

Conference Meeting – April 8, 2025

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

Roll Call – Councilwoman Casalino, Councilwoman Ghebremicael, Councilwoman Rudin
Councilwoman Scarpa, Council President Krakoviak

- Proclamation: W.O. PAL 14 U Competition Cheer Team
- Presentation: West Orange Police Department CSU - Blue Envelope Program
- Proclamation: Family Promise League, Nur Kalyoncu, Executive Director –
 - Sexual Assault Awareness Month

The Council presented their liaison announcements.

Public Meeting April 8, 2025

The Public meeting began at 7:03 p.m., the Municipal Clerk read the following statement:

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Roll Call – Councilwoman Casalino, Councilwoman Ghebremicael, Councilwoman Rudin
Councilwoman Scarpa, Council President Krakoviak

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment

Joe Fagan-Public Information Officer

Anthony Puglisi – Public Information Officer-Essex County

Valerie Palma DeLuis, Esq. – representing Tito John, WOPD

Rashira Jones – Rock Spring Road – Blue Envelope Pgm., Take Me Home Program

Brian Mirenda – Valley Road – presented a petition regarding Las Palmeras, Noise Issue

Shannon Green – Gregory Ave. – In support of Ord. 2915-25 Road Improvements

Frank Barszcz – Ridgeview Ave. – In support of Ord. 2915-25 Road Improvements

Dr. Akil Khalfani – Glennon Pl. – Black Inventors Museum

Erin Robbins – Ridgeview Ave. - In support of Ord. 2915-25 Road Improvements

Jennifer Jones – S. Valley Road - In support of Ord. 2915-25 Road Improvements

Sarah Elizabeth Traci – Gregory Ave. - In support of Ord. 2915-25 Road Improvements

Andrew Lamberson – Florence Pl. - In support of Ord. 2915-25 Road Improvements

Tammy Williams - In support of Ord. 2914-25, Black Inventors Museum

Seth Weisleder – Howell Dr. –Ord. 2914-25, Black Inventors Museum, In need Town Planner, Master Plan Update

Doug Adams – Westover Terr. – Various issues within the Township, Debt, Lafayette Park, Black Inventors Museum, Revenue needed

Sangeeta Badlani – Florence Pl. – Ord. 2914-25 Traffic Study needed

Micaela Bennett – Old Indian Rd. – Racial Discrimination WOPD, In support of Tito John, WOPD

Richard Leonardis – Pleasant Valley Way – Correspondence from Riker Danzig to Daria Paxton, misstatement from Councilwoman Rudin at prior meeting

There was no one else who wished to be heard, and the public comment portion of the agenda was closed.

Bids

- RE-BID - The Maintenance of Various Township Owned Parcels, Including Turf Maintenance, Litter and Debris Collection, Weed Control and Fall Leaf Collection and Disposal
- RFQ for Professional Services for Affordable Housing Planner

Bill List

After a brief discussion, the Bill List was approved on Consent.

Resolution(s) Approved on Consent Agenda

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)

110-25 Resolution Authorizing The Collector Of Taxes To Refund Payment To The Listed Taxpayer Due To Veteran Exemption (K. Longo)

112-25 Resolution Authorizing Disposal of Surplus Property-File Cabinets (P. Reynolds)

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ghebremicael and seconded by Councilwoman Casalino, the Consent Agenda was approved.

All members present voting “Aye.”

Resolution(s) Removed from Consent Agenda

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.**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Rudin to put forth an Ordinance that requires the use of quieter fireworks, such as Drones and Laser Shows.

The motion is lost for lack of a second, there was no second offered.

On motion made by Councilwoman Ghebremicael and seconded by Councilwoman Scarpa, the above referenced resolution was approved.

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

b. 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)

On motion made by Councilwoman Ghebremicael and seconded by Council President Krakoviak, the above referenced resolution was TABLED.

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

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

A motion was made by Council President Krakoviak to table the resolution stating that it was part of the litigation. The motion is lost for lack of a second, there was no second offered.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ghebremicael and seconded by Councilwoman Casalino, the above referenced resolution was approved.

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

Ordinance(s) on Second and Final Reading

At this time, on motion made by Council President Krakoviak and seconded by Councilwoman Ghebremicael, Ordinance 2911-25, listed on the agenda as a second and final reading Ordinance was moved to Ordinances on First Reading, as it was tabled on March 25, 2025 on first reading and needed to be reintroduced.

Ord. 2904-25

On motion made by Councilwoman Ghebremicael and seconded by Councilwoman Scarpa, **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** was taken up on second and final reading.

All members present voting "Aye."

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Council of the Township of West Orange, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey as follows:

Section 1. Subsection 7-11 PARKING TIME LIMITED ON CERTAIN STREETS DURING CERTAIN HOURS, of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange is hereby supplemented and amended as follows: (*italic type denotes deletion, bold type denotes addition*):

<u>Name of Street</u>	<u>Sides</u>	<u>Time Limit</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Location</u>
Colony Drive East	Both	1 hr.	8:00 AM-10:00 AM	Northfield Avenue southerly to the southerly curb line of Brook Place extended.

Section 2. Subsection 7-14.2A PARKING PROHIBITED ON CERTAIN STREETS DURING CERTAIN HOURS OF CERTAIN DAYS, of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange is hereby supplemented and amended as follows: (*italic type denotes deletion, bold type denotes addition*):

<u>Name of Street</u>	<u>Side</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Days</u>	<u>Location</u>
Colony Drive East	Both	8:00AM-10:00AM	School Days	Entire Length
Elliott Place	Both	8:00AM-10:00AM	School Days	Entire Length

Pitney Street	Both	8:00AM-10:00AM	School Days	Entire Length
Swayze Street	Both	8:00AM-10:00AM	School Days	Entire Length

Section 3. Subsection 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 is hereby supplemented and amended as follows: (*italic type denotes deletion, bold type denotes addition*):

<u>Name of Street</u>	<u>Sides</u>	<u>Time Limit</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Days</u>	<u>Location</u>
<i>Pitney Street</i>	<i>Both</i>	<i>1 hr.</i>	<i>8AM-10AM</i>	<i>M-F</i>	<i>Entire Length</i>
<i>Swayze Street</i>	<i>Both</i>	<i>1 hr.</i>	<i>8AM-10AM</i>	<i>M-F</i>	<i>Entire Length</i>

Section 4. If any provisions of this Ordinance or application thereof, under any circumstances, is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect any of the provisions or applications of this Ordinance that can be given effect without the valid provision(s) or application and to this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are severable.

Section 5. All other Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

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 was closed.

On motion made by Councilwoman Ghebremicael and seconded by Councilwoman Casalino, the above referenced ordinance was approved.

All members present voting "Aye."

Ord. 2907-25

On motion made by Councilwoman Ghebremicael and seconded by Councilwoman Scarpa, **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** was taken up on second and final reading.

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

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST ORANGE, NEW JERSEY that Chapter 2 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange be and are hereby amended as follows:

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Ordinance is to establish a Citizens Budget Advisory Board via Ordinance.

§ 2-____: Definitions

Citizens Budget Advisory Board: An advisory board made up of members of the public appointed by both the Township Council and the Mayor charged with reviewing the Township's Budget, its services,

programs and expenditures, compiling the Board's collective analysis, input and suggestions and presenting them to the Township Council by regular reports and presentations, as appropriate.

§ 2-____: Establishment of a Citizens Advisory Board

- A. The Citizens Budget Advisory Board shall be comprised of: (i) one member appointed by the Mayor; (ii) one member appointed by each of the five members of the Township Council; and (iii) one consensus candidate chosen by the majority of the Council.
- B. Candidates for the board shall be Township residents, work in the Township, employed by a company based in the Township, or own or lease property in the Township. The chair shall be selected by a majority vote of the members, as promptly as practicable once appointments are made. The term of each Board member will be one calendar year, starting on January 1 of the year that the members serve, and members may be reappointed in subsequent years. Appointments shall be made before January 1 of the year that members serve. In the case of any newly elected Councilmember, his/her appointment, as well as the appointment of the Council consensus, should be made as soon as practicable once he/she takes the oath of office.
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- D. A Board member can resign by sending a letter or email to the Municipal Clerk which shall take effect immediately. Any Board member may be removed with or without cause, at any time, by the person appointing the Board member.
- E. Board members are required to attend all scheduled Board meetings and strongly encouraged to attend all Council meetings that focus on the budget, including review of any video or audio recordings of such meetings. Failure to attend three Board meetings may be grounds for removal from the Board by a written motion to dismiss that can be offered by any Board member. The Board member at issue may request a public hearing of the cause(s) and present a defense. That hearing shall be followed by deliberation in open session. A majority vote decides the issue, with a tie vote allowing the Board member to continue to serve.
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- G. The Board shall:
 - a. Make all requests for information or materials following a majority vote of the members present.
 - b. Have access to all financial and budget documents that it believes are needed to advise the Council that are not otherwise subject to privacy or other non-disclosure limitations. The Board shall make its request in writing to the Council, which will review the request and forward it to the Business Administrator or his/her designee, and the Chief Financial Officer.
 - c. Request in writing through the Council to the Business Administrator or his/her designee, and the Chief Financial Officer to meet with the Chief Financial Officer or others as appropriate for presentations and discussions on these financial issues outside of a regular or special Council meeting.

- d. Take minutes of meetings and submit approved Minutes to the Council, Business Administrator and Chief Financial Officer. The Board will also provide the minutes to the Municipal Clerk for public availability in the Clerk's office and for posting to the Township website.
- e. Submit written reports to the Council, Business Administrator and Chief Financial Officer on a regular basis of the Board's findings, questions and recommendations.
- f. Appear as requested by the Town Council at Council meetings to present and/or engage in discussions with Councilmembers and Administration personnel, as appropriate.
- g. Meet at least once a month in the year that members serve, because Budget issues are a year-round responsibility, including year-end account reconciliations and pre-planning for the following calendar year. Meetings may occur more frequently depending on the majority vote of members.
- h. Communicate as appropriate with the Councilmember or Mayor who appointed them on budget matters. Members can also communicate through the Board Chair or his/her designee with county or state agencies as appropriate, as well as other municipalities and other entities that may perform similar advisory duties in other municipalities. When communicating, the Chair or designee shall clearly describe his or her role as a member of the West Orange Citizens Budget Advisory Board, a volunteer body created by Ordinance advising the Township Council to develop the annual budget and related financial areas.
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II. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES

Any Ordinances of the Township which are in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

III. SEVERABILITY

If any part of this Ordinance shall be deemed invalid, such determination shall only apply to those specific section(s), paragraph(s), subparagraph(s), clause(s) or provision(s) and those parts shall be severed. The invalidity thereof shall not affect the remaining parts of this Ordinance which shall be deemed valid and effective.

IX. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication in accordance with the law. 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 was closed.

On motion made by Councilwoman Ghebremicael and seconded by Councilwoman Scarpa, the above referenced ordinance was approved.

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

Ord. 2908-25

On motion made by Councilwoman Ghebremicael and seconded by Councilwoman Scarpa, **An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2, Section 9.4 General Ordinances Of The Township Of West Orange (Special Counsel)** was taken up on second and final reading.

All members present voting "Aye."

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST ORANGE, NEW JERSEY that Chapter 2, Sections 9.4 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange be and are hereby amended as follows:

I. PURPOSE

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.

II. CHAPTER 2 SECTIONS 9.4 SHALL BE AND HEREBY IS AMENDED AND SUPPLEMENTED TO INCORPORATE THE FOLLOWING:

2-9.4 Special Counsel.

Subject to the advise and consent of the Township Council, the Township Attorney may appoint such Special Counsel as may be required or advisable to handle matters in which a conflict of interest precludes representation by the Township Attorney or Assistant Township Attorney, or which due to its complexity, special nature, time demands or constraints, or for any good reason would benefit from the special experience and/or training of the Special Counsel to be hired. Such Special Counsel need not serve full time and would be expected to serve for the duration of the matter for which he or she was appointed, subject to annual reappointment with the manner and amount of compensation to be approved by the Township Council. Special Counsel would be subject to the supervision of the Township Attorney except for matters involving a conflict of interest precluding representation by the Township Attorney wherein Special Counsel would be subject to the supervision of the Assistant Township Attorney or designated conflict counsel. The bills of all Special Counsel shall be subject to approval by the Township Council. The Township Council must receive written notification from the Administration detailing the reasons for engaging Special Counsel, including the name of the law firm to be engaged, the rate, and a "not to exceed" clause.

III. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES

Any Ordinances of the Township which are in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

IV. SEVERABILITY

If any part of this Ordinance shall be deemed invalid, such parts shall be severed and the invalidity thereof shall not affect the remaining parts of this Ordinance.

V. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication in accordance with the law. 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 was closed.

On motion made by Councilwoman Ghebremicael and seconded by Councilwoman Scarpa, the above referenced ordinance was approved.

All members present voting "Aye."

Ord. 2909-25

On motion made by Councilwoman Ghebremicael and seconded by Councilwoman Scarpa, **An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2, Section 9.4 General Ordinances Of The Township Of West Orange (Special Counsel)** was taken up on second and final reading.

All members present voting "Aye."

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Council of the Township of West Orange, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey as follows:

Section 1. Subsections 7-32.2, Restricted Parking Zones of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange is hereby supplemented and amended as follows (*italic type denotes deletion, bold type denotes addition*):

7-32.2 Restricted Parking Zones. Pursuant to N.J.S.A 39:4-197.6, Restricted Parking Zones, as defined in N.J.S.A. 39:4-207.6e, are established in front of the following residences as indicated on the Tax Maps of the Township of West Orange, at the specified locations. Parking within a specific zone is restricted to the motor vehicle issued a permit pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:4-197.7. In accordance with N.J.S.A., 39:4-197.6 parking is permitted in the Restricted Parking Zone except when prohibited in front of the residence by other sections of this Chapter.

<u>Residence Address</u>	<u>No. of Spaces</u>	<u>Location</u>
26 Babcock Place	1	Beginning 195 feet east of the easterly curb line of Main Street extended, and extending 20 feet east.
268 Watchung Avenue	1	Beginning 348 feet north of the northerly curb line of Alden Street,

and extending 20 feet north.

39 Washington Street (on High Street)

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Beginning 55 feet north of the northerly curb line of Washington Street and extending 20 feet north.

Section 2. Subsections 7-32.3, Handicapped Parking in Municipal Parking Lots and Board of

Education Property of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange is hereby supplemented and amended as follows (*italic type denotes deletion, bold type denotes addition*):

Pursuant to N.J.S.A 39:4-197, Municipal Plaza Parking Lot #6 is designated in part as a Handicapped Parking Area. Such spaces are for use by persons who have been issued special identification cards, plates or placards by the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission or a temporary card issued by the Chief of Police.

Parking Lot

Parking Space(s)

Time limit

6

First two stalls on the east side of the Lindsay Avenue entrance.

1 hour

6

First two stalls on the west side of the Lindsay Avenue entrance, facing south.

None

Section 3. If any provision of this Ordinance or application thereof, under any circumstances, is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect any other provisions or applications of this Ordinance that can be given effect without the invalid provision(s) or application(s) and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are severable. All other Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication in accordance with law and upon the approval of the New Jersey Department of Transportation if required.

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 was closed.

On motion made by Councilwoman Ghebremicael and seconded by Councilwoman Scarpa, the above referenced ordinance was approved.

All members present voting "Aye."

Ordinance(s) on First Reading

Ord. 2911-25

On motion made by Councilwoman Ghebremicael and seconded by Councilwoman Casalino, **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**, was approved on first reading, ordered advertised according to law, to come up for second and final reading on **April 22, 2025**.

All members present voting "Aye."

CAPITAL ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$1,000,000 TO PAY FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS AND UPGRADES TO THE OSKAR SCHINDLER PERFORMING ARTS CENTER, IN AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST ORANGE, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, the Township of West Orange, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey (the "Township"), wishes to undertake capital improvements consisting of various improvements and upgrades to (i) the Oskar Schindler Performing Arts Center, including, but not limited to, the installation of a sound system for the amphitheater, a shed, the installation of ADA accessible seating, and the installation of safety lighting on the building, stage flooring and security cameras , and (ii) Crystal Lake, including, but not ut not limited to, the construction of two floating docks (the "Capital Improvements"); and

limited to, the construction of two floating docks (the "Capital Improvements"); and

WHEREAS, the cost of said Capital Improvements is estimated to be \$1,000,000; and

WHEREAS, the Township has received or expects to receive a New Jersey Department of Community Affairs Grant – Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund in the amount of \$1,000,000 (the "NJDCA Grant") to undertake the Capital Improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council desires to authorize the appropriation and expenditure of the NJDCA Grant in order to undertake the aforesaid Capital Improvements.

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST ORANGE, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY (a majority of the full membership thereof affirmatively concurring), **AS FOLLOWS:**

SECTION 1. The Capital Improvements or purposes described in Section 2 of this capital ordinance are hereby authorized as general capital improvements to be undertaken by the Township. There is hereby appropriated the amount of \$1,000,000, which amount is the NJDCA Grant received or expected to be received by the Township and deposited into the General Capital Fund for the said improvements or purposes stated in Section 2 hereof.

SECTION 2. The Capital Improvements or purposes hereby authorized are for various improvements and upgrades to (i) the Oskar Schindler Performing Arts Center including, but not limited to, the installation of a sound system for the amphitheater, a shed, the installation of ADA accessible seating, and the installation of safety lighting on the building, stage flooring and security cameras, and (ii) Crystal Lake, including, but not limited to, the construction of two floating docks. Said improvements or purposes shall also include, as applicable, all work, materials, equipment, engineering, design, consulting work, preparation of plans and specifications, permits, bid documents, conducting and preparation of reports and studies, environmental investigations and remediation, equipment rental, labor and appurtenances necessary therefore or incidental thereto.

SECTION 3. The expenditure of the NJDCA Grant for the improvements or purposes set forth in Section 2 hereof is hereby authorized and approved. The Mayor, the Clerk, the Chief Financial Officer and any other official/officer of the Township are each hereby authorized and directed to execute, deliver and perform any agreement with the State of New Jersey Department of Community Affairs or any other agreement necessary to undertake the improvements or purposes set forth herein and to effectuate the transaction contemplated hereby and thereby.

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SECTION 4. The Township hereby certifies that it has adopted a capital budget or a temporary capital budget, as applicable. The capital or temporary capital budget of the Township is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. To the extent that the purposes authorized herein are inconsistent with the adopted capital or temporary capital budget, a revised capital or temporary capital budget has been filed with the Division of Local Government Services.

SECTION 5. Capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined, shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the preambles to this capital ordinance.

SECTION 6. This ordinance shall take effect in accordance with applicable law.

Ord. 2912-25

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ghebremicael to lower the proposed increase of fees from 20% to 10%. It was seconded by Councilwoman Rudin.

Councilwoman Ghebremicael, Councilwoman Rudin and Council President Krakoviak voting "Aye." Councilwoman Casalino and Councilwoman Scarpa voting "Nay." The motion carries and the resolution is approved as amended.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ghebremicael to cap the fees at a maximum of \$2,000.00. It was seconded by Councilwoman Rudin.

Councilwoman Ghebremicael and Councilwoman Rudin voting "Aye." Councilwoman Casalino, Councilwoman Scarpa and Council President Krakoviak voting "Nay." The motion FAILED.

On motion made by Councilwoman Ghebremicael and seconded by Councilwoman Scarpa **An Ordinance Amending Chapter 11, Section 3.4 Of The Revised General Ordinances Of The Township Of West Orange (License Fees; Maximum Number)**, was approved on first reading, ordered advertised according to law, to come up for second and final reading on **April 22, 2025**.

All members present voting "Aye."

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 11, SECTION 3.4 OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST ORANGE

(LICENSE FEES; MAXIMUM NUMBER)

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST ORANGE, NEW JERSEY that Chapter 11, Section 3.4 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange be and are hereby amended as follows:

I. PURPOSE

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 10% until the fees reach \$2,500.

II. CHAPTER 11, SECTION 3.4 SHALL BE AND HEREBY IS AMENDED AND SUPPLEMENTED TO INCORPORATE THE FOLLOWING:

11-3.4 License Fees; Maximum Number.

Effective May 1, 2025, the annual license fees and maximum number of licenses for the sale or distribution of alcoholic beverages within the Township shall be as follows:

Class of License	Annual License Fee	No. of Licenses
Plenary Retail Consumption	\$1,248.72	50
Seasonal Retail Consumption	\$936.54	0
Plenary Retail Distribution	\$905.98	16
Club License	\$188	1

Effective May 1, 2026, the annual license fees and maximum number of licenses for the sale or distribution of alcoholic beverages within the Township shall be as follows:

Class of License	Annual License Fee	No. of Licenses
Plenary Retail Consumption	\$1,373.59	50
Seasonal Retail Consumption	\$1,030.19	0
Plenary Retail Distribution	\$996.58	16
Club License	\$188	1

Effective May 1, 2027, the annual license fees and maximum number of licenses for the sale or distribution of alcoholic beverages within the Township shall be as follows:

Class of License	Annual License Fee	No. of Licenses
Plenary Retail Consumption	\$1,510.95	50
Seasonal Retail Consumption	\$1,133.21	0
Plenary Retail Distribution	\$1,096.24	16
Club License	\$188	1

Effective May 1, 2028, the annual license fees and maximum number of licenses for the sale or distribution of alcoholic beverages within the Township shall be as follows:

Class of License	Annual License Fee	No. of Licenses
Plenary Retail Consumption	\$1,662.05	50
Seasonal Retail Consumption	\$1,246.53	0
Plenary Retail Distribution	\$1,205.86	16
Club License	\$188	1

Effective May 1, 2029, the annual license fees and maximum number of licenses for the sale or distribution of alcoholic beverages within the Township shall be as follows:

Class of License	Annual License Fee	No. of Licenses
Plenary Retail Consumption	\$1,828.26	50
Seasonal Retail Consumption	\$1,371.18	0
Plenary Retail Distribution	\$1,326.45	16
Club License	\$188	1

Effective May 1, 2030, the annual license fees and maximum number of licenses for the sale or distribution of alcoholic beverages within the Township shall be as follows:

Class of License	Annual License Fee	No. of Licenses
Plenary Retail Consumption	\$2,011.09	50
Seasonal Retail Consumption	\$1,508.30	0
Plenary Retail Distribution	\$1,459.10	16
Club License	\$188	1

Effective May 1, 2031, the annual license fees and maximum number of licenses for the sale or distribution of alcoholic beverages within the Township shall be as follows:

Class of License	Annual License Fee	No. of Licenses
Plenary Retail Consumption	\$2,212.20	50
Seasonal Retail Consumption	\$1,659.13	0
Plenary Retail Distribution	\$1,605.01	16
Club License	\$188	1

Effective May 1, 2032, the annual license fees and maximum number of licenses for the sale or distribution of alcoholic beverages within the Township shall be as follows:

Class of License	Annual License Fee	No. of Licenses
Plenary Retail Consumption	\$2,433.42	50
Seasonal Retail Consumption	\$1,825.04	0
Plenary Retail Distribution	\$1,765.51	16
Club License	\$188	1

Effective May 1, 2033, the annual license fees and maximum number of licenses for the sale or distribution of alcoholic beverages within the Township shall be as follows:

Class of License	Annual License Fee	No. of Licenses
Plenary Retail Consumption	\$2,500.00	50
Seasonal Retail Consumption	\$2,007.54	0
Plenary Retail Distribution	\$1,942.06	16
Club License	\$188	1

Effective May 1, 2034, the annual license fees and maximum number of licenses for the sale or distribution of alcoholic beverages within the Township shall be as follows:

Class of License	Annual License Fee	No. of Licenses
Plenary Retail Consumption	\$2,500.00	50
Seasonal Retail Consumption	\$2,208.29	0
Plenary Retail Distribution	\$2,136.27	16
Club License	\$188	1

Effective May 1, 2035, the annual license fees and maximum number of licenses for the sale or distribution of alcoholic beverages within the Township shall be as follows:

Class of License	Annual License Fee	No. of Licenses
Plenary Retail Consumption	\$2,500.00	50
Seasonal Retail Consumption	\$2,429.12	0
Plenary Retail Distribution	\$2,349.90	16
Club License	\$188	1

Effective May 1, 2036, the annual license fees and maximum number of licenses for the sale or distribution of alcoholic beverages within the Township shall be as follows:

Class of License	Annual License Fee	No. of Licenses
Plenary Retail Consumption	\$2,500.00	50
Seasonal Retail Consumption	\$2,500.00	0
Plenary Retail Distribution	\$2,500.00	16
Club License	\$188	1

III. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES

Any Ordinances of the Township which are in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

IV. SEVERABILITY

If any part of this Ordinance shall be deemed invalid, such parts shall be severed and the invalidity thereof shall not affect the remaining parts of this Ordinance.

V. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication in accordance with the law.

Ord. 2913-25

On motion made by Councilwoman Ghebremicael and seconded by Councilwoman Scarpa, **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**, was approved on first reading, ordered advertised according to law, to come up for second and final reading on **April 22, 2025**.

All members present voting "Aye."

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

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Council of the Township of West Orange, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey as follows:

Section 1. Subsections 7-32.1, Handicapped Parking on Streets of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange is hereby supplemented and amended as follows (*italic type denotes deletion, bold type denotes addition*):

7-32.1 Handicapped Parking on Streets. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:4-197(2c) the following on-street location is designated as a handicapped parking place. Such spaces are for use by persons who have been issued special identification cards, plates, or placards by the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission, or a temporary placard issued by the Chief of Police. No other person shall be permitted to park in these places.

<u>Residence Address</u>	<u>No. of Spaces</u>	<u>Location</u>
120 Elm Street	1	Beginning 35 feet east of the easterly curb line of Mississippi Avenue extended, and extending 20 feet east.

Section 2. Subsections 7-32.2, Restricted Parking Zones of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange is hereby supplemented and amended as follows (*italic type denotes deletion, bold type denotes addition*):

7-32.2 Restricted Parking Zones. Pursuant to N.J.S.A 39:4-197.6, Restricted Parking Zones, as defined in N.J.S.A. 39:4-207.6e, are established in front of the following residences as indicated on the Tax Maps of the Township of West Orange, at the specified locations. Parking within a specific zone is restricted to the motor vehicle issued a permit pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:4-197.7. In accordance with N.J.S.A., 39:4-197.6 parking is permitted in the Restricted Parking Zone except when prohibited in front of the residence by other sections of this Chapter.

<u>Residence Address</u>	<u>No. of Spaces</u>	<u>Location</u>
48 Park Terrace	1	Beginning 682 feet west of the westerly curb line of Main Street, and extending 20 feet west.
42 Wellington Avenue	1	Beginning 124 feet west of the westerly curb line of Oakridge Road and extending 20 feet west.

Section 3. If any provision of this Ordinance or application thereof, under any circumstances, is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect any other provisions or applications of this Ordinance that can be given effect without the invalid provision(s) or application(s) and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are severable. All other Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication in accordance with law and upon the approval of the New Jersey Department of Transportation if required.

Ordinance 2914-25 was removed by Administration prior to the Council meeting.

Ord. 2915-25

On motion made by Councilwoman Ghebremicael and seconded by Councilwoman Casalino, **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**, was approved on first reading, ordered advertised according to law, to come up for second and final reading on **April 22, 2025**.

All members present voting "Aye."

Ord. 2916-25

A motion to approve was made by Councilwoman Casalino, **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**. The motion is lost for lack of a second, there was no second offered.

Ord. 2917-25

A motion to approve was made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Council President Krakoviak, **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**

Councilwoman Casalino, Councilwoman Ghebremicael and Council President Krakoviak voting “Aye.” Councilwoman Rudin and Councilwoman Scarpa voting “Nay.” The motion FAILED.

Ord. 2918-25

On motion made by Councilwoman Rudin and seconded by Councilwoman Scarpa, **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**, 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.”

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

A motion was made by Council President Krakoviak and seconded by Councilwoman Scarpa to add the above referenced ordinance to an upcoming agenda after the Law Department reviews and formats.

All members present voting “Aye.”

Councilwoman Rudin explained that she wanted to place a revised version of the Noise Ordinance on the next Council agenda. The Clerk explained that Legal will need time to review and format the Ordinance, so the ordinance may not go on the next agenda, but the one after that.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Rudin and seconded by Councilwoman Scarpa to add the Noise ordinance to an upcoming agenda.

All members present voting “Aye.”

- **Future visit to Council Chambers by the North Jersey Chapter of Jack and Jill of America**

No discussion took place as to the above referenced matter as Councilwoman Ghebremicael left the meeting at 11:21 p.m. because she was not feeling well.

ABC Hearing

- **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)**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Council President Krakoviak to approve the above referenced resolution. After a brief discussion by Council Members, Councilwoman Casalino rescinded her motion to approve, as did Council President Krakoviak, and decided to bring the resolution back on April 22, 2025 for consideration after more information about the establishment was obtained.

- **763-25** Resolution Approving Renewal Of License #0722-33-031-007, 2001 Proof, LLC Nunc Pro Tunc For 2023-2024 License Term (Inactive License)

A motion was made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Council President Krakoviak to approve the above referenced resolution.

Councilwoman Casalino, Councilwoman Scarpa, and Council President Krakoviak voting "Aye." Councilwoman Rudin voting "Nay." The motion was carried.

At 11:56 p.m., on motion made by Council President Krakoviak and seconded by Councilwoman Scarpa, the 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

Joe Krakoviak
Council President

Adopted: April 22, 2025