

Conference Meeting – May 12, 2026

The conference Meeting began at 6:39 p.m., the Municipal Clerk read the following statement:

This is to inform the general public that this meeting is being held in compliance with Section 5 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, Public Law 1975. The notice for this meeting was emailed to the Star Ledger and the West Orange Chronicle on October 30, 2025 and published in the West Orange Chronicle on November 6, 2025.

Roll Call – Councilwoman Casalino, Councilman Krakoviak, Councilwoman Rudin, Councilwoman Williams and Council President Scarpa

Presentation: Dynamic Traffic Parking Study – Public Parking Proposal for the Valley Section

Public Meeting— May 12, 2026

The Public meeting began at 7:29 p.m., the Municipal Clerk read the following statement:

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Roll Call – Councilwoman Casalino, Councilman Krakoviak, Councilwoman Rudin, Councilwoman Williams and Council President Scarpa

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment

Joe Fagan-Public Information Officer for West Orange
Joy Burnett – Pillot Place – Valley Parking issues
Sesen Tewelde – Quinby Place – Valley Parking issues
Kamaya Herdman – Colony Dr. East – Parking restriction on street
Curtis Chaffin – Riggs Place – Valley Parking issues
Jarett Hall – Riggs Place – Valley Parking issues
Katie Kopil – Colony Dr. East – Valley Parking issues; Community engagement
Jackie Hendy – Beverly Rd. – Valley Parking issues; Intersection of Mitchell & Gregory; Crossing Guard coverage
Ken Gibbons – Riggs Pl. – Valley Parking issues; Commercial vehicles parking on street
Marlene Douse – Pillot Pl. – Valley Parking issues
Erica Carney – Swaine Pl. – Two Way on Rollinson; Seton Hall students use of Parking
Jennifer Iorio – Bellevue Terr. – Valley Parking issues; Providing information in other languages
Owner – 57 Quinby Pl. – Parking tickets due to parking issues
Sarah Fischler – Riggs Pl. – Parking issues in the Valley; Against One Way traffic
Susan Lenczyk – Eagle Rock Ave. – Dynamic Study - parking issues throughout the Township
Micaela Bennett – Old Indian Road – Valley parking issue; CAP Ordinance
Jennifer Sharrett – Howell Dr. – Jitney Service
Justin Goldsman – W.O. resident – Various items discussed
Sue Palmucci – Mt. Pleasant Ave. – President – W.O. Kiwanis Club
Seth Weisleder – Howell Dr. – West Essex Highlands
Joe Pannullo – Essex Fells – We Care – West Essex Highlands

There was no one else who wished to be heard. On motion made by Council President and seconded by Councilwoman Williams, public comment portion of the agenda was closed.

All members present voting "Aye."

At approximately 10:08 p.m., on motion made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Council President Scarpa, the Council recessed the Public meeting and entered into an Executive Session.

At approximately, 12:56 a.m., on motion made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilwoman Casalino, the Council adjourned their Executive Session.

All members present voting "Aye."

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting – Budget Meeting April 27, 2026 and Public Meeting(s) – April 28, 2026

Report of Township Officers - None

Reading of Petitions and Communications and Bids

- BID-Repair and Maintenance of Buses for the West Orange Public Works Department
- RFQ-Public Health Nurse Supervisor 2026/27
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Bill List – Councilwoman Rudin questioned the Assistant Township Attorney's bills with regard to OPRA matters and oversight of the bills when they come in.

Resolution(s) Approved on Consent Agenda

- a. **131-26 REMOVED**
- b. **132-26** Resolution Authorizing a Contract with Downes Tree Service Co., Inc., 65 Royal Lane, Hawthorne, NJ 07506 for the Purchase and Planting of 200 Trees and the Purchase and Installation of Root Barriers and Deer Fencing in an Amount NTE \$144,625.00 (Reynolds)
- c. **138-26** Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Raffle Licenses (Clerk)
- d. **139-26** Resolution Authorizing the Rejection of the Nine Bids Received for the Degnan Park Community Garden and Outdoor Fitness Area Improvements Project **(Carballo)**
- e. **140-26** Resolution Authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding Between the Township of West Orange and the County of Essex with Regards to the Installation and Maintenance of Two (2) LED Speed Feedback Signs Along Gregory Avenue Within Rights of Way Belonging to the County of Essex **(Carballo)**

- f. **141-26** Resolution Authorizing the Return of Street Inspection Escrow to A1General Construction, LLC for Work Performed in the Township's Right of Way Located at 270 St. Cloud Avenue **(Carballo)**
- g. **142-26** Resolution Authorizing a Discharge of Mortgage for the Property at 41 Liberty Street, West Orange, NJ (Semeraro)
- h. **143-26** Resolution Authorizing the Collector of Taxes to Rebate Payment to the Listed Taxpayer Pursuant to Final Judgment by the Tax Court of New Jersey (Longo)
- i. **144-26** Resolution Authorizing a Discharge of Mortgage for the Property at 8 Abington Road, West Orange, NJ (Semeraro)
- j. **145-26** Resolution Authorizing a License Agreement with the Montclair YMCA for the Use of the Ginny Duenkel Pool (Semeraro)
- k. **146-26** Resolution of the Township of West Orange Authorizing Settlement Agreement (Semeraro)
- l. **147-26** Resolution Authorizing an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing matters falling within the attorney-client privilege, to the extent that confidentiality is required in order for the attorney to exercise his ethical duties to this body; and for the discussion of matters which, by express provision of federal law, state statute, or rule of court, are required to be rendered confidential, specifically including: **Personnel Matter(s)-(a) West Orange Fire Chief, (b) Grievances for Terminal Leave Payments for Other Retirees; Litigation-(a) former Police Chief James Abbott-Discussion of Outside Counsel (b) Affordable Housing/Builders' Remedy Lawsuits; Potential Litigation-(a) Essex House; Contract Negotiations – (a) Redevelopment – Matrix; Attorney/Client Privilege-(a) Salary Ordinance – Municipal Court Configuration. Executive Session matters are subject to change**

Ordinances of Second and Final Reading

Ord. 2970-26

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Councilwoman Williams, **An Ordinance Amending And Supplementing Chapter 7, Traffic, Subsection 7-29.1, Speed Limits In General, Of The Revised General Ordinances Of The Township Of West Orange**, was taken up on second and final reading.

All members present voting "Aye."

The Council President stated that this is the scheduled time for the public hearing and asked the Clerk to read the ordinance by title only.

The Council President asked if there was anyone who wished to be heard.

There was no one that wished to be heard and the public hearing on this Ordinance. On motion made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Council President Scarpa, the public hearing was closed.

All members present voting "Aye."

On motion made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilwoman Casalino, the above referenced ordinance was adopted.

Councilwoman Casalino, Councilman Krakoviak, Councilwoman Williams and Council President Scarpa voting "Aye." Councilwoman Rudin abstained.

Ord. 2971-26

On motion made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Council President Scarpa, **An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 7, "Traffic," Section 32.2, "Restricted Parking Zones," Of the Municipal Code of the Township of West Orange**, was taken up on second and final reading.

All members present voting "Aye."

The Council President stated that this is the scheduled time for the public hearing and asked the Clerk to read the ordinance by title only.

The Council President asked if there was anyone who wished to be heard.

There was no one that wished to be heard and the public hearing on this Ordinance.

On motion made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilwoman Casalino, the public hearing was closed.

All members present voting "Aye."

On motion made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Council President Scarpa, the above referenced ordinance was adopted.

All members present voting "Aye."

Ord. 2972-26

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Council President Scarpa, , **Calendar Year 2026 Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank (N.J.S.A. 40a: 4-45.14)**, was taken up on second and final reading.

Councilwoman Casalino, Councilman Krakoviak, Councilwoman Williams and Council President Scarpa voting "Aye." Councilwoman Rudin voting "Nay."

The Council President stated that this is the scheduled time for the public hearing and asked the Clerk to read the ordinance by title only.

The Council President asked if there was anyone who wished to be heard.

Todd DuBovy – Burnet Terrace

There was no one else that wished to be heard. On motion made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilwoman Casalino, the public hearing was closed.

All members present voting “Aye.”

On motion made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilwoman Casalino, the above referenced ordinance was adopted.

Councilwoman Casalino, Councilman Krakoviak and Councilwoman Williams voting “Aye.”
Councilwoman Rudin and Councilwoman Scarpa voting “Nay.”

Pending Matters/New Matters/Council Discussion

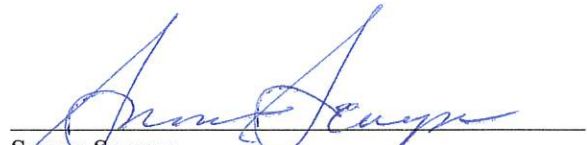
- Change to Cannabis Ordinance – Extension of Hours

ABC Hearing – None

At approximately, 1:15 a.m., on motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Councilwoman Williams, the Council adjourned their Public meeting

All members present voting “Aye.”

The Minutes of this meeting are on file in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.


Karen J. Carnevale, R.M.C.
Municipal Clerk
Susan Scarpa
Council President

Adopted: June 9, 2026