

REVISED

PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA **Township of West Orange** **66 Main Street – 7:00 p.m.** **Tuesday, April 8, 2025-Meeting No. 8**

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**
- 2. *Consent Agenda**
- 3. *Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting – Public Meeting March 25, 2025**
- 4. *Report of Township Officers - None**
- 6. *Reading of Petitions and Communications and Bids**
 - a. RE-BID - The Maintenance of Various Township Owned Parcels, Including Turf Maintenance, Litter and Debris Collection, Weed Control and Fall Leaf Collection and Disposal**
 - b. RFQ for Professional Services for Affordable Housing Planner**
- 7. *Bill List**
- 8. *Resolutions**
 - a. 108-25 Resolution Permitting Display of Fireworks at the Essex County Country Club (Legal-Moon) This resolution permits the Essex County Country Club to display fireworks on July 3, 2025 with a rain date of July 6, 2025.**
 - b. 109-25 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)**
 - c. 110-25 Resolution Authorizing The Collector Of Taxes To Refund Payment To The Listed Taxpayer Due To Veteran Exemption (K. Longo)**
 - d. **TABLED** 111-25 Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Professional Services Agreement with Blau and Blau, 223 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, NJ to Serve as the Special Tax Counsel for Commercial Properties for the Township for 2025 at the Rates specified in the Agreement (Legal-Trenk)**
 - e. 112-25 Resolution Authorizing Disposal of Surplus Property-File Cabinets (P. Reynolds)**

- f. **113-25** Resolution Authorizing Award of Professional Services Agreement for NDS for Cancer Screening for WO Fire Department 2025 (Legal-Trenk)

9. Ordinances on Second and Final Reading

- a. **2904-25** An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 7, Traffic, Subsections 7-11 Parking Time Limited on Certain Streets During Certain Hours, 7-14.2A Parking Prohibited on Certain Streets During Certain Hours of Certain Days, and 7-14.3 Parking Time Limited on Certain Streets During Certain Hours of Certain Days of The Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange (Carballo)
- b. **2907-25** An Ordinance Amending And Supplementing Chapter 2, Section ____ Of The Revised General Ordinances Of The Township Of West Orange To Establish A Citizens Budget Advisory Board (Legal-Gengaro)
This Ordinance will establish the creation of a Citizens Board Advisory Board (the “Board”) by Ordinance. In years past, the Township previously had the Board by Resolution. The purpose of this Ordinance is to codify the rules and regulations of the Board via Ordinance.
- c. **2908-25** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2, Section 9.4 General Ordinances Of The Township Of West Orange (Special Counsel) (Legal-Gengaro)
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.
- d. **2909-25** 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 – Handicapped Spaces (Carballo)
This Ordinance is in response to requests from handicapped residents who reside at 26 Babcock Place, 268 Watchung Avenue, and 39 Washington Street.
By adopting this Ordinance, the Township will establish a handicapped parking stall adjacent to each of these addresses. In the case of 39 Washington Street, the stall will be placed on the side of the home on High Street, because the resident’s access if from that side. 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, two Handicapped Stalls located in Municipal Plaza nearest the Police Building will get limits of 1 hour parking for the convenience of residents that have business there. Two other stalls will be designated Handicapped for use of employees or others that need to park all day.

10. Ordinances on First Reading

- a. **2911-25** Capital Ordinance Appropriating \$1,000,000 to Pay for Various Improvements and Upgrades to the Oskar Schindler Performing Arts Center in the Township of West Orange, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey (Ditinyak)
- b. **2912-25** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 11, Section 3.4 Of The Revised General Ordinances Of The Township Of West Orange (License Fees; Maximum Number) (Legal-Moon)
The purpose of this ordinance is to revise the municipal code setting for the license fees for liquor licenses issued by the Township of West Orange. The ordinance sets forth an annual increase of 20% until the fees reach \$2,500.
- c. **2913-25** An Ordinance Amending And Supplementing Chapter 7, Traffic, Subsections 7-32.1 Handicapped Parking On Streets, And 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 125 Elm Street, 48 Park Terrace, and 42 Wellington Avenue. A Handicapped Parking Space on the Street will be established opposite 125 Elm Street, because there is no opportunity to park legally in front of or on the side of the residence due to other parking regulations. Because this space cannot be restricted to the resident, any person with a handicapped plate or placard may park there. The Township will also

establish handicapped parking spaces adjacent to the other two 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.

d. **2914-25 REMOVED**

- e. **2915-25** Bond Ordinance Providing For Various Roadway Improvements, By And In The Township Of West Orange, In The County Of Essex, State Of New Jersey, Appropriating \$10,030,000 Therefor And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$6,714,669 Bonds Or Notes Of The Township To Finance Part Of The Cost Thereof (Ditinyak)
- f. **MOTION FAILED 2916-25** Bond Ordinance Providing For Buildings And Grounds Improvements Along Rooney Circle, By And In The Township Of West Orange, In The County Of Essex, State Of New Jersey; Appropriating \$2,170,000 Therefor And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$2,066,840 Bonds Or Notes Of The Township To Finance Part Of The Costs Thereof (Ditinyak)
- g. **MOTION FAILED 2917-25** Bond Ordinance Providing For Various 2025 Capital Acquisitions And Improvements, By And In The Township Of West Orange, In The County Of Essex, State Of New Jersey, Appropriating \$635,000 Therefor And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$605,600 Bonds Or Notes Of The Township To Finance Part Of The Cost Thereof (Ditinyak)
- h. **2918-25** An Ordinance Amending And Supplementing Chapter 25, Section 29 Of The Revised General Ordinances Of The Township Of West Orange Based On Recommendations Of The New Jersey Stormwater Best Management Practices Manual (Carballo)

11. Pending Matters/New Matters/Council Discussion

- **A Proposed Ordinance on Increasing Transparency to Include the following:**
 1. Information on Litigation Involving the Municipality
 2. Public Comment at Council Meetings
 3. Website Posting of Annual Debt Statements and Supplement Debt Statements
 4. Details of Debt Issuance
 5. Public Safety Blotter
 6. Bill List
 7. Council Email Address
- **Future visit to Council Chambers by the North Jersey Chapter of Jack and Jill of America**

12. ABC Hearing

- a. **762-25** Resolution Authorizing a Place-to-Place Transfer of Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 0722-33-012-003, on behalf of BK Lobster WO, LLC t/a Hendrix House, 161 Main Street, 1st Floor, West Orange, NJ 07052 (Clerk) **(TO BE HEARD ON 4/22/25)**
- b. **763-25** Resolution Approving Renewal Of License #0722-33-031-007, 2001 Proof, 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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