

Conference Meeting – June 9, 2026

The conference Meeting began at 6:49 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

- Proclamation: Honoring the Third Annual Juneteenth Film Festival
- Council Liaison Announcements

Public Meeting— June 9, 2026

The Public meeting began at 7:06 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

Ken Gibbons – Riggs Pl. – Resolution 160-26

Justin Goldman-W.O. resident – Cannabis Ord. 2973-26; Bill list; Status of 80 Main St.; 46 Mt. Pleasant Ave.

Joy Burnett – Pillot Pl.-Pilot for Valley area; Commercial parking on Alphabet streets

Alex Dalrymple-Gregory Ave. – Traffic and Speeding

Jackie Hendy – Beverly Rd, - Transparency Ordinance; Character of Council; Pride flag

Jackie Parisi – Mt. Pleasant Ave. – Speeding on Mt. Pleasant Ave.

Beverly H. - Mt. Pleasant Ave. – Parking issues

Rachel Kline – Howell Dr. – Senior Center for Township

Joe Pannullo – Essex Fells – West Essex Highlands

Micaela Bennett – Old Indian Rd. – Res. 162-26; Sewer bill; Executive Session minutes; Senior Svcs.; Library bathroom

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

All members present voting “Aye.”

At approximately 9:35 p.m., on motion made by Council President Scarpa and seconded by Councilwoman Williams, the Council recessed the Public meeting and entered into an ABC Hearing.

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

ABC Resolution(s)

787-26

Hearing on Renewal for 2026-2027 License Term – Huguito’s Restaurant & Bar, LLC,
0722-33-024-005 (Special Conditions)

On motion made by Councilman Krakoviak and seconded by Council President Scarpa the above
referenced resolution was approved.

All members present voting “Aye.”

788-26

Hearing on Renewal for 2026-2027 License Term – AMC Entertainment International, Inc. d/b/a AMC
Theatres Essex Green 9 - 0722-33-066-009 (Special Conditions)

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

All members present voting “Aye.”

789-26

Hearing on Renewal for Plenary Retail Consumption, Distribution and Club Licenses for the 2026-2027
License Term (Clerk) **Resolution Subject to Change as Additional Licensees Pay their Fees Prior to
the Meeting** (Clerk)

On motion made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Council President Scarpa the above
referenced resolution was approved.

All members present voting “Aye.”

790-26

Hearing on Renewal for 2026-2027 License Term – 1920’s Road House, Inc.- 0722-33-071-003 (Special
Conditions) (Inactive)

On motion made by Council President Scarpa and seconded by Councilwoman Casalino the above
referenced resolution was approved.

All members present voting “Aye.”

791-26

Hearing on Renewal for 2026-2027 License Term – Club 466 Caterers, LLC- 0722-33-035-012 (Special
Conditions)

On motion made by Council President Scarpa and seconded by Councilwoman Williams the above referenced resolution was approved.

All members present voting "Aye."

792-26

Hearing on Renewal for 2026-2027 License Term -- Heritage Restaurant & Lounge, LLC -- 442 Valley Road - 0722-33-025-010 (Special Conditions)

The licensee, Mr. Charles Makachi appeared to appeal the special conditions being implemented. Ms. Lori Reynolds, Esq., Antonelli, Kantor and Rivera appeared on behalf of the Township.

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Council President Scarpa the above referenced resolution was approved.

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

At approximately 10:20 p.m., on motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Council President Scarpa, the ABC Board/Council adjourned their ABC Hearing and entered into an Executive Session.

All members present voting "Aye."

At approximately 10:53 p.m., on motion made by Council President Scarpa and seconded by Councilwoman Casalino, the Council adjourned the Executive Session and the Public meeting continued.

All members present voting "Aye."

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting -- Budget Meeting(s) May, 5, 2026 with corrections, May 11, 2026 with corrections, Public Meeting(s) May 12, 2026 and May 26, 2026, and Executive Session May 12, 2026

Report of Township Officers - None

Reading of Petitions and Communications and Bids

Bid: NJ DOT MA 2025 Helen Avenue, Lawrence Avenue, Florence Place and Lowell Avenue Improvements Project

Bill List

On motion made by Councilwoman Rudin and seconded by Council President Scarpa, **Purchase Order 187440** KGC Enterprises, Inc., in the amount of \$25,705.00 was removed from the bill list.

All members present voting "Aye."

On motion made by Councilwoman Rudin and seconded by Councilman Krakoviak, **Purchase Order 191078**, D'Onofrio & Son, Inc. in the amount of \$16,787.50 (96-26) was removed from the bill list for further review.

All members present voting "Aye."

A motion was made by Councilwoman Rudin to remove **Purchase Order 189833**, Dynamic Traffic in the amount of \$12,000. (267-25). There was no second, therefore the motion died.

Resolution(s) Approved on Consent Agenda

- a. **159-26** Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Raffle Licenses (Clerk)
- b. **160-26** Resolution Awarding Professional Planning and Technical Support Services to Michael Baker International Inc. for the 2024 Safe Streets for All (Ss4a) Grant Program, Studies and Supplemental Planning **(Carballo)**
- c. **161-26** Resolution Authorizing the Release of Street Inspection Escrow At 45 Highwood Road **(Carballo)**
- d. **163-26** 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 Executive Session matters are subject to change.**
- e. **164-26** Resolution Permitting Display of Fireworks at the Essex County Country Club on July 2, 2026
- f. **165-26 PULLED**
- g. On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Councilwoman Williams, the consent agenda was approved.

All members present voting "Aye."

Resolution(s) Removed from the Consent Agenda

162-26

Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Professional Services Contract to Herbst-Musciano, LLC, 611 Main Street, Second Floor, Boonton, NJ 07005, for Professional Architectural Services Associated with the Interior Alterations for New Municipal Offices at 46 Mt. Pleasant Avenue, in an Amount NTE \$56,930.00 **(Carballo)**

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Councilman Krakoviak, the above referenced resolution was **defeated**.

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

166-26

Resolution Authorizing Extension of Professional Services Agreement with Essex Regional Health Commission (ERHC) for the Period of April 1, 2026 through July 31, 2026 in an Amount NTE \$51,975.00 (Fonzino)

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

All members present voting "Aye."

Ordinances of Second and Final Reading

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 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 Council President Scarpa, the above referenced ordinance was approved.

All members present voting "Aye."

Ord. 2976-26

On motion made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Council President Scarpa, **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 taken up on second and final reading.

All members present voting "Aye."

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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 Rudin and seconded by Councilwoman Williams, the above referenced ordinance was approved.

All members present voting "Aye."

Ordinance(s) on First Reading

2975-26 REMOVED

Pending Matters/New Matters/Council Discussion

July and August meeting dates were discussed.

Adjournment

At approximately, 11:59 p.m., on motion made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Council President Scarpa, the Public meeting was adjourned.

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: July 7, 2026.