



MUNICIPAL COUNCIL AGENDA

THIS IS THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP HELD AT CITY HALL, 29 NORTH DAY STREET, ORANGE, NEW JERSEY ON TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2026 FOLLOWING THE CONFERENCE MEETING.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

		PRESENT	ABSENT
Hon. Kerry J. Coley	(East Ward)	_____	_____
Hon. Tency A. Eason	(North Ward)	_____	_____
Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert	(West Ward)	_____	_____
Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Vice President	(At-Large)	_____	_____
Hon. Clifford R. Ross	(At-Large)	_____	_____
Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson	(South Ward)	_____	_____
Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten, President	(At-Large)	_____	_____

ALSO PRESENT

Trisha A. Scipio, Acting 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	_____	_____
Marlin G. Townes, Esq. Legislative Research Officer	_____	_____

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:

- **May 5, 2026 Conference Meeting Minutes**
(Councilmembers Hilbert, Summers-Johnson and Wooten were absent and should abstain)

MOTION:

SECOND:

- **May 5, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes**
(Council President Adrienne K. Wooten was absent and should abstain)

MOTION:

SECOND:

REPORTS:

DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REVENUE COLLECTIONS

➤ Parking	April 2026	\$10,206.50		
➤ Department of Public Works	April 2026	\$1,155.00		
○ Permit	\$600.00		○ Landscaping	\$355.00
○ Sidewalk Occupancy	\$200.00			

OPRA REPORTS:

April 2026: 115 OPRA Requests received, 51 Completed, and 64 Remaining

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

NEW JERSEY AMERICAN WATER

Re: 1/M/O a Petition of New Jersey-American Water Company, Inc. for Authorization to Implement a Distribution System Improvement Charge - BPU Docket No. WR26030097

1/M/O a Petition of New Jersey-American Water Company, Inc. for Authorization to Implement a Wastewater System Improvement Charge - BPU Docket No. WR26030098

1/M/O a Petition of New Jersey-American Water Company, Inc. for Authorization to Implement a Resiliency and Environmental System Investment Charge - BPU Docket No. WR26030100

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-32.2 and N.J.A.C. 14:1-5.12 (b), (c) and (d), enclosed herewith for service upon you are the Notice of Filing and of Public Hearing in the above referenced matters. The proposed surcharges could result in an increase in existing water and wastewater bills.

Please note the date and times of the virtual public hearings at which members of the public are invited to attend and express their views on the Company's petitions as follows:

June 1, 2026 – 4:30pm and 5:30pm

By Video Conference Online: <https://bit.ly/4vGwjXU>

By Phone Call in number: 1-862-294-2638 Meeting ID: 287 137 785#

Such notice has also been served together with the verified petitions and exhibits, upon the Director of the Division of Rate Counsel, who will represent the interests of customers in these proceedings.

Additional details and further instructions for dialing in to the meeting are included in the enclosed Public Notices, and posted on the Company's website at

<https://www.amwater.com/njaw/Customer-Service-Billing/Your-Water-and-Wastewater-Rates/regulatory-proceedings>.

Re: In the Matter of the Petition of New Jersey-American Water Company, Inc. for Approval of Increased Tariff Rates and Charges for Water and Wastewater Service, and Other Tariff Modifications

OAL Docket No. PUC 03132-2026 S; BPU Docket No. WR26010010

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-32.2 and N.J.A.C. 14:1-5.12 (b), (c) and (d), enclosed herewith for service upon you are the Notice of Filing of Proposed Rate Increase and of Public Hearing, and the Board of Public Utilities' order issued on February 18, 2026, suspending any rate increase until June 16, 2026

Please note the dates and times of the virtual public hearings at which members of the public are invited to attend and express their views on the Company's petition are as follows:

May 27, 2026 – 4:30pm and 5:30pm

Call in number: 1-669-254-5252 Meeting ID: 161 210 7393 Passcode: 224923

Such notice has also been served, together with the Verified Petition, Tariffs, and all other exhibits, upon the Director of the Division of Rate Counsel, who will represent the interests of customers in the proceeding. Additional details and further instructions for dialing in to the meeting are included in the enclosed Public Notice, and posted on the Company's website at <https://amwater.com/njaw/customer-service-billing/your-water-and-wastewater-rates>.

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.

MOTION TO CLOSE CITIZEN COMMENTS:

SECOND:

COUNCIL COMMENTS

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING

6-2026 An ordinance to amend and supplement the Code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 169, to establish Article II, Entitled “Voluntary Autism Safety Awareness Street Sign Program”. (Sponsored by Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson)

a) Motion to close Citizens Comments:

Second:

b) Motion to adopt

Second:

**7-2026 An ordinance establishing a Voluntary Senior Resident Information Registry Program in the City of Orange Township
(Sponsored by Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson)**

- a) Motion to close Citizens Comments: Second:**
- b) Motion to adopt Second:**

8-2026 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. (262 Snyder Street)

- a) Motion to close Citizens Comments: Second:**
- b) Motion to adopt Second:**

9-2026 Bond ordinance providing for various Water Utility Capital Improvements in and by the City of Orange Township, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey; appropriating \$5,400,000 therefor and authorizing the issuance of \$5,400,000 Bonds or Notes to finance the cost thereof

- a) Motion to close Citizens Comments: Second:**
- b) Motion to adopt Second:**

ORDINANCES – INTRODUCTION | FIRST READING

**12-2026 An ordinance to amend and Supplement the Code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 200, Section 200-37 to establish Weight Restrictions on Valley Street.
(Sponsored by Council Member Jamie B. Summers-Johnson).**

- a) Motion to adopt on Introduction: Second:**
- b) Final Reading: June 16, 2026**

13-2026 An ordinance to exceed the municipal budget appropriation limits and to establish a cap bank in accordance with (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14) for the calendar year 2026 budget.

- a) Motion to adopt on First Reading: Second:**
- b) Final Reading: June 16, 2026**

14-2026 An ordinance to approve a Redevelopment Area Bond for Orange Memorial Hospital (RAB)

- a) Motion to adopt on Introduction: Second:**
- b) Final Reading: June 16, 2026**

**15-2026 An ordinance of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township, Essex County, New Jersey, Amending Chapter 210 of the Municipal Code of the City of Orange Township, Entitled “Development Regulations,” to Revise Off-Street Parking Space Size and Access in Accordance with the Residential Site Improvement Standards Codified Under Title 5, Chapter 21 of the New Jersey Administrative Code.
(Sponsored by Council Member Weldon M. Montague, III)**

- a) Motion to adopt on Introduction: Second:**
- b) Final Reading: June 16, 2026**

16-2026 An ordinance amending Chapter 18 (Fire Department) and Chapter 26 (Police Department) of the Revised Code of the City of Orange Township by creating the Department of Public Safety, and providing for the Appointment of a Public Safety Director.

- a) Motion to adopt on Introduction: Second:
- b) Final Reading: June 16, 2026

17-2026 An ordinance to approve a Financial Agreement for 50 Main Street between VA 50 M Urban Renewal LLC

- a) Motion to adopt on Introduction: Second:
- b) Final Reading: June 16, 2026

18-2026 An ordinance to approve a Redevelopment Area Bond for VA 50 M Urban Renewal LLC (50 Main Street) (RAB)

- a) Motion to adopt on Introduction: Second:
- b) Final Reading: June 16, 2026

19-2026 An ordinance to approve a Financial Agreement for 410 Main Street

- a) Motion to adopt on Introduction: Second:
- b) Final Reading: June 16, 2026

20-2026 An ordinance to approve a Redevelopment Area Bond for 410 Main Street (RAB)

- a) Motion to adopt on Introduction: Second:
- b) Final Reading: June 16, 2026

21-2026 An ordinance to approve a Financial Agreement for Orange Memorial Hospital

- a) Motion to adopt on Introduction: Second:
- b) Final Reading: June 16, 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 *276-2026 THROUGH *293-2026

***276-2026** A resolution for emergency temporary appropriations #6 to the calendar year 2026 budget.

***277-2026** A resolution authorizing the execution of a renewal to the contract between the City of Orange Township and Karson Food, Inc. for the 2026 USDA Summer Food Program for a period two (2) months from July 1, 2026 through August 31, 2026 for an amount not to exceed \$184,140.45.

- *278-2026** A resolution authorizing a contract to Carrier Corporation, 9 Farms Spring Road, Farmington, CT 06032-2569 (northern New Jersey branch located at 100 Delawanna Ave., Suite 401, Clifton, New Jersey 07014) to provide HVAC repairs at the Freddie Polhill Law & Justice Complex under the Sourcewell Cooperative Pricing Council Contract #080824-CAR for the period of April 1, 2026 through March 31, 2027 in the amount not to exceed \$80,000.00.
- *279-2062** A resolution authorizing the award of an emergency contract for HVAC repairs to municipal buildings to Statewide Conditioning Inc., 6200 Main St., Perth Amboy, New Jersey 08879 in an amount not to exceed \$23,498.29.
- *280-2026** A resolution authorizing an addendum to Resolution 140-2026 to Lewis Consulting Group, Inc., 2604 Atlantic Avenue, Suite 600, Wall, New Jersey 07719 to increase the contract amount for an additional \$3,250.00 to provide additional professional Asbestos-Containing Materials (ACM) clearance oversight and report services for the Highland Avenue Train Station Renovation Project making the new amount not to exceed \$28,900.00.
- *281-2026** A resolution authorizing Change Order No. 2 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 0110 for traffic directors, asphalt surface course and traffic markings for an additional \$17,948.70 making the new amount not to exceed \$197,647.60.
- *282-2026** A resolution authorizing Bright View Engineering, 70 South Orange Avenue, Suite 109, Livingston, New Jersey 07039 to provide professional engineering design, construction administration and construction observation services for the UEZ safety improvements to the traffic signal located at the intersection of Main Street and Canfield Street in an amount not to exceed \$159,000.00.
- *283-2026** A resolution amending Resolution No. 73-2025 to authorize additional attorney fees to be paid to Hatfield/Schwartz Law Group, LLC as special counsel with regard to various legal matters and litigation regarding the City for an additional \$900.00 making the new amount not to exceed \$20,900.00 for calendar year 2025.
- *284-2026** A resolution Re-Appointing Cheryl Gayle, a resident of Orange, New Jersey, as a Regular Member to the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the City of Orange Township, New Jersey. (Sponsored by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III)
- *285-2026** A resolution appointing Nadia Moses a resident of Orange, New Jersey, as a Regular Member to the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the City of Orange Township, New Jersey. (Sponsored by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley)
- *286-2026** A resolution honoring Diane Scott (Sponsored by Council Member Quantavia Hilbert)
- *287-2026** A Resolution of Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, referring an Amendment of Chapter 210 of the Municipal Code of the City of Orange Township, entitled “Development Regulation“, to the City’s Planning Board for review and recommendation pursuant to in N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-7(e). (Sponsored by Council Member Weldon M. Montague, III)

- *288-2026 Resolution of the City of Orange Township, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey, Determining the Form and Other Details of Its “Note Relating to the Water Bank Construction Financing Program of the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank,” to Be Issued in the Principal Amount of Up to \$20,000,000, and Providing for the Issuance and Sale of Such Note to the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank, and Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of Such Note by the City of Orange Township in Favor of the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank, All Pursuant to the Water Bank Construction Financing Program of the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank.**

- *289-2026 Resolution Honoring Greater Essex Counseling Services, LLC for Its Dedicated Service to Individuals and Families Impacted by Substance Abuse, Mental Health Challenges, and Related Counseling Needs (Submitted by Council President Adrienne Wooten)**

- *290-2026 A resolution Honoring Ami N. Solanki, M.Ed.
(Sponsored by Council Member Quantavia Hilbert)**

- *291-2026 Resolution introducing and approving the 2026 Calendar Year Budget (January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026)**

- *292-2026 A resolution approving the bill list for council meeting vote on May 19, 2026 dated May 13, 2026 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95 (Grand Total: \$9,198,846.00).**

- *293-2026 Resolution Honoring Reverend Melvin E. Wilson on the Occasion of His 45th Ministerial Anniversary and Celebrating His Dedicated Service to St. Matthew A.M.E. Church and the Community
(Sponsored by Councilmember Tency A. Eason and the City of Orange Township Municipal Council)**

- *294-2026 A resolution to approve a Community Benefits Agreement for 50 Main Street**

- *295-2026 A resolution to approve a Community Benefits Agreement for 410 Main Street**

- *296-2026 A resolution to approve a Community Benefits Agreement for Orange Memorial Hospital**

- *297-2026 A resolution authorizing application to the Local Finance Board for Redevelopment Area Bond Ordinance for Orange Memorial Hospital**

- *298-2026 A resolution authorizing application to the Local Finance Board for Redevelopment Area Bond Ordinance for 50 Main Street**

- *299-2026 A resolution authorizing application to the Local Finance Board for Redevelopment Area Bond Ordinance for 410 Main Street**

MOTION TO ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA:

Second:

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

OLD BUSINESS

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Second:

Adjournment Time: _____

PUBLIC NOTICE

The next scheduled Municipal Council Conference Meeting and Regular Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 2, 2026, 7:00 p.m. at City Hall, 29 North Day Street, Orange, NJ 07050 in the Council Chambers.