

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, MARCH 17, 2026 FOLLOWING THE CONFERENCE MEETING.

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, 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, Esq., Legislative Research Officer

The Acting 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

March 3, 2026 Conference and Regular Meeting Minutes

A motion to adopt the minutes from the March 3, 2026 Conference and Regular Meeting was made by Councilmember Tency A. Eason and seconded by Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson.

Motion Adopted

REPORTS

DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REVENUE COLLECTIONS

For the month of February 2026, The Clerk's Office collected \$318.16, Parking Meters collected \$1,235.27, The Planning Department collected \$221, 928.00, Tax Assessor collected \$30.00, and Public Works collected \$706,509.00

OPRA REPORTS

For February 2026, there were 100 OPRA requests received, 36 completed, and 64 outstanding.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

There were no Communications or 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.

Alysha Rodriquez of 487 Mountainview Avenue, raised questions concerning net debt, Ordinance 72-2025, Resolution 189-2026, Resolution 188-2026, Tax Assessor, Resolution 179-2026, Resolution 159-2026, Resolution 161-2026, and the Law Department staff.

Dr. Gloria Boseman of 345 Olcott Street, expressed pleasure in the attendance of the Girl Scout Troop and commended them on a great job leading the Pledge of Allegiance. She wanted to address the misrepresentation that her inquiries have been responded to. She wanted to discuss infrastructure, Resolutions 172-2026, 173-2026 and 171-2026, Snow removal in the city, Trust Funds in the city, New Developers, Taxes, Shared services of the Health Officer

Anna Mitchell of 33 Lindsey Place, raised questions concerning a notice she received about the Planning Board Meeting.

Gloria Anderson of 300 Oakwood Avenue raised concerns how Resolution 182-2026 will effect seniors and youth and was thankful for today's event.

Pam Holman of 58 Oakwood Road, West Orange, NJ was grateful for the opportunity to have the Girl Scout Troop at the Council Meeting.

A motion to Close Citizen Comments was made by Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson and seconded by Councilmember Tency A. Eason.

Motion Adopted

There were no Citizen Comments received by e-mail.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Kerry J. Coley spoke about a snow removal plan and pavement schedule.

Councilmember Tency A. Eason asked Councilmembers to support the Radium Girls Memoriam, St Matthews Annual AME Conference, and applauded the Girl Scouts.

Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert thanked the Business Administrator for the support of the Girl Scouts and she mentioned upcoming events before asking the Business Administrator questions.

COUNCIL COMMENTS continued

Council Vice President Weldon M. Montague, III commended the Girl Scouts for their contributions and community involvement. He inquired about the status of Metcalf and Monte Irvin Park in relation to baseball activities, as well as updates concerning the Recreation Center, ongoing redevelopment efforts, the Orange Memorial Hospital site, and the Parking Utility. Additionally, he acknowledged the upcoming Orange Education Foundation event scheduled for May 2, 2026, which will honor Councilmember Clifford Ross.

Councilmember Clifford R. Ross thanked the Girl Scouts for their attendance and participation. He inquired about the status of responses to questions raised by residents during the recent Town Hall Meeting. He also raised concerns regarding signage on Scotland Road, expressed appreciation to the Department of Public Works for the spring cleaning initiative, and acknowledged the Library's receipt of a grant. He requested information on upcoming summer programming and shared several announcements.

Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson expressed dissatisfaction with remarks made regarding her Council colleague. She also announced several upcoming events within the City and highlighted a number of events she had recently attended.

Council President Adrienne K. Wooten spoke about a family event she attended. She expressed her pleasure with the attendance of the Girl Scouts. She spoke about legislation on the agenda.

The building was evacuated due to a reported fire scare at 9:06pm. The meeting resumed at 9:30pm.

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING

There were no Ordinances on Second Reading.

ORDINANCES – INTRODUCTION | FIRST READING

2-2026 An ordinance establishing Emergency Preparedness, Critical Incident Mapping, and Active-Shooter Response Coordination within the City of Orange Township in accordance with New Jersey State Law (Submitted by Council President Adrienne Wooten & the Orange Municipal Council)

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2-2026 on First Reading was made by Council President Adrienne K. Wooten and seconded by Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert.

Motions were rescinded.

A motion to postpone Ordinance 2-2026 on First Reading was made by Councilmember Tency A. Eason and seconded by Council President Adrienne K. Wooten.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

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

Motion Adopted: Postponed to April 7, 2026

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 *156-2026 THROUGH *191-2026

- *156-2026** A resolution Honoring the Life and Legacy of Faith Eileen Edgar, Sr. (Sponsored by the City of Orange Township Municipal Council)
- *157-2026** A resolution authorizing the tax collector to refund the losing bidders deposits from the December 29, 2025 tax sale in the amount of \$347,503.47
- *158-2026** A resolution refunding subsequent tax payment med in error to lienholder RFW Technology for Tax Sale certificate 24-00218 for property known as 446 Tremont Avenue, Block 6401, Lot 1
- *159-2026** A resolution authorizing and ratifying the award of a non-fair and open professional services agreement with Integra Realty Resources-Northern NJ, LLC, 25A Vreeland Road, Suite 100, Florham Park, New Jersey 07932 for the preparation of market, feasibility, economic impact, valuation (appraisal) analysis, fiscal impact and payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) studies in connection with certain proposed development and proposed redevelopment projects within the City of Orange Township for a period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026 in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00.
- *160-2026** A resolution rescinding Resolution 40-2026 adopted January 20 2026 authorizing the awarding of a contract with Accurate Language Services, LLC for translation and interpretation services provided to the Orange Municipal Court from January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026 in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00.
- *161-2026** A resolution amending #421-2023 authorizing the acceptance of a grant totaling an additional amount of \$55,667.00 from the New Jersey Association of County and City Health Officers (NJACCHO) for the Enhancing Local Public Health Infrastructure Grant. ***162-2026**
- *162-2026** A resolution extending the agreement between Lagniappe Louisiana Food Specialties Inc. and the City of Orange Township for calendar year 2026 in an amount not to exceed \$7,200.00.
- *164-2026** A resolution authorizing the extension of the awarded contract with Remington & Vernick Engineers, 2059 Springdale Road, Cherry Hill, New Jersey 08003 to provide professional engineering construction administration services for the Colgate Park Improvements Phase 2 in the amount not to exceed \$14,390.00.
- *165-2026** A resolution authorizing a contract with Cintas Corporation No. 2, P.O. Box 625737, Cincinnati, OH 45262-5737 to provide janitorial materials and supplies for all municipal buildings through the Omnia Partners Co-op #3702-22-4618 commencing January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026 in the amount not to exceed \$40,000.00.
- *166-2026** A resolution authorizing a contract with Cintas Corporation No. 2, Cintas Fire Protection, 1705 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, 2026 through December 31, 2026 in the amount not to exceed \$55,000.00.
- *167-2026** A resolution authorizing Change Order No. 2 to modify the contract for the 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 traffic directors for an additional \$75,423.97 making the new amount not to exceed \$702,060.96.
- *168-2026** A resolution authorizing a contract for the purchase of #2 clear ultra lo sulfur diesel fuel for the City of Orange city owned vehicles and equipment through Omnia Partners Co-operative Pricing Council Contract with Mansfield Oil Company of Gainesville, Inc., 1025 Airport Parkway SW, Gainesville, GA 30501 commencing January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026 in the amount not to exceed \$200,000.00
- *169-2026** A resolution authorizing Change Order No. 1 to modify the contract for the project known as the 2024 CDBG Reconstruction of South Valley Road with Cifelli & Son General Construction, Inc., 4 Coppola Street, Nutley, New Jersey 07110 for traffic directors for an additional \$7,632.90 making the new amount not to exceed \$179,698.90.
- *170-2026** A resolution awarding a contract to CV Electrical Contractors, P.O. Box 1263, Linden, New Jersey 07036 for electrical services to all municipal owned buildings for two (2) years through December 31, 2027 in the amount not to exceed \$103,143.00 per year.

- *171-2026** Resolution declaring an emergency and ratifying a contract between the City of Orange Township and Shauger Property Services, 429 Dodd Street, East Orange, New Jersey 07017 for emergency snow removal services and transporting rock salt for the period of January 22, 2026 through February 5, 2026 in the amount not to exceed \$121,130.00.
- *172-2026** Resolution declaring an emergency and ratifying a contract between the City of Orange Township and Michael Guerrieri Jr., LLC dba M. Guerrieri & Sons Excavating, 117 South Valley Road, West Orange, New Jersey 07052 for emergency snow removal services for the period of February 3, 2026 through February 7, 2026 in the amount not to exceed \$8,025.00.
- *173-2026** A resolution declaring an emergency and ratifying a contract between the City of Orange Township and Flores Trucking, LLC 170 Main Street, West Orange, New Jersey 07052 for emergency snow removal services for the period of January 28, 2026 through February 3, 2026 in the amount not to exceed \$8,160.00.
- *174-2026** Resolution authorizing the execution of a renewal to the contract between the City of Orange Township and Relx Inc. d/b/a Lexis-Nexis for online legal research and legal publication updates for a period of one (1) year from January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026 for an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00.
- *175-2026** Resolution authorizing the renewal of an agreement with Hatfield Schwartz, LLC to represent the City of Orange Township and City of Orange Police Department in the matter “Danny Nunez, Kevin Demasi, David Cadet, Erick Geronimo, David Lunelli, Geovany Ayala, Michael John Constantino, Jr., Keenan Gooden, Shayna Gerald, Devon Bernard, Edward Hall and Milton Mendoza v. City of Orange Township and City of Orange Police Department”, Docket No. ESX-L-3530-25 in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 for calendar year 2026.
- *176-2026** A resolution amending Resolution 93-2026 approving official publications for year 2026
- *177-2026** A resolution for Emergency Temporary Appropriations #3 to the Calendar Year 2026 Budget
- *179-2026** A resolution authorizing the extension of a communications services contract with Vision Media Marketing, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00 commencing January 1, 2026 Through December 31, 2026.
- *180-2026** A resolution authoring the waiver of accrued interest on municipal tax sale certificate #15-00125 for property known as 173 Taylor Street, Block 3403, Lot 23.
- *181-2026** Resolution authorizing the award of a contract to IPS Group, Inc. for a parking permit management system in an amount not to exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) commencing April 1, 2026 through March 31, 2027.
- *182-2026** A resolution authorizing the submission of applications for various FY2025 federal grants through the Bureau of Justice Assistance.
- *183-2026** A resolution authorizing an addendum to Resolution #59-2025 with Morton Salt, Inc., 444 West Lake St., Chicago, IL 60606 for the purchase of rock salt commencing January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025 to increase the contract amount by an additional \$17,990.33 making the new total amount not to exceed \$67,990.33.
- *184-2026** A resolution authorizing Petry Engineering, LLC, 155 Passaic Avenue, Suite 350, Fairfield, New Jersey 07004 to provide professional engineering services for the Orange Reservoir Dam in the amount not to exceed \$12,360.00
- *185-2026** A resolution authorizing Petry Engineering, LLC, 155 Passaic Avenue, Suite 350, Fairfield, New Jersey 07004 to provide professional engineering inspection and report services for the Orange Reservoir Dam in the amount not to exceed \$9,575.00
- *186-2026** A resolution appointing the law firm of Dilworth & Paxson, LLP to provide special redevelopment counsel services for CY 2026 January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026 not to exceed \$50,000.00 with additional fees paid separately from the budget and received from, an escrow account established and solely funded by applicants for specific projects.
- *187-2026** A Resolution Honoring Women’s History Month
(Sponsored by the City of Orange Township Municipal Council)
- *188-2026** A resolution authorizing and ratifying the retention of Blau and Blau, attorneys at law, as special counsel to file affirmative tax appeals on behalf of the City of Orange Township from January 1, 2026 until December 31, 2026

- *189-2026 Resolution to authorize and confirm a shared services agreement with the City of East Orange and the City of Orange for Full Time Health Officer Services.
- *190-2026 A resolution rejecting the 2026 request for proposal (RFP) for Municipal Engineering Services
- *191-2026 A resolution approving the bill list for council meeting vote on March 17, 2026 dated March 11, 2026 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95 (Grand Total: \$4,749,626.77).

A motion to adopt the Consent Agenda was made by Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson and seconded by Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

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

Motion Adopted

RESOLUTIONS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

- 178-2026 A resolution authorizing the award of a professional service contract to Szaferman Lakind, P.C. to provide Legal Counseling to the Orange Historic Preservation Commission of the City of Orange Township in matters as they relate to the Historic Preservation Commission for the Calendar Year 2026 in an amount not to exceed 5,000.00.

A motion to adopt Resolution 178-2026 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,

Nays: Hon. Tency A. Eason, Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, and Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten

Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Clifford R. Ross

Motion Failed

- 163-2026 A resolution for the transfer of appropriation reserves

A motion to adopt Resolution 163-2026 was made by Councilmember Tency A. Eason and seconded by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley.

Motions were rescinded.

A motion to adopt Resolution 163-2026 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. Weldon M. Montague, III,
and Hon. Clifford R. Ross,

Nays: Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, and Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten

Abstain: Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert

Absent: None

Motion Failed

REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 17, 2026

A motion to reconsider Resolution 163-2026 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,
Hon. Clifford R. Ross, and Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson

Nays: Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten

Abstain: Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert

Absent: None

Motion Adopted: Resolution 163-2026 being reconsidered

A motion to adopt Resolution 163-2026 was made by Councilmember Tency A. Eason 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, and Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson

Nays: Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion Adopted

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

The RESOLUTIONS

192-2026WO A resolution authorizing an award of a Non-Fair and Open Contract to Strategic Advisers, LLC to provide health education content services to the City of Orange Township from November 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026 in an amount not to exceed \$29,650.00

193-2026WO A resolution Honoring the Life and Legacy of Dwight Mitchell

A motion to Walk-On Resolution 192-2026WO and Resolution 193-2026 was made by Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson and seconded by Council President Adrienne K. Wooten.

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 192-2026 and 193-2026 were Walked-On to the Agenda

192-2026WO A resolution authorizing an award of a Non-Fair and Open Contract to Strategic Advisers, LLC to provide health education content services to the City of Orange Township from November 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026 in an amount not to exceed \$29,650.00

A motion to adopt Resolution 192-2026WO was made by Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson and seconded by Council President Adrienne K. Wooten.

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

193-2026WO A resolution Honoring the Life and Legacy of Dwight Mitchell

A motion to adopt Resolution 193-2026WO 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. 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

OLD BUSINESS

POSTPONED ORDINANCES

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, 1/20/2026, and 2/3/2026, Council meeting)

A motion to adopt Ordinance 72-2025 was made by Councilmember Tency A. Eason and seconded by Council Vice President Weldon M. Montague, III.

Roll Call:

Yeas: None

Nays: 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

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion Failed

POSTPONED RESOLUTIONS

**510-2025 Resolution expressing the intent of the Municipal Council of The City of Orange Township to implement a Municipal Fleet Ordinance, pursuant to the attached proposed ordinance, and establishing a timeline for full implementation by July 2026
(Sponsored by the City of Orange Township Municipal Council) AMENDED
(Postponed from the 12/16/2025, 1/20/2026, and 2/3/2026 Council meetings.)**

A motion to adopt Resolution 510-2025 was made by Councilmember Tency A. Eason and seconded by Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert.

Roll Call:

Yeas: None

Nays: 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

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion Failed

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 Tency A. Eason.

Motion adopted

The meeting was adjourned at 10:02pm.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The next City Council Conference and Regular Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 7, 2026.

Approved: April 7, 2026



Trisha A. Scipio
Acting Municipal Clerk



Adrienne K. Wooten
Council President