

## 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 20, 2026 AT 7:01PM.

### Roll Call:

**Present:** Councilmember Kerry J. Coley, East Ward  
Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert, West Ward (*Arrived at 7:07pm*)  
Council Vice President Weldon M. Montague, III, At-Large  
Councilmember Clifford R. Ross, At-Large  
Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, South Ward (*Arrived at 7:07pm*)  
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 S. Clements, Chief Financial Officer  
Gracia R. Montilus, Esq. City Attorney  
Marlin G. Townes, Legislative Research Officer

**Absent:** Councilmember Tency A. Eason, North Ward

The Deputy Clerk announced a Moment of Silence in honor of Councilmember Tency A. Eason (loss her nephew), Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert (loss her uncle), Michael Brown (loss his brother), TaQuisha Knight (loss her father), Mr. Munford, and the late Honorable Richard Codey.

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

#### Health Update

Vincent DeFilippo, Health Officer provided an update on current public health concerns. He addressed the upcoming World Cup and the increased risk associated with large gatherings, particularly given the high number of unvaccinated individuals. He noted that infectious disease activity remains elevated, with measles and COVID-19 continuing to pose significant concerns, including the emergence of a new COVID variant. Mr. DeFilippo also discussed recent health advisories and recalls, as well as a newly identified outbreak involving a rare infection that attacks living tissue. He emphasized that vaccination remains the most effective tool in preventing the spread of infectious diseases and protecting public health.

**Councilmember Clifford R. Ross** asked about available vaccination locations. Mr. DeFilippo responded that residents can receive vaccinations through the Health Department and encouraged the public to take advantage of these services.

**Councilmember Kerry J. Coley** requested that the Fire Chief speak further to the fire hydrants which the Chief elaborated on.

A motion to suspend the rules to hear from Fire Chief Derrick Brown was made by Councilmember Clifford R, Ross and seconded by Council Vice President Weldon M. Montague, III.

#### **Motion Adopted**

Fire Chief Derrick Brown provided a brief update on fire safety and preparedness ahead of the upcoming snowstorm. He asked residents to assist by shoveling snow away from fire hydrants near their properties to ensure accessibility in emergencies. Chief Brown also shared safety tips for portable space heaters, including plugging heaters directly into a dedicated outlet and never using extension cords. He warned residents not to sleep with a charging phone in bed and reminded them never to use an oven to heat their home. He encouraged residents needing assistance to contact the Heat Hotline at **201-259-3690**. Additionally, Chief Brown acknowledged recent promotions within the department, including the appointment of new captains. He concluded by responding to questions from Councilmembers Ross, Coley, and Wooten regarding fire hydrant maintenance and available grant opportunities.

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**

**73-2025 An ordinance to amend and supplement Chapter 201 of the City of Orange Township Code, currently titled Volley Ball Courts and to now be titled Sport Courts/Fields**

*This Ordinance will*

#### **ORDINANCES – INTRODUCTION | FIRST READING**

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

#### **RESOLUTIONS**

**\*43-2026 A resolution rejecting the bids for Snow Plow Services.**

**\*46-2026 A resolution authorizing Changer Order No. 1-Final from Green Valley Group, 180 Convent Road, Nanuet, New York 10954 for a decrease to the project known as the Green Acres Metcalf Park Improvements Phase II to adjust the contract quantities to meet final as-built conditions in the amount of \$107,579.62. AMENDED**

*The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Whereas Clause was changed from -1% to -11%.*

**\*53-2026 A resolution ratifying 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 \$4,391,688.00 for monthly operation and maintenance and authorizing payment of \$793,925.40 for the MRRA, ARC flash evaluation, conservation/drought plan, Walton Avenue test pits and emergency water/sewer disconnections at 477 White Street.**

*The Certification of Funds was added.*

The 5<sup>th</sup> Whereas Clause was changed to add the second account number Account No. 6-01-20-130-000-519 (40,000) and Account No: 6-05-55-502-192-519 (\$20,000), contingent.

**\*68-2026 A resolution authorizing an Emergency Temporary Appropriation pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40a:4-20 - in the amount of \$625,000 for a Litigation Settlement in the matter of IMPRESTATE, ET. AL. v. the City of Orange Township, Docket No. Essex C. C-217-21**

*Councilmember Kerry J. Coley requested more information and the Business Administrator spoke to his concern.*

**POSTPONED ORDINANCES**

**53-2025 An ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 200, Entitled “Vehicles and Traffic”, Section 200-33, Entitled Schedule II: No Parking Certain Hours. (Central Avenue) (Sponsored by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley) (Postponed from the 9/2/2025, 9/16/2025, 10/21/2025, and 12/2/2025 Council meetings.)**

*This Ordinance will remain postponed to the February 17, 2026 Council Meeting.*

**70-2025 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. (576 Langdon Street) (Postponed from the 11/5/2025 and 12/2/2025 Council meetings.)**

*This Ordinance will remain postponed to the February 3, 2026 Council Meeting.*

**72-2025 An ordinance to amend Section 200-32, No Parking and Section 200-42, Schedule XI, loading zones of the City of Orange Township City Code. (Postponed from the 12/16/2025 Council meeting)**


*This Ordinance will remain postponed to the February 3, 2026 Council Meeting.*


A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilmember Clifford R. Ross and seconded by Council Vice President Weldon M. Montague, III

**Motion Adopted**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 pm.

Approved: February 3, 2026

  
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Trisha A. Scipio  
Deputy Municipal Clerk

  
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Weldon M. Montague, III  
Council Vice President