

MINUTES CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP
NEW JERSEY

THIS IS A CONFERENCE MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP HELD AT CITY HALL, 29 NORTH DAY STREET, ORANGE, NEW JERSEY ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2026 AT 7:01PM.

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 (*Arrived at 7:15pm*)

Also Present: Trisha A. Scipio, Deputy Municipal Clerk
Chris M. Hartwyk, Business Administrator
Derrick Brown, Fire Chief
Nile S. Clements, Chief Financial Officer
Brian Mooney, Police Chief
Gracia R. Montilus, Esq. City Attorney (*Arrived at 7:10pm*)
Marlin G. Townes, Legislative Research Officer

Absent: Council President Adrienne K. Wooten, At-Large

The Deputy Clerk announced a Moment of Silence.

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), the City's website (www.orangenj.gov) and filed in the Office of the City Clerk.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

The Essex County Update was moved to after the discussion of legislation on the agenda.

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.

RESOLUTIONS

***75-2026 A resolution Qualifying Vendors in Fair and Open Manner for Legislative Research Officer Services on an as needed basis for a period of one (1) year from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026**

Councilmember Clifford Ross asked for an explanation. This resolution is accept the Qualifying Vendors from the RFP's submitted. There was only one submission.

RESOLUTIONS continued

***77-2026 A resolution authorizing the cancellation of Tax Sale Certificates due to inaccurate utility billing caused by malfunctioning meters**

Councilmember Clifford R. Ross asked if the meters were corrected which they were and they may be a few more meters.

***78-2026 Resolution authorizing the cancellation of Tax Sale Certificate No. 24-00194 and refund of subsequent payments due to invalidity caused by an existing municipal lien. AMENDED**

Councilmember Clifford R. Ross asked for clarification which this was an over payment.

The Deputy Clerk read the amendment into the record.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a refund in the amount of \$5,316.26, representing all subsequent payments remitted in connection with said invalid certificate and applicable fees, penalties, and interest totaling \$4,683.48, is hereby authorized.

***80-2026 A resolution authorizing the acceptance of a grant totaling an additional amount of \$18,500.00 from the New Jersey Association of County and City Health Officials (NJACCHO) for the Enhancing Local Public Health Infrastructure Grant.**

Councilmember Clifford R. Ross inquired what the funds was earmarked for. It is earmarked for Part-Time Health Officer which was hired in contingent of this being approved. Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert asked if this was advertised through HR and if the hire was an Orange resident. It was advertised through the department.

***82-2026 A resolution authorizing the extension of the awarded contract with Pennoni Associates, Inc., 1085 Raymond Blvd., Suite 2102, Newark, New Jersey 07102 to provide professional engineering, design, construction administration and inspection services for the NJDOT 2023 LTPF Roadway Improvements for the City of Orange Township in the amount not to exceed \$93,368.60.**

Councilmember Clifford R. Ross inquired if this is a grant for paving which it is. Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert inquired about sidewalks and curbs which is the responsibility of homeowner. She asked for a schedule which is weather dependent. She inquired about permit parking as well.

***85-2026 A resolution authorizing the awarding of a contract for the CDBG'24 municipal building (City Hall) main door replacement to HM Company, LLC, 3 Orlando Drive, Fairfield, New Jersey 07004 in the amount not to exceed \$69,000.00.**

Councilmember Clifford R. Ross inquired about details and the Business Administrator addressed the concerns. Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert inquired about funds for the Clerk's Office which there are none at this time.

***86-2026 A resolution authorizing Change Oder No. 1 to modify the contract for project known as the NJDOT 2024 Roadway Improvements with ADG Contracting Corp, dba Crossroads Paving, 386 south street, Suite 160, Newark, New Jersey 07105 for additional of two (2) PVC Handrails at 603 Beach Street for an additional \$3,339.59 making the new amount not to exceed \$626,636.99.**

Councilmember Clifford R. Ross inquired if this is a grant for paving which it is.

RESOLUTIONS continued

***89-2026** A resolution authorizing an addendum to resolution #269-2024 with Pugliese Pool Service, Inc., 15 Standish Avenue, West Orange, New Jersey 07052 for the maintenance of pools and spray parks commencing May 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025 to increase the contract amount by an additional \$5,850.00 making the new total amount not to exceed \$79,014.00.

Councilmember Clifford R. Ross inquired about the date listed - this is an old bill and we do not have a new contract yet.

***90-2026** A resolution authorizing the awarding of a contract to Downes Tree Service Co., Inc., through the Morris County Co-operative Pricing Council Contract #18 to provide Tree Removal trimming services commencing January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026 in the amount not to exceed \$50,000.00.

Councilmember Tency A. Eason asked if there was a schedule – this is an as needed basis from DPW.

***91-2026** A resolution authorizing the awarding of a contract to Denville Painting Inc., 2 Green Pond Road, Rockaway, New Jersey 07866 through the Morris County Co-operative Pricing Council Contract #36 for traffic striping on roadways commencing January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026 in the amount not to exceed \$15,000.00.

Councilmember Clifford R. Ross wants an explanation as to why we can't do this in house – The Business Administrator explained the machine is costly and hiring an employee to do that work would also be an added cost.

***94-2026** A resolution of the City Council of the City of Orange Township, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey, congratulating students of the Orange Public School District for achieving Honor Roll status during the first marking period (Submitted by Council President Adrienne Wooten & the Orange Municipal Council)

Councilmember Clifford R. Ross wants the names of the students so we could send a congratulatory letter.

***95-2026** A resolution of the City Council of the City of Orange Township, New Jersey, honoring Ernest “Homeboy” Thompson for his lifelong commitment to Civic Engagement and Community Empowerment during Black History Month (Submitted by Council President Adrienne Wooten) **AMENDED**

***96-2026** A resolution of the City Council of The City of Orange Township, New Jersey, honoring Not Orange, Inc. for its commitment to Youth Development, Community Safety, and Civic Engagement during Black History Month (Submitted by Council President Adrienne Wooten) **AMENDED**

***97-2026** A resolution of the City Council of the City of Orange Township, New Jersey, honoring the owners of Southern Comfort Restaurant for their Entrepreneurship, Community Engagement, and Support of Black History Month Initiatives (Submitted by Council President Adrienne Wooten) **AMENDED**

***98-2026** A resolution of the City Council of the City of Orange Township, New Jersey, honoring Ms. Anna L. Barlow during Black History Month for her dedicated service to the community through the Friendship House Program (Submitted by Council President Adrienne Wooten) **AMENDED**

***99-2026** A resolution of the City Council of the City of Orange Township, honoring a Group of Young High School Men for their selfless service to residents in observance of Black History Month (Submitted by Council President Adrienne Wooten) **AMENDED**

Councilmember Clifford R. Ross wants the names of the students supplied to the entire Councilmembers.

RESOLUTIONS continued

***100-2026 A resolution of the City Council of the City of Orange Township, honoring Veronica Scott for her Dedicated Service, Civic Leadership, and Commitment to Voter Engagement in observance of Black History Month (Submitted by Council President Adrienne Wooten) AMENDED**

The Deputy Clerk explained that Resolutions 95-2026 - 100-2026 was to include the entire Council.

***101-2026 A resolution awarding a contract to Associated Humane Societies, 124 Evergreen Avenue, Newark, New Jersey 07114 in the amount of \$136,000.00 to provide animal shelter and other veterinary services for the City of Orange Township for the period of January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026.**

Councilmember Clifford R. Ross

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

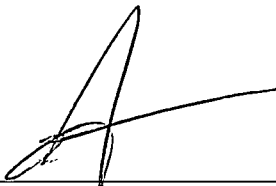
Reginald Bledsoe, Essex County Liaison, announced that the County Executive will host the Annual African American Heritage Celebration on February 11 at 11:00 a.m. at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Building in Newark. This year’s honorees will be Lt. Governor Dale Caldwell and Tonya Smith Jackson. Councilmember Kerry J. Coley raised inquiries regarding the use of parking at the Monte Irvin Community Center. Councilmember Tency A. Eason and Councilmember Clifford R. Ross also posed questions concerning the Community Center, including the status of the fence replacement. Additionally, Councilmember Ross requested an update on the deer management program.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson and seconded by Councilmember Clifford R. Ross.

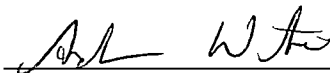
Motion Adopted

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 pm.

Approved: February 17, 2026



Trisha A. Scipio
Deputy Municipal Clerk



Adrienne K. Wooten
Council President