

REVISED

PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA

Township of West Orange

66 Main Street – 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, February 25, 2025-Meeting No. 5

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 **January 7, 2025 and published in the West Orange Chronicle on **January 16, 2025**.**

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, Councilwoman Rudin, Councilwoman Scarpa, Council President Krakoviak, Mayor McCartney

- 1. Public Comment (**Agenda Items Only**)**
- 2. *Consent Agenda**
- 3. *Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting – Public Meeting January 28, 2025, ABC Hearing including Public and Executive Session February 5, 2025.**
- 4. *Report of Township Officers - None**
- 6. *Reading of Petitions and Communications and Bids - None**
- 7. *Bill List**
- 8. *Resolutions**
 - a. 68-25 Resolution Approving Proposal From Matrix New World For Environmental Services At The Property Located At 55 Lakeside For The Preparation Of A Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation (HDSRF) Grant Application And Submission NTE \$7,500.00 (Carballo)**
 - b. 69-25 Resolution Authorizing Reimbursement For 2024 Fire Hydrant Rental Costs For The Hilltop Villas Condominium Association On Herbert Terrace, A Condominium Which Is A Qualified Private Community With The Formula For Reimbursement As Set Forth In Ordinance No. 1384-96 And Codified As West Orange Revised General Ordinance No. 2-72 (Carballo)**
 - c. 70-25 Resolution Authorizing a Contract with Rescue Products International, Inc., for Training for the West Orange Fire Department in the Amount NTE of \$58,260.00 for 48 Lectures (P. Reynolds)**
 - d. 71-25 Resolution Authorizing the 2024 Reimbursement for Services to Private Communities – Snow Removal (Carballo)**
 - e. 72-25 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)**

- f. **73-25** Resolution Authorizing Discharge of Mortgage for Property located at 72 Park Terrace, West Orange, NJ 07052 (Legal-Moon)
- g. **74-25** A Resolution Authorizing The Award Of A Contract For The Provision And Support Of Edmunds Govtech Software To SHI International Though The New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Alliance (P. Reynolds)
- h. **75-25** Resolution Authorizing A Contract With Munidex To Maintain The Township's Finance And Tax Software For 2025 (P. Reynolds)
- i. **76-25** Resolution Authorizing The Execution And Delivery Of Loan Agreements To Be Executed By The Township Of West Orange, In The County Of Essex, State Of New Jersey And Each Of The New Jersey Infrastructure Bank And The State Of New Jersey, Acting By And Through The New Jersey Department Of Environmental Protection, And Further Authorizing The Execution And Delivery Of An Escrow Agreement, All Pursuant To The State Fiscal Year 2025 New Jersey Water Bank Environmental Infrastructure Financing Program (Ditinyak)
- j. **77-25** Resolution Determining The Form And Other Details Of Not Exceeding \$955,000 General Improvement Bonds, Series 2025 Of The Township Of West Orange, In The County Of Essex, State Of New Jersey, And Providing For Their Sale To The New Jersey Infrastructure Bank And The State Of New Jersey Pursuant To The State Fiscal Year 2025 New Jersey Water Bank Environmental Infrastructure Financing Program (Ditinyak)
- k. **78-25** Resolution to Authorize the Purchase of Playground Equipment/Flooring and installation through the Education Services Commission of NJ (ESCNJ) Cooperative Contracts # ESCNJ 24/25-01 and 24/25-03 Co-op # 65MCESCCPS (P. Reynolds)
- l. **79-25** Resolution Authorizing Execution of an Agreement with Fat Daddy's for Operation of Concession Stand at Ginny Duenkel Pool – 2025 (P. Reynolds)
- m. **80-25** Resolution Authorizing The Rejection Of The Two Bids Received For Solar Consultant (P. Reynolds)
- n. **81-25** Resolution Authorizing The Rejection Of The Seven Bids Received For Minish Park Improvements (Carballo)
- o. **82-25** Resolution Authorizing The Collector Of Taxes To Refund Payment To The Listed Taxpayer Due To Veteran Exemption (K. Longo)
- p. **83-25** 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)
- q. **84-25** Resolution to Award 2015 Used Or New 30-Passenger Ford F550 Super Duty Chassis And Cab Jitney Type Bus Or Equivalent (P. Reynolds)
- r. **85-25** A Resolution Approving A Proposal From Matrix New World For Environmental Services At 25 Lakeside Avenue NTE \$27,900.00 (Carballo)
- s. **86-25** Resolution Authorizing Temporary Construction Easement and Permanent Access Agreement with Property Owner of 737 Northfield Avenue (Carballo)

9. Ordinances on Second and Final Reading

- a. **2889-25** An Ordinance Amending And Supplementing Chapter 7, Traffic, Subsection 7-29.1, Speed Limits, General, Of The Revised General Ordinances Of The Township Of West Orange (Carballo)
The Ordinance amends the Traffic Regulations of the Township and establishes a Speed Limit of 25 miles per hour (MPH) on Kelly Drive. Based on local residents' requests and Stat Track data provided by the

Traffic Division of the West Orange Police Department, the Municipal Engineer determined the need for reduced traffic speeds in the area.

- b. 2890-25 An Ordinance Amending And Supplementing Chapter 25 Of The Revised General Ordinances Of The Township Of West Orange Banning “Pop-Up” Parties (Legal-Gengaro)**
The Township of West Orange (the “Township”) has received numerous complaints from residents in various neighborhoods throughout the Township regarding parties, events, and/or gatherings wherein the attendees of the events have purchased tickets or wristbands for entry into residential homes within the Township. The purpose of this Section is to provide recourse for the Township if such “pop-up” parties occur in the future and to put the public on notice that the same are prohibited as a health and safety concern for the general welfare of the public.
- c. 2892-25 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2, Sections 57.1, 57.2, And 57.6 General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange (Open Space and Recreation Committee and Trust Fund) (Legal-Moon)**
The purpose of this ordinance is to modify the composition and terms for membership on the Township of West Orange’s Open Space and Recreation Committee including the removal of two members currently appointed by the Mayor and the addition of one additional appointment by the Township Council to be made as a consensus selection by the vote of the majority of the Township Council. In addition, this ordinance modifies all terms on the Committee to one-year terms but allows for re-appointments.
- d. 2893-25 An Ordinance Repealing Chapter 2, Section 5.3 General Ordinances Of The Township Of West Orange (Director Of Staff Operations) (Legal-Moon)**
The purpose of this ordinance is to eliminate the position of Director of Staff Operations by way of the repeal of the provisions of the Township of West Orange Municipal Code establishing the position of the Director of Staff Operations.
- e. 2894-25 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2, Section 9.4 General Ordinances Of The Township Of West Orange (Special Counsel) (Legal-Moon)**
The purpose of this ordinance is to modify the provisions of the Township of West Orange Municipal Code governing the Township’s retention of Special Counsel. This ordinance: (i) requires appointment of Special Counsel by advice and consent of the Township Council; and (ii) require that the bills for Special Counsel shall be subject to approval from the Township Council.

10. Ordinances on First Reading

- a. 2895-25 REMOVED**
- b. 2896-25 An Ordinance Amending And Supplementing Chapter 7, Traffic, Subsection 7-32.2 Restricted Parking Zones Of The Revised General Ordinances Of The Township Of West Orange (Carballo)**
This Ordinance is in response to requests from handicapped residents who reside at 17 Meade Street, 11 Virginia Avenue, 17 Curtis Avenue, and 64 Mitchell Street. By adopting this Ordinance, the Township will establish a handicapped parking stall adjacent to each of these addresses. Such parking stalls are permissible under the laws of New Jersey, and they are designated as Restricted Parking Zones. All other Parking Ordinances under this chapter apply and supersede the use of these restricted spaces. Additionally, 3 restricted parking zones will be eliminated after the permitted residents moved away and the spaces are no longer needed.
- c. 2897-25 An Ordinance Amending And Supplementing Chapter 7, Traffic, Subsection 7-23.1, Turn Prohibitions, Of The Revised General Ordinances Of The Township Of West Orange (Carballo)**
This Ordinance will prohibit left turns from Glenview Drive southbound to Northfield Avenue eastbound during all hours. This Prohibition was requested by the West Orange Police Traffic Division after two recent auto/pedestrian accidents. There is an unregulated pedestrian crossing at this intersection that allows residents of the neighborhood to cross Northfield to the eastbound side to access the bus stop. This Ordinance is designed to make pedestrian safety a priority.
- i. 2898-25 An Ordinance Amending And Supplementing Chapter 7, Traffic, Subsection 7-33, School Zones, Of The Revised General Ordinances Of The Township Of West Orange (Carballo)**

This Ordinance amends Chapter 7, Subsection 33 School Zones of the Revised General Ordinances. It establishes a School Zone at Liberty Middle School located at 1 Kelly Drive and updates the names of other schools that have changed in the past.

- j. **2899-25** An Ordinance Amending And Supplementing Chapter 7, Traffic, Subsections 7-20 Stop Intersections, 7-21, Multi-Way Stops, And 7-21.1 Multi-Way Stops Near Schools, Playgrounds And Youth Recreational Facilities Of The Revised General Ordinances Of The Township Of West Orange (Carballo)

The Ordinance, which amends the Traffic Regulations of the Township, designates various types of new Stop intersections with Stop signs on the named approaches. Based on recommendations from the West Orange Police Traffic Division and residents' requests, the Municipal Engineer designated Bright View Engineering of Roseland to conduct the necessary traffic studies and assemble data to comply with N.J.S.A. 39:4-8 regulations. Additionally, two stop intersections created during new development of the Colonial Woods Drive are being added as well.

- k. **2900-25** Ordinance Amending Chapter 28 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange (Transition to Battery or Electric Leaf Blowers) (Council)

Science has shown that the noise, particulate matter, gas and oil fuel mixture being released unburned, and the fumes from burnt fuel are hazardous to the health of the workers, residents, particularly seniors and children and those with respiratory conditions, causing hearing loss and potential cancers, hypertension, cardiac disease, and increased stress levels. The practice of blowing leaves and other debris for property maintenance has unintended environmental and health consequences that disrupt and destroy animal, bird, insect and pollinator habitat, including adversely impacting the respiratory health of our pets. The Township wishes to continue to strengthen its commitment to public health and wellness and environmental sustainability and believes that the proposed amendments will help achieve greater equity and public health as well as quality of life. Commercial-grade battery-powered leaf blowers have become more readily available. The Township believes that the passage of this ordinance will more clearly reflect the needs and values of the West Orange community.

- l. **2901-25** An Ordinance Amending And Supplementing Chapter 4-6, Drug-Free School Zones, Subsection 4-6.2, Adoption Of Directive And Schematic Maps Of The Revised General Ordinances Of The Township Of West Orange (Carballo)

This Ordinance amends Chapter 4-6 Drug Free School Zones of the Revised General Ordinances. It establishes a Drug Free School Zone at Liberty Middle School, and Golda Och Academy Upper Campus, and updated the names of other schools that have changed in the past.

Public Comment (Non-Agenda Items)

11. Pending Matters/New Matters/Council Discussion

- a. Amendments to Chapter 2, Section 63 (Citizen Budget Advisory Committee)
- b. Resolution with regard to Lawn Care Registry (Rudin)
- c. Rent Leveling Board – Council Consensus Appointment
- d. **A “Hate Has No Home Here” Resolution Affirming the Township of West Orange's Commitment to Inclusivity and Condemning Hate**

12. ABC Hearing

- a. **758-25** Resolution Approving Renewal Of License #0722-33-016-006, Tapas Tavern, LLC Nunc Pro Tunc For 2023-2024 License Term (Inactive License)

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): March 11, 2025

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