

## **Conference Meeting – Cancelled**

### **Public Meeting—July 22, 2025**

The Public meeting began at 6:36 p.m., 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 Rudin, Councilwoman Scarpa, Council President Krakoviak

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

At 6:41 p.m., on motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Councilwoman Rudin, the Council entered into an executive session.

All members present voting “Aye.”

At 8:24 p.m., on motion made by Council President Krakoviak and seconded by Councilwoman Casalino, the Council entered back in to their Public meeting.

All members present voting “Aye.”

### **Public Comment**

Joe Fagan-Public Information Officer

Beverly Reilly – Lenox Terr. – Leaves, Love Em and Leave Em

Sally Malanga – Ridge Rd. – Leaves, Love Em and Leave Em

Liana Torrice – Ronald Terr. – Support for the Arts Council

Patricia Mitrano – Walker Rd. – W.O. Arts Council Chair – Support for the Arts Council

Lisa Suss – Co-Founder of Arts Council – Support for the Arts Council

Barbara Sachs – Livingston, NJ resident – Support for the Arts Council

Seth Weisleder – Howell Dr. – Air conditioner in CC, tax dollars being spent on litigation between Mayor & Council, Planner needed, Sidewalk Café Ord.

Jacquelyn Hendy – Beverly Rd. – Library, vacated Council seat

Kim Alexander Cooke-NJ Arts & Renewal Fund – Support for the Arts Council

Bruce Lefkon – O’Connor Circle – objection to Crystal Lake project

Joe Panullo – Essex Fells, WeCare President – West Essex Highlands

Tez Roro – Hutton Pl. – 2025 Budget, Support for the Arts Council

Mr. Aziz – W.O. resident – Support for the Arts Council

Dagmar Hobson – Tremont Ave. – Support for the Arts Council

Joe Vena – Stone Dr. – Affordable Housing Plan, Planner needed

Duke McCall – Linsley Ave. – Support for the Arts Council

Susan Lenczyk – Eagle Rock Ave. – Parking Challenges

M.K. Adams – Park Dr. S., Support of Arts Council, Ord. 2932-25 and Ord. 2933-25 Parking Challenges

Bill Rutherford – Hundt Pl. – Support for Arts Council, Litigation between Mayor & Council

Judy Affronti – Artist – Support for the Arts Council

Tammy Williams – Buckingham Rd. – Support for the Arts Council

Maureen Robinson – Mt. Pleasant Ave. – follow up on Crest Ridge Apartments

Clare Silvestri – Grandview Ave. – Criteria for Election in November  
Micaela Bennett – Old Indian Rd. – Mismanagement

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

### **Report of Township Officers**

None.

### **Reading of Petitions and Communications and Bids**

Snow Plowing, Salting, Removal and Snow Hauling Services for 2025/26 Season

### **Minutes**

June 24, 2025, Public Meeting and July 9, 2025, Special Meeting

Councilwoman Casalino abstained from the vote on the June 24, 2025 meeting minutes.

### **Bill List**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Rudin and seconded by Council President Krakoviak to pull the bills for Matrix New World.

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

A motion was made by Councilwoman Rudin and seconded by Councilwoman Casalino to pull the bills for CME. Both motions were later rescinded.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Rudin and seconded by Council President Krakoviak to remove the bills for Danya Stokes.

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

A motion was made by Councilwoman Rudin and seconded by Council President Krakoviak to remove the bill for Police Chief James Abbott’s expenses incurred while attending the NJSACOP conference in Atlantic City.

All members present voting “Aye.”

The remainder of the Bill List was approved on Consent.

### **Resolution(s) Approved on Consent Agenda**

- a. **165-25** Resolution to Read Budget by Title
- b. **166-25** Resolution Authorizing Interlocal Agreement with Borough of North Caldwell for Animal Shelter Services -2025 (Legal-Moon)
- c. **167-25** Resolution Authorizing Addendum to the Professional Services Agreement with Essex Regional Health Commission for Registered Environmental Health Specialist (Fonzino)
- d. **168-25** Resolution Authorizing a Contract for the Rehabilitation of Franklin Avenue and Oxford Place to SMITH-SONDY ASPHALT CONSTRUCTION CO. INC., 150 ANDERSON

AVENUE, WALLINGTON, NEW JERSEY 07057 in the amount not to exceed of \$777,502.97 (Carballo)

- f. **173-25** Resolution Authorizing Final Accounting of As-Built Quantities for the Fire Station No.4 Site Improvements Project with Crossroads Paving Corp., 386 South St, Suite 169, Newark, NJ, 071051 in the Amount NTE \$7,653.64 for Electrical and Fence Removal and Replacement Work (Carballo)
- g. **174-25** Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Raffle Licenses (Clerk)
- h. **175-25** 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)
- i. **176-25** Resolution Authorizing the Collector of Taxes to Refund Payment to the Listed Taxpayer Due To Veteran Exemption (K. Longo)
- j. **177-25** Resolution Authorizing an Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing a Confidential Matter Specifically to Discuss the Township's Fourth Round of the Affordable Housing Plan with Heyer, Gruel and Associates (Administration)
- k. **178-25** Resolution Authorizing an Emergency Appropriation in an Amount NTE \$442,710.63 without Authorization to Shauger Property Services, Inc., 429 Dodd Street, East Orange, NJ 07017, for Emergency Storm Sewer Investigation, Repair and Roadway Restoration within the Township's Right-of-Way at Rooney Circle (Carballo) **This work was performed pursuant to the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law, Emergency Contracts, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6 as the work was required to protect public health and welfare**
- l. **179-25** Resolution Requesting Approval of Items of Revenue and Appropriation Per NJSA 40A:4-87 (Ditinyak) **The Township of West Orange requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2025 in the sum of \$250,581.88, which is now available from the Design Phase award of the 2020 Transportation Alternative Grants (TAP) Washington Street Corridor Phase I.**
- m. **180-25** Resolution Requesting Approval of Items of Revenue and Appropriation Per NJSA 40A:4-87 (Ditinyak) **The Township of West Orange requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2025 in the sum of \$155,437.29, which is now available from the Design Phase award of the 2023 Transportation Alternative Grants (TAP) Washington Street Corridor Phase II.**

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

All members present voting "Aye."

#### **Resolution(s) Removed from Consent Agenda**

#### **Resolution 165(a)-25**

Resolution to Introduce the 2025 Municipal Budget

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

All members present voting "Aye."

#### **Resolution 169-25**

Resolution Granting Library of New Jersey Inc. a Renewal of its Local License to Operate a Cannabis Retail Business with the Township of West Orange (Legal-Moon)

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

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

#### **Resolution 170-25**

Resolution to Increase the Public Bidding Threshold from \$44,000.00 to \$53,000.00 (Admin/Finance)

The above referenced resolution was considered without any motions being brought forward.

#### **Resolution 171-25**

Resolution Authorizing Execution of Professional Services Agreement with Steven K. Warner of Savo, Schalk, Corsini, Warner, Gillespie, O'Grodnick & Fisher, P.A., 56 E. Main Street, Suite 301, Somerville, NJ, 08876, as Zoning Board Attorney at the Rate Specified in the Agreement (Legal-Trenk)

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

All members present voting "Aye."

#### **Resolution 172-25**

Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Contract with Diana McGovern, Esq., of Gaccione Pomaco, P.C., One Boland Drive, Suite 102, West Orange, NJ for the Position of Planning Board Attorney at the Rate Specified in the Agreement (Legal-Trenk)

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

All members present voting "Aye."

#### **Ordinance(s) on Second and Final Reading**

##### **Ord. 2928-25**

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Council President Krakoviak, **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 taken up on second and final reading.

All members present voting "Aye."

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 Casalino and seconded by Councilwoman Rudin, the above referenced ordinance was adopted.

All members present voting "Aye."

#### **Ord. 2930-25**

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Council President Krakoviak, **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 taken up on second and final reading.

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

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 Council President Krakoviak and seconded by Councilwoman Casalino, the above referenced ordinance was adopted.

All members present voting "Aye."

#### **Ordinance(s) on First Reading**

#### **Ord. 2932-25**

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Council President Krakoviak, **An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 7, Traffic, Subsection 7-7.3, Temporary Parking Prohibition for Snow Plowing and Removal, Subsection 7-12, Parking Prohibited for Street Cleaning and Maintenance, Subsection 7-14.1c, NIGHT PARKING RESTRICTED, AND SUBSECTION 7-14.7 Alternate Side Parking, 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 **August 12, 2025**.

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

#### **Ord. 2933-25**

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Council President Krakoviak, **An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 7, Traffic, Subsection 7-7.3 Temporary Parking**

**Prohibition for Snow Plowing and Removal, Subsection 7-10.2 Stopping or Standing Prohibited During Certain Hours on Certain Streets on Certain Days, Subsection 7-12 Parking Prohibited for Street Cleaning and Maintenance, Subsection 7-14.1 NIGHT PARKING RESTRICTED, and SUBSECTION 7-14.7 Alternate Side Parking 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 **August 12, 2025**.

All members present voting “Aye.”

#### **Ord. 2934-25**

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Council President Krakoviak, **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**, was approved on first reading, ordered advertised according to law, to come up for second and final reading on **August 12, 2025**.

All members present voting “Aye.”

#### **Ord. 2935-25**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Councilwoman Rudin to revise Section II, letter ‘c’ to read as follows:

Some form of formal space delineation *which is aesthetically pleasing*, such as a **removable** fence, shall be required in a parking lot or on sidewalks

All members present voting “Aye.”

A motion was made by Councilwoman Rudin and seconded by Councilwoman Casalino to revise Section II, letter ‘m’ to read as follows:

Whenever amplified sound or music is being played inside an establishment with an outdoor cafe or sidewalk cafe, ***all doors must be solid, not storm or screen***, and windows that open to the outside sidewalk or outdoor café shall remain closed, except as necessary for entry and exit.

All members present voting “Aye.”

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Councilwoman Rudin, **An Ordinance Amending Chapter 25, Section 11.10 Regarding Outdoor Cafes**, was approved, as amended, on first reading, ordered advertised according to law, to come up for second and final reading after Planning Board review, at a date to be determined.

All members present voting “Aye.”

#### **Pending Matters/New Matters/Council Discussion**

Council Consensus Appointment – Economic Development Commission

A motion was made by Councilwoman Rudin and seconded by Councilwoman Casalino to re-appoint Ms. Roz Moskowitz as the Council Consensus appointment to the above referenced commission.

All members present voting "Aye."

At 1:15 a.m., on motion made by Councilwoman Rudin and seconded by Councilwoman Casalino, the Council adjourned the Public meeting and entered into the ABC Hearing.

All members present voting "Aye."

### **ABC Hearing**

#### **Resolution 769-25**

Hearing on Renewal for **2025-2026 License Term-Angelito's, LLC, 0722-33-039-008** (Special Conditions)

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

All members present voting "Aye."

#### **Resolution 779-25**

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 Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Council President Krakoviak, the above referenced resolution was approved.

All members present voting "Aye."

At 1:21 a.m., on motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Council President Krakoviak, the ABC Hearing was adjourned.

All members present voting "Aye."

The Minutes of this meeting are on file in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

  
**Karen J. Carneyale, R.M.C.**  
**Municipal Clerk**  
**Joe Krakoviak**  
**Council President**

**Adopted: August 12, 2025**