

### **Conference Meeting – May 26, 2026**

The conference Meeting began at 6:35 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

- **Swearing In of New Police Officers - West Orange Police Department**
  - Lilly Val Rose # 473
  - Brandon Vargas # 474
  - Anthony Schiena # 475
  - Alissa Psaryanos # 476
- **Presentation:** Lupus Awareness by Monique Gore-Massy, In partnership with the W.O. Health Department & the Mayor's Wellness Program

### **Public Meeting— May 26, 2026**

The Public meeting began at 7:08 p.m., the Municipal Clerk read the following statement:

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### **Pledge of Allegiance**

### **Public Comment**

Joe Fagan-Public Information Officer for West Orange  
Ken Gibbons – Riggs Pl. – 80 Main St.-PILOT, Financial Agmt.  
Jackie Hendy – Beverly Rd, - Executive Accountability; Fiscal Transparency Ordinance  
Krista Punsalan – Colony Dr. E. – Dangerous crossing at Mitchell & Gregory  
Justin Goldsman-W.O. resident – Cannabis revenue; Valley Parking issues; Ordinance Amending Ch. 20, Data Center Ordinance  
Brielle Majette – Mt. Pleasant Ave. – Rainbow crosswalk  
Rosemary Martos – Rosemont Terr. – PRIDE and representation, visibility, pledge  
Matt Dragon – Sheridan Ave.-PRIDE  
Mayor Susan McCartney – addressed several of the topics brought up in the Public Comment portion of the meeting

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 8:43 p.m., on motion made by Council President Scarpa and seconded by Councilwoman Williams Council President Scarpa, the Council recessed the Public meeting and entered into an Executive Session.

At approximately, 10:29., on motion made by Councilwoman Rudin and seconded by Council President Scarpa, the Council adjourned their Executive Session and the Public meeting continued.

All members present voting "Aye."

### **Consent Agenda**

#### **Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting** – Budget Meeting May 5, 2026 and May 11, 2026

On motion made by Councilman Krakoviak and seconded by Council President Scarpa, the minutes were tabled for revisions needed.

All members present voting "Aye."

#### **Report of Township Officers** - None

#### **Reading of Petitions and Communications and Bids**

- RFQ-Cancer Screening for the West Orange Fire Department

**Bill List** – One motion made by Councilwoman Rudin and seconded by Councilwoman Williams, Purchase Order 191568 for Llewellyn Park 2026 Snow Removal Reimbursement, in the amount of \$120,818.20 was removed from the Bill list for further review.

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

#### **Resolution(s) Approved on Consent Agenda**

- a. 148-26 REMOVED
- c. 150-26 Resolution Authorizing Emergency Sanitary Sewer Pipe Repair and Construction to Shauger Property Services, Inc. at 26 Woodhull Avenue, 429 Dodd Street, East Orange, NJ 07017 in the Amount of \$18,899.90 (Carballo)
- d. 151-26 Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Raffle Licenses (Clerk)
- e. 152-26 Resolution for Approval to Submit a Grant Application and Execute a Grant Contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Linden Avenue, Linden Court and Ardmore Terrace Improvements Project (Carballo)
- f. 153-26 Resolution Authorizing the Collector of Taxes to Refund Payment to the Listed Taxpayer Due to Veteran Exemption (Longo)

- g. 154-26 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)
- h. 155-26 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 and an Internal Personnel Matter; Contract Negotiations – (a) Redevelopment-80 Main Street (Smeraldo) Executive Session matters are subject to change.
- i. 156-26 Resolution Authorizing a Discharge of Mortgage for Property Located at Block 173.01, Lot 5.07, 24 Westover Terrace (Semeraro)
- j. 157-26 Resolution Authorizing the Collector of Taxes to Refund Payment to the Listed Taxpayer Due to a Duplicate Second Quarter Tax Payment (Longo)

**Ordinance(s) Removed from the Consent Agenda**

**149-26**

Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Professional Services Agreement with Blau & Blau of 233 Mountain Avenue Springfield, New Jersey 07081, for Municipal Tax Appeal Attorney for a Flat Fee of \$72,000 per Year for the First 40 Cases Filed in 2025 and Each Additional Case at a Rate of \$1,500. Per Case (Semeraro)

On motion made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilwoman Casalino, the above referenced resolution was approved.

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

**158-26**

Resolution Authorizing Interlocal Agreement with Borough of North Caldwell for Animal Shelter Services -2026 (Fonzino)

On motion made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilman Krakoviak, the above referenced resolution was approved.

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

**Ordinances of Second and Final Reading – None**

## **Ordinance(s) on First Reading**

### **Ord. 2973-26**

On motion made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilman Krakoviak, **An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 5, General Licensing, Article VII Cannabis Licenses, Subsection § 5-34.8(a) Operating Requirements and Prohibitions (Permitted Operating Hours for Licensed Cannabis Entities) of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange**, was approved on first reading, ordered advertised according to law, to come up for second and final reading after Planning Board review.

All members present voting "Aye."

### **Ord. 2974-26**

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 approved on first reading, ordered advertised according to law, to come up for second and final reading on **June 9, 2026**.

### **Ord. 2975-26**

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Council President Scarpa, **An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2, "Administration," Section 40.2 "Judge of the Municipal Court; Powers And," Of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange to Consolidate the Judge of the Municipal Court Positions**, was **TABLED** on first reading.

All members present voting "Aye."

### **Ord. 2976-26**

On motion made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilwoman Casalino, **An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 7, Traffic, Subsections 7-20 Stop Intersections of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange**, was approved on first reading, ordered advertised according to law, to come up for second and final reading on **June 9, 2026**.

All members present voting "Aye."

### **Ord. 2977-26**

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Councilwoman Rudin, **An Ordinance Adopting Redevelopment Plan for 80 Main Street**, was **TABLED** on first reading and will be reintroduced on June 9, 2026.

All members present voting "Aye."

### **Pending Matters/New Matters/Council Discussion**

The Council had a discussion about the policy in place, and procedure to be followed when the Council wishes to have meeting material reviewed and placed on an agenda.

### **ABC Hearing**

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Councilwoman Williams, the Public meeting was recessed and the Council entered into an ABC Hearing.

All members present voting "Aye."

### **786-26**

Hearing on Renewal for Plenary Retail Consumption, Distribution and Club Licenses for the 2026-2027 License Term (Clerk)

On motion made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilwoman Casalino, the above referenced resolution was approved.

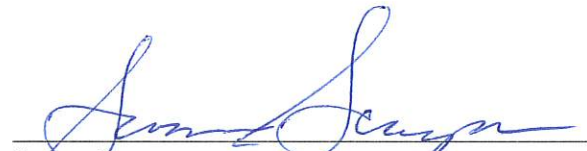
All members present voting "Aye."

At approximately, 11:15 p.m., on motion made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilwoman Casalino, the Council adjourned their ABC Hearing and the 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**