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, JUNE 16, 2026 FOLLOWING THE CONFERENCE MEETING.

Councilmember Tency A. Eason led all assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Roll Call:

Present:	Councilmember Kerry J. Coley, East Ward
	Councilmember Tency A. Eason, North 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
	Gracia R. Montilus, Esq., City Attorney (Arrived at 7:48pm)
	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 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

June 3, 2026 Conference Meeting Minutes

A motion to adopt the minutes from the June 3, 2026 Conference Meeting was made by Council Vice President Weldon M. Montague, III and seconded by Councilmember Clifford R. Ross.
Motion Adopted

June 3, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes

A motion to adopt the minutes from the June 3, 2026 Regular Meeting was made by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley and seconded by Council Vice President Weldon M. Montague, III.
Motion Adopted

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES continued

May 28, 2026 Budget Hearing Minutes

A motion to adopt the minutes from the May 28, 2026 Budget Hearing was made by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley and seconded by Councilmember Tency A. Eason.
Roll Call:
Yeas: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Tency A. Eason, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, and Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten
Nays: None
Abstain: Hon. Clifford R. Ross
Absent: Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert and Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson
Motion Adopted

June 11, 2026 Budget Hearing Minutes

A motion to adopt the minutes from the May 26, 2026 Budget Hearing was made by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley and seconded by Councilmember Tency A. Eason.
Roll Call:
Yeas: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Tency A. Eason, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, and Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten
Nays: None
Abstain: Hon. Clifford R. Ross
Absent: Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert and Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson
Motion Adopted

DEPARTMENT REVENUE COLLECTION
For May 2026 the Department of Community Services collected $18,483.00, Parking Meters collected $11,731.24, the Department of Planning collected $60,461.00, and the Department of Public Works collected $19, 853.00.

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.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Darnell Gibbs, 1 Hope Drive – Mr. Gibbs requested clarification regarding the scheduling of the public hearing and final adoption of Ordinances No. 23-2026 and 24-2026, noting that a previous agenda indicated the ordinances would be heard on July 1. He also questioned the performance of Vanta Development Group under a previously approved tax abatement agreement (Ordinance No. 66-2023), specifically asking when the required employment workshop was held and how many Orange residents were hired through the project. Additionally, Mr. Gibbs sought an explanation of how the length of tax abatements is determined, expressing concern that a 457-unit project and a 104-unit project were both receiving 23-year tax abatements despite the significant difference in size.

Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk advised that the public hearing for the ordinances would take place that evening. Regarding local hiring, he stated that he did not have the workshop date or hiring figures available but offered to provide the information directly to Mr. Gibbs before the next meeting. Concerning tax abatements, BA Hartwyk explained that the duration is determined through an analysis of annual gross revenue and project costs. Although the larger project would generate greater revenue, the smaller project would also have lower development costs, resulting in similar calculations and ultimately comparable tax abatement terms.

Alysha Rodriguez, 487 Mountain View Avenue – Ms. Rodriguez raised several questions concerning Ordinance No. 27-2026, questioning the methodology used to compare Orange Township with larger municipalities such as East Orange, Irvington, Plainfield, Hillside, and Atlantic City for salary benchmarking purposes. She also requested clarification regarding a proposed $150,000 municipal contribution toward infrastructure improvements associated with a redevelopment project, asking what specific improvements would be funded, whether the work was already required of the developer, and what return the City expected on its investment. Ms. Rodriguez further questioned the meaning of "substantial completion" in relation to tax abatements, what revenues are received by the City during construction, and what data supports the continued approval of residential redevelopment projects and tax abatements. She also asked whether agendas and supporting materials must be made available before public meetings and why information related to Ordinance No. 16-2026 was not available for public review. Finally, she sought clarification regarding Community Benefit Agreements (CBAs) and whether they were being voted upon that evening.

Business Administrator Hartwyk explained that Community Benefit Agreements are approved by resolution and had already been adopted at a prior meeting. Regarding Ordinance No. 16-2026, he stated that, to his knowledge, the information had been posted online. He further explained that agendas are generally required to be available 48 hours in advance to the extent practicable, although additions and deletions may occur after publication. Mr. Hartwyk indicated that Ms. Rodriguez should submit her remaining questions in writing and he would provide responses.

Jayda Audrick, 58 North Oraton Parkway, East Orange – Ms. Audrick introduced herself as an economic development strategist and stated that she attended the previous Council meeting after hearing concerns from residents regarding redevelopment projects and the desire for more responsible development that benefits the community. She expressed interest in partnering with the City, the Urban Enterprise Zone (UEZ), and developers to strengthen Orange's business environment, expand community programming, and create additional economic opportunities for residents.

CITIZENS COMMENTS continued

Dr. Gloria Boseman, 345 Olcott Street – Dr. Boseman proposed the creation of an independent, resident-led Orange Community Redevelopment Advisory Board. She stated that residents currently have little input regarding redevelopment agreements and the allocation of community development benefits. Dr. Boseman suggested that the board consist of volunteer residents representing all wards, local businesses, and community advocates who would review redevelopment agreements, conduct public hearings, and evaluate community benefit projects through a transparent scoring process. She encouraged the Council to sponsor an ordinance creating such a board and suggested potential redevelopment investments including all-weather turf fields, resilient playground surfaces, sensory-inclusive playgrounds, senior recreation areas, and multi-generational community hubs focused on workforce development, education, and social engagement.

Anthony Burke, 477 Hillside Avenue – Mr. Burke questioned the need for Ordinance No. 16-2026 creating the position of Public Safety Director. He asked what circumstances had changed since prior discussions, what operational needs justified the position, and what qualifications, certifications, education, experience requirements, salary, benefits, and recruitment process would apply. He also requested information regarding studies, reports, or analyses supporting the creation of the position. Additionally, Mr. Burke sought clarification regarding the estimated $1.8 million renovation cost for the Washington Street Firehouse, including whether engineering, architectural, or facilities assessments had been completed and what improvements would be included.

Business Administrator Hartwyk explained that responsibility for architectural, engineering, and construction drawings related to the firehouse renovation rests with the developer under the Community Benefit Agreement. He stated that preliminary contractor walkthroughs suggested costs may ultimately be less than the estimated $1.8 million, but definitive figures would not be available until architectural plans are completed. He noted that the agreement requires conceptual architectural renderings within six months and construction commencement within twelve months after acceptance of the plans and budget. Regarding the Public Safety Director position, BA Hartwyk stated that no recruitment process or job advertisement exists because the position has not yet been created. He explained that the ordinance requires a minimum of ten years of law enforcement experience and would consolidate administrative oversight of police, fire, and emergency management functions. He further noted that the position would replace the existing Police Director and Fire Director titles, creating administrative efficiencies through a streamlined support structure.

Hon. Coram Rimes, 48 Ridge Street – Former Councilman Rimes addressed the Council to recognize North Ward Councilwoman Tency A. Eason for her years of service to Orange Township, Essex County, and the State of New Jersey. He praised her leadership and noted her longstanding support of youth initiatives, including assisting students through the Black Data Processing Associates (BDPA) program and helping connect local students with educational opportunities and technology resources. He thanked Councilwoman Eason for her dedication and service to the community.

Bashir McGran, 308 North Walnut Street, East Orange – Mr. McGran spoke in tribute to Councilwoman Tency Eason, recalling their relationship dating back to the early 2000s when he established Boys to Men Barber Shop in Orange. He credited Councilwoman Eason with supporting his work, mentoring him, and helping him build programs that benefited Orange youth and residents. In recognition of her service, he presented Councilwoman Eason with a plaque and card honoring her contributions to the City and State.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Yarrow Wilman Cole, 1549 Vauxhall Road, Union – Mr. Cole appeared in support of Councilwoman Hilbert's resolution urging the State of New Jersey to fully fund and expand the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP). Speaking on behalf of New Jersey Citizen Action and the New Jersey Child Care for All coalition, he described the impact of inadequate child care funding on working families and child care providers. He noted that the state's temporary freeze on new CCAP applications prevented many low-income families from accessing assistance and shared the story of an Orange resident whose career and financial stability were negatively impacted by the lack of affordable child care. Mr. Cole urged the Council to adopt the resolution and advocate for increased child care funding.

Ingrid Castellon, 372 Mechanic Street – Speaking through a translator, Ms. Castellon addressed the Council in support of Resolution No. 329-2026 regarding child care funding. As an organizer with the Laundry Workers Center and a resident of Orange, she described her personal experiences as a single mother struggling with the high cost of child care while working low-wage jobs. She explained that inadequate wages and unaffordable child care forced difficult decisions regarding the care and supervision of her children. Ms. Castellon stated that many workers face similar challenges and described how employers sometimes exploit workers who lack access to affordable child care. She urged the Council to support efforts to expand child care assistance and ensure that all families have access to affordable and safe child care options.

A motion to Close Citizen Comments was made by Council Vice President Weldon M. Montague, III and seconded by Councilmember Clifford R. Ross.
Motion Adopted

There were no Citizen Comments received by e-mail.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Clifford E. Ross began by following up on several outstanding quality-of-life and traffic-related matters. He inquired about the status of the approved left-turn sign at Lincoln Avenue and Scotland Road and was advised by the Business Administrator that the sign and accompanying stanchions had been ordered. He also requested an update regarding autism awareness signs previously approved by the governing body and was informed that administration would check on their status.

Councilman Ross then sought an update on the proposed one-way traffic change on Clarendon Street. The Business Administrator explained that the required engineering study had been completed and shared with the neighborhood, but additional steps involving the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) and the City's engineering consultant remained necessary before the change could be implemented. When asked about a timeline, the Business Administrator cautioned that NJDOT approvals could take some time.

The Councilman also requested updates regarding the train station parking garage and the implementation of the City's Parking Utility. Administration reported that the parking garage was awaiting installation of its final software component, while the Parking Utility remained pending delivery of PATS equipment. Staff hiring, uniforms, and other operational equipment had already been completed or ordered, leaving the arrival of the PATS equipment as the final step before implementation.

Councilman Ross confirmed that the City's pools, parks, spray parks, and summer camp programs were scheduled to officially open on July 1.

COUNCIL COMMENTS continued

Councilman Ross then highlighted the upcoming Junior Public Safety Academy, scheduled for July 13 through August 7. Councilman Ross invited Fire Chief Derek Brown to provide additional information. Chief Brown explained that the collaborative Police and Fire Department program has been operating for approximately five years and offers youth exposure to public safety careers. He announced that Essex County had provided funding support for the program and that participating youth would take part in a countywide Olympics event on August 8. Applications are available through the Police and Fire Department websites, and residents experiencing difficulties with online registration were encouraged to contact the departments directly for assistance.

Councilman Ross also invited Chief Brown to discuss the Fire Department's upcoming Open House and Recruitment Fair scheduled for June 27. Chief Brown explained that the event was designed to increase awareness of firefighting careers and prepare prospective applicants for anticipated Civil Service recruitment opportunities. During the discussion, Councilwoman Tency A. Eason noted that she had difficulty locating the Public Safety Academy application online. Chief Brown acknowledged the concern and encouraged residents experiencing similar issues to contact the Fire Department directly for assistance. Chief Brown also took the opportunity to publicly thank Councilwoman Eason for her many years of service to the City and her support of the Fire Department. Concluding his remarks, Councilman Ross announced the City's Gospel Festival scheduled for June 27 at Monte Irvin Orange Park from noon until 6:00 p.m. He encouraged residents to attend and enjoy music, family activities, raffles, and fellowship. He also extended Father's Day greetings to all fathers, stepfathers, grandfathers, and father figures, recognizing their sacrifices, leadership, and contributions to their families and the community.

Councilman Weldon M. Montague, III announced the Second Annual Youth Summer Camp trip to Lebanon, Pennsylvania, scheduled for July 19 through July 24. He explained that the camp provides Orange youth with opportunities to participate in outdoor activities, swimming, arts and crafts, nature walks, and team-building experiences. Noting that additional participants were needed, he encouraged Orange families to enroll their children before registration was opened to neighboring communities. He emphasized the value of giving local youth experiences beyond the City and provided his contact information for interested families.

Councilman Montague also requested an update regarding the former YMCA/Recreation Center property and the former Orange Memorial Hospital site. The Business Administrator reported that the City was preparing to reissue a Request for Proposals (RFP) and had already begun discussions with several potential developers. Councilman Montague stressed the importance of preserving recreational uses at the site and expressed opposition to converting the former YMCA entirely into residential apartments. Administration confirmed that recreational programming remained part of the City's plans.

Councilman Kerry J. Coley focused his remarks on parking enforcement and quality-of-life concerns related to illegal driveways throughout the City. He expressed concern that residents were routinely creating unauthorized parking spaces by driving over curbs and sidewalks, causing damage to public infrastructure and creating traffic conflicts. While acknowledging the parking challenges faced by residents, he stated that the City should either consistently enforce existing ordinances or reevaluate them if they were no longer practical. He suggested implementing a public education campaign prior to enforcement, including notices or flyers advising residents that they were in violation of City ordinances and providing an opportunity to correct the issue before summonses were issued. He also referenced previous legislation concerning commercial vehicle parking and emphasized the need for consistency in enforcement efforts.

COUNCIL COMMENTS continued

Turning to another growing concern, Councilman Coley addressed private towing and vehicle booting operations occurring at apartment complexes and private parking lots throughout the City. He expressed concern that some towing companies were operating without sufficient oversight and suggested that the City adopt regulations governing private towing and booting practices.

Councilwoman Eason responded that the City Attorney was already drafting regulations and operating guidelines for such companies. She explained that towing operators contracted by private property owners would be required to register with the City and comply with local requirements. Police Chief Brian Mooney later confirmed that the Police Department was actively working with legal counsel to establish procedures and guidance for officers responding to these situations.

Councilman Coley concluded by thanking Councilwoman Eason for her years of service, describing her leadership as consistent, steadfast, and unwavering. He expressed appreciation for her dedication to the City and her willingness to stand firm on issues she believed were important.

Councilwoman Tency A. Eason began by announcing that Easy Pickins, a longstanding business in the City, would be closing. She expressed hope that the prominent commercial location would soon be occupied by another business serving the community. She also informed residents that the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission's Mobile Unit would be available at St. Matthew's Church on July 10 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. She explained that appointments could be scheduled online and encouraged residents to take advantage of the services being offered.

Councilwoman Eason then reflected on her 24 years of service to the City of Orange Township. She thanked her fellow Council members, residents, family, and supporters for the opportunity to serve. While acknowledging that she was saddened to leave public office, she stated that she was also excited to pursue new opportunities and remain actively engaged in the community. She assured residents that she would continue advocating for the North Ward and the City despite no longer holding elected office.

The Councilwoman raised the possibility of converting a City-owned vacant lot near Lakeside Avenue and Cleveland Street into a municipal parking lot. She suggested that the site could provide additional parking options for residents impacted by increasing private parking restrictions and booting practices at apartment complexes. She requested that administration examine the feasibility of the proposal and indicated that she would follow up on the matter.

Addressing public discourse, Councilwoman Eason expressed concern about misinformation circulating on social media platforms, particularly regarding City government operations, appointments, redevelopment projects, and Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) agreements. She emphasized that municipal appointments are made through an open and transparent process and encouraged residents interested in serving on boards and commissions to contact their Council representatives. She urged residents to seek factual information directly from City officials rather than relying on online commentary and cautioned against allowing negativity to undermine the City's progress. Councilwoman Eason highlighted the benefits of redevelopment and PILOT agreements, noting that such projects ultimately contribute revenue that benefits taxpayers and supports municipal services.

Concluding her remarks, she thanked the residents of Orange Township for allowing her to serve for nearly a quarter century. She reiterated her love for the City and pledged to remain involved in civic affairs and neighborhood advocacy.

COUNCIL COMMENTS continued

Council President Adrienne K. Wooten began by inviting Police Chief Brian Mooney to address the governing body. Chief Mooney confirmed that the Police Department, City Attorney, and administrative staff were actively developing procedures and regulations governing private towing and booting companies operating within the City. He further thanked Councilwoman Eason for her many years of partnership and support of the Police Department, acknowledging her commitment to transparency, accountability, and public safety.

Council President Wooten then reflected on the numerous community events held throughout the preceding weekend. She highlighted attendance at a girls' flag football game at Central Playground, where Orange competed against East Orange, noting the positive impact of youth sports programs and the plans for future scrimmages between the municipalities.She also attended the Board of Education's Color Run event at Orange Park as part of Orange Week celebrations and later participated in a memorial gathering honoring a longtime community member known as "Cowboy," where dozens of senior residents came together to celebrate his life and contributions.

Continuing her review of community activities, Council President Wooten attended a youth baseball game against Elizabeth, noting Orange's victory and praising the continued growth of youth athletics throughout the City. She also reported that the Central Pool had already opened for weekend operations and confirmed that all remaining pools and aquatic facilities would open fully on July 1.

Council President Wooten expressed support for Resolution No. 39-2026 regarding the New Jersey Child Care Assistance Program, noting its connection to legislative efforts championed by State Senator Britnee Timberlake. She also spoke in support of Resolution No. 319-2026 honoring Deputy Fire Chief Nelson Rivera. She recounted his response during a recent power outage on Oakwood Avenue, where he personally purchased food for senior citizens affected by the outage. She further noted his long history of charitable acts, including assisting residents with rental insurance, bicycles for children, and other community needs, often using his own personal resources.

The Council President encouraged residents to participate in local Juneteenth celebrations and reflected on the historical significance of the holiday. She noted that while awareness of Juneteenth has grown significantly in recent years, many residents still seek information regarding its meaning and importance.

Finally, Council President Wooten addressed the importance of civic engagement and responsible advocacy. Referencing historic civil rights leaders such as Fannie Lou Hamer and Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., she encouraged residents to emulate their examples of leadership, dignity, and constructive community involvement. She concluded by expressing heartfelt appreciation for Councilwoman Eason's decades of service, friendship, and dedication to Orange Township, stating that her contributions would have a lasting impact on the community.

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING

11-2026 An ordinance to amend the code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 200, Section 200-10.2 Entitled "Residential Permit Parking Zone A" to update the hours of parking on Nassau Street. (Sponsored by Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson).

A motion to close Citizens Comments was made by Councilmember Tency A. Eason and seconded by Council President Adrienne K. Wooten.
Motion Adopted

A motion to postpone Ordinance 11-2026 on Second Reading was made by Councilmember Tency A. Eason and seconded by Council Vice President Weldon M. Montague, III.

Roll Call:
Yeas: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Tency A. Eason, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Clifford R. Ross and Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert and Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson
Motion Adopted: Postponed to July 1, 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.

Alysha Rodriquez, 487 Mountain View Avenue, asked for clarification regarding the cap bank ordinance, stating that she was confused about how the City could establish a spending cap above the permitted amount before the municipal budget had been adopted.

Chief Financial Officer Nile Clements explained that the ordinance serves two purposes: it authorizes the statutory 3.5% appropriation cap and allows the City to utilize its "cap bank." The cap bank represents the difference between the amount the City is permitted to appropriate and the amount it actually appropriates in a given year. Any unused appropriation capacity may be carried forward and used in a future budget year. The CFO further clarified that the ordinance does not authorize the City to exceed budget limits or indicate how much the final budget may increase. Rather, it preserves the City's ability to use any available cap bank capacity in the future. The ordinance must be adopted prior to budget adoption and submitted to the State for review

A motion to close Citizens Comments was made by Councilmember Tency A. Eason and seconded by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley.
Motion Adopted

A motion to adopt Ordinance 13-2026 on Second Reading was made by Council President Adrienne K. Wooten and seconded by Council Vice President Weldon M. Montague, III.
Roll Call:
Yeas: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Tency A. Eason, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Clifford R. Ross and Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert and Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson
Motion Adopted

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING continued

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)

Aisha Samuel, 401 Highland Terrace, requested clarification regarding the purpose of the parking ordinance, noting that Orange already experiences significant parking challenges and stating that the ordinance was not clear about its intended impact. Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk explained that the ordinance is intended to bring the City's parking regulations into compliance with the State's Residential Site Improvement Standards (RSIS), which establish requirements for the size and layout of parking spaces. The City's existing ordinance was not fully consistent with those state standards. The ordinance does not immediately create new parking spaces but updates the legal requirements governing parking design and construction. When parking facilities are developed or improved, parking spaces will ultimately be striped and configured in accordance with the revised standards.

A motion to close Citizens Comments was made by Councilmember Clifford R. Ross and seconded by Councilmember Tency A. Eason.
Motion Adopted

A motion to adopt Ordinance 15-2026 on Second Reading was made by Councilmember Tency A. Eason and seconded by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley.
Roll Call:
Yeas: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Tency A. Eason, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Clifford R. Ross and Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert and Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson
Motion Adopted

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.

Gloria Boseman, 345 Olcott Street commended the Police and Fire Departments for their community meetings, stating that residents are able to ask difficult questions and receive meaningful responses and clarification. She encouraged residents not to become discouraged from participating in public meetings, emphasizing the importance of civic engagement and accountability. Regarding the proposed Public Safety Director position, Ms. Boseman urged the governing body to carefully consider the position's responsibilities, qualifications, and potential conflicts of interest. She stated that she had reviewed similar positions in other municipalities and believed the role should require broad administrative experience and expertise across multiple public safety disciplines. Ms. Boseman further expressed concern about maintaining public confidence and avoiding any appearance of impropriety or bias in the appointment process. She stated that she would continue to review the proposed job description and monitor the matter closely.

Darrnelle Gibbs, 1 Hope Drive inquired about the hiring process for the proposed Public Safety Director position. He noted that studies have shown that law enforcement officers who live and work within the communities they serve often have stronger connections with residents and may be more effective in addressing community concerns. Mr. Gibbs asked whether an existing member of the Orange Police Department, particularly an officer holding the rank of sergeant or above, could be considered for the position without first resigning from the department.

The Business Administrator advised that such an arrangement would be possible and that existing qualified personnel could potentially be considered for the position.

A motion to close Citizens Comments was made by Council President Adrienne K. Wooten and seconded by Councilmember Clifford R. Ross.
Motion Adopted

A motion to adopt Ordinance 16-2026 on Second Reading was made by Council President Adrienne K. Wooten and seconded by Councilmember Tency A. Eason.
Roll Call:
Yeas: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Tency A. Eason, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Clifford R. Ross and Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert and Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson
Motion Adopted

18-2026 Bond Ordinance Providing for the Issuance of Redevelopment Area Bonds to Finance Infrastructure Improvements to a Redevelopment Project Located at 30 Main Street, 98 Oakwood Avenue, 50 Main Street, 18 Oakwood Avenue, 12 Oakwood Avenue, and 28 Main Street in the City of Orange Township, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey (the "City"); Appropriating $150,000 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of $150,000 Bonds or Notes of the City to Finance the Costs Thereof

Alysha Rodriquez, 487 Mountainview Avenue sought clarification regarding the proposed redevelopment agreement and the use of approximately $150,000 in redevelopment area bond (RAB) funding. She questioned what was meant by "other related improvement projects" and whether the funds would be used for streets, sidewalks, or other infrastructure improvements. She further asked why additional funding was necessary if the developer was already responsible for roadway, sidewalk, and related site improvements under the agreement. Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk explained that the funding would help support specific Main Street streetscape and infrastructure improvements to ensure consistency with the City's overall redevelopment plans. Additionally, the inclusion of redevelopment area bonds allows the City flexibility under state PILOT regulations by permitting the minimum annual service charge to be set below the statutory 10% threshold. In response to additional questions, the Attorney explained that the developer would continue paying regular property taxes until the PILOT agreement becomes effective following substantial completion of the project. Substantial completion generally occurs when the project receives a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy or Certificate of Occupancy.

Tanya Chamaro, 409 Minton Place requested information regarding the specific improvements planned for the Oakwood Avenue area and asked whether there was a projected timeline for completion. BA Hartwyk advised that the funds would be used for sidewalk, curb, and street improvements associated with the redevelopment project. It was explained that the public improvements would be completed after construction is substantially finished to avoid damage during the construction process.

Aisha Samuel, 401 Highland Terrace asked whether the proposed developments were part of the Main Street Redevelopment Plan and questioned how the project related to grant funding previously discussed for Main Street improvements. She expressed confusion regarding the relationship between the redevelopment project, the streetscape improvements, and the timing of available grant funding. BA Hartwyk confirmed that the project is located within the Main Street Redevelopment Area. However, he explained that the project should not be confused with the separate Main Street Streetscape Project, which involves corridor improvements from Scotland Road to the East Orange border and for which grant funding has been sought. The Attorney noted that public improvements associated with the redevelopment project may complement future streetscape improvements, but the timing of each project may differ and is dependent upon construction schedules and grant implementation.

A motion to close Citizens Comments was made by Councilmember Tency A. Eason and seconded by Council President Adrienne K. Wooten.
Motion Adopted

A motion to adopt Ordinance 18-2026 on Second Reading was made by Councilmember Tency A. Eason and seconded by Councilmember Clifford R. Ross.
Roll Call:
Yeas: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Tency A. Eason, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Clifford R. Ross and Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert and Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson
Motion Adopted

20-2026 Bond Ordinance Providing for the Issuance of Redevelopment Area Bonds to Finance Infrastructure Improvements to a Redevelopment Project Located at 410 Main Street and 15-17 Lincoln Avenue, in the City of Orange Township, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey (the "City"); Appropriating $150,000 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of $150,000 Bonds or Notes of the City to Finance the Costs Thereof

A motion to close Citizens Comments was made by Council President Adrienne K. Wooten and seconded by Councilmember Clifford R. Ross.
Motion Adopted

A motion to adopt Ordinance 20-2026 on Second Reading was made by Councilmember Tency A. Eason and seconded by Council Vice President Weldon M. Montague, III.
Roll Call:
Yeas: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Tency A. Eason, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Clifford R. Ross and Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert and Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson
Motion Adopted

23-2026 Ordinance of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township to approve a tax exemption for a twenty-three (23) year period and authorizing the execution of a Financial Agreement between the City and VA 50 M Urban Renewal, LLC for the property located at 30 Man Street (Block 3104, Lot 8), 98 Oakwood Avenue (Block 3104, Lot 1), 50 Main Street (Block 3104, Lot 7, 18 Oakwood Avenue (Block 3104, Lot 4), 12 Oakwood Avenue (Block 3104, Lot 5), 28 Main Street (Blok 3104, Lot 9).

Darnnelle Gibbs, 1 Hope Drive inquired whether the developer had fulfilled prior PILOT agreement obligations to conduct a local hiring workshop and requested information regarding when the job fair was held and how many Orange residents were hired. He also shared a quote emphasizing that constructive criticism helps leaders improve and encouraged officials to view residents' questions and critiques as requests for clarity rather than personal attacks.

Dr. Gloria Boseman, 345 Olcott Street expressed concern that residents' repeated objections to development projects and tax abatements have not been adequately considered. She questioned the value of long-term tax exemptions for developers, argued that such agreements place a greater burden on homeowners and small businesses, and urged the Council to reject the proposed PILOT agreement. She also cautioned against displacement and gentrification and encouraged continued public engagement.

Aisha Samuel, 401 Highland Terrace reiterated her opposition to PILOT agreements, stating that developers should not require tax abatements to make projects financially viable. She urged the governing body to reject additional PILOT agreements and argued that developers unable to proceed without incentives should not build in Orange.

Alysha Rodriquez, 487 Mountainview asked about the total cost of the proposed development, whether affordable housing units were included.

Fahair Spence, 357 Main Street raised concerns about the impact of redevelopment on longtime residents, citing local income levels and rising housing costs. He warned that new developments may contribute to displacement and urged the Council to consider the long-term effects on residents and to become more actively involved in shaping housing and redevelopment policies.

Tanya Chamaro, 409 Minton Place questioned the fairness of granting a 23-year tax exemption to developers while residents continue to face increasing taxes and living expenses. She expressed concern about the lack of affordable housing in new developments, the rising cost of rent, and the potential displacement of longtime residents and future generations who wish to remain in Orange. She urged the Council to consider the long-term affordability of housing for current and future residents.

A motion to close Citizens Comments was made by Councilmember Tency A. Eason and seconded Councilmember Clifford R. Ross.
Motion Adopted

A motion to adopt Ordinance 23-2026 on Second Reading was made by Council President Adrienne K. Wooten and seconded by Councilmember Tency A. Eason.
Roll Call:
Yeas: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Tency A. Eason, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Clifford R. Ross and Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert and Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson
Motion Adopted

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING continued

24-2026 Ordinance of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township to approval a tax exemption for a twenty-three (23) year period and authorizing the execution of a Financial Agreement between the City and NNJT 2022-0509 Urban Renewal, LLC for the property located at 410 Main Street (Block 2603, Lot 8), and 15-17 Lincoln Avenue (Block 2603, Lot 10).

Alysha Rodriguez, 487 Mountainview asked what the property currently contributes in taxes and learned that the property at 410 Main Street paid approximately $90,876 in property taxes in 2025.

Darnnell Gibbs, 1 Hope Drive questioned why two development projects with significantly different construction costs were both receiving 23-year tax abatements. He also reiterated concerns previously raised regarding parking impacts associated with redevelopment projects.

Aisha Samuel, 401 Highland Terrace strongly opposed tax abatements, arguing that developers should not receive tax incentives while homeowners continue to bear the tax burden. She urged the Council to reject additional PILOT agreements and questioned the value of community benefit contributions associated with the projects.

Tanya. Chamaro, 409 Minton Place questioned whether the proposed 23-year tax abatement could be reduced and expressed concern that the incentive period was excessive. She emphasized the challenges faced by homeowners and families, urged the Council to consider resident opposition to long-term tax abatements, and expressed concern about affordability and retaining future generations in Orange.

A motion to close Citizens Comments was made by Council Tency A. Eason and seconded Councilmember Clifford R. Ross.
Motion Adopted

A motion to adopt Ordinance 24-2026 on Second Reading was made by Councilmember Tency A. Eason and seconded by Council President Adrienne K. Wooten.
Roll Call:
Yeas: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Tency A. Eason, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Clifford R. Ross and Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert and Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson
Motion Adopted

25-2026 An ordinance of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, correcting Scrivener's errors within the Main Street Redevelopment and Rehabilitation Plan in accordance with the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq.

Alysha Rodriguez, 487 Mountainview inquired about the practical impact of the proposed ordinance amendment, specifically asking whether it would change setbacks, restrictions, permitted uses, or any other development standards. She requested clarification on what the amendment would allow or prohibit that was not currently permitted. After hearing the explanation, she stated that her question had been answered and noted that the ordinance itself lacked sufficient explanation for the public.

A motion to close Citizens Comments was made by Council Vice President Weldon M. Montague, III and seconded by Councilmember Tency A. Eason.
Motion Adopted

A motion to adopt Ordinance 25-2026 on Second Reading was made by Councilmember Clifford R. Ross and seconded by Council President Adrienne K. Wooten.
Roll Call:
Yeas: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Tency A. Eason, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Clifford R. Ross and Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert and Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson
Motion Adopted

ORDINANCES – 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 AMENDED
(Sponsored by Council Member Clifford R. Ross)

A motion to adopt Ordinance 27-2026 on First Reading was made by Council President Adrienne K. Wooten and seconded by Council Vice President Weldon M. Montague, III.

Roll Call:
Yeas: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Tency A. Eason, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, and Hon. Clifford R. Ross
Nays: None
Abstain: Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten
Absent: Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert and Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson
Motion Adopted: Final Reading on July 1, 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 *319-2026 THROUGH *349-2026

***321-2026 A Resolution of the Municipal Council Recognizing and Honoring June 2026 as Pride Month in the City of Orange Township**
(Introduced by Council President Adrienne Wooten)

***322-2026 A Resolution of the Orange City Council, Recognizing and Commending the New Jersey State Assembly Representatives for the Introduction of Assembly Bill A2240, and Thanking the Assembly Appropriations Committee for Advancing This Critical Legislation in Support of Domestic Violence Survivors and Prevention Efforts**
(Introduced by Council President Adrienne Wooten)

***323-2026 A Resolution of the Orange Township Council, Recognizing and Commending Bella Italia Restaurant and the Granata Family for Their Generous Donation of Food to Senior Residents on Oakwood Avenue During the Emergency Power Outage of June 7, 2025**
(Introduced by Council President Adrienne Wooten)

RESOLUTIONS continued

***324-2026** **A Resolution of the Orange Township Council, Recognizing and Commending Southern Komfort Restaurant, Its Ownership, and Staff for Their Generous Donation of Food to Senior Residents on Oakwood Avenue During the Emergency Power Outage of June 7, 2026 (Introduced by Council President Adrienne Wooten)**

***325-2026** **A Resolution of the Orange Township Council, Honoring and Celebrating the 60th Anniversary of the Independence of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana and Recognizing the Invaluable Contributions of the Guyanese Community to the City of Orange Township, New Jersey (Introduced by Council President Adrienne Wooten)**

***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)**

***327-2026** **A Resolution of the City of Orange Township, Recognizing and Commending New Jersey State Assemblywoman Carmen Morales of the 34th Legislative District for Her Generous Donation of Water and Her Swift Outreach to the Township on Behalf of the Senior Residents of Oakwood Avenue During the Emergency Power Outage of June 7, 2026 (Introduced by Council President Adrienne Wooten)**

***330-2026** **A resolution for emergency temporary appropriations #7 to the calendar year 2026 budget.**

***331-2026** **A resolution authorizing a refund of duplicate property tax payment for Block 5104, Lot 19, known as 499 Fairview Avenue.**

***332-2026** **A resolution of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township, Essex County, New Jersey appointing Christopher L. Murray as Municipal Tax Assessor for the City of Orange Township.**

***333-2026** **A resolution authorizing a refund of seven hundred fifty dollars ($750.00) paid by Deandre Hurley for water and sewer tapping fees paid in error to the City of Orange Township.**

***334-2026** **A resolution authorizing acceptance of the State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund (HDSRF) for the Washington Street Fire House Project located at 261 Washington Street, Orange, New Jersey in the amount of $56,431.50.**

***335-2026** **A resolution authorizing approval to submit a grant application with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the City of Orange Township for the 2026 NJDOT Local Aid Infrastructure Fund (LAIF) Main Street Streetscape Improvements Phase II.**

***336-2026** **A resolution authorizing approval to submit a grant application with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the City of Orange Township for the 2027 Safe Streets to Transit - Main Street Streetscape Improvements Phase II Project.**

***337-2026** **A resolution authorizing approval to submit a grant application with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the City of Orange Township 2027 Transit Village Highland Avenue Transit Station Improvements Project.**

***338-2026** **A resolution authorizing approval to submit a grant application with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the City of Orange Township 2027 Municipal Aid Roadway Improvements to Austen Road, Tremont Avenue and Valley Street.**

***339-2026** **A resolution authorizing Remington & Vernick Engineers, 232 Kings Highway East, Haddonfield, New Jersey 08033 to provide professional services for the NJDEP MS4 Watershed Improvement Plan (WIP) Phase II Water Assessment Report (WAR) tasks A-H in an amount not to exceed $32,500.00.**

***340-2026** **A resolution authorizing Lewis Consulting Group, Inc., 2604 Atlantic Avenue, Suite 600, Wall, New Jersey 07719 to provide professional services to assist the City with the preparation of Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund (HDSRF) grant application for the former Orange Memorial Hospital located at two (2) municipal blocks in a an amount not to exceed $5,995.00.**

***341-2026** **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 Roadway Improvement Project to Berkeley Road in an amount not to exceed $21,300.00.**

RESOLUTIONS continued

***342-2026 A resolution authorizing Change Order No. 1 and Changer Order No. 2 to modify the contract for the project known as the CDBG'24 Municipal Building (City Hall) main door replacement project with HM Company, LLC, 3 Orlando Drive, Fairfield, New Jersey 07004 for an additional $3,017.69 making the new amount not to exceed $72,017.69.**

***343-2026 A resolution authorizing the awarding of a contract for the 2025 NJDOT Roadway Improvements to Granada Construction Co., 147 Thomas Street, Newark, New Jersey 07104 in an amount not to exceed $570,733.25**

***344-2026 A resolution authorizing Watermen, LLC, 6 Industrial Way West, Suite E-16, Eatontown, New Jersey 07724 to provide professional engineering services to assist the City with the RFP preparation to be in conformance with NJDOT and federal requirements for the Highland Avenue Station Accessibility Project in an amount not to exceed $2,500.00.**

***345-2026 A resolution authorizing the purchase of playground equipment replacement parts under the ESCNJ Contract #24/25-01 from Gametime c/o MRC., Inc. dba Playcore Wisconsin, Inc., 150 Playcore Drive S.E., Fort Payne, AL 35967 for Metcalf Park in an amount not to exceed 9,456.27.**

***346-2026 A resolution authorizing Whirl Construction, Inc., 194 Main Street, P.O. Box 110, Port Monmouth, New Jersey 07758 for the Metcalf Park Playground Improvements (remove, dispose, install replacement parts) around play area under the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ Co-op contract #24/25-03 in an amount not to exceed $11,300.00.**

***347-2026 A resolution of the City of Orange Township authorizing the cancellation of Tax Sale Certificate #25-00240 sold in error and refund to lien holder**

***348-2026 A resolution of the City of Orange Township Municipal Council to acknowledge the receipt of proposals from various developers for the purchase of city-owned property and/or city-owned tax sale certificates for unpaid property taxes or unpaid municipal charges; and authorization for the City of Orange Township to conduct due diligence and prophylactic assessments relating to the proposals prior to presenting resolutions to the Municipal Council to formally designate any of the submitting developers as designated redevelopers, it required, and to present proposed ordinances to the Municipal Council to sell city-owned property to any or all of the submitting developers as required by law.**

***349-2026 A resolution approving the bill list for council meeting vote on June 16, 2026 dated June 10, 2026 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95 (Grand Total: $6,023,406.42).**

A motion to adopt the Consent Agenda was made by Council Vice President Weldon M. Montague, III and seconded by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley.

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Tency A. Eason, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Clifford R. Ross, and Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert and Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson

Motion Adopted

REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

319-2026 A Resolution of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township Recognizing and Honoring Deputy Fire Chief Nelson Rivera, Tour 2, City of Orange Township Fire Department, for His Outstanding Generosity and Dedicated Service to the Residents of Orange Township (Introduced by Council President Adrienne Wooten)

A motion to adopt the Resolution 319-2026 was made by Council President Adrienne K. Wooten and seconded by Councilmember Clifford R. Ross.

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Tency A. Eason, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Clifford R. Ross, and Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert and Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson

Motion Adopted

320-2026 A Resolution of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township Honoring and Celebrating the Class of 2026 (Introduced by Council President Adrienne Wooten)

A motion to adopt the Resolution 320-2026 was made by Council Vice President Weldon M. Montague, III and seconded by Council President Adrienne K. Wooten.

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Tency A. Eason, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Clifford R. Ross, and Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert and Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson

Motion Adopted

328-206A Resolution Appointing Dr. Fatimah Z. Turner, Ph.D., LCSW, to the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the City of Orange Township (Introduced by Council President Adrienne AMENDED

A motion to adopt the Resolution 328-2026 was made by Council Vice President Weldon M. Montague, III and seconded by Council President Adrienne K. Wooten.

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Tency A. Eason, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Clifford R. Ross, and Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert and Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson

Motion Adopted

REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA continued

329-2026 A Resolution in Support of Full and Expanded Funding for the New Jersey Child Care Assistance Program (NJCCAP) Sponsored by: Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert and The Municipal Council

A motion to adopt the Resolution 329-2026 was made by Councilmember Clifford R. Ross and seconded by Council President Adrienne K. Wooten.

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Tency A. Eason, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Clifford R. Ross, and Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert and Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson

Motion Adopted

332-2026 A resolution of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township, Essex County, New Jersey appointing Christopher L. Murray as Municipal Tax Assessor for the City of Orange Township

A motion to adopt the Resolution 332-2026 was made by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley and seconded by Council President Adrienne K. Wooten.

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Tency A. Eason, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Clifford R. Ross, and Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert and Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson

Motion Adopted

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

350-2026WO A resolution honoring the Life and Legacy of David Marshall (Sponsored by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III and the City of Orange Township Municipal Council)

351-2026WO A resolution allowing the City of Orange Township to deposit $46,000.00 into a NJ Transit Billing Department Escrow Account for payments that will be due to NJ Transit for their work on the City of Orange Township's Highland Avenue Train Station

352-2026WO A resolution of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, authorizing and directing the Planning Board to study the Scattered Sites Redevelopment area in order to determine whether it should remain designated as an area in need of redevelopment, and further directing the Planning Board to hold a Public Hearing, report to the Municipal Council and prepare any proposed amendments to the Scattered Sites Redevelopment Plan as deemed appropriate.

A motion to Walk-On Resolution 350-2026WO, Resolution 351-2026Wo, and Resolution 352-2026WO was made by Council Vice President Weldon M. Montague, III and seconded by Council President Adrienne K. Wooten.

Motion Adopted

350-2026WO A resolution honoring the Life and Legacy of David Marshall (Sponsored by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III and the City of Orange Township Municipal Council)

A motion to adopt the Resolution 350-2026WO was made by Council Vice President Weldon M. Montague, III and seconded by Councilmember Tency A. Eason.

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Tency A. Eason, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Clifford R. Ross, and Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert and Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson

Motion Adopted

351-2026WO A resolution allowing the City of Orange Township to deposit $46,000.00 into a NJ Transit Billing Department Escrow Account for payments that will be due to NJ Transit for their work on the City of Orange Township's Highland Avenue Train Station

A motion to adopt the Resolution 351-2026WO was made by Councilmember Clifford R. Ross and seconded by Councilmember Tency A. Eason.

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Tency A. Eason, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Clifford R. Ross, and Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert and Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson

Motion Adopted

352-2026WO A resolution of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, authorizing and directing the Planning Board to study the Scattered Sites Redevelopment area in order to determine whether it should remain designated as an area in need of redevelopment, and further directing the Planning Board to hold a Public Hearing, report to the Municipal Council and prepare any proposed amendments to the Scattered Sites Redevelopment Plan as deemed appropriate.

A motion to adopt the Resolution 352-2026WO was made by Councilmember Clifford R. Ross and seconded by Council Vice President Weldon M. Montague, III.

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Tency A. Eason, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Clifford R. Ross, and Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert and Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson

Motion Adopted

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business

OTHER PENDING BUSINESS

There was no other Pending Business.

MOTION TO ADJOURN
A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilmember Tency A. Eason and seconded by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley.
Motion Adopted

The meeting was adjourned at 9:41pm.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The next scheduled Municipal Council Conference and Regular Meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 1, 2026, immediately following the Inauguration Ceremony, which will begin at 12:00 p.m. at the Monte Irvin Orange Park Community Center, Orange, New Jersey 07050.

Approved: July 1, 2026

Trisha A. Scipio
Acting Municipal Clerk

Clifford R. Ross
Council President