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 (224 Washington Street)

A motion to adopt Ordinance 60-2025 on First 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: Final Reading November 5, 2025

- 62-2025** An ordinance amending Chapter 88 “Fees”, Article I, “Fees Derived from Code Provisions”, Section 88-1, “Schedule of Fees” setting rates and fees for the use of the water/sewer system as initially established by Ordinance No. 58-2013 and as amended by Ordinance No. 29-2017, 43-2021, 26-2024 and 54-2024.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 62-2025 on First Reading was made by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley and seconded by Councilmember Tency A. Eason.

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, 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: Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert

Absent: None

Motion Adopted: Final Reading November 5, 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 *411-2025 THROUGH *435-2025

- *411-2025** A resolution authorizing the issuance of a Raffle License for Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church.
- *413-2025** A resolution to accept federal grant funds from the Department of Homeland Securities for the fiscal year 2024 Assistance to Firefighters Grant in the amount of \$20,372.72 and authorizing the contribution of \$2,037.28 for turnout gear washer extractor and dryer equipment for a total of \$22,410.
- *414-2025** A resolution authorizing the submission and acceptance of a grant application to the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for the Public Infrastructure Improvements and Operating Aid in an amount not to exceed \$2,050,000.00.
- *415-2025** A resolution authorizing the Tax Collector to do an Accelerated Tax Sale for all properties delinquent as of November 11, 2025.
- *416-2025** A resolution authorizing a contract for Off-Duty Police Management Services for the Orange Police Department to Extra Duty Solutions, 1 Waterview Drive, Suite 101, Shelton, CT 06484 for a term of two (2) years commencing September 1, 2025.
- *417-2025** A resolution to accept funds in the amount of \$64,788.00 from the New Jersey Department of Health-Office of Local Public Health (OLPH) for the 2026 Strengthening Local Public Health Capacity Program Grant
- *418-2025** A resolution authorizing a refund of seventy-five dollars paid by Keisha-Tashii Fuller for Volleyball Program to the Orange Recreation Division, reference receipt number 002148, confirmation date May 18, 2025.
- *419-2025** A resolution rejecting the re-bid for the CDBG 2024 Municipal Building (City Hall) Main Door Replacement.
- *420-2025** A resolution authorizing the extension of the awarded contract with Bright View Engineering, 5 Pitcairn Drive, Roseland, New Jersey 07068 to provide construction administration services related to the Highland Avenue Train Station Rehabilitation in the amount not to exceed \$10,919.75.
- *421-2025** A resolution authorizing the extension of the award of a non-fair and open contract with Neighborhood Planning and Architectural Design, Inc. (NJPAD), 132 South

- Harrison Street, East Orange, New Jersey 07018 to provide project management professional services to comply with federal and state guidelines for the Highland Avenue Train Station Improvements in an amount not to exceed \$2,100.00.
- *422-2025** A resolution authorizing an addendum to Resolution 286-2024 to Remington & Vernick Engineers, 2059 Springdale Road, Cherry Hill, New Jersey 08003 to increase the contract in the amount of \$69,054 to provide additional professional engineering, design, construction administration services of the Metcalf Park Improvements Phase I-II making the new amount not to exceed \$125,181.00.
- *423-2025** A resolution authorizing a contract with Cintas Corporation No. 2, Cintas Fire Protection, 1705 US Highway 46, Unit 8, Ledgewood, New Jersey 07852 to provide fire alarm monitoring, fire extinguisher inspections, materials and supplies for all municipal buildings through TIPS USA Cooperative Contract #240501 commencing January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025 in an amount not to exceed \$55,000.00.
- *424-2025** A resolution amending Resolution 60-2025 entitled "A resolution authorizing a contract for the purchase of #2 Ultra Low sulfur Diesel Fuel for the City of Orange city owned vehicles and equipment through the Morris County Co-Operative Pricing Council Contract #12 from Griffith-Allied Trucking, LLC, dba Allied Oil, 25 Old Camplain Road, Hillsborough, New Jersey 08844 commencing January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025 in the amount not to exceed \$200,000.00" for the purpose of reducing the contract amount from \$200,000 to the new amount not to exceed \$55,000.00.
- *425-2025** A resolution authorizing the purchase of Draeger Alcotest 9510 Evidential Breath Test System and related components and supplies in the amount of \$20,739.00 and authorizing a contract to provide a ten year service agreement for the Draeger Alcotest 9510 Evidential Breath Test System in the amount of \$4,245.00 for the City of Orange Police Department from Draeger Inc., 3135 Quarry Road, Telford, PA 18969 under State Contract 20-Tele-00933 in an amount not to exceed \$24,984.00.
- *426-2025** Resolution authorizing the return of unspent funds in the amount of \$7,355.82 to the New Jersey Department of Corrections (NJDOC) for the FY 2023 NJLEAD Sub-Grant
- *427-2025** A resolution authorizing a contract with Nayax LLC, Executive Plaza 1, 11350 McCormick Road, Suite 1004, Hunt Valley, Maryland 21031 to provide Scan-to-Pay Credit Card Merchant Processing Services for parking garage customers commencing October 15, 2025 through October 14, 2026 in an amount not to exceed \$1,500.00.
- *428-2025** A resolution authorizing a contract with Wincave Inc., 1601 N. 7th Street, Suite 420, Phoenix, AZ 85006 to provide credit card merchant processing services for parking garage customers, commencing October 15, 2025, through October 14, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$1,500.00.
- *429-2025** Resolution allowing the City of Orange Township to waive the estoppel period and authorize the immediate enactment of Ordinance 57-2025(WO) titled "An ordinance authorizing and providing for certain capital projects and purchases and appropriating \$437,500 for said projects and purchases authorized to be undertaken in, by and for the City of Orange Township, in the County of Essex, New Jersey" upon adoption by the City Council
- *430-2025** Resolution Honoring October as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the City of Orange Township (Submitted by the Orange Municipal Council)
- *431-2025** Resolution Honoring Spanish Heritage Month and the Annual Flag Raising Ceremony (Submitted by the Orange Municipal Council)
- *432-2025** Resolution Honoring the Orange Diaspora for their Annual Nigerian Flag Raising in the City of Orange Township (Submitted by the Orange Municipal Council)

- *433-2025 A resolution of the Municipal Council of the City Of Orange Township Recognizing And Thanking Mt. Olives Church Of God For Hosting The Township Of Orange Luncheon Honoring Our Community Protectors (Submitted By The Orange Municipal Council)**
- *434-2025 A Resolution Of The Municipal Council Of The City Of Orange Township Recognizing And Honoring The Survivors Of Breast Cancer During The Annual “Pink Out Of The Oranges” (Submitted By The Orange Municipal Council)**
- *435-2025 A resolution approving the bill list for council meeting vote on October 7, 2025 dated October 1, 2025 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95 (Grand Total: \$6,229,036.33).**
- *437-2025 A resolution amending Resolution #298-2023 for the operation and maintenance contract of the Water Supply Treatment, Transmission and Distribution System, Waste Water Collection System, Storm Water System, 24 Hour Customer Service, Meter Reading with Woodard & Curran, Inc., 50 Millstone Road, Building 400, Suite 201, East Windsor, New Jersey 08520 for an annual amount not to exceed of \$3,283,944 and authorizing the payment of \$1,555,858 for the MRRA**
- *438-2025 Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract between the City of Orange Township and Primepoint, LLC to process Electronic Payroll disbursements and payroll agency obligations for the City of Orange Township pursuant to N.J.A.C 5:30-17 et seq in an amount not to exceed \$80,000.00**
- *439-2025 A resolution of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township, Essex County, New Jersey, authorizing an amendment to the professional services agreement between the City of Orange Township and Nishuane Group LLC to provide professional planning consultant services to the City of Orange Township and its Land Use Boards through December 31, 2025, reducing the total contract amount by \$60,000.00, for a total amount not to exceed \$190,000.00.**
- *440-2025 Resolution authorizing assignment of Tax Sale Certificates (173 Taylor St) AMENDED**
- *441-2025 Resolution authorizing assignment of Tax Sale Certificates (Sparrow Partner’s LLC) AMENDED**

A motion to adopt the Consent Agenda was made by Councilmember Tency A. Eason 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

RESOLUTIONS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

436-2025 Resolution authorizing payment to the law firm of Genova Burns, LLP for services rendered in connection with emergent legal representation of Joyce A. Lanier, in her capacity as Municipal Clerk for the City of Orange Township

A motion to adopt Resolution 436-2025 to 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. 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

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

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

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 Kerry J. Coley and seconded by Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson.

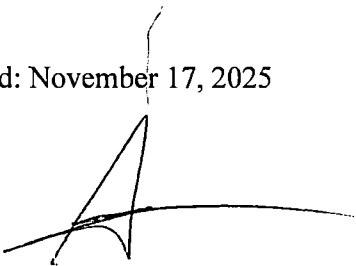
Motion adopted

The meeting was adjourned at 9:18pm.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The next City Council Conference and Regular Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 21, 2025.

Approved: November 17, 2025



Trisha A. Scipio
Deputy Clerk



Adrienne K. Wooten
Council President