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, AUGUST 5 2026 FOLLOWING THE CONFERENCE MEETING.

Councilmember Kerry J. Coley led all assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

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
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

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.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES
There were no minutes for approval.

DEPARTMENT REVENUE COLLECTION

➢ Department of Community Services	June 2026	$18,124.50
➢ Municipal Clerk's Office	June 2026	$356.98
➢ Department of Planning	June 2026	$48,524.00
➢ Department of Public Works	June 2026	$5,905.00

OPRA REPORTS
June 2026: 141 Requested, 84 Complete, and 57 Remaining

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS
None

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON GENERAL ISSUES/AGENDA ITEMS

The Acting Municipal Clerk announced that 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

Alysha Rodriguez, 487 Mountain View Avenue – Ms. Rodriguez questioned several agenda items, including the proposed bond financing and tax abatement for a 97-unit apartment development, the project's impact on City services, community benefits, the proposed change in emergency medical services, and the qualifications and potential conflicts of interest of a contracted planner. The Business Administrator and professionals responded to her questions, explaining that the bond is non-recourse and funded through PILOT revenues, fiscal impact studies are conducted for development projects, and the contracted planner has relevant municipal planning experience.

Cheryl Lane, 482 Laurel Street: Ms. Lane congratulated the Council and raised concerns regarding construction noise occurring as early as 6:00 a.m. on Scotland Road and Beach Street. She also expressed frustration regarding property maintenance issues, including excessive poison ivy on a neighboring property, and urged City officials to enforce municipal ordinances and hold property owners accountable.

Aisha Samuel, 401 Highland Terrace, raised concerns regarding permit parking, the status of the Historical Preservation Committee, PILOT agreements and property maintenance, the Highland Avenue train station, the former hospital site, proposed ADU legislation, parking issues on Highland Avenue and Center Street, additional municipal revenue, cannabis legislation, and the repaving of Holland Terrace. She emphasized the need for responsible PILOT oversight and additional revenue sources to help control rising property taxes. Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk clarified that the agenda item removed concerned permit parking fines. He reported that work at the Highland Avenue train station had moved into the renovation phase following a contractor dispute that was being resolved. He stated that the City continues to meet with developers regarding the former hospital site and is working toward a financial agreement. Regarding PILOT properties, Mr. Hartwyk confirmed that the City reviews code-enforcement and tenant issues before approving amendments. He explained that properties must maintain compliance with their PILOT and NJHMFA requirements to remain eligible. Ms. Samuel concluded by emphasizing the importance of Councilmembers understanding the legislation and materials presented to them before voting.

CITIZENS COMMENTS continued

Ollie Marshall-Rico, 440 Central Avenue, Orange, New Jersey, expressed concerns regarding conditions surrounding her property, including litter and garbage associated with nearby businesses, rodents and groundhogs on her property, and a leaking tile roof. She also questioned a significant increase in her property tax bill and expressed concern about whether the City was effectively addressing issues affecting homeowners. Ms. Marshall further stated that a neighboring property owner had approached her about purchasing her home after learning that she was considering selling it, raising concerns about how that individual became aware of her intentions. She was advised Ms. Marshall that she had previously investigated her concerns regarding the increase in her third-quarter property taxes and had contacted her two days earlier. Councilmember Hilbert explained that the Tax Assessor had reviewed the matter and that there were additional circumstances that should be discussed privately. She offered to meet with Ms. Marshall separately and indicated that the Business Administrator or Council President could also participate. She further explained that the Municipal Council and Tax Assessor could not alter the tax bill at that time but could discuss Ms. Marshall's options as a homeowner. Ms. Marshall was encouraged to follow up with Councilmember Hilbert for a separate discussion.

Holly Sandage, 216 Park Place: Ms. Sandage addressed the Council regarding the tragic fire on Park Place on July 11, which resulted in two fatalities and significant damage to neighboring homes. She expressed concern about the remaining debris, lingering smoke, and the physical and emotional impact on nearby residents and requested that the City expedite its removal. The Business Administrator advised that Public Works and the Building Official had been contacted and that the debris removal was expected to be completed that day or the following day.

Gloria Anderson, 300 Oakwood Avenue, expressed concerns about potholes and the deteriorated condition of Oakwood Avenue, particularly near Iran Park and the senior citizen buildings. She also questioned how the City monitors properties receiving tax abatements and what action is taken when owners fail to comply with required repairs or the terms of their agreements. Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk explained that Oakwood Avenue is the City's responsibility and that the roadway had been evaluated for paving. He stated that potholes requiring immediate attention would be addressed. Regarding tax abatements and PILOT agreements, he explained that owners are generally given 60 days to cure violations before further action is taken. A change of control may also require Municipal Council approval.

Helen Andrews, 400 Oakwood Avenue, also expressed concerns about the poor condition of Oakwood Avenue and stated that she had contacted the City regarding street repairs and snow removal since 2025. She noted that the street serves three senior citizen buildings and reported that snow had not been properly removed. She was previously advised that paving could occur in 2027. Administration advised that funding for Oakwood Avenue paving had been allocated through the 2025 paving program and that the project was pending and expected to proceed.

Ronald Campbell, 400 Oakwood Avenue: Mr. Campbell expressed frustration with the lack of communication regarding senior programs, particularly information about the Mayor's Picnic. He requested clearer communication and appropriate contact information for the Older Adults Department. He was provided with the appropriate contact information and offered a direct contact number.

Emma Richardson, 300 Oakwood Avenue: Ms. Richardson raised concerns about a large hole and uneven pavement near the senior buildings on Oakwood Avenue, noting that a resident had previously fallen and that the condition poses a safety hazard. She also expressed concern about heavy Sunday parking along Oakwood Avenue that could obstruct emergency vehicles and requested increased enforcement.

CITIZENS COMMENTS continued

Dawood Muhammad, 400 Oakwood Avenue: Mr. Muhammad stated that the concerns raised by other Oakwood Avenue residents, particularly regarding conditions affecting seniors, have remained unresolved for several years. He also referenced concerns regarding Central Avenue, which falls under county jurisdiction.

Kweli Campbell, 55 Randolph Place: Ms. Campbell expressed concerns about aging buildings and infrastructure and asked whether the City's Master Plan would address existing buildings and infrastructure in addition to future development. She also inquired about code enforcement staffing and sought clarification regarding the Medoff Park resolutions, including the proposed project scope, dog park, playground, funding, and PAS project. She requested greater community communication and a possible community meeting regarding the PAS project, including its timeline, design, and ongoing noise and gas-emission concerns. The Council President advised that several Medoff Park items had been pulled for further discussion and indicated that additional information and a possible community meeting regarding PAS would be considered.

Adele Purdue, 346 Hayward Street, Orange, New Jersey, expressed concerns regarding a neighboring property in the R-3 residential zone that she stated is being used for commercial purposes by a tree service company. She reported that trees have been removed and that the property owner intends to place gravel and park commercial trucks there, which she fears could negatively affect her property value. She also raised concerns about speeding and poor road conditions in the Doddtown area and requested speed-calming measures and street repairs. The Council advised her to continue following up on her code enforcement complaint regarding the property and acknowledged the need for additional traffic-calming measures throughout the City.

Ernestine Coleman, 265 Sonata Street, Orange, New Jersey, expressed concern about the significant increase in property taxes and asked whether the City has plans to attract additional businesses and expand the commercial tax base rather than continuing to increase taxes on homeowners. She also questioned the continued development of rental housing and tax abatements and whether the City has considered opportunities for homeownership, including condominiums or cooperatives. Ms. Coleman also asked about improvements to the library and the former YMCA/recreation center. The Business Administrator explained that the library has undergone substantial improvements, including interior renovations, bathroom upgrades, exterior power washing, floor renovations, and restoration work, and will provide a presentation to the Council regarding future plans. He further stated that the City is negotiating with two potential partners regarding public-private development of the former YMCA and recreation center sites. The Administration is also exploring condominium development and other opportunities to increase homeownership in accordance with the City's Master Plan.

There were no Citizen Comments received by e-mail.

A motion to Close Citizen Comments was made by Councilmember Adrienne K. Wooten and seconded by Councilmember Lynn A. Ogbourne.
Motion Adopted

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council President Clifford R. Ross reported on several matters, including an update on the requested left-turn signs on Scotland Road. The Business Administrator advised that the signs had not yet arrived and would be installed upon delivery. Council President Ross also inquired about protective barriers on Main Street in front of Dunkin' Donuts and was advised that the matter would require follow-up with Mr. Mays and approval from the County because the roadway falls under County jurisdiction. He reminded Councilmembers who had not yet submitted their committee preferences to do so to the Municipal Clerk's Office by the end of the week so committee assignments could be finalized. He also announced that the newly established Parking Utility members were sworn in on August 3 and were undergoing training with the Orange Police Department. Council President Ross expressed his anticipation that the program would improve consistency, fairness, accountability, and parking management throughout the City. He recognized the Junior Public Safety Academy, which began July 13 and would conclude with a graduation ceremony on August 7 at the Monte Irvin Orange Park Community Center, and encouraged the community to attend. He highlighted the City's summer activities, including summer camps, sports clinics, health fairs, movies in the park, cultural events, and National Night Out, and reminded residents of the upcoming Senior Picnic and Orange Caribbean Festival. He also announced that 20 Orange children sponsored by Council President Ross and Council Vice President Weldon M. Montague, III, had safely returned from overnight camp and would be invited to a future Council meeting to share their experiences. Finally, Council President Ross expressed condolences to the families affected by the tragic Park Place fire and thanked the Orange Fire Department, Police Department, OEM, EMS, neighboring fire departments, residents, community organizations, churches, and volunteers for their response, assistance, and support to those impacted.

Councilwoman Lynn A. Ogbourne raised several concerns brought to her attention by residents. She reported that residents at Ropes Park indicated the spray park had only been operational a few times during the year and asked whether the limited operation was related to lifeguard availability. She also inquired about the summer breakfast and lunch program, noting that the program had been available at the site the previous year. The response indicated that the site may have been included in the summer food service program, but participation numbers could have resulted in the program being moved to a nearby facility. Councilwoman Ogbourne also raised concerns regarding large apartment buildings that lack dumpsters and use uncovered garbage containers, contributing to rodent problems. The response advised that the City has an ordinance governing garbage requirements for apartment buildings, commercial businesses, and residential properties, and requested the affected addresses so Code Enforcement could investigate. Finally, Councilwoman Ogbourne discussed concerns at 61 Cleveland Street, where residents reportedly were temporarily relocated while apartments were being renovated but were not returned to their original units, while rents subsequently increased. She also reported concerns regarding the condition of the building and an elevator outage that affected an elderly resident's ability to leave the building to obtain medication. She stated that she contacted the Fire Department regarding the matter but had not received follow-up.

Councilmember James H. Ward, III provided an update on his priorities and work in the South Ward, emphasizing transparency, accessibility, and practical solutions. He highlighted digital tools he developed to make municipal information, including legislation, budgets, and paving schedules, more accessible to residents. He discussed neighborhood quality-of-life concerns, street and sidewalk conditions, preservation of street trees, housing affordability, and his work on potential ADU legislation with appropriate parking and neighborhood safeguards. He also discussed workforce development initiatives and efforts to expand construction-trade opportunities through partnerships with the Board of Education and private sector. Councilmember Ward reaffirmed his commitment to keeping his office accessible and making decisions based on facts and data in the best interest of Orange residents.

COUNCIL COMMENTS continued

Councilmember Adrienne K. Wooten provided updates on several community concerns, including assistance for residents affected by the recent fire, code compliance and illegal dumping at apartment buildings, rodent control, and ensuring proper baiting before building demolitions. She also discussed efforts to increase fines for vehicles blocking fire hydrants, address building setbacks, and develop legislation regarding ADUs and data centers. Councilmember Wooten expressed concern about the potential community impacts of data centers and plans to request an informational presentation. She also recognized Doug E. Fresh, a Grammy Award-winning songwriter and longtime Orange resident, for his generous and often behind-the-scenes contributions to Orange residents and the community.

Councilmember Kerry J. Coley thanked the residents who attended despite the inclement weather and assured them that their concerns had been heard and would be addressed. He expressed sympathy for the families affected by the Park Place fire and reflected on the impact of similar fires he witnessed during his career with the Orange Police Department. He also highlighted his church's annual community outreach event, which provides clothing, food, and other resources to residents. Councilmember Coley raised concerns about stormwater and debris entering the Colgate Park Pool during heavy rain, causing repeated closures for cleaning and treatment. The Business Administrator acknowledged the issue and explained that the pool's location, trees, and drainage contribute to the problem and that the matter would be reviewed.

Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert: Councilmember Hilbert expressed condolences to the families affected by the recent fires and praised the community's support efforts. She requested consideration of an ADU and short-term rental committee, expressed concerns regarding resolutions involving University Hospital and Greater Essex Counseling, and highlighted upcoming West Ward street improvements. She also announced upcoming community events and advocated for restoring the five-minute public comment period.

Council Vice President Weldon M. Montague, III: Council Vice President Montague congratulated the newly elected Councilmembers and thanked residents for bringing their concerns forward. He praised the success of National Night Out, received updates on the Parking Utility, Recreation Center negotiations, and Orange Memorial site, and asked about the timeline and plans for improvements to Joyce Carnegie Park.

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING
None

ORDINANCES – 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)

A motion to postpone Ordinance 28-2026 on First Reading was made by Council Vice President Weldon M. Montague, III and seconded by Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert.

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Lynn A. Ogbourne, Hon. James H. Ward, III, Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten and Hon. Clifford R. Ross
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

Motion Adopted: Postponed to September 1, 2026

ORDINANCES – INTRODUCTION | FIRST READING continued

30-2026 Capital Ordinance appropriating $30,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund of the Parking Utility to pay for the acquisition of various equipment for parking utility of the City of Orange township, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey

A motion to adopt Ordinance 30-2026 on First Reading was made by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley and seconded by Councilmember Lynn A. Ogbourne.

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Lynn A. Ogbourne, Hon. James H. Ward, III, Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten and Hon. Clifford R. Ross

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Final Reading: September 1, 2026

31-2026 Capital Ordinance appropriating $30,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund of the Parking Utility to pay for the acquisition of various equipment for parking utility of the City of Orange township, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey

A motion to adopt Ordinance 31-2026 on First Reading was made by Council President Clifford R. Ross and seconded by Council Vice President Weldon M. Montague, III.

Motions rescinded

A motion to postpone Ordinance 31-2026 on First Reading was made by Councilmember Adrienne K. Wooten and seconded by Council Vice President Weldon M. Montague, III.

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Lynn A. Ogbourne, Hon. James H. Ward, III, Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten and Hon. Clifford R. Ross

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion Adopted: Postponed to September 1, 2026

ORDINANCES – INTRODUCTION | FIRST READING continued

32-2026 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 North Day Orange Urban Renewal LLC and authorizing a Pledge Agreement and other documents in connection with the issuance by the City of its Redevelopment Area Bonds in an amount not to exceed $100,000 to finance a portion of the costs of such redevelopment project.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 32-2026 on First Reading was made by Council President Clifford R. Ross and seconded by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley.

Roll Call:
Yeas: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Lynn A. Ogbourne, Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten and Hon. Clifford R. Ross
Nays: Hon. James H. Ward, III
Abstain: Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert
Absent: None
Final Reading: September 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 *363-2026 THROUGH *414-2026

***366-2026 A resolution authorizing the issuance of a Raffle License for Saint John's Catholic Church.**
***368-2026 A resolution celebrating the Life of Walter Hilliard Wright, Jr. (Sponsored by Council President Clifford R. Ross and the City of Orange Township Municipal Council)**
***369-2026 A resolution celebrating the Life of Julian Scott Toomer (Sponsored by Council President Clifford R. Ross and the City of Orange Township Municipal Council)**
***370-2026 A resolution celebrating the Life of Arthur Miller, Sr. (Sponsored by Council President Clifford R. Ross and the City of Orange Township Municipal Council)**
***371-2026 A resolution celebrating the Life of Roxanne Helen Alford. (Sponsored by Council President Clifford R. Ross and the City of Orange Township Municipal Council)**
***372-2026 A resolution celebrating the Life of Arthur Herman Hopson, Jr. (Sponsored by Council President Clifford R. Ross and the City of Orange Township Municipal Council)**
***373-2026 A resolution celebrating the Life of Jessie Mae Wright. (Sponsored by Council President Clifford R. Ross and the City of Orange Township Municipal Council)**
***374-2026 A resolution recognizing Jamaica Flag Day and the 63rd Anniversary of Jamaica's Independence (Sponsored by Councilmember Lynn A. Ogbourne)**
***375-2026 A resolution of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township recognizing August 2026 as National Wellness Month in the City of Orange Township (Sponsored by Councilmember-At-Large Adrienne Wooten)**
***376-2026 A resolution honoring the Life and Legacy of Emma Lou Gaskins (Sponsored by Councilmember-at-Large Adrienne Wooten)**
***377-2026 A resolution honoring Douglas "Dougie F" Ford (Sponsored by Councilmember-at-Large Adrienne Wooten)**
***378-2026 A resolution authorizing approval to amend the CY 2026 Municipal Budget by inserting items of revenue and appropriations totaling $535,287.52 in additional grant funding.**

RESOLUTIONS continued

***379-2026** **A resolution rejecting the bid for the management of phone lines solution.**

***382-2026** **A resolution authorizing a refund of fifty four dollars ($54.00) paid by Luanna Williams, 465 Lincoln Avenue, Orange, New Jersey 07050 for fees paid for Type 1 Permit.**

***383-2026** **A resolution authorizing the award of a professional services contract to the Nishuane Group, LLC, for planning and consulting services in connection with the Plan4HealthNJ Grant Program to prepare a public health element to the City of Orange Township Master Plan in an amount not to exceed $45,000.00.**

***384-2026** **A resolution authorizing the award of an emergency demolition contract to JMC General Construction, LLC for the emergency demolition of the fire-damaged structure located at 212 Park Place, Orange, New Jersey in the amount not to exceed $28,500.00. AMENDED**

***385-2026** **A resolution authorizing Remington & Vernick Engineers, 2059 Springdale Road, Cherry Hill, New Jersey 098003 to provide professional support services related to the Brook Alley Garage Improvements Phase II in an amount not to exceed $98,500.00**

***386-2026** **A resolution authorizing a refund of four hundred dollars ($400.00) to Sterling environmental Services, LLC, 25 Walden Place, West Caldwell, New Jersey 07006 for a sidewalk pending permit fee paid to the City of Orange Township.**

***387-2026** **A resolution authorizing inclusion in the Essex County Urban County Community Development Program for federal fiscal years 2027-2029 (October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2029)**

***388-2026** **A resolution amending Resolution 111-2024 entitled "A resolution authorizing the acceptance of the State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Green Acres 2023 Urban Parks Grant – Metcalf Park Improvements Project #017-23-UPG in the amount of $500,000.00.**

***389-2026** **A resolution amending Resolution 112-2024 entitled "A resolution authorizing the acceptance of the State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Green Acres 2023 Urban Parks Grant – Metcalf Park Improvements Project #017-23-014 in the amount of $481,590.00.**

***390-2026** **A resolution authorizing payment to Morton Salt, Inc. for the purchase of rock salt for services rendered to the City of Orange Township Public Works Department in 2025 in an amount not to exceed $17,990.33**

***391-2026** **A resolution authorizing an addendum to Resolution #72-2026WO with Morton Salt, Inc., 444 West Lake St., Chicago, IL 60606 for the purchase of rock salt to increase the contract amount by an additional $12,309.58 making the new total amount not to exceed $62,309.58.**

***392-2026** **A resolution authorizing the awarding of a contract for the 2023 NJDOTA LTPF Roadway Improvements to Granada Construction Co., 147 Thomas Street, Newark, New Jersey07104 in the amount not to exceed $2,106,710.03.**

***393-2026** **A resolution authorizing an agreement with Gold Type Business Machines, Inc. (Bergen Count Co-op BC-Bid-24-38) located at 351 Paterson Avenue, East Rutherford, New Jersey 7073 to provide e-ticketing hardware, software, supplies, maintenance, and no worry coverage plan for the Orange Police Department vehicles with e-ticketing capabilities commencing July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 in an amount not to exceed $23,425.00.**

***394-2026** **A resolution ratifying and authorizing a contract for services with Enforsys Police Systems, Inc., located at 27 Bleeker Street, Millburn, New Jersey 07041 to provide support and maintenance of the software for police dispatch, mapping and records management for the Orange Police Department for the period of August 1, 2026 until July 31, 2027 in an amount not to exceed $28,000.00.**

***395-2026** **A resolution awarding a contract to Pav-con Construction, Inc., 585 Forest Street, Orange, New Jersey 07050 for various small road repairs (Mill and Pave) within the city limits in the amount not to exceed $42,350.00.**

RESOLUTIONS continued

***396-2026 A resolution authorizing an addendum to resolution #83-2026 with Natural Green Lawn Care and Sportcare Synthetic Field Maintenance, 795 E. Main Street, Bridgewater, New Jersey 08807 to increase the contract amount for additional $4,425.00 for turf repairs at College Park making the new amount not to exceed $21,025.00.**

***397-2026 A resolution authorizing the extension of the awarded contract with Waterman, LLC, 6 Industrial Way West, Suite E-16, Eatontown, New Jersey 07724 to continue to provide construction administrative and inspection services for the Orange Transit Station Under Pass and Railroad Improvements Project in the amount not to exceed $5,210.09.**

***398-2026 A resolution of the City of Orange Township, New Jersey initiating a Pilot Program to change New Street to a one-way street (Sponsored by Councilmember Kerry Coley)**

***400-2026 A resolution authorizing Change Order No. 3 to modify the contract for the project known as the NJDOT 2022 Safe Streets to Transit with Portofino Builders, LLC, 69 Irwin St., Springfield, New Jersey 07091 for an additional $2,980.80 making the new amount not to exceed $351,835.40.**

***401-2026 A resolution authorizing the extension of awarding of a contract for the 2026 "On Call" emergency repair water, sanitary and stormwater sewer to Shauger Property Services, Inc., 429 Dodd Street, East Orange, New Jersey 07017 in the amount not to exceed $866.410.00 for 60 days.**

***403-2026 A resolution authorizing and ratifying a confirming purchase order issued by the City of Orange Township to Stuyvesant Press, Inc., 119 Coit Street, Irvington, New Jersey 07111 for uniform traffic ticket books in an amount not to exceed $2,670.00**

***404-2026 A resolution authorizing payment of outstanding 2025 invoices to Accurate Language Services, Inc., 3200 Sunset Avenue, Suite 202, Ocean, New Jersey 07712 for translation services for an additional $3,503.58 making the new amount not to exceed $43,503.58.**

***408-2026 A resolution authorizing payment for services with University Hospital Emergency Medical Services, located at 150 Bergen Street, Newark, New Jersey 07103 for dispatch services provided to the City of Orange Township Fire Department from January 1, 2025 until December 31, 2025 in an amount not to exceed $98,972.00.**

***412-2026 A resolution authorizing the acceptance of a grant from the County of Essex in the amount of seventeen thousand five hundred dollars ($17,500) for the Orange Junior Public Safety Academy Program.**

***414-2026 A resolution approving the bill list for council meeting vote on August 5, 2026 dated July 29, 2026 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95 (Grand Total: $9,782,925.43).**

A motion to adopt the Consent Agenda was made by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley and seconded by Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert.

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Lynn A. Ogbourne, Hon. James H. Ward, III, Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten, and Hon. Clifford R. Ross

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion Adopted

REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

***363-2026 A resolution appointing Keane Cyrus a resident of the City of Orange Township, New Jersey, as First Alternate Member to the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the City of Orange Township, New Jersey (Sponsored by Council Vice President Weldon M. Montague, III)**

***364-2026 A resolution appointing Christine Spencer a Resident of The City of Orange Township, New Jersey, as Third Alternate Member to the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the City of Orange Township, New Jersey (Sponsored by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley)**

***365-2026 A resolution appointing Byron A. Nicholas a Resident of the City of Orange Township, New Jersey, as Fourth Alternate Member to the Zoning Board Of Adjustment of the City of Orange Township, New Jersey (Sponsored by Councilmember Lynn A. Ogbourne)**

A motion to postpone Resolution 363-2026, Resolution 364-2026 and Resolution 365-2026 was made by Councilmember Adrienne K. Wooten and seconded by Council Vice President Weldon M. Montague, III.

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Lynn A. Ogbourne, Hon. James H. Ward, III, Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten, and Hon. Clifford R. Ross

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion Adopted: Postponed to September 1, 2026

***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.**

A motion to adopt Resolution 380-2026 was made by Councilmember Adrienne K. Wooten and seconded by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley.

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Lynn A. Ogbourne, Hon. James H. Ward, III, Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten, and Hon. Clifford R. Ross

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion Adopted

***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.**

A motion to adopt Resolution 381-2026 was made by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley and seconded by Councilmember Lynn A. Ogbourne.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert and Hon. James H. Ward, III

Absent: None

Motion Adopted

REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA continued

***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.**

A motion to adopt Resolution 399-2026 was made by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley and seconded by Councilmember Adrienne K. Wooten.

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Lynn A. Ogbourne, Hon. James H. Ward, III, Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten, and Hon. Clifford R. Ross

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion Adopted

***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".**

A motion to adopt Resolution 402-2026 was made by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley and seconded by Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert.

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Lynn A. Ogbourne, Hon. James H. Ward, III, Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten, and Hon. Clifford R. Ross

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion Adopted

***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.**

A motion to adopt Resolution 405-2026 was made by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley and seconded by Councilmember Adrienne K. Wooten.

Roll Call:

Yeas: None

Nays: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Lynn A. Ogbourne, Hon. James H. Ward, III, Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten, and Hon. Clifford R. Ross

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion Failed

REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA continued

***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. AMENDED**

A motion to adopt Resolution 406-2026 was made by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley and seconded by Council Vice President Weldon M. Montague, III.

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Lynn A. Ogbourne, Hon. James H. Ward, III, Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten, and Hon. Clifford R. Ross
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None
Motion Adopted

***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)**

A motion to adopt Resolution 407-2026 was made by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley and seconded by Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert.

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Lynn A. Ogbourne, Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten, and Hon. Clifford R. Ross
Nays: None
Abstain: Hon. James H. Ward, III
Absent: None
Motion Adopted

***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**

A motion to adopt Resolution 409-2026 was made by Council President Clifford R. Ross and seconded by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley.

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Lynn A. Ogbourne, Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten, and Hon. Clifford R. Ross
Nays: Hon. James H. Ward, III
Abstain: None
Absent: None
Motion Adopted

REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA continued

A motion to extend the meeting to 11:00pm was made by Councilmember James H. Ward, III and seconded by Councilmember Lynn A. Ogbourne.
Motion Adopted

***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.**

A motion to adopt Resolution 410-2026 was made by Council President Clifford R. Ross and seconded by Council Vice President Weldon M. Montague, III.
Roll Call:
Yeas: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten, and Hon. Clifford R. Ross
Nays: None
Abstain: Hon. Lynn A. Ogbourne and Hon. James H. Ward, III,
Absent: None
Motion Adopted

***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.**

A motion to adopt Resolution 411-2026 was made by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley and seconded by Council Vice President Weldon M. Montague, III.
Roll Call:
Yeas: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Lynn A. Ogbourne, and Hon. Clifford R. Ross
Nays: Hon. James H. Ward, III and Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten
Abstain: None
Absent: None
Motion Adopted

***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)**

A motion to postpone Resolution 413-2026 was made by Councilmember Adrienne K. Wooten and seconded by Council Vice President Weldon M. Montague, III.
Roll Call:
Yeas: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Lynn A. Ogbourne, Hon. James H. Ward, III, Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten, and Hon. Clifford R. Ross
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None
Motion Adopted: Postponed to September 1, 2026

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

415-2026WO **A resolution of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township, Celebrating the Life, Legacy, and Extraordinary Public Service of Cynthia Suad Brown, RMC, CMC**
(Sponsored by Council President Clifford R. Ross and the City of Orange Township Municipal Council)

416-2026WO **A resolution recognizing and Honoring the 2026 Junior Public Safety Academy Graduating Class for their Commitment to Leadership, Service, and Public Safety**
(Sponsored by Council President Clifford R. Ross and the City of Orange Township Municipal Council)

A motion to Walk-On Resolution 415-2026WO, and Resolution 416-2026WO was made by Council Vice President Weldon M. Montague, III and seconded by Councilmember Lynn A. Ogbourne.

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Lynn A. Ogbourne, Hon. James H. Ward, III, Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten, and Hon. Clifford R. Ross
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

Motion Adopted

Resolutions Walked-On to the Agenda

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A motion to adopt the Resolution 415-2026WO and Resolution 416-2026WO was made by Councilmember Adrienne K. Wooten and seconded by Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert.

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Lynn A. Ogbourne, Hon. James H. Ward, III, Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten, and Hon. Clifford R. Ross
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

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 Adrienne K. Wooten and seconded by Councilmember Lynn A. Ogbourne.
Motion Adopted

The meeting was adjourned at 10:36pm.

PUBLIC NOTICE
The next scheduled Municipal Council Conference and Regular Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 1, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Fourth Floor, City Hall, 29 North Day Street, Orange, New Jersey 07050.

Approved: September 1, 2026

Trisha A. Scipio
Acting Municipal Clerk

Clifford R. Ross
Council President