

**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, APRIL 7, 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, Acting Municipal Clerk
Chris M. Hartwyk, Business Administrator
Derrick Brown, Fire Chief
Brian Mooney, Police Chief
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 17, 2026 Special, Conference and Regular Meeting Minutes

A motion to adopt the minutes from the March 17, 2026 Special, 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 March 2026, The Clerk's Office collected \$295.57, and Public Works collected \$1,020.00

OPRA REPORTS

There was no OPRA report.

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.

Aisha Samuels, of 401 Highland Terrace, raised several questions and concerns regarding the Historic Preservation Commission, the Highland Avenue Train Station, the paving schedule for Highland Avenue, water wells, the Water Company, the Parking Authority, permit parking, scattered site developments, and the hospital site. The Business Administrator addressed her concerns.

Alysha Rodriguez, of 487 Mountainview Avenue, expressed concerns related to rodent control, the Historic Preservation Commission, and walk-on resolutions.

Dr. Gloria Boseman, of 345 Olcott Street, offered congratulations to the Radium Girls on the success of their March 25th event. She also raised concerns regarding housing developments, community benefits, affordable housing, community engagement, local advisory boards, and trust funds. Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk addressed several of her concerns.

Margaret Cunningham, of 400 Lincoln Avenue, spoke about the need for improvements to the City's tennis courts.

Anna Mitchell, of 33 Lindsey Place, raised concerns regarding ongoing development within the City and the Council's responsibility in it.

A motion to Close Citizen Comments was made by Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson and seconded by Council Vice President Weldon M. Montague, III.

Motion Adopted

There were no Citizen Comments received by e-mail.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Vice President Weldon M. Montague, III requested updates regarding the YMCA, the Business Administrator noted that a closed session would be required. Council Vice President Montague, III inquired about updates on parking meters, the Parking Utility, the introduction of the municipal budget, and the anticipated completion date of the baseball fields.

Councilmember Clifford R. Ross raised concerns about Parking Utility personnel, police engagement with the community, and the use of e-bikes. Police Chief Brian Mooney addressed the e-bike concerns and outlined plans for enforcement. Councilmember Ross also spoke about a tennis clinic, a proposed carnival, the Seven Oaks gate, the reopening of Dunkin' Donuts, a Town Hall meeting on community benefits, the Cherry Blossom season at Branch Brook Park, and the Target location in West Orange.

COUNCIL COMMENTS continued

Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert spoke about the recent holiday, matters related to the Historic Preservation Commission, the old Police Station, trash concerns at 475 Lincoln Place, zoning hearings, and the Highland Avenue Train Station.

Councilmember Tency A. Eason shared that she attended the Homegoing Service for longtime former City Clerk Dwight Mitchell. She also noted that Washington Dodd has new ownership and will remain affordable housing. Additionally, she spoke about the paving schedule and the enclosure of the tennis courts.

Councilmember Kerry J. Coley discussed the importance of hosting activities in the City's parks, ongoing development projects, a petition request to make New Street one-way, and parking concerns.

Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson expressed gratitude that her mother is doing well. She spoke about the Spring Clean incentive, code enforcement, fostering a sense of pride in the City, recent successes within Orange Public Schools, the Clairmont Terrace traffic study, Nassau permit parking, the installation of a mirror at Argyle and Scotland, the 6 to 9 program, and concluded by sharing positive sentiments with the community.

Council President Adrienne K. Wooten spoke about the Easter and Passover season, acknowledging the significance of this time for many residents. She expressed her appreciation to those who supported domestic violence initiatives, emphasizing the importance of these efforts in helping to make the City of Orange a safer community. Additionally, she thanked Councilmember Clifford R. Ross for providing information regarding e-bikes and related concerns.

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING

There were no Ordinances on Second Reading.

ORDINANCES – INTRODUCTION | FIRST READING

3-2026 An ordinance authorizing the online payment of property maintenance summons and establishing electronic processing procedures in the City of Orange Township (Sponsored by Councilmember Clifford R. Ross)

A motion to adopt Ordinance 3-2026 on First Reading was made by Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson 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: Final Reading on May 5, 2026

ORDINANCES – INTRODUCTION | FIRST READING continued

- 4-2026 An ordinance to amend and supplement the Code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 200, Article VII, Entitled “Turn Prohibitions and Lane Reservations” to prohibit left turns. (Sponsored by Councilmember Clifford R. Ross)**

A motion to adopt Ordinance 4-2026 on First Reading 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: Final Reading on May 5, 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 *194-2026 THROUGH *224-2026

- *194-2026 A resolution authorizing a refund in the amount of \$4,052.42 for Block 2201, Lot 16, also known as 80 Ridge Street to owners of record, Morocho Morocho Galo E & Rosa A due to a duplicate payment.**
- *195-2026 A resolution authorizing the cancellation of Tax Sale Certificate No. 25-00192 and the refund of all applicable interest, fees and penalties in the amount of \$5,383.70 to Trystone Capital Assets, LLC**
- *196-2026 A resolution authorizing the execution of an agreement with Foundation Risk Partners Corp. d/b/a Fairview Insurance Agency Associates to renew Risk Management Services for the period on one year commencing January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026**
- *197-2026 Resolution authorizing additional funds in an amount of \$7,500.00 to pay attorney fees to Antonelli, Kantor & Rivera, LLC for work performed in calendar year 2025 as special counsel with regard to various legal matters increasing the contract total to an amount not to exceed \$87,500.00 for the calendar year 2025**
- *198-2026 A resolution to accept grant funds from the New Jersey Department of Agriculture for the 2026 Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) in the amount of \$203,041.09.**
- *200-2026 A resolution authorizing a refund of twenty dollars and zero cents paid by Janet Gohlke for a vital record**
- *201-2026 Resolution amending Resolution No. 335-2025 to authorize additional emergency funding to FF1 Apparatus, LLC, 34 Wilson Drive, Sparta, New Jersey 07871 for fire apparatus maintenance and repair service in an amount not to exceed seventy thousand dollars (\$70,000.00)**
- *202-2026 A resolution authorizing a refund of seventy five dollars (\$75.00) paid by Horace Augustin, 271 Mount Vernon avenue, Orange, New Jersey 07050 for fees paid for past due business registration for alarm fees.**
- *203-2026 A resolution rescinding Resolution 183-2026 adopted March 17, 2026 authorizing additional funds to Morton Salt, Inc. for the purchase of additional rock salt in the amount of \$17,990.33.**

RESOLUTIONS continued

- *204-2026** A resolution authorizing Watermen, LLC, 6 Industrial Way West, Suite E-16, Eatontown, New Jersey 07724 to provide professional engineering services Phase I-III for the CDBG 2025 Central Avenue Park Rehabilitation of Tennis Courts Project in an amount not to exceed \$18,300.00.
- *205-2026** A resolution authorizing the extension of the award of contract with Remington & Vernick Engineers, 2059 Springdale Road, Cherry Hill, New Jersey 08003 to provide professional engineering and construction administration services for the Brook Alley Garage Improvement Project in the amount not to exceed \$15,131.23.
- *206-2026** A resolution authorizing Remington & Vernick Engineers, 2059 Springdale Road, Cherry Hill, New Jersey 08003 to provide professional support services related to “Administrative Compliance Order” for Municipal Separation Storm Sewer System (MS4) in an amount not to exceed \$7,000.00.
- *207-2026** A resolution authorizing Remington & Vernick Engineers, 2059 Springdale Road, Cherry Hill, New Jersey 08003 to provide professional engineering services as a municipal engineer for one (1) year commencing January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026 in an amount not to exceed \$80,000.00 with additional fees paid separately from the budget and received from an escrow account established and solely funded by applicants for specific projects.
- *208-2026** A resolution authorizing Change Order No 1-final from ADG Contracting Corp. dba Crossroads Paving, 386 South Street, Suite 169, Newark, New Jersey 07105 for a decrease to the project known as the NJDOT’21 Roadway Improvements to adjust the contact quantities to meet final as-built conditions in the amount of \$55,989.40.
- *209-2026** Resolution authorizing an agreement with Woodard & Curran, Inc., 17 Mountfort Street, Portland, ME 04101 (New Jersey Branch located at 50 Millstone Road, Building 400, Suite 201, East Windsor, New Jersey 0850) for water/sewer connections and/or disconnections, oversight and inspection services commencing January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026 with all fees paid exclusively through escrowed funds.
- *210-2026** A resolution authorizing Mott MacDonald, 111 Wood Avenue South, Iselin, New Jersey 08830 to provide professional engineering services for the construction administration & construction oversight of the city wide Identification and Lead Service Line Replacement Program – NJDEP Project No. 0717001-019 in an amount not to exceed \$1,214,000.00.
- *211-2026** A resolution authorizing Mott MacDonald, 111 Wood Avenue South, Iselin, New Jersey 08830 to provide professional engineering services to support the water utility commencing January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026 in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.00.
- *212-2026** A resolution declaring an emergency and ratifying a contract between the City of Orange Township and Shauger Property Services, Inc., 429 Dodd Street, East Orange, New Jersey 07017 for emergency snow removal services for the period of February 23, 2026 through February 27, 2026 in the amount not to exceed \$147,865.00.
- *213-2026** A resolution authorizing the City of Orange Township to submit an application for grant funding by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection for remedial action end use specific recreation at 110 North Day Street, Colgate Park (Block 2002, Lot 19) in the City of Orange Township, New Jersey in the amount of \$225,109.50.
- *214-2026** A resolution authorizing the issuance of a Raffle License for Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church.
- *215-2026** A resolution recognizing April as Autism Awareness and Acceptance Month.
(Sponsored by Kerry J. Coley and City of Orange Township Municipal Council)
- *216-2026** Resolution recognizing Child Abuse Prevention Month in the City of Orange Township
(Submitted by Council President Adrienne Wooten & the Orange Municipal Council)
- *217-2026** Resolution Recognizing National Garden Month in The City Of Orange Township
(Submitted by Council President Adrienne Wooten & the Orange Municipal Council)
- *218-2026** A resolution for Emergency Temporary Appropriations #4 to the Calendar Year 2026 Budget

RESOLUTIONS continued

- *219-2026** A resolution authorizing the execution and delivery of a Project Agreement to be executed by the City of Orange Township, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey, and the State of New Jersey, acting by and through the Department of Environmental Protection, all pursuant to the State Fiscal Year 2026 New Jersey Water Bank Financing Program
- *220-2026** Resolution recognizing Financial Literacy Month in the City of Orange Township (Submitted by Council President Adrienne Wooten & the Orange Municipal Council)
- *221-2026** A resolution recognizing the Orange Public Library during National Library Month (Submitted by Council President Adrienne Wooten & the Orange Municipal Council)
- *222-2026** Resolution recognizing National Volunteer Month in the City of Orange Township (Submitted by Council President Adrienne Wooten & the Orange Municipal Council)
- *224-2026** A resolution authorizing payment to Alpine Software Corporation, a software platform for dispatch, records, inspections, alerting and scheduling for service rendered to the City of Orange Township Fire Department in 2026 in an amount not to exceed \$15,626.51.
- *225-2026** A resolution authorizing reimbursement of excess medical and/or dental benefits contributions to certain retirees of the City of Orange Township in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$3,420.18.
- *226-2026** A resolution approving and authorizing the execution of a contract for emergency medical services in the City of Orange Township with University Hospital for three (3) years commencing April 1, 2026 through December 31, 2028 at no cost to the City of Orange Township.
- *227-2026** A resolution approving the bill list for council meeting vote on April 07, 2026 dated April 01, 2026 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95 (Grand Total: \$43,247,227.83).

A motion to adopt the Consent Agenda 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 REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

- 199-2026** Resolution to enter into Memorandum of Agreement with Metro YMCA of the Oranges for the co-facilitation of 2026 Mayor's Circle of Excellence Summer Camp not to exceed \$147,000.00.

A motion to adopt Resolution 199-2026 was made by Council President Adrienne K. Wooten and seconded by Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson.

Roll Call:

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

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

Abstain: Quantavia L. Hilbert

Absent: None

Motion Adopted

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

- 5-2026WO** An ordinance of the City of Orange Township, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, amending and supplementing Chapters 88 and 200 of the Code of The City of Orange Township to update Permit Parking Fees and requirements and to establish a Residential On Street Overnight & Commuter Parking Permit Program
- 228-2026WO** Resolution authorizing the submission of a grant application for the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs Local Efficiency Achievement Program (LEAP) Shared Services Coordinator Grant
- 229-2026WO** Resolution of authorizing Change Order No.1 to modify and increase the contract amount for the Well #5 Rehabilitation Project awarded to Shauger Property Services, Inc., 429 Dodd Street, East Orange, New Jersey 07017, in an amount not to exceed \$86,181.18

A motion to Walk On Ordinance 5-2026WO, Resolution 228-2026WO and Resolution 229-2026WO to the agenda was made by Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert and seconded by Council Vice President Weldon M. Montague, III.

Roll Call:

Motion Adopted: Walked-On the Agenda

- 5-2026WO** An ordinance of the City of Orange Township, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, amending and supplementing Chapters 88 and 200 of the Code of The City of Orange Township to update Permit Parking Fees and requirements and to establish a Residential On Street Overnight & Commuter Parking Permit Program - **AMENDED**

A motion to adopt Ordinance 5-2026WO as amended was made by Council Vice President Weldon M. Montague, III and seconded by Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert.

Amendment – 3rd page, Section 4. Residential, Orange overnight parking subsection a where it reads except as authorized permit no vehicle shall be parked on any public street within the City of Orange Township between the hours of 2:00am and 6:00am That should be amended as follows: Except as authorized by permit, no vehicle shall be parked on a “border street” as define in this ordinance between the hours of 2:00am and 6:00am. Also under the border street section which is Section 2 under the definition section in the fourth column of the table will include as amended: State Street to go in between Snyder Street and Stetson Street adding the number of the properties (51 State Street to 67 State Street)

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: Final Reading May 5, 2026

228-2026WO Resolution authorizing the submission of a grant application for the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs Local Efficiency Achievement Program (LEAP) Shared Services Coordinator Grant

A motion to adopt Resolution 228-2026WO 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

229-2026WO Resolution of authorizing Change Order No.1 to modify and increase the contract amount for the Well #5 Rehabilitation Project awarded to Shauger Property Services, Inc., 429 Dodd Street, East Orange, New Jersey 07017, in an amount not to exceed \$86,181.18

A motion to adopt Resolution 229-2026WO was made by Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson and seconded by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: Hon. Clifford R. Ross

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion Adopted

RESOLUTIONS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

223-2026 Resolution rescinding proposed Ordinance No. 2 and establishing a policy resolution to reaffirm compliance with N.J.S.A. 18A:41-7.1 regarding Critical Incident Mapping Data for School Safety (Submitted by Council President Adrienne Wooten)

A motion to adopt Resolution 223-2026 was made by Councilmember Tency A. Eason and seconded by Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson.

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

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)

A motion to postpone Ordinance 53-2025 until information is received was made by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley and seconded by Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson.

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: Postponed

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 Council Vice President Weldon M. Montague, III.

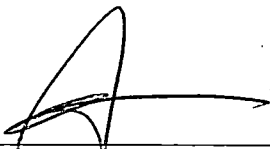
Motion adopted

The meeting was adjourned at 9:19pm.

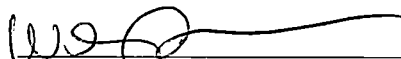
PUBLIC NOTICE

The next City Council Conference and Regular Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 21, 2026.

Approved: April 21, 2026



Trisha A. Scipio
Acting Municipal Clerk



Weldon M. Montague, III
Council Vice President