

Conference Meeting – June 24, 2025

The Conference meeting began at 6:34 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 Rudin, Councilwoman Scarpa, Council President Krakoviak

Absent: Councilwoman Casalino

- Proclamation Honoring Former Councilwoman Asmeret Ghebremicael
- Proclamation Celebrating Juneteenth
- Feasibility Study – Township Owned Buildings
- Council Liaison Announcements

Public Meeting-- June 24, 2025

The Public meeting began at 7:16 p.m., Municipal Clerk read the following statement:

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

Absent: Councilwoman Casalino

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment

Joe Fagan-Public Information Officer

Anthony Puglisi – Public Information Officer – Essex County, NJ

Maureen Robinson – Mount Pleasant Ave. – Issues in Apartment

Sheila Lefkowitz – Pleasant Valley Way – Budget, Fireworks, Public Comment via Zoom

Paul Trachtenberg – Sullivan Drive – We Care Founder – West Essex Highlands, Affordable Housing

Susan Lenczyk – Eagle Rock Avenue – Parking issues

Florence Smith – Mount Pleasant Ave. – Issues in Apartment

Krista Ross – Franklin Ave. – Parking Issues near Washington School

MK Adams – Park Drive S. – Dynamic Traffic Study, Parking

Joe Pannullo – Essex Fells – We Care President – West Essex Highlands

Micaela Bennett – Old Indian Rd. – Res. 162-25, Planning Board Counsel, Outside Employment of Twp. Employee

Luckson Etienne – Owner 364 S. Valley Rd. – Parking Issues, Paid Parking

Bill Rutherford – Hundt Pl.- Money spent on Library Project

Jose Paredes – Main St.-Noise Complaint re: OKO

Brenda Munoz – Harrison Avenue – Noise Complaint

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

At 9:29 p.m., on motion made by Council President Krakoviak and seconded by Councilwoman Rudin, the Council entered into the ABC Hearing.

All members present voting "Aye."

ABC Hearing

Resolution 767-25

Hearing on Renewal for 2025-2026 License Term – Las Palmeras, Inc. 0722-33-045-005 (Special Conditions)

Robert Williams, Esq. appearing on behalf of Las Palmeras, Inc.

Kourtney Cooke, Esq., of Antonelli, Kantor, Rivera, PC, appearing on behalf of the Township.

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

Councilwoman Rudin and Councilwoman Scarpa voting "Aye." Council President Krakoviak abstained.

Resolution 768-25

Hearing on Renewal for 2025-2026 License Term- LUX 123, LLC t/a South Valley Barbeque 0722-33-009-012 (Special Conditions)

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

All members present voting "Aye."

Resolution 769-25

REMOVED-No tax clearance

Resolution 770-25

Hearing on Renewal for 2025-2026 License Term – 1920's Road House, Inc. 0722-33-071-003 (Special Conditions)

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

All members present voting "Aye."

Resolution 771-25

Hearing on Renewal for 2025-2026 License Term- Club 466 0722-33-035-011 (Special Conditions)

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

All members present voting "Aye."

Resolution 772-25

Hearing on Renewal for 2025-2026 License Term- Huguitos Restaurant and Bar, LLC 0722-33-024-005 (Special Conditions)

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

All members present voting "Aye."

Resolution 773-25

Resolution Rescinding in Part ABC Resolution No. 765-25, Removing Licensee No. 0722-33-060-009 Wilshire Hospitality Services II, LLC T/A Wilshire Grand Hotel as a Licensee Approved for Renewal for the 2025-26 License Term for Failure to Pay Fees to the State ABC and West Orange (Clerk)

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

All members present voting "Aye."

Resolution 774-25

Resolution Regarding Alcohol Beverage Control Board's Adjudication of Transfer of License Application Concerning Jo Jo's Restaurant Services, LLC, Township of West Orange, Essex County, New Jersey West Orange ABC Board (Legal)

Due to the lack of a motion to approve the above referenced resolution, it's not formally put forward for a decision by the Governing body.

Resolution 775-25

Hearing on Renewal for Plenary Retail Consumption, Distribution and Club Licenses for the 2025-2026 License Term (Clerk) Resolution Subject to Change as Additional Licensees Pay their Fees Prior to the Meeting

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

All members present voting "Aye."

Resolution 776-25

Resolution Regarding Alcohol Beverage Control Board's Adjudication of Charges Issued to Las Palmeras, Inc. (Legal)

Robert Williams, Esq. appearing on behalf of Las Palmeras, Inc.

Kourtney Cooke, Esq., of Antonelli, Kantor, Rivera, PC, appearing on behalf of the Township.

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

Councilwoman Rudin and Councilwoman Scarpa voting "Aye." Council President Krakoviak abstained.

Resolution 777-25

Hearing on Renewal for 2025-2026 License Term-Harrison Avenue Tavern, Inc. 0722-33-058-006
(Special Conditions)

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

All members present voting "Aye."

Resolution 778-25

Resolution Authorizing the Person-to-Person Transfer of License No. 0722-33-009-013 from LUX 123, LLC to Jo Jo's Restaurant Services, LLC

Robert Williams, Esq. appearing on behalf of applicant(s), Johanie Jean-Louis and Jean Paul Doricent.

Kourtney Cooke, Esq., of Antonelli, Kantor, Rivera, PC, appearing on behalf of the Township.

On motion made by Councilwoman Rudin and seconded by Council President Krakoviak, the above referenced resolution was added to the agenda, and approved.

All members present voting "Aye."

On motion made by Councilwoman Rudin and seconded by Council President Krakoviak, the ABC Hearing was adjourned and the Public Meeting continued.

All members present voting "Aye."

Report of Township Officers

None.

Reading of Petitions and Communications and Bids

None.

Minutes

Public Meeting, May 6, 2025 and May 20, 2025 and Special Meeting, June 12, 2025.

Bill List

On a motion made by Councilwoman Rudin and seconded by Council President Krakoviak, the bills for Danhya Stokes and Steve Warner, were removed from the Bill List.

All members present voting "Aye."

The remainder of the Bill List was approved on Consent.

Resolution(s) Approved on Consent Agenda

- a. 151-25 Resolution Authorizing Fireworks at Montclair Golf Club (Legal-Trenk)

- b. **REMOVED-152-25** Resolution Authorizing the Planning Board to Draft a Redevelopment Plan for Block 88, Lot 1 Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq. (Legal- Trenk) (to be considered on July 22, 2025)
- c. **154-25** Resolution Authorizing the Township of West Orange Tax Collector to Prepare and Mail Estimated Tax Bills in Accordance with P.L. 1994, c.72 (Longo)
- d. **155-25** Resolution Authorizing the Collector of Taxes to Refund Payment to the Listed Taxpayer Due to a Duplicate Payment of Tax/and or Sewer Charge (Longo)
- e. **156-25** Resolution Authorizing the Collector of Taxes to Refund Payment to the Listed Taxpayer Due to Veteran Exemption (Longo)
- f. **157-25** Resolution to Adopt Procedures for Administration and Inspection of Federal Aid Highway Projects (Carballo)
- g. **158-25** Resolution Authorizing the Township of West Orange Tax Collector to Prepare and Mail Estimated Tax Bills in Accordance with P.L. 1994, C.72 (Ditinyak) (was approved on 6.12.25)
- h. **159-25** Resolution to Award a Contract to Computer square for the West Orange Police and Fire Emergency Infoshare/CAD/RMS Software Maintenance Renewal (P. Reynolds)
- i. **160-25** Resolution Authorizing Millenium Strategies LLC Exercise of Option for an Additional Year to Provide Grant Writing Services for the Township Not to Exceed \$46,800 Per Year (Legal- Moon)
- j. **161-25** Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Raffle Licenses (Clerk)
- k. **163-25** Resolution for Emergency Work for Northfield Avenue Sanitary Sewer Force Main (Carballo)
- l. **164-25** Resolution for Additional Funds for Emergency Storm Sewer Outfall Repairs and Permitting Hutton Lafayette Apartments (Carballo)

A motion was made by Councilwoman Rudin and seconded by Council President Krakoviak., the Consent Agenda was approved.

All members present voting "Aye."

Resolution(s) Removed from Consent Agenda

Resolution 153-25

Resolution Prescribing Fees as Set Forth in Ordinance 2918-25, an Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 25, Section 29 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township and Establishing New Requirements for Stormwater Management (Legal- Gengaro) Amended

On motion made by Councilwoman Rudin and seconded by Councilwoman Scarpa, the resolution was amended, changing the fee from \$1,000.00 to **\$3,000.00.**

All members present voting "Aye."

On motion made by Councilwoman Rudin and seconded by Councilwoman Scarpa, the resolution was amended to read **"\$3,000, in addition to \$175.00 per acre for the size of the lot".**

On motion made by Council President Krakoviak and seconded by Councilwoman Scarpa, the resolution was approved, as amended.

All members present voting "Aye."

Resolution 162-25

Resolution Authorizing Execution of Professional Services Agreement with Diana McGovern Esq. of Gaccione Pomaco serve as Planning Board Attorney (Legal- Trenk)

On motion made by Councilwoman Scarpa and seconded by Councilwoman Rudin, the above referenced resolution was **TABLED**.

All members present voting "Aye."

Ordinance(s) on Second and Final Reading – None

Ordinance(s) on First Reading

Ord. 2928-25

On motion made by Council President Krakoviak and seconded by Councilwoman Rudin, **An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 7, Traffic, Subsection 7-32.1 Handicapped Parking on Streets, 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 **July 22, 2025**.

All members present voting "Aye."

Ord. 2929-25

On motion made by Councilwoman Rudin and seconded by Council President Krakoviak, **An Ordinance Amending Chapter 25, Section 11.10 Regarding Outdoor Cafes**, was approved on first reading, ordered advertised according to law. The Ordinance will be placed on an upcoming agenda after Planning Board review. Date to be determined.

All members present voting "Aye."

Ord. 2930-25

On motion made by Councilwoman Rudin and seconded by Council President Krakoviak, **An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 7, Traffic, Subsection 7-18.1, One Way Streets Designated, Subsection 7-12, Parking Prohibited for Street Cleaning and Maintenance, Subsection 7-14.1c, Night Parking restricted, Subsection 7-46.2 Parking Prohibited During Certain Hours On Certain Days On Certain Streets Servicing Residential Land Uses, Except by Permit, and 7-46.9c Permit Parking Exceptions 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 **July 22, 2025**.

All members present voting "Aye."

Pending Matters/New Matters/Council Discussion

- a. Moriconi Flowers LTD-The Library of NJ, LLC-Extension Request-Cannabis Renewal Application
- b. Discussion: Consensus Appointment – Economic Development Commission
- c. Discussion: Seasonal Ban on Gas Leaf Blowers
- d. A motion was made by Councilwoman Rudin and seconded by Council President Krakoviak, to add the Noise Ordinance to the July 22, 2025 meeting agenda.

All members present voting "Aye."

At 11:21 p.m., on motion made by Council President Krakoviak and seconded by Councilwoman Rudin, 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
Joe Krakoviak
Council President

Adopted: July 22, 2025