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, AUGUST 5, 2026 AT 7:02PM.

Roll Call:

Present: Councilmember Kerry J. Coley, East Ward
Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert, West Ward
Council Vice President Weldon M. Montague, III, At-Large
Councilmember Lynn A. Ogbourne, North Ward
Councilmember James H. Ward, III, South Ward
Councilmember Adrienne K. Wooten, At-Large (Arrived at 7:06pm)
Council President Clifford R. Ross, At-Large

Also Present: Trisha A. Scipio, Acting Municipal Clerk
Chris M. Hartwyk, Business Administrator
Derrick Brown, Fire Chief
Nile Clements, Chief Financial Officer
Brian Mooney, Police Chief
Gracia R. Montilus, Esq., City Attorney
Marlin G. Townes. Esq., Legislative Research Officer

Council President addressed residents and welcomed the two newly elected Councilmembers.

The Acting Municipal Clerk announced a moment of Silence. Councilmember Kerry J. Coley dedicated the moment to the Park Place Fire victims. Council President Clifford R. Ross dedicated the moment to the individuals who recently passed away.

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.**, 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.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

Police Chief Brian Mooney provided several updates to the Municipal Council. He reported that the recent Orange National Night Out was a successful event, noting the strong community participation and favorable weather. He also announced the upcoming Junior Public Safety Academy graduation, scheduled for Friday at 2:00 p.m. at the Monte Irvin Community Center, and invited the public to attend a memorial service recognizing the 20th anniversary of the death of Detective Karan Shields, with the Detective's family and members of the Police Department expected to attend.

Police Chief Mooney continued

Chief Mooney also provided an update regarding New Jersey's recently enacted e-bike and electric scooter regulations. He explained that the Police Department has experienced only minimal enforcement activity since the law took effect, primarily involving late-night delivery activity. He distributed informational materials explaining the registration, licensing, helmet, and other requirements applicable to e-bikes and electric scooters and encouraged residents to familiarize themselves with the new regulations. He clarified that certain high-speed devices, including devices exceeding 28 miles per hour, may be treated as motor vehicles or motorcycles for enforcement purposes.

In response to questions regarding public education and enforcement, Chief Mooney advised that the Police Department would continue disseminating information through the City's website and social media platforms and would coordinate with the schools before the September return of students. He also indicated that the information could be distributed through the Junior Public Safety Academy to both cadets and their parents. Chief Mooney further agreed to explore the use of the City's portable digital traffic signs to increase public awareness, particularly along heavily traveled roadways such as Scotland Road.

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
None

ORDINCNAE INTRODUCTION | FIRST READING

28-2026 An ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter 210-17.3 dfinitions and section 17.4 entitle "data centers prohibited" to prohibit the establishment, construction, expansion, or operation of data centers in all zoning districts within the township (Sponsored by Councilmember-At-Large Adrienne Wooten)

Councilmember Adrienne Wooten requested this ordinance be postponed.

29-2026 An ordinance of the City of Orange Township, County of Essex, State of New Jersey amending the Municipal Code of The City of Orange Township, Chapter 200 ("Vehicles And Traffic") to Establish a ninety-nine dollar ($99.00) fine for Residential Permit Parking Violations on Designated streets located in proximity to the Municipal Borders of the City of Orange Township, and preserving existing enforcement remedies (sponsored by Councilmember Adrienne Wooten & Councilmember Kerry Coley)

Pulled by Administration

RESOLUTIONS

***367-2026 A resolution approving and authorizing the execution of a contract for Emergency Medical Services in the City of Orange Township with Carewell Health Medical Center for three (3) years commencing August 1, 2026, through December 31, 2028, at no cost to the City of Orange Township**

Pulled by Administration

RESOLUTIONS continued

***380-2026 A resolution authorizing reimbursement of co-pay amounts paid out of pocket by retired employees for 30 day generic and brand name prescriptions that exceed the co-pay amount of the prescription plan in place at the time of their retirement.**

Pulled for a separate vote by Council President Clifford R. Ross.

***381-2026 A resolution authorizing a non-open professional services contract to Greater Essex Counseling Services to provide youth-focused Opioid Prevention to City of Orange Township youth residents from September 14, 2026 through June 25, 2027 in an amount not to exceed $30,000.00.*399-2026**

Pulled by Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert.

***399-2026 An Enabling Resolution authorizing the acceptance of the 2026 State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Green Acres and the Garden State Preservation Trust (GSPT) Metcalf Park Improvements Project #07170230914 in the amount of $606,144.00.**

Pulled for a separated vote by Councilmember James H, Ward, III.

***402-2026 A resolution amending Resolution 338-2026 entitled "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".**

Pulled for a separated vote by Councilmember James H, Ward, III.

***405-2026 Resolution rescinding 226-2026 and approving and authorizing the execution of a contract for emergency medical services in the City of Orange Township with CareWell Health Medical Center for three (3) years commencing August 2, 2026 through December 31, 2028, at no cost to the City of Orange Township.**

Pulled for a separated vote by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley.

***406-2026 A resolution authorizing Change Order No. 1 – Change Order No. 3 to modify the contract for professional engineering design, bidding support and construction administration services (Task A-J) for the project known as the PFAS Treatment Facility at the Chestnut Street Pumping Station Improvement Project with Aecom, 30 Knightsbridge Road, Bldg. 5, Suite 520, Piscataway, New Jersey 08854 for an additional $392,577 making the new amount not to exceed $1,693,537.00.**

Pulled for a separated vote by Councilmember James H, Ward, III.

***407-2026 Resolution of the City of Orange Township, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey authorizing an application to the Local Finance Board requesting approval to issue not to exceed $100,000 Non-Recourse Redevelopment Area Bonds to finance a portion of the North Day Orange, LLC Redevelopment Project pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:12A-29(a)(3) and N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-67(g)**

Pulled for a separated vote by Councilmember James H, Ward, III.

***409-2026 Resolution designating North Day Orange Urban Renewal LLC as the redeveloper for the property located at 57, 63, 65 and 69 North Day Street and identified on the official tax map of the City of Orange Township as Block 2001, Lots 30, 31, 32 and 33 and authorizing the execution of a Redevelopment Agreement with North Day Orange Urban Renewal LLC for the redevelopment of this property**

Pulled for a separated vote by Councilmember James H, Ward, III.

RESOLUTIONS continued

***410-2026 Resolution approving and authorizing the execution of a Community Benefits Agreement with North Day Orange Urban Renewal LLC for the redevelopment of the property located at 57, 63, 65 and 69 North Day Street and identified on the official Tax Map of the City of Orange Township as Block 2001, Lots 30, 31, 32 and 33.**

Pulled for a separated vote by Councilmember James H, Ward, III.

***411-2026 A resolution authorizing the renewal of a contract with CDW-G, 230 N. Milwaukee Avenue, Vernon Hills, IL 60061 to provide zoom video communication services for thirty-five employees to access the City of Orange Township servers from any location in an amount not to exceed $12,491.77 beginning 8/16/26 until 8/15/27.**

Pulled for a separated vote by Councilmember James H, Ward, III.

***413-2026 A resolution referring proposed Ordinance No. ____-2026 (An ordinance amending the Zoning Code to Prohibit Data Centers) to the Orange Township Planning Board for review and report pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55d-26, and supporting its adoption (Submitted by Councilmember-at-Large Adrienne Wooten)**

Councilmember Adrienne K. Wooten requested this resolution be postponed.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley and seconded by Councilmember James H. Ward, III

Motion Adopted

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.

Approved: September 1, 2026

Trisha A. Scipio
Acting Municipal Clerk

Clifford R. Ross
Council President