

REVISED

PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA

Township of West Orange

66 Main Street – 7:00 p.m.

Monday, January 6, 2025-Meeting No. 1

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 December 11, 2024.

Statement of Decorum

In all matters not provided for in subsection 3-15.1 and except upon consent of the Council President, each person addressing the Council pursuant to this subsection shall be required to limit his or her remarks to five (5) minutes and shall at no time engage in any personally offensive or abusive remarks. The chair shall call any speaker to order who violates any provision of this rule.

(1972 Code § 3-15.2)

Roll Call – Councilwoman Casalino, Councilwoman Ghebremicael, Councilman Krakoviak, Councilwoman Rudin, Councilwoman Scarpa, Mayor McCartney

- 1. Public Comment**
- 2. *Consent Agenda**
- 3. *Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting – None**
- 4. *Report of Township Officers - None**
- 6. *Reading of Petitions and Communications and Bids - None**
- 7. *Bill List**
- 8. *Resolutions**
 - a. 1-25 Resolution Authorizing Agreement with University Hospital for Fire Fighter Training – 2025 (P. Reynolds)**
 - b. 2-25 Resolution To Authorize The Repair Of Fire Sprinklers At Various Township Owned Buildings Through The Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council (MCCPC) Cooperative Contract # MCCPC #52 (P. Reynolds)**
 - c. 3-25 Resolution Authorizing Contracts With Certain Approved State Contract Vendors For Contracting Units Pursuant To N.J.S.A. 40a:11-12a For 2025 (P. Reynolds)**
 - d. 4-25 Resolution Authorizing Contracts With Certain Approved Co-Operative Vendors For Contracting Units Pursuant To N.J.S.A. 40a:11-5(2) For 2025 (P. Reynolds)**
 - e. **TABLED** 5-25 Resolution Authorizing Service Agreement for Goose Control Technology – 2025 (Fonzino)**
 - f. 6-25 Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Raffle Licenses (Clerk)**

- g. **TABLED 7-25** Resolution Appointing Geniece Gary-Adams, Zoning Official as Municipal Housing Liaison (Legal-Gengaro)
- h. **8-25** Resolution Authorizing Donation of SCBAs to Morris Training Academy (Legal-Gengaro)
- i. **TABLED 9-25** Resolution Authorizing Memorandum of Understanding between the Township of West Orange and Family Connections/Adapt Youth Leadership Coalition (Legal-Gengaro)
- j. **10-25** Resolution Authorizing Second Amendment to Lease Agreement – W.O. Arts Council (Legal-Trenk)
- k. **11-25** Resolution Authorizing the Collector of Taxes to Rebate Payment to the Listed Taxpayer Pursuant to Final Judgment by the Tax Court of New Jersey (K. Longo)
- l. **12-25** Resolution Authorizing the Collector of Taxes to Refund Payment to the Listed Taxpayer Due to a Duplicate Payment of Tax and/or Sewer Charge (K. Longo)
- m. **13-25** Resolution Authorizing the Collector of Taxes to Refund Payment to the Listed Taxpayer Due to a Veteran Exemption (K. Longo)
- n. **14-25** Resolution to Set the Interest Rate and Penalties to be Charged for Delinquent Tax Payments (K. Longo)
- o. **15-25** Resolution Designating Official Newspapers for the Township Of West Orange – 2025 (Clerk)
- p. **TABLED 16-25** Resolution Awarding an Extension of Contract in 2025 for an Additional One Year Period to
Rich Tree Service, Inc., 325 Bergen Street, South Plainfield, N.J. 07080 and Downes Tree Service Co., Inc., 65 Royal Avenue, Hawthorne, N.J. 07970 for Emergency and Non-Emergency Tree Services 2025 (P. Reynolds)
- q. **TABLED 17-25** Resolution Awarding an Extension of Contract in 2025 for an Additional One Year Period for Tree Removal Services to Rich Tree Service, Inc., 325 Bergen Street, South Plainfield, N.J. 07080, as the Lowest Responsible Bidder for Trees Under 16” Diameter, Beucler Tree Experts, 48 Harold Street, Tenafly, N.J. 07670, as the Lowest Responsible Bidder for Trees Between 16” and 36” in Diameter and Downes Tree Service Co., Inc., 65 Royal Avenue, Hawthorne, N.J. 07970, as the Lowest Responsible Bidder for Trees Above 37” in Diameter (P. Reynolds)
- r. **18-25** Resolution Authorizing an Award of Contract to Frank Galbraith & Son Excavation and Demolition LLC, 831 Raritan Road, Scotch Plains, NJ 07076, for Tree Planting 2025 (P. Reynolds)
- s. **19-25** State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Green Acres Program Enabling Resolution for Supplemental Funding Request (Carballo) (formerly 343-24)
- t. **20-25** Resolution Establishing Filming Permit Fees - 2024 (Legal-Moon) (formerly 361-24)
- u. **21-25** Resolution for the Township Of West Orange, County Of Essex, State Of New Jersey, Adopting Temporary Budget Appropriations Pursuant To N.J.S.A. 40a:4-19 for the 2025 Year (Ditinyak)
- v. **22-25** Resolution Adopting a Cash Management Plan for the Township of West Orange, Essex County, State of New Jersey, for the Year 2025 (Ditinyak)

- w. **23-25 Downtown West Orange Alliance Special Improvement District 2025 Budget (Brill)**
- x. **24-25 Resolution to Retain Counsel for a Possible Municipal Officer “Removal for Cause” (Council)**
- y. **25-25 Resolution Authorizing an Executive Session to Discuss a Matter of Personnel Specifically a matter of Personnel for the purpose of conducting an interview with Stephen E. Trimboli, Esq., The Chilla Business Counsel, LLC - Labor Attorney**

9. Ordinances on Second and Final Reading-None

10. Ordinances on First Reading

- a. **2888-25 An Ordinance Amending Certain Terms in Chapter 5 Section 35 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange (Legal-Gengaro)**
The Township of West Orange has amended certain outdated terms such as “sexual preference” and has replaced the same with sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression.

11. Pending Matters/New Matters/Council Discussion

- a. ABC Hearing Date(s) – 364 Valley Road
- b. Resolution - Islamophobia and Anti-Arab Racism
- c. Resolution authorizing a property Appraisal of Mt. Pleasant Forest at Ridge Road for potential purchase by Green Acres/Open Space Trust Fund
- d. Changes to § 3-3.1 Rules of the Council with changes of meeting hours, scheduling, and Conference Agenda intended to encourage public participation and input, as well as clarity
- e. Changes to § 2-47.2 Environmental Commission membership and leadership positions to reflect the input and diversity of council members
- f. Changes to § 2-57.2 Open Space and Recreation Commission membership to reflect the input and diversity of council members
- g. Revise Resolution #279-09 Citizens’ Budget Advisory Committee to create an Ordinance revising membership to reflect the input and diversity of council members
- h. Rescind Ordinance § 2-5.3 to eliminate the duplication of the job responsibilities of the position of Director of Staff Operations with those of the Business Administrator
- i. Changes to Ordinance § 2-9.4 regarding Special Counsel to clarify the legislative “advise and consent” role and fiduciary oversight of the Council

12. ABC Hearing-None

13. Adjournment

The Council President may at his/her discretion modify with consent the order of business at any meeting of the Council if he/she deems it necessary and appropriate.
(1972 Code § 3-8; Ord. No. 726-84; Ord. No. 1157-93; Ord. No. 2128-07 § II)

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Next Meeting Date(s): January 28, 2025

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