MINUTES CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP

NEW JERSEY

THIS IS A CONFERENCE MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP HELD AT CITY HALL, 29 NORTH DAY STREET, ORANGE, NEW JERSEY ON TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2026 AT 7:02PM.

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
	Council President Adrienne K. Wooten, At-Large
Also Present:	Trisha A. Scipio, Acting Municipal Clerk
	Chris M. Hartwyk, Business Administrator
	Derrick Brown, Fire Chief
	Aaron Mizrahi, Esq., Deputy City Attorney
	Brian Mooney, Police Chief
	Marlin G. Townes. Esq., Legislative Research Officer
Absent:	Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert, West Ward
	Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, South Ward

The Acting Municipal Clerk announced a moment of Silence. Councilmembers dedicated the moment to Class of 1977 OHS graduate David Marshall, 100 year old Orange resident Ruth Brown and member of Bethel Baptist Church, Emma Gaskins and Walter "Peanut" Wright.

The Acting Municipal Clerk announced a "SPECIAL NOTICE: Please be apprised anyone wishing to discuss Agenda or General Items shall sign their name on the sign in sheet and will be allowed a maximum of three (3) minutes to interact with the Council.

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, 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.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

There were no Matters for Discussion

LEGISLATION

The Acting Municipal Clerk announced the resolutions and ordinances to be presented at tonight's meeting are listed on the attached Regular Meeting Agenda. If any Council Member wishes to discuss any resolution or ordinance, it may be discussed at this time.

ORDINANCE SECOND READING

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. AMENDED

The Acting Municipal Clerk gave a copy of the amendments to the Councilmembers and read them into the record. She explained that references to the word "attached" were removed in two instances on the first page. On the third page, the term "firefighting" was deleted, and references to "Deputy Police Safety Director" and "Chief of Police" were revised. Emergency Management responsibilities were added to the ordinance, Letter "H" was removed, and Emergency Management was also added under subsection "J." Additionally, the phrase "by the direction of the Mayor or Business Administrator" was removed from subsection "K," Item No. 9 was deleted, and language contained in the first line of the final page was removed. The City Attorney advised that all amendments were reflected in the marked-up version provided to Council members.

ORDINCNAE INTRODUCTION | FIRST READING

27-2026 An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 21-2017 and Ordinance No. 15-2020 Relating to the Salaries of Certain Employees of the City of Orange Township
(Sponsored by Council Member Clifford R. Ross)

The Acting Municipal Clerk read the amendments into the record noting noting that additional language had been incorporated on the final page concerning the positions of Police Chief, Fire Chief, and Public Safety Director. During the discussion, it was noted that references to the Police Director and Fire Director positions should eventually be removed; however, the BA explained that such changes would require a separate ordinance following the formal abolition of those positions. Police Chief: $165,000 - $235,000, Fire Chief: $155,000 - $225,000, and Public Safety Director: $125,000 - $200,000

RESOLUTIONS

***326-2026 A Resolution of the Orange Township Council, Recognizing and Honoring Mr. Reggie Miller of RM Motivation for His Extraordinary and Unwavering Commitment to Ensuring That National Gun Violence Awareness Day Is Observed with Power, Purpose, and Impact in the City of Orange Township, New Jersey**
(Submitted by Council President Adrienne Wooten)

Council President noted the seventh recital on the second page incorrectly referenced Essex Avenue and should instead identify the project area as extending from Central Avenue to Carteret Place.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilmember Tency A. Eason and seconded by Council Vice President Weldon M. Montague, III.
Motion Adopted

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10pm.

Approved: July 1, 2026

Trisha A. Scipio
Acting Municipal Clerk

Clifford R. Ross
Council President