

## 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 CITY HALL, 29 NORTH DAY STREET, ORANGE, NEW JERSEY ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2026 AT 7:08PM.

### Roll Call:

- Present:** Councilmember Kerry J. Coley, East Ward  
Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert, West Ward  
Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, South Ward  
Council President Adrienne K. Wooten, At-Large
- Also Present:** Trisha A. Scipio, Deputy Municipal Clerk  
Chris M. Hartwyk, Business Administrator  
Derrick Brown, Fire Chief  
Nile Clements, Chief Financial Officer  
Brian Mooney, Police Chief (*Arrived at 7:13pm*)  
Gracia R. Montilus, Esq. City Attorney  
Marlin G. Townes, Legislative Research Officer
- Absent:** Councilmember Tency A. Eason, North Ward  
Councilmember Clifford R. Ross, At-Large  
Council Vice President Weldon M. Montague, III, At-Large

The Deputy Clerk announced a Moment of Silence in honor of Councilmember Tency A. Eason; in light of the loss of her loved one.

The Deputy 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 three (3) minutes to interact with the Council.

The Deputy 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 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](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

#### Essex County Update

Reginald Bledsoe, Essex County Liaison announced upcoming events that the City of Orange should be aware of. He also distributed fliers concerning the Deer Management Program

1. A Job Fair for seasonal positions being held at Essex County Turtle Back Zoo, 560 Northfield Avenue, West Orange, New Jersey 07052 on January 31<sup>st</sup> from 11am – 2pm (Mount Building), February 21<sup>st</sup> from 11am – 2pm (Berson Learning Center), and March 7<sup>th</sup> from 12pm – 3pm (Berson Learning Center).
2. The 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Project Homeless Connect Day on Wednesday, January 29<sup>th</sup> at Essex County College Gym, 177 West Market Street from 10am – 2pm. This will raise awareness about the programs and services that are available to help our homeless residents.

**Orange Education Presentation**

Members of the Orange Education Foundation and Orange Board of Education were present to address the Council in regards to the Radium Girls Memorial Project. Terry Russo (OEF) spoke about a \$10,000 matching grant. They spoke to the fact that of the three cities involved, Orange is the only city that does not presently have a memorial to the Radium Girls. She stated they have a letter of support from the Mayor. She hopes that Councilmembers have read the book and should visit the website for more information.

The Deputy Clerk announced that 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**

**74-2025 An ordinance of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township to approve a tax exemption for a time period expiring on November 1, 2055 and to authorize the execution of a Financial Agreement between the city and Peek Lincoln Urban Renewal LLC**

*This Ordinance will be postponed to the January 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.*

**ORDINANCES – INTRODUCTION | FIRST READING**

*There were no Ordinances of Introduction | First Reading.*

**RESOLUTIONS**

**\*3-2026 A resolution authorizing the award of a contract to Nishuane Group LLC to provide professional planning consultant services to the City of Orange Township for a period of 12 months commencing January 1, 2026, and continuing through December 31, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00.**

*This resolution was amended and CFO Nile Clements read the amendment into the record. The last Whereas clause was amended to include language that references the Temporary Budget Account. Whereas, the City’s Chief Financial Officer has prepared the necessary Certificate of Availability of Funds, certifying that, contingent upon Council approval and inclusion of said item and the Temporary Budget and adopted 2026 Budget, there will be sufficient funds to contract with Nishuane Group LLC for this purpose in the applicable budget account*

**\*9-2026 A resolution authorizing the adoption of Current Fund and Waters/Sewer Utility Fund Temporary Budget Appropriations for the beginning of 2026 prior to the adoption of CY 2026 Budget in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19**

*This resolution was amended and CFO Nile Clements read the amendment into the record. The last page is including the Parking Utility Budget 2026.*

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson and seconded by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley.

**Motion Adopted**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:26pm.

Approved: January 20, 2025



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Trisha A. Scipio  
Deputy Municipal Clerk



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Adrienne K. Wooten  
Council President