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, OCTOBER 20, 2026 FOLLOWING THE CONFERENCE MEETING.

Council President Clifford R. Ross 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
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

A motion to approve the minutes from the October 6, 2026 Public Information Session #2 Phase 1 Watershed Inventory Plan Report and the Public Information Session Community Development Block Grant Meeting was made by Councilmember Adrienne K. Wooten and seconded by Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert.
Motion Adopted

A motion to approve the minutes from the October 6, 2026 Conference and Regular Meeting was made by Council Vice President Weldon M. Montague, III and seconded by Councilmember Adrienne K. Wooten.
Motion Adopted

DEPARTMENT REVENUE COLLECTION

For the month of September 2026, the Department of Community Services collected $9,968.00, the Municipal Clerk's Office collected $202.64, Parking Meters collected $48,244.28, the Department of Planning collected $90,029.00, the Department of Public Works collected $15,598.20, the Tax Assessor and the Tax Collector did not submit a report.

OPRA REPORTS
For September 2026 there were141 OPRA Requests Received, 61 Completed, and 80 Outstanding.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS
There were no Communications and Petitions reported.

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

Sherida Johnson, 173 Oakwood Place, expressed ongoing concerns regarding the vacant property at 171 Oakwood Place, citing structural damage, trespassing, illegal dumping, vegetation, and safety hazards. She requested a formal plan and timeline for addressing the property. The administration stated that it intended to pursue the property through the vacant and abandoned property process, with a complaint expected to be filed within three weeks and an anticipated six-month process thereafter.

Gloria Stewart, 62 Hampton Terrace, supported Ms. Johnson's concerns and requested better accommodations for residents attending special meetings. She questioned proposed residential parking fees and expressed concerns about high-rise development, neighborhood character, and school enrollment.

Alysha Rodriguez, 47 Mountainview, questioned overtime expenditures, community benefits agreement calculations, scattered-site development, vacant property legislation, Planning Board appointments, and funding for the proposed emergency center. She advocated for homeowner protections and financial assistance programs. The administration explained that overtime costs would be addressed through budget transfers or an emergency appropriation and that the federal grant for the emergency center required a 25 percent City match.

Aisha Samuel, 401 Highland Terrace, questioned developer obligations, municipal bonds, PILOT agreements, tree grant funding, delinquent taxes, and enforcement of commitments made to senior housing residents. She opposed PILOT agreements that did not provide affordable housing and called for greater accountability.

Brent Engel, 174 Heywood Avenue, expressed concern that vacant properties could be transferred to developers who might receive favorable treatment or pursue development inconsistent with zoning requirements. He cited several long-vacant properties and requested timely action to address neighborhood safety concerns.

Gloria Boseman, 345 Olcott Street, called for greater transparency and resident participation in allocating developer contributions and community development funds. She highlighted unsafe roads, inadequate recreational facilities, and the need for a multigenerational community center and a resident oversight board.

CITIZENS COMMENTS continued

Harold Hicks was called but had left the meeting and did not speak.

Kweli Campbell, 55 Randolph, requested a community meeting regarding noise, gas odors, water releases, and construction activities at the temporary PAS water treatment facility near Medcap Park.

Jack Stadtlander, 20 Meeker Street, West Orange, New Jersey, reported persistent noise from the same facility and questioned the lack of effective corrective action. The administration explained that noise-reduction measures, including relocating pumps indoors and installing additional valves, were underway and expected to take approximately four weeks to one month to complete.

Obiama Onyena, 259 High Street, questioned the City's high property tax rate, PILOT agreement durations, and opportunities to generate additional revenue. The administration cited the need to strengthen the commercial ratable base. Councilwoman Hill discussed efforts to advocate for shorter PILOT terms, affordable housing, commercial space, and greater accountability.

There were no Citizen Comments received by e-mail.

A motion to Close Citizen Comments was made by Council Vice President Weldon M. Montague, III, and seconded by Councilmember Lynn A. Ogbourne.
Motion Adopted

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember James H. Ward, III discussed the proposed scattered-sites redevelopment ordinance, emphasizing that he supports development when it is guided by a cohesive vision and benefits Orange residents. He expressed concern that the ordinance, as written, could allow individual properties to be designated for redevelopment with zoning changes that may not align with the City's broader needs. He also discussed a proposed traffic study integrity ordinance intended to ensure traffic studies accurately reflect traffic conditions and require developers, rather than the City, to pay for the studies. He emphasized the City's fiscal responsibility to residents and encouraged residents to prepare for winter by checking smoke alarms and clearing brush around their homes to help prevent fires.

Councilmember Lynn A. Ogbourne presented Resolution 496-2026, proposing that the City explore opportunities under the federal 21st Century Road to Housing Act, enacted in July 2026, to identify eligible housing projects and pursue available federal grants and matching funds. She highlighted the potential to assist seniors, long-term homeowners, and families experiencing housing-cost challenges. The resolution requests that the administration review existing and proposed housing projects and report back within 90 days with eligible projects, potential funding sources, and recommendations.

Council Vice President Weldon M. Montague, III asked about the status of funding and the anticipated start of improvements at Joyce Carnegie Park. Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk advised that funding was being drawn down and that a six-month extension of the rain garden grant had been requested through March to accommodate financing and contract procurement. He also requested an update on the Orange Memorial redevelopment site. The administration reported that negotiations concerning the financial agreement, proposed PILOT, and community benefits agreement were ongoing, with additional discussions regarding potential subsidies. He further asked about the long-delayed recreation center project and was advised that a proposed developer would conduct due diligence, engineering reviews, soil borings, and a topographic survey to determine whether to proceed.

COUNCIL COMMENTS continued

Councilwoman Quantavia L. Hilbert questioned the City's repaving schedule, the status of grant-funded street improvements in the West Ward, and the installation of speed bumps along Heywood Avenue near South Center Street. She requested greater transparency and an online timeline so residents could track road projects. Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk explained that grant-funded projects require planning, engineering, bidding, funding authorization, and favorable weather conditions, a process that can take approximately 18 months. It was stated that the remaining portion of Heywood Avenue was expected to be addressed in the next paving schedule, with speed bumps installed as part of the work. Councilwoman Hilbert also raised concerns about a recent ICE enforcement incident in Orange and asked whether the City cooperates with ICE or receives funding for such cooperation. Business Administrator Chris Hartyk responded that the City does not cooperate with ICE and has lost access to certain federal grant opportunities because it will not certify compliance with specified federal directives. She also discussed senior community activities and advocated for a task force to ensure apartment buildings meet code requirements and provide adequate heat during the winter.

Councilman Kerry J. Coley requested that Ordinances 56-2026, 57-2026, and 58-2026 be postponed until the next Council meeting to allow additional discussion with the Council committee. It was noted that the ordinances would not take effect until January 1.

Councilwoman Adrienne K. Wooten offered brief well wishes to her Council colleagues and residents.

Council President Clifford R. Ross requested clarification regarding the City's speed bump policy. The administration explained that requests may be initiated by the City Engineer or residents through a petition and will be evaluated by the City Engineer in consultation with representatives from Police, Fire, EMS, and Public Works. The review will determine whether speed bumps or other traffic-calming measures, such as speed tables, rumble strips, signage, or pavement markings, are appropriate.

Council President Ross reminded residents that early voting would begin Saturday, October 24, and Election Day would be Tuesday, November 3. He announced the City's Trunk and Treat event, scheduled for Friday, and a document-shredding event on Saturday, October 24, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. behind City Hall. He also advised that the next Council meeting would be held Wednesday, November 4, due to the election, and reminded residents to turn their clocks back for the end of daylight saving time. He encouraged residents to verify their voter registration status and noted that the Clerk's Office had assisted approximately 20 residents with voter-status inquiries that day.

Additional discussion: A Council member asked whether residents unable to attend meetings could submit written comments in advance to be read into the record. The Council President indicated that he would consider the request. Members discussed the prior practice of accepting written comments before meetings and having them read aloud so residents could participate and receive responses.

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).

A motion to postpone Ordinance 39-2026 was made by Councilmember Adrienne K. Wooten 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: Postponed to November 4, 2026

40-2026 An ordinance of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township, Essex County, New Jersey, restructuring and updating Chapter 4, Articles XIII and XIV of the City of Orange Township Municipal Code.

Aisha Samuel, 401 Highland Terrace, expressed concerns regarding the proposed ordinance, stating that the numerous changes were unclear and required further clarification before Council approval. She specifically questioned the proposed placement of the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) under the Planning Department and whether the Director of Planning would have authority to appoint HPC members. She urged the Council to revise the ordinance to clarify its provisions before voting in favor, recommending that the ordinance not be approved in its current form.

A motion to close Citizens Comments was made by Councilmember Adrienne K. Wooten and seconded by Council Vice President Weldon M. Montague, III.

Motion Adopted

A motion to adopt Ordinance 40-2026 was made by Councilmember Adrienne K. Wooten and seconded by Council President Clifford R. Ross.

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. James H. Ward, III, and Hon. Clifford R. Ross

Nays: Hon. Lynn A. Ogbourne

Abstain: Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert and Adrienne K. Wooten

Absent: None

Motion Adopted

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING continued

41-2026 An ordinance of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, suspending implementation of the scattered sites redevelopment plan pending review and consideration of final recommendations by the City of Orange Township Planning Board regarding continued designation of the scattered sites redevelopment area and/or the bulk zoning standards applicable thereto. (Sponsored by Council Member James H. Ward, III)

A motion to close Citizens Comments was made by Council President Clifford R. Ross and seconded by Councilmember Lynn A. Ogbourne.
Motion Adopted

A motion to adopt Ordinance 41-2026 was made by Council Vice President Weldon M. Montague, III 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

42-2026 An ordinance of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township, Essex County, New Jersey, amending Chapter 210 of the City of Orange Township Municipal Code, entitled "Development Regulations", to require traffic studies in connection with certain site plan approval applications submitted to the Planning Board or Zoning Board of adjustment, as applicable. (Sponsored by Council Member James H. Ward, III) (Amended)

City Attorney Gracia R. Montilus, Esq., clarified the proposed amendment to Ordinance 42-2026 to provide that the City would not pay for traffic studies. Instead, the applicant would be responsible for the cost, and the City would select the vendor conducting the study. The ordinance, sponsored by Council Member James H. Ward, III, amends Chapter 210 of the City of Orange Township Municipal Code, entitled "Development Regulations," to require traffic studies in connection with certain site plan applications submitted to the Planning Board or Zoning Board of Adjustment, as applicable.

Brent Engel, 174 Heywood Avenue, agreed that developers should pay for traffic studies associated with their projects but expressed concern about requiring developers to use a vendor selected by the City. Drawing on his professional experience with traffic studies, he emphasized the importance of clearly specifying the study requirements, including conducting on-site observations and manually counting and categorizing vehicles rather than relying solely on aerial photographs. He also raised concerns about traffic congestion and emergency vehicle access, particularly along South Center Street, and stressed that traffic studies should be presented to the appropriate land-use board for review.

Aisha Samuel, 401 Highland Terrace responded that a prior development's traffic study had raised concerns because the developer selected its own vendor and, in her view, the resulting information was inaccurate. She supported the need for the City to select the traffic study vendor to ensure the study's reliability. The Council President clarified that the ordinance, as written, requires actual on-site observation and physical vehicle counts, which he identified as a central purpose of the proposed legislation.

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING continued
Ordinance 42-2026
A motion to close Citizens Comments was made by Councilmember Adrienne K. Wooten and seconded by Council Vice President Weldon M. Montague, III.
Motion Adopted

A motion to postpone Ordinance 42-2026 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: Postpone until report from Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment is received

A motion to extend the meeting past 10:30pm was made by Councilmember James H. Ward, III 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: Meeting extended

ORDINANCES – INTRODUCTION | FIRST READING
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 adopt Ordinance 47-2026 on First Reading was made by Councilmember Adrienne K. Wooten and seconded by Councilmember James H. Ward, 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: Final Reading November 4, 2026

ORDINANCES – INTRODUCTION | FIRST READING continued

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 adopt Ordinance 48-2026 on First Reading was made by Councilmember James H. Ward, III 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: Final Reading November 4, 2026

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 adopt Ordinance 49-2026 on First Reading was made by Councilmember Lynn A. Ogbourne and seconded by Councilmember James H. Ward, 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: Final Reading November 4, 2026

50-2026 Bond Ordinance providing for the issuance of Redevelopment Area Bonds to finance infrastructure and offsite improvements to a redevelopment project located at 76 Cleveland Street and 69 North Essex Avenue, in the City of Orange Township, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey (the "City"); appropriating $250,000 therefore and authorizing the issuance of $250,000 bonds or notes of the City to finance the costs thereof.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 50-2026 on First Reading was made by Councilmember Lynn A. Ogbourne 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: Final Reading November 4, 2026 (This will be advertised for November 16, 2026)

ORDINANCES – INTRODUCTION | FIRST READING continued

51-2026 Bond Ordinance providing for the issuance of Redevelopment Area Bonds to finance infrastructure and offsite improvements to a redevelopment project located at 407-415 Highland Avenue, in the City of Orange Township, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey (the "City"); appropriating $250,000 therefore and authorizing the issuance of $250,000 bonds or notes of the City to finance the costs thereof.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 51-2026 on First Reading was made by Councilmember Lynn A. Ogbourne and seconded by Council President Clifford R. Ross.

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: Final Reading November 4, 2026 (This will be advertised for November 16, 2026)

52-2026 Bond Ordinance providing for the issuance of Redevelopment Area Bonds to finance infrastructure and offsite improvements to a redevelopment project located at 416, 410, 406, 394 and 386 Highland Avenue, in the City of Orange Township, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey (the "City"); appropriating $300,000 therefore and authorizing the issuance of $300,000 bonds or notes of the City to finance the costs thereof.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 52-2026 on First Reading was made by Councilmember James H. Ward, III 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: Final Reading November 4, 2026 (This will be advertised for November 16, 2026)

53-2026 Bond Ordinance providing for the issuance of Redevelopment Area Bonds to finance infrastructure and offsite improvements to a redevelopment project located at 100 Main Street, in the City of Orange Township, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey (the "City"); appropriating $100,000 therefore and authorizing the issuance of $100,000 bonds or notes of the City to finance the costs thereof.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 53-2026 on First Reading was made by Councilmember James H. Ward, III 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: Final Reading November 4, 2026 (This will be advertised for November 16, 2026)

ORDINANCES – INTRODUCTION | FIRST READING continued

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 postpone Ordinance 54-2026 on First Reading was made by Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert and seconded by Councilmember James H. Ward, III.

Roll Call:

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 54-2026 on First Reading was made by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley and seconded by Councilmember James H. Ward, III.

Roll Call:

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

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 adopt Ordinance 55-2026 on First Reading was made by Councilmember Lynn A. Ogbourne 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

ORDINANCES – INTRODUCTION | FIRST READING continued

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 postpone Ordinance 56-2026 on First Reading was made by Councilmember James H. Ward, III 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: Postponed to November 4, 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 postpone Ordinance 57-2026 on First Reading was made by Councilmember James H. Ward, 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 November 4, 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 postpone Ordinance 58-2026 on First Reading was made by Councilmember James H. Ward, III 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: Postponed to November 4, 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 *493-2026 THROUGH *517-2026

***493-2026** **A Resolution Honoring the Life, Legacy, and Community Service of Gay D. Overby-Cole (Sponsored by Council President Clifford R. Ross and the City of Orange Township Municipal Council).**

***494-2026** **A resolution celebrating the Life and Legacy of the Honorable Dan Solomon Smith and extending sincere condolences to his family and loved ones. (Sponsored by Council President Clifford R. Ross and the City of Orange Township Municipal Council)**

***495-2026** **A resolution honoring the life and legacy of Kelly Bernard and extending heartfelt condolences to his family and loved ones. (Sponsored by Council Vice President Weldon M. Montague, III and the City of Orange Township Municipal Council)**

***496-2026** **A resolution requesting the Administration to identify and pursue federal, state, county, and private funding opportunities for critical home repairs and housing preservation in the City of Orange Township. (Sponsored by Councilmember Lynn A. Ogbourne)**

***497-2026** **A resolution authorizing approval to amend the CY 2026 Municipal Budget by inserting items of revenue and appropriations totaling $137,000.00 in additional grant funding. (Amended)**

***498-2026** **Resolution of the City of Orange Township, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey authorizing the submission of an application to the Local Finance Board requesting approval of four (4) bond ordinances pursuant to the Municipal Qualified Bond Act., N.J.S.A. 40A:3-1 et seq.**

***499-2026** **Resolution of the City of Orange Township, in the Count of Essex, State of New Jersey authorizing an application of 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, Urban Renewal LLC redevelopment project pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-29(a)(3) and N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-67(g).**

***501-2026** **A resolution authorizing the extension of the awarded contract with NV5, 412 Mt. Kemble Ave., Suite 100C, Morristown, NJ 07960 to continue professional preliminary engineering and design assistance services for the Scotland Rd. Beautification Project in the amount not to exceed $170,779.78.**

***502-2026** **A resolution authorizing the awarding of a contract for vehicle maintenance and repairs to city-owned vehicles to Belair Services, 641 Tremont Avenue, Orange, New Jerey 07050 commencing October 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026 in an amount not to exceed $53,880.00.**

***503-2026** **A resolution to accept funds in the amount of $119,372.00 from the Department of Local Public Health for the 2027 Local Public Health Infrastructure Grant Program.**

***506-2026** **A resolution for the approval to procure the services for the installation of the Salto Access Control Security System for the City of Orange Township Fire Department from Hogan Security Group LLC, 1569 Reed Road, Pennington, NJ 08534 under Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission Cooperative Purchasing Program, Contract #218 in an amount not to exceed $37,702.08**

CONSENT AGENDA continued

***507-2026 Resolution designating Horizon Holding Group as redeveloper for a proposed redevelopment project to be located at 395, 401 and 407 Main Street and 12 High Street identified on the official tax map of the City of Orange Township as Block 2101, Lots 1, 2, 3 and 29 and approving the execution of an escrow agreement between the City and such redeveloper for the payment of City costs relating to such redevelopment project.**

***508-2026 Resolution authorizing the City Attorney to enter into a contract with Relx Inc. for online legal research and legal publication updates for a period of three (3) years commencing November 1, 2026 through October 31, 2029 for an amount not to exceed $23,904.00.**

***511-2026 A resolution of the City of Orange Township Municipal Council authorizing the institution of an In Rem Tax Foreclosure pursuant to the In Rem Tax Foreclosure Act, N.J.S.A. 54:5-104.29 et seq. in connection with the property identified on the city's official tax map as Block 6003, Lot 24 commonly known as 497 South Jefferson Street, Orange, New Jersey assessed to Ada Holloway and authorizing the Law Department to take all actions necessary to prosecute said foreclosure.**

***512-2026 A resolution authorizing the awarding of a contract for the Central Playground Tennis Courts Improvements to Shore Top Construction Corp., 23 Yellowbrook Road, Freehold, New Jersey 07728 in the amount not to exceed $210,625.00.**

***513-2026 A resolution authorizing the awarding of a contract for the 2025 CDBG Roadway Improvements to Berkeley Road (between Berkeley Avenue to Dead End Street) to D & L Paving Contractors, Inc. 675 Franklin Avenue, Nutley, New Jersey 07110 in the amount not to exceed $121,996.50.**

***514-2026 A resolution authorizing the awarding of a contract to Montana Construction Corp., 80 Contant avenue, Lodi, New Jersey 07644 for the city wide identification and Lead Pipe Replacement Program in the amount not to exceed $7,661,004.00.**

***516-2026 A resolution of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township, Essex County, New Jersey, establishing an initiative to address the maintenance, rehabilitation and development of abandoned residential and commercial properties throughout the city.**
Sponsored by Council President Clifford R. Ross)

***517-2026 A resolution approving the bill list for council meeting vote on October 20, 2026 dated October 14, 2026 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95 (Grand Total: $4,553,612.46).**

A motion to adopt the Consent Agenda was made by Councilmember Adrienne K. Wooten and seconded by Council President Clifford R. Ross.

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

500-2026 A resolution authorizing an award of contract to Clear View Counseling LLC/Crown Work, Inc., 203 Oakwood Avenue, Orange, New Jersey 07050 in the amount of $123,000.00 to provide evidence based Opioid Prevention services in the City of Orange Township for the period of October 1, 2026 to September 30, 2027.

A motion to adopt Resolution 508-2026 was made by Council President Clifford R. Ross and seconded by Councilmember Adrienne K. Wooten.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Failed

504-2026 Resolution approving and authorizing the execution of a Community Benefits Agreement with Rakhee Enterprise Urban Renewal, LLC for the redevelopment of the property located at 339, 345, 351 and 355 Henry Street and identified on the official tax map of the City of Orange Township as Block 3704, Lots 33, 34, 35 and 36.

A motion to adopt Resolution 508-2026 was made by Council President Clifford R. Ross and seconded by Councilmember Adrienne K. Wooten.

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

Motion Adopted

505-2026 Resolution designating Rakhee Enterprise Urban Renewal LLC as the redeveloper for the property located at 339, 345, 351 and 355 Henry Street and identified on the official tax map of the City of Orange Township as Block 3704, Lots 33, 34, 35 and 36 and authorizing the execution of a Redevelopment Agreement with Rakhee Enterprise Urban Renewal LLC for the redevelopment of this property.

A motion to adopt Resolution 508-2026 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. 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

Motion Adopted

REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA continued

509-2026 A resolution of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township, Essex County, New Jerse rescinding Resolution No. 381-2026 entitled "A resolution authorizing the award of an non-fair and open contract with Greater Essex Counseling Services to provide your-focused Opioid Prevention to City of Orange Township youth residents from September 14, 2026 through June 25, 2027 in amount not to exceed $30,000.00" adopted on August 5, 2026.

A motion to adopt Resolution 509-2026 was made by Council Vice President Weldon M. Montague, III 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

510-2026 A resolution of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township, Essex County, New Jersey authorizing the award of a non-fair and open contract with Greater Essex Counseling Services LLC to provide youth -focused Opioid prevention to City of Orange Township youth residents from September 2, 2026 through June 18, 2027 in an amount not to exceed $90,000.00.

A motion to adopt Resolution 510-2026 was made by Councilmember Lynn A. Ogbourve 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

515-2026 A resolution of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township, Essex County, New Jersey, authorizing the award of RFP 2026-)EM-EOC-01 to Netta Architects LLC for professional services relating to construction of the emergency operations center project, in an amount not to exceed $160,000.

A motion to adopt Resolution 515-2026 was made by Councilmember James H. Ward, III 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. James H. Ward, III,

Nays: Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten, and Hon. Clifford R. Ross

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion Adopted

NEW BUSINESS, WALK-ON ORDINANCES | RESOLUTIONS AND OTHER PENDING BUSINESS
There was no New Business, Walk-On Ordinances, Walk-On Resolutions or other Pending Business.

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 Council Vice President Weldon M. Montague, III and seconded by Councilmember Adrienne K. Wooten.
Motion Adopted

The meeting was adjourned at 10:58pm.

PUBLIC NOTICE
The next scheduled Municipal Council Conference and Regular Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 4, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Fourth Floor, City Hall, 29 North Day Street, Orange, New Jersey 07050.

Approved: November 4, 2026

Trisha A. Scipio
Acting Municipal Clerk

Clifford R. Ross
Council President