MUNICIPAL COUNCIL AGENDA

THIS IS THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MUNCIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP AT CITY HALL, 29 NORTH DAY STREET, ORANGE, NEW JERSEY ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2026 FOLLOWING THE CONFERENCE MEETING.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL		**PRESENT**	**ABSENT**
Hon. Kerry J. Coley	(East Ward)	_____	_____
Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert	(West Ward)	_____	_____
Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Vice President	(At-Large)	_____	_____
Hon. Lynn A. Ogbourne	(North Ward)	_____	_____
Hon. James H. Ward, III	(South Ward)	_____	_____
Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten	(At-Large)	_____	_____
Hon. Clifford R. Ross, President	(At-Large)	_____	_____
ALSO PRESENT			
Trisha A. Scipio, Acting Municipal Clerk		_____	_____
Chris M. Hartwyk, Business Administrator		_____	_____
Derrick Brown, Fire Chief		_____	_____
Nile S. Clements, Chief Financial Officer		_____	_____
Brian Mooney, Police Chief		_____	_____
Gracia R. Montilus, Esq., City Attorney		_____	_____
Marlin G. Townes, Esq. Legislative Research Officer		_____	_____

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:

- **October 20, 2026 Conference and Regular Meeting Minutes**

MOTION: **SECOND:**

REPORTS
DEPARTMENT REVENUE COLLECTION

- No reports submitted

OPRA REPORTS

- OPRA Report not submitted

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS
NEW JERSEY AMERICAN WATER
October 16, 2026

TO ALL: MUNICIPAL CLERKS, CLERKS OF THE BOARDS OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICERS, AND SALES FOR RESALE CUSTOMERS

Re: In the Matter of the Petition of New Jersey-American Water Company, Inc. for Recovery of Regulatory Asset Established for Incremental Covid-19 Related Expenses, and for Establishment of an Uncollectible Adjustment Clause
BPU Docket No. WR26080464

Dear Sir/Madam:

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-32.2 and N.J.A.C. 14:1-5.12 (b), (c) and (d), enclosed herewith for service upon you is the Notice of Filing and of Public Hearing of a petition for approval of New Jersey American Water's reconciliation and proposed surcharge for its third annual special program charge recovery period. The special program charge, or SPC, was approved by the Board of Public Utilities to be added to customers' water bills for a period of three years to allow New Jersey American Water to recover COVID-19 related expenses. Please note the following dates and times of the virtual public hearings at which members of the public are invited to attend and express their views on the Company's petition:

November 12, 2026 - 4:30 PM and 5:30 PM

Call in number: 1-862-294-2638 Phone conference ID: 507 375 13#
Or join by video conference at https://bit.ly/4rUebrQ

Additional details and further instructions for dialing in to the meeting are included in the enclosed Public Notice and posted on the Company's website at: https://www.amwater.com/njaw/customer-service-billing/your-water-and-wastewater-rates/regulatory-proceedings.

Jamie D. Hawn, Director, Rates and Regulatory

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.

MOTION TO CLOSE CITIZEN COMMENTS: **SECOND:**

COUNCIL COMMENTS

43-2026 **This ordinance secures bonds or other obligations issued in accordance with the provisions of the "Redevelopment Area Bond Financing Law" and the lien hereof in favor of the owners of such bonds or other obligations is a municipal lien superior to all other non-municipal liens hereinafter recorded.**

a) Motion to close Citizens Comments: **Second:**
b) Motion to adopt

44-2026 **An ordinance to amend and supplement Chapter 166, "Rent Control; Rental Property Registration," of the Code of the City of Orange Township to regulate short-term rentals.**

a) Motion to close Citizens Comments: **Second:**
b) Motion to adopt

47-2026 **An ordinance of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township, Essex County, New Jersey, amending and supplementing Chapter 156 (Property Maintenance) of the City of Orange Township Municipal Code to update and expand the City's oversight of vacant and abandoned residential and commercial properties.**
(Sponsored by Council President Clifford R. Ross)

a) Motion to close Citizens Comments: **Second:**
b) Motion to adopt

48-2026 **An ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 200, entitled "Vehicles and Traffic", Section 200-52-1 Handicapped Parking Spaces (270 North Center Street)**

a) Motion to close Citizens Comments: **Second:**
b) Motion to adopt

49-2026 **An ordinance to amend Chapter 145-3.1 of the City of Orange Township Code to allow dogs in the Metcalf Park**

a) Motion to close Citizens Comments: **Second:**
b) Motion to adopt

54-2026 **Ordinance 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 Rakhee Enterprise Urban Renewal LLC.**

a) Motion to close Citizens Comments: **Second:**
b) Motion to adopt

55-2026 **An ordinance of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township, Essex County, New Jersey pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12-5 authorizing the acquisition of real property located at Block 5105, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 on the City's official tax maps, commonly known respectively as 539 Nassau Street, 541 Nassau Street, 456 South Jefferson Street, 540 Forest Street and 546 Forest Street from the Public Service Electric and Gas Company for the aggregate sum of $1.00 and closing costs not to exceed $4,999.00 in accordance with a redevelopment agreement between the City and Public Service Electric and Gas Company.**

a) Motion to close Citizens Comments: **Second:**
b) Motion to adopt

ORDINANCES – INTRODUCTION | FIRST READING

59-2026 **An ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 200, entitled "Vehicles and Traffic" Section 200-52-1 Handicapped Parking Spaces (485 Conover Terrace)**

a) Motion to adopt on Introduction: **Second:**
b) Final Reading December 1, 2026

60-2026 **An ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 200, entitled "Vehicles and Traffic" Section 200-52-1 Handicapped Parking Spaces (128 Lincoln Avenue)**

a) Motion to adopt on Introduction: **Second:**
b) Final Reading December 1, 2026

61-2026 **Ordinance of the City of Orange Township, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey providing for a special emergency appropriation in an amount not to exceed $870,000 to fund contractually required severance liabilities resulting from the layoff or retirement of employees in the City.**

a) Motion to adopt on Introduction: **Second:**
b) Final Reading December 1, 2026

62-2026 **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 revise the proof requirements for the issuance of residential parking permits and to approve a standardized application.**

a) Motion to adopt on Introduction: **Second:**
b) Final Reading December 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 *518-2026 THROUGH *549-2026

***518-2026** **A resolution amending Resolution 126-2025 authorizing a professional services contract with Lerch, Vinci & Bliss, LLP, located at 17-17 Route 208, Fair Lawn, New Jersey 07410, for assistance with preparation of the annual budget commencing on January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025, to increase the not-to-exceed amount to $63,315.00.**

***519-2026** **A resolution honoring and recognizing November 11, 2026, as Veterans Day in the City of Orange Township and expressing gratitude to all who have served in the United States Armed Forces. (Sponsored by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley and the City of Orange Township Municipal Council)**

***520-2026** **A resolution recognizing November 2026 as National Diabetes Month and promoting diabetes awareness, prevention, education, and access to care. (Sponsored by Council Vice President Weldon M. Montague, III and the City of Orange Township Municipal Council)**

***521-2026** **A resolution recognizing November 28, 2026, as Small Business Saturday in the City of Orange Township and encouraging residents to support local businesses. (Sponsored by Council President Clifford R. Ross and the City of Orange Township Municipal Council)**

***522-2026** **A resolution recognizing November 14, 2026, as Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day and honoring Ruby Bridges' courageous role in advancing school desegregation, equality, and educational opportunity. (Sponsored by Council President Clifford R. Ross and the City of Orange Township Municipal Council)**

***523-2026** **A resolution appointing Aisha Samuel to the Open Space, Recreation, and Historic Preservation Advisory Board (Sponsored by Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert)**

***524-2026** **A resolution recognizing and commending Samuel W. Virden and Teresa A. Virden for their creativity, community spirit, and outstanding Halloween home decoration display at 349 Fairview Avenue**
(Sponsored by Council President Clifford R. Ross and the City of Orange Township Municipal Council)

***525-2026** **A resolution honoring Public Safety Director Todd R. Warren for his continued support of domestic violence prevention in the City of Orange Township.**
(Sponsored by Councilmember-at-Large Adrienne Wooten)

***526-2026** **A resolution honoring Senator Britnee N. Timberlake of the New Jersey State Senate for her continued support of domestic violence initiatives in the City of Orange Township.**
(Sponsored by Councilmember-at-Large Adrienne Wooten)

***527-2026** **A resolution honoring the 5th Alarm Group for its continued support of domestic violence prevention in the City of Orange Township.**
(Sponsored by Councilmember-at-Large Adrienne Wooten)

RESOLUTIONS continued

***528-2026** **A resolution recognizing November 2026 as National Family Caregivers Month in the City of Orange Township. (Sponsored by Councilmember-at-Large Adrienne Wooten)**

***529-2026** **A resolution recognizing November 2026 as National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month in the City of Orange Township.**
(Sponsored by Councilmember-at-Large Adrienne Wooten and the City of Orange Township Municipal Council)

***530-2026** **A resolution honoring the President and Founder of Bink International Charity, Inc., for their continued support of domestic violence initiatives in the City of Orange Township.**
(Sponsored by Councilmember-at-Large Adrienne Wooten)

***531-2026** **A resolution recognizing November 15–21, 2026, as Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week in the City of Orange Township.**
(Sponsored by Councilmember-at-Large Adrienne Wooten and the City of Orange Township Municipal Council)

***532-2026** **A resolution recognizing November 2026 as Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month in the City of Orange Township.**
(Sponsored by Councilmember-at-Large Adrienne Wooten and the City of Orange Township Municipal Council)

***533-2026** **A resolution honoring Pascaline Yasmine Quedraogo, owner of Yasmin's Beauty Salon, for her continued support of domestic violence initiatives in the City of Orange Township.**
(Sponsored by Councilmember-at-Large Adrienne Wooten)

***534-2026** **A resolution honoring Tabetha Bassit, Outreach Coordinator at ECHOES, Inc., for her continued support of domestic violence initiatives in the City of Orange Township.**
(Sponsored by Councilmember-at-Large Adrienne Wooten)

***535-2026** **A resolution honoring Aziza Kibibi, Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Precious Little Ladies, Inc., for her continued support of domestic violence initiatives in the City of Orange Township. (Sponsored by Councilmember-at-Large Adrienne Wooten)**

***536-2026** **A resolution honoring 1000 Shades of Women Foundation International (1000 SOWFI) for its continued support of domestic violence initiatives in the City of Orange Township.**
(Sponsored by Councilmember-at-Large Adrienne Wooten)

***537-2026** **A resolution for the transfer of appropriations.**

***538-2026** **A resolution authorizing the cancellation of Tax Sale Certificate No. 25-00274 and the refund of $2,413.48 to FIG 25, LLC FBO SEC PTY.**

***539-2026** **A resolution authorizing the tax collector to refund overpayment to real estate taxes paid for 2026 in the amount of $11,566.62 and to cancel any further tax billings additional for the premises located at Block 6902, Lot 1 also known as 392 Lawn Ridge Rd. for 100% totally disabled veteran.**

RESOLUTIONS continued

***540-2026** **A resolution authorizing the tax collector to refund overpayment to real estate taxes paid for 2026 in the amount of $8,243.21 and to cancel any further tax billings additional for the premises located at Block 6007, Lot 3 also known as 595 Christopher Street, Unit G for 100% totally disabled veteran.**

***541-2026** **A resolution reappointing Theresa E. Pollard, Esq. as Judge of the Orange Municipal Court for an additional three (3) years commencing November 8, 2026 through November 7, 2029.**

***542-2026** **A resolution authorizing the renewal of a contract with SHI International Corporation for Spatial Data Logic (SDL) under New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Alliance Contract #CK04 to provide twenty nine (29) enterprise licensees from June 30, 2026 until June 29, 2027 in an amount not to exceed seventy two thousand two hundred twenty seven dollars and forty cents ($72,227.40)**

***543-2026** **A resolution rescinding Resolution #91-2026 adopted February 3, 2026 authorizing the awarding of a contract with Denville Line Painting, Inc., 2 Green Pond Road, Rockaway, New Jersey 07866 to provide traffic striping on roadways for the period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026 through the MCCPC #36 int her amount of $15,000.00.**

***544-2026** **A resolution amending Resolution 90-2026 entitled "A resolution authorizing the awarding on a contract to Downes Tree Service Co., Inc., 65 Royal Avenue, Hawthorne, New Jersey 07506 through the MCCPC #18 to provide tree removal and trimming services commencing January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026 in the amount not to exceed $50,000.00" for the purpose of reducing the contract amount from $50,000.00 to the new amount not to exceed $39,000.00.**

***545-2026** **Resolution authorizing the City of Orange Township to submit a grant application and execute a grant contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the 2027 Safe Routes to Schools Grants Program.**

***546-2026** **A resolution rescinding Resolution 133-2025 adopted March 4, 2025 authorizing Lewis Consulting Group, Inc., 2604 Atlantic Avenue, Suite 600, Wall, New Jersey 07719 to provide professional environmental remediation action permit services for Colgate Park a 116 North Day Street (Block 2002, Lot 1) in the amount of $12,125.50.**

***547-2026** **A resolution authorizing the extension of the awarded contract with Pennoni Associates, Inc., 1085 Raymond Blvd., Suite 2102, Newark, New Jesey 07102 to continue to provide professional engineering, design, construction administration and inspection services for the NJDOT 2025 Roadway Improvements for the City of Orange Township in the amount not to exceed $10,497.40.**

***548-2026** **A resolution authorizing payment of legal fees to the law firm of Blau & Blau, LLP as tax appeal counsel for an amount not to exceed $115,525.10 for services rendered prior year.**

***549-2026** **A resolution approving the bill list for council meeting vote on November 4, 2026 dated October 28, 2026 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95 (Grand Total: $5,489,369.23).**

MOTION TO ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA: **Second:**

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

OLD BUSINESS
ORDINANCES – SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING

39-2026 **An ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 200, entitled "Vehicles and Traffic", Section 200-52-1, Handicapped Parking Spaces (54 North Essex Avenue). (Postponed from October 20, 2026)**

a) Motion to close Citizens Comments: **Second:**
b) Motion to adopt

ORDINANCES – INTRODUCTION | FIRST READING

56-2026 **An ordinance of the City of Orange Township, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, amending and supplementing Chapters 88 and 200, of the code of the City of Orange Township to update permit parking fees and requirements and to establish a residential on-street overnight parking permit program.**

a) Motion to adopt on Introduction: **Second:**
b) Final Reading December 1, 2026

57-2026 **An ordinance amending Chapter 200 of the Code of the City of Orange Township to establish municipal parking garage rates, commuter parking fees, and parking permit fees for the Highland Avenue Municipal Lot.**

a) Motion to adopt on Introduction: **Second:**
b) Final Reading December 1, 2026

58-2026 **An ordinance amending Chapter 142 "Parking Lots" and Chapter 88 "Fees" of the Code of the City of Orange Township to establish an Overnight Municipal Parking Permit for City residents in designated municipal parking plazas.**

a) Motion to adopt on Introduction: **Second:**
b) Final Reading December 1, 2026

MOTION TO ADJOURN: **Second:**

Adjournment Time: _____

PUBLIC NOTICE
The next scheduled Municipal Council Conference and Regular Meeting will be held on Monday, November 16, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Fourth Floor, City Hall, 29 North Day Street, Orange, New Jersey 07050.