

## MINUTES CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP

NEW JERSEY

THIS IS A SPECIAL MEETING TO HOLD AN EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP HELD AT CITY HALL, 29 NORTH DAY STREET, ORANGE, NEW JERSEY ON TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2026 AT 6:09PM.

### Roll Call:

**Present:** Councilmember Kerry J. Coley, East Ward (*Arrived at 6:12pm*)  
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 6:21pm*)  
Council President Adrienne K. Wooten, At-Large

**Also Present:** Trisha A. Scipio, Deputy Municipal Clerk  
Chris M. Hartwyk, Business Administrator  
Gracia R. Montilus, Esq. City Attorney  
Marlin G. Townes, Legislative Research Officer (*Arrived at 6:16pm*)

The Acting Municipal 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, 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.

### RESOLUTION

**155A-2026** A resolution to hold an Executive (Closed) Session to discuss Litigation Matters.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this meeting is to discuss Litigation Matters

A motion to adopt Resolution 155A-2026 was made by Councilmember Clifford R. Ross and seconded by Council Vice President Weldon M. Montague, III.

#### Roll Call:

**Yeas:** Hon. Tency A. Eason, Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III,  
Hon. Clifford R. Ross, and Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten

**Nays:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** Hon. Kerry J. Coley and Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson

**Motion Adopted**

A motion to enter into Executive Closed Session was made by Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert and seconded by Council Vice President Weldon M. Montague, III.

**Motion Adopted**

**Entered into Executive Closed Session 6:12pm.**

City Attorney Gracia R. Montilus, Esq., provided an update on pending litigation matters. He explained the division of legal work between the City’s internal legal staff and outside counsel. Less complex matters are handled in-house by Deputy City Attorneys Avram White, Esq., Aaron Mizrahi, Esq., and Attorney Alex Cirroco, Esq. while more complex cases are assigned to outside law firms.

The complex cases are currently distributed between two firms, with approximately ten (10) cases assigned to one firm and five (5) cases assigned to the other.

City Attorney Montilus also reviewed the current status of these matters and discussed strategies and plans moving forward.

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

**Motion Adopted**

**The meeting was reconvened at 6:43pm**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson and seconded by Council Vice President Weldon M. Montague, III.

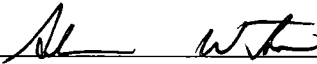
**Motion Adopted**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:44pm.

Approved: April 7, 2026



Trisha A. Scipio  
Acting Municipal Clerk



Adrienne K. Wooten  
Council President