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, MARCH 3, 2026 AT 7:01PM.

Roll Call:

Present: Councilmember Kerry J. Coley, East Ward
Councilmember Tency A. Eason, North Ward
Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert, West Ward *(Arrived at 7:08pm)*
Council Vice President Weldon M. Montague, III, At-Large
Councilmember Clifford R. Ross, At-Large
Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, South Ward *(Arrived at 7:04pm)*
Council President Adrienne K. Wooten, At-Large

Also Present: Trisha A. Scipio, Deputy 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 *(Arrived at 7:03pm)*
Marlin G. Townes, Legislative Research Officer

The Deputy Clerk announced a Moment of Silence and asked all to rise in memory of Orange resident Faith Edgar at the request of Council President Adrienne K. Wooten.

The Deputy Clerk announced a "SPECIAL NOTICE: Please be apprised anyone wishing to discuss Agenda or General Items shall raise their hand during Citizens Comments and will be allowed a maximum of three (3) minutes to interact with the Council.

The Deputy Clerk announced that 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.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

There were no Matters for Discussion.

LEGISLATION

The Deputy 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.

Council Vice President Weldon M. Montague, III inquired about the status of pending lawsuits and requested an update on PILOT payments. City Attorney Gracia R. Montilus, Esq. stated that a status update on litigation would be provided during Closed Session at the March 17th meeting. Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk stated that he would provide an update on the PILOT programs at the next meeting. CFO Nile S. Clements reported that the Orange Park Apartments first quarter pilot payment was $50,703.00.

RESOLUTIONS

***142-2026** A resolution of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, determining that the Orange Park Apartments Project provides for and meets the Affordable Housing needs of the City of Orange Township, and supporting the submission of applications by Orange Park Preservation LLC to the New Jersey Economic Development Authority and the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency to receive project financing under the Aspire Tax Credit Program.

Councilmember Clifford R. Ross requested an explanation of Resolution 142-2026. Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk explained that the project financing is being obtained through the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency, and that the resolution is a requirement of the lenders in order to secure financing. He further clarified that the resolution does not obligate the City to any financial commitment. Council Vice President Weldon M. Montague, III and Councilmember Tency A. Eason agreed that additional explanation was warranted.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson and seconded by Councilmember Tency A. Eason.
Motion Adopted

The meeting was adjourned at 7:09 pm.

Approved: March 17, 2026

Trisha A. Scipio
Acting Municipal Clerk

Adrienne K. Wooten
Council President