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, SEPTEMBER 15, 2026 AT 7:10PM.

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
Nile Clements, Chief Financial Officer
Gracia R. Montilus, Esq., Deputy City Attorney
Marlin G. Townes. Esq., Legislative Research Officer

The Acting Municipal Clerk announced the recognition of a moment of Silence. Councilmembers offered condolences and requested that the Moment of Silence be dedicated in memory of Maxine Johnson (Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert), longtime Orange resident William Morris Green, Larry Souter (Councilmember James H. Ward, III), Charles Edward Jones (Councilmember Adrienne K. Wooten), a relative of Stacy Martin and the Grace family, and Gerard Frier (Council Vice President Weldon M. Montague, III), a longtime Orange resident and younger brother of Mike Frier. The Council President expressed condolences to the families and recognized those who had passed. The Council then observed a Moment of Silence in their memory.

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

There were no Matters for Discussion.

LEGISLATION

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

ORDINANCE SECOND READING
None

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION | FIRST READING
No discussion at this time.

RESOLUTIONS

***463-2026 A resolution to approve the corrective action plan for calendar year 2025.**
Councilmember Lynn A. Ogbourne wants to remove from the Consent Agenda for a separate vote.

***469-2026 A resolution authorizing Lewis Consulting Group, Inc., 2604 Atlantic Avenue, Suite 600, Wall, New Jersey 07719 to provide professional services – remediation investigation, grant management and implementation for the Washington Street Firehouse in an amount not to exceed $56,431.50.**
Council President Clifford R. Ross wants to remove from the Consent Agenda for a separate vote.

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm.

Approved: October 6, 2026

Trisha A. Scipio
Acting Municipal Clerk

Clifford R. Ross
Council President