



MUNICIPAL COUNCIL AGENDA

THIS IS THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP AT CITY HALL, 29 NORTH DAY STREET, ORANGE, NEW JERSEY ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2026 FOLLOWING THE CONFERENCE MEETING.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

		PRESENT	ABSENT
Hon. Kerry J. Coley	(East Ward)	_____	_____
Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert	(West Ward)	_____	_____
Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Vice President	(At-Large)	_____	_____
Hon. Lynn A. Ogbourne	(North Ward)	_____	_____
Hon. James H. Ward, III	(South Ward)	_____	_____
Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten	(At-Large)	_____	_____
Hon. Clifford R. Ross, 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.**, commonly known as the **Open Public Meetings Act ("Sunshine Law")**, have been satisfied. Notice of this meeting was published in the *Star-Ledger* on **Friday, July 10, 2026**, and on the City's official website (www.orangenj.gov). Notice was also posted on the Municipal Council's website (www.orangetwpnjcc.org), posted on the official bulletin board at City Hall, and filed in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

➤ **September 1, 2026 Public Hearing Minutes**

MOTION:

SECOND:

➤ **September 1, 2026 Conference and Regular Meeting Minutes**

MOTION:

SECOND:

REPORTS**DEPARTMENT REVENUE COLLECTION**

➤ Department of Community Services	August 2026	\$44,290.00
➤ Municipal Clerk's Office	August 2026	\$207.95
➤ Parking Meters	August 2026	\$15,732.05
➤ Department of Planning	August 2026	\$111,910.00
➤ Department of Public Works	August 2026	\$10,901.00
➤ Tax Assessor	No report submitted	
➤ Tax Collector	No report submitted	

OPRA REPORTS

August 2026: 148 Requested, 61 Complete, and 87 Remaining

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

None

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**

None

ORDINANCES – INTRODUCTION | FIRST READING

39-2026 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 (54 North Essex Avenue).

- a) Motion to adopt on Introduction:
- b) Final Reading October 20, 2026

Second:

ORDINANCES – INTRODUCTION | FIRST READING continued

40-2026 An ordinance of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township, Essex County, New Jersey, restructuring and updating Chapter 4, Articles XIII and XIV of the City of Orange Township Municipal Code.

- a) Motion to adopt on Introduction: Second:
b) Final Reading October 20, 2026

41-2026 An ordinance of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, suspending implementation of the scattered sites redevelopment plan pending review and consideration of final recommendations by the City of Orange Township Planning Board regarding continued designation of the scattered sites redevelopment area and/or the bulk zoning standards applicable thereto. (Sponsored by Council Member James H. Ward, III)

- a) Motion to adopt on Introduction: Second:
b) Final Reading October 20, 2026

42-2026 An ordinance of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township, Essex County, New Jersey, amending Chapter 210 of the City of Orange Township Municipal Code, entitled “Development Regulations”, to require traffic studies in connection with certain site plan approval applications submitted to the Planning Board or Zoning Board of adjustment, as applicable. (Sponsored by Council Member James H. Ward, III)

- a) Motion to adopt on Introduction: Second:
b) Final Reading October 20, 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 *461-2026 THROUGH *471-2026**RESOLUTIONS continued**

***461-2026** A Resolution Celebrating the Life, Legacy, and Memory of Maxine Gilchrist Johnson (Sponsored by Council President Clifford R. Ross and the City of Orange Township Municipal Council)

***462-2026** A RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF RACHEL LATISHA YOUNG GARRETSON (Sponsored by Council President Clifford R. Ross and the City of Orange Township Municipal Council)

***463-2026** A resolution to approve the corrective action plan for calendar year 2025.

***464-2026** A resolution to accept funds in the amount of \$119,372.00 from the New Jersey Department of Health-Division of Local Public Health

CONSENT AGENDA continued

- *465-2026** A resolution authorizing the services of Hatfield Schwartz, LLC, to represent the City of Orange in the matter, “Shawn Harris, Sr. v. City of Orange Township” Docket No. ESX-I-6263-26 in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 for calendar year 2026.
- *466-2026** A resolution authorizing settlement in the matter of Forbyh Pierre v. City of Orange Police Department, Captain Isaac Eason, John Does 1-10, and XYZ Corp. 1-10, Docket No. 2:25-cv-18321, in the amount of sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000.00).
- *467-2026** A resolution reappointing Rashida N. Hasan as Judge of the Orange Municipal Court for an additional three (3) years commencing October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2029.
- *468-2026** A resolution for the approval to hire six (6) new firefighters for the City of Orange Township, to attend the County of Morris Department of Law & Public Safety Training Academy, 500 West Hanover Avenue, Morris Plains, 07950 commencing on September 8, 2026 through December 1, 2026 in the amount not to exceed \$12,600.00
- *469-2026** A resolution authorizing Lewis Consulting Group, Inc., 2604 Atlantic Avenue, Suite 600, Wall, New Jersey 07719 to provide professional services – remediation investigation, grant management and implementation for the Washington Street Firehouse in an amount not to exceed \$56,431.50.
- *470-2026** A resolution authorizing the extension #2 of awarding of a contract for the 2026 “on call” emergency repair water, sanitary and storm sewer to Shauger Property Services, Inc., 429 Dodd Street, East Orange, New Jersey 07017 in the amount not to exceed \$866,410.00 for an additional ninety (90) days
- *471-2026** A resolution approving the bill list for council meeting vote on September 15, 2026 dated September 9, 2026 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95 (Grand Total: \$4,808,382.26).

MOTION TO ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA:**Second:****NEW BUSINESS, WALK-ON ORDINANCES, WALK-ON RESOLUTIONS AND OTHER PENDING BUSINESS****OLD BUSINESS**

- 457-2026** A resolution of the City Council of the City of Orange Township directing the preparation and introduction of an ordinance to move the City's regular municipal elections from May to the November General Election date pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:45-7.1 and related law. (Sponsored by Councilmember James H. Ward, III).
(Postponed from September 1, 2026 Municipal Council Meeting)

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Second:

Adjournment Time: _____

PUBLIC NOTICE

The next scheduled Municipal Council Conference and Regular Meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 6, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Fourth Floor, City Hall, 29 North Day Street, Orange, New Jersey 07050.