

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, JANUARY 6, 2026 FOLLOWING THE CONFERENCE MEETING.

Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert led all assembled in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

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
Gracia R. Montilus, Esq. City Attorney
Marlin G. Townes, Legislative Research Officer

Absent: Councilmember Tency A. Eason, North Ward
Council Vice President Weldon M. Montague, III, At-Large
Councilmember Clifford R. Ross, At-Large

The Deputy Municipal 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

December 16, 2025 Conference and Regular Meeting Minutes

Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert and Council Vice President Weldon M. Montague, III were absent and should abstain.

A motion to adopt the minutes from the December 16, 2025 Conference and Regular Meeting Minutes was made by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley and seconded by Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson.

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, and Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten

Nays: None

Abstain: Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert

Absent: Hon. Tency A. Eason, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, and Hon. Clifford R. Ross

Motion Adopted

REPORTS

DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REVENUE COLLECTION

The Health Department collected \$6,982.00 for the month of November 2025, Community Service collected \$7,082.00 for November 2025.

OPRA REPORTS

For the month of December 2025 there were 115 requested, 33 completed, and 82 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.

Brent Engle of 174 Heywood Avenue expressed concerns about Resolution 551-2025 and the reason the bid is being rejected. The Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk spoke to the process.

Dr. Gloria Boseman of 345 Olcott Street explained that though she does not get answers to her concerns at the Council Meetings she will continue to attend and ask questions. She expressed her concerns about the time restrictions for Citizens Comments, Housing Development, Developers Trust Fund, Board and Committee appointments, and the Temporary Budget.

Kelly Ann Joseph and David Joseph of 660 Nassau Street expressed concerns about the Brook with West Orange, Permit Parking, safety issues Landlord's accountability, Developments coming to the city, the increase in the Water Bill, and very serious concerns about 433 Lincoln Avenue.

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 Kerry J. Coley wished all a Happy New Year. He inquired about Developments, the YMCA, the Hospital project and the Aspire application. The Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk spoke to his concerns.

Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert mentioned a light out on Henry and West Essex, the new traffic signs by Lincoln Elementary School, the upcoming West Ward Meeting on January 21st, 7:00pm in Council Chambers, she thanked the residents who spoke about the concerns at 433 Lincoln Avenue, and she is looking forward to the paving season.

Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson expressed heartfelt condolences to Councilmember Tency A. Eason. She spoke about the paving schedule, 433 Lincoln Avenue, Orange Center, programming for students, partnering with the County, Claremont Terrace traffic pattern, and upcoming traffic change on Nassau.

Council President Adrienne K. Wooten wished all a Happy New Year then she asked the City Attorney to explain the bidding process that was brought to Council during Citizens Comments. She mentioned Robo Calls, thanked Police and Fire for their role in 3 Kings Day. She also spoke about Community Meeting coming on January 28th and Youth Town Hall on January 18th.

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING

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

A motion to postpone Ordinance 74-2025 to the January 20, 2026 meeting was made by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley and seconded by Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson.

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson and Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Tency A. Eason, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III and Hon. Clifford R. Ross

Motion Adopted: Postponed to January 20, 2026

ORDINANCES – INTRODUCTION | FIRST READING

There were no Ordinances on Introduction | First Reading.

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 *1-2026 THROUGH *28-2026

- *1-2026** A resolution appointing Dennis Motley from Orange, New Jersey as a member to the Board of Directors of the Orange Housing Development Corporation for a term of four (4) years. (Sponsored by Council Vice President Weldon M. Montague, III)
- *2-2026** A resolution awarding a contract to Reliance Graphics, Inc., 80 Pompton Avenue, Verona, New Jersey 07044 to provide Local Printing Services for the Local Municipal Election to be held on May 12, 2026 in an Amount Not To Exceed \$28,970.00.
- *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. **AMENDED**
- *4-2026** A resolution authorizing a list of Appraisers/Consultants to represent the City of Orange Township in regard to Appraisal and valuation on real property on an as needed basis for a period of one (1) year from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026
- *5-2026** A resolution authorizing a list of law firms to represent the City of Orange Township in regards to Tax Appeal/Consultant Services matters on an as needed basis for a period of one (1) year from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026

RESOLUTIONS continued

- *6-2026** A resolution amending #421-2023 authorizing the acceptance of a grant totaling an additional amount of \$12,500.00 from the New Jersey Association of County and City Health Officials (NJACCO) for the enhancing local public health infrastructure grant
- *7-2026** A resolution authorizing a list of law firms to represent the City of Orange Township in regards to defense litigation, workers compensation and special conflict counsel matters on an as needed basis for a period of one (1) year from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026
- *8-2026** A resolution authorizing a list of law firms to represent the City of Orange Township in regards to Labor matters on an as needed basis for a period of one (1) year from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026
- *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 AMENDED
- *10-2026** A resolution authorizing a list of firms to represent the City of Orange Township in regards to Redevelopment matters on an as needed basis for a period of one (1) year from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026
- *11-2026** A resolution authorizing a list of law firms to represent the City of Orange Township as an Alternative Municipal prosecutor on an as needed basis for a period of one (1) year from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026
- *12-2026** A resolution authorizing a list of firms to represent the City of Orange Township in regard to Bond matters on an as needed basis for a period of one (1) year from January 1, 2026 through December 1, 2026
- *13-2026** A resolution authorizing a professional services contract with Lerch, Vinci & Bliss, LLP, located at 17-17 Route 208, Fair Lawn, New Jersey 07410 for assistance with preparation of the annual budget commencing on January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026 in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00
- *14-2026** A resolution authorizing the award of a contract to Storage Engine, Inc., One Sheila Drive Building 6-A, Tinton Falls, NJ 07724-2658 to purchase Software License, Product Maintenance and the Continuation of Digitized Scanning Services of files archived in the Office of the City Clerk of the City of Orange Township in an amount not to exceed \$35,000.00 from January 1, 2026 To December 31, 2026 under the Dell State Contract NJ 20-Tele-01510 (T3121) Tier 3.
- *15-2026** A resolution formally closing the 2025 Legislative Year (Sponsored by the Orange Municipal Council)
- *16-2026** A resolution authorizing a refund of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) paid by Jose L. Vinas, 470 Austin Place, Orange, New Jersey 07050 for fees paid for an unauthorized handicap parking accommodation.
- *17-2026** A resolution authorizing an addendum to resolution 129-2025 with Northeast Communications 244 East Union Turnpike, Wharton, New Jersey 07885, State Contract #83898 to increase the resolution amount for an additional \$28,990.23, making the new amount not to exceed \$48,990.23
- *18-2026** A resolution authorizing the purchase of Adobe Technology Supplies, Services, and Accessories from CDW-G under State Contract #ESCNJ/AEPA-22G commencing January 1, 2026 until December 31, 2026 in an amount not to exceed \$15,054.95.
- *19-2026** A resolution authorizing the purchase of Dropbox Technology Supplies, Services, and Accessories from CDW-G under State Contract #ESCNJ/AEPA-22G commencing January 1, 2026 until December 31, 2026 in an amount not to exceed \$12,100.00.
- *20-2026** A resolution rejecting the bid for the NJDOT 2025 Heywood Avenue Roadway Improvement.

RESOLUTIONS continued

- *21-2026** A resolution rescinding resolution 385-2025 entitled “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” due to an incorrect account number.
- *22-2026** A resolution of the City Council of the City of Orange Township acknowledging the accomplishments of the Governing Body in 2025 and affirming a commitment to civility, collaboration, and respectful governance (Sponsored by Council President Adrienne Wooten)
- *23-2026** A resolution of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township honoring Municipal Employees and Department Directors for service during Calendar Year 2025 (Sponsored by the Orange Municipal Council)
- *24-2026** A resolution of the City Council of the City of Orange Township expressing gratitude to Boards, Commissions, and Volunteers (Sponsored by the Orange Municipal Council)
- *25-2026** A resolution of the City Council of the City of Orange Township recognizing Community and Faith-Based Service Organizations (Sponsored by the Orange Municipal Council)
- *26-2026** A resolution of the City Council of the City of Orange Township affirming the City’s commitment to Equity, Inclusion, and Human Dignity (Sponsored by Council President Adrienne Wooten)
- *27-2026** A resolution honoring the memory of residents lost during Calendar Year 2025 (Sponsored by the Orange Municipal Council)
- *28-2026** A resolution approving the bill list for council meeting vote on January 6, 2026 dated December 31, 2025 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95 (Grand Total: \$6,506,046.52).

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

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson and Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Tency A. Eason, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III and Hon. Clifford R. Ross

Motion Adopted**RESOLUTIONS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA**

There were no Resolutions removed from the Consent Agenda.

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

- 29-2026WO** A resolution Honoring the Life, Legacy and contributions of Grace Edith Wright (Sponsored by Councilmember Clifford R. Ross and the City of Orange Township Orange Municipal Council)
- 30-2026WO** A resolution for the Transfer of Appropriation Reserves
- 31-2026WO** A resolution declaring an emergency and ratifying a contract for Traffic Signal Maintenance and Repairs between the City of Orange Township and Jen Electric, Inc., 631 Morris Avenue Springfield, New Jersey 07081 in an amount not to exceed \$34,003.99

WALK ON RESOLUTIONS continued

- 32-2026WO** A resolution ratifying and authorizing the award of a contract to IPS Group Inc., 7737 Kenamar Court, San Diego, Ca 92121 to purchase Parking Meters, Parts, Materials and Supplies, the Omnia Partners Cooperative in an amount not to exceed \$98,338.00
- 33-2026WO** A resolution authorizing a Non-Fair and Open Professional Services Agreement with CP Professional Services to provide Engineering Services to the City of Orange Township Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment for a period beginning January 1, 2026, and continuing through December 31, 2026, with all fees paid exclusively through escrowed funds
- 34-2026WO** A resolution amending Resolution 113-2025 authorizing a Non-Fair and Open Professional Services Agreement with Friend & Wenzel LLC to provide Legal Services to the City of Orange Township Planning Board for a period beginning January 1, 2025, and continuing through December 31, 2025, in an amount not to exceed \$7,500.00, with additional fees paid separately from escrow accounts that will be solely funded by developers pertaining to their specific projects, to include a certification of availability of funds by the City of Orange Township's Chief Financial Officer

A motion to Walk-On Resolution 29-2026WO, Resolution 30-2026 WO, Resolution 31-2026 WO, Resolution 32-2026 WO, Resolution 33-2026 WO, and Resolution 34-2026 WO 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. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson and Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Tency A. Eason, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III and Hon. Clifford R. Ross

Motion Adopted

Resolution 29-2026WO, Resolution 30-2026 WO, Resolution 31-2026 WO, Resolution 32-2026 WO, Resolution 33-2026 WO, and Resolution 34-2026 WO were Walked-On to the agenda.

29-2026WO A resolution Honoring the Life, Legacy and contributions of Grace Edith Wright (Sponsored by Councilmember Clifford R. Ross and the City of Orange Township Orange Municipal Council)

A motion to adopt Resolution 29-2026 was made by Council President Adrienne K. Wooten and seconded by Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson.

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson and Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Tency A. Eason, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III and Hon. Clifford R. Ross

Motion Adopted

WALK ON RESOLUTIONS continued

31-2026WO A resolution declaring an emergency and ratifying a contract for Traffic Signal Maintenance and Repairs between the City of Orange Township and Jen Electric, Inc., 631 Morris Avenue Springfield, New Jersey 07081 in an amount not to exceed \$34,003.99

A motion to adopt Resolution 31-2026 was made by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley and seconded by Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert.

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson and Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Tency A. Eason, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III and Hon. Clifford R. Ross

Motion Adopted

30-2026WO A resolution for the Transfer of Appropriation Reserves

A motion to postpone Resolution 30-2026 was made by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley and seconded by Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson.

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson and Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Tency A. Eason, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III and Hon. Clifford R. Ross

Motion Adopted: Postponed to January 20, 2026

32-2026WO A resolution ratifying and authorizing the award of a contract to IPS Group Inc., 7737 Kenamar Court, San Diego, Ca 92121 to purchase Parking Meters, Parts, Materials and Supplies, the Omnia Partners Cooperative in an amount not to exceed \$98,338.00

A motion to adopt Resolution 32-2026 was made by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley and seconded by Council President Adrienne K. Wooten.

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson and Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Tency A. Eason, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III and Hon. Clifford R. Ross

Motion Adopted

WALK ON RESOLUTIONS continued

33-2026WO A resolution authorizing a Non-Fair and Open Professional Services Agreement with CP Professional Services to provide Engineering Services to the City of Orange Township Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment for a period beginning January 1, 2026, and continuing through December 31, 2026, with all fees paid exclusively through escrowed funds

A motion to adopt Resolution 33-2026 was made by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley and seconded by Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson.

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson and Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Tency A. Eason, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III and Hon. Clifford R. Ross

Motion Adopted

34-2026WO A resolution amending Resolution 113-2025 authorizing a Non-Fair and Open Professional Services Agreement with Friend & Wenzel LLC to provide Legal Services to the City of Orange Township Planning Board for a period beginning January 1, 2025, and continuing through December 31, 2025, in an amount not to exceed \$7,500.00, with additional fees paid separately from escrow accounts that will be solely funded by developers pertaining to their specific projects, to include a certification of availability of funds by the City of Orange Township's Chief Financial Officer

A motion to adopt Resolution 34-2026 was made by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley and seconded by Council President Adrienne K. Wooten.

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson and Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Tency A. Eason, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III and Hon. Clifford R. Ross

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 Councilmember Kerry J. Coley.

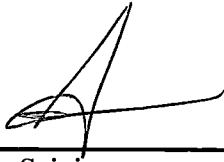
Motion adopted

The meeting was adjourned at 8:19pm.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The next City Council Conference and Regular Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 20, 2026.

Approved: January 20, 2026



Trisha A. Scipio
Deputy Municipal Clerk



Adrienne K. Wooten
Council President