

Conference Meeting – February 10, 2026

The conference Meeting began at 6:37 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, Councilman Krakoviak, Councilwoman Rudin, Councilwoman Williams and Council President Scarpa,

- Recognition: Harvey Silikovitz – Jeopardy Contestant
- Recognition: Robert Randolph – W.O. Grammy Award Recipient
- Proclamation: Black History Month

Public Meeting— February 10, 2026

The Public meeting began at 7:06 p.m., the Municipal Clerk read the following statement:

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Roll Call – Councilwoman Casalino, Councilman Krakoviak, Councilwoman Rudin, Councilwoman Williams and Council President Scarpa,

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment

Joe Fagan-Public Information Officer for West Orange
Anthony Puglisi Representing Joe DiVincenzo, County Executive
Jacqueline Hendy – Beverly Rd. – Immigration Trust Act
Irfan Khawaja – Ridgeway Avenue. – Responded to Previous Comment that was made
Camille DeLorenzo – Warren Rd. – Need for Improvements to OSPAC
Justin Goldsman – Moran Rd. – Resolutions on the Agenda
Clare Silvestri – 20 Grand View Ave. – Shortening meetings
Jennifer Iorio – Belleview Terrace – Fair Share Housing Plan
Todd Dubovy – Burnet Terrace – Resolution regarding 80 Main Street
Micaela Bennett – Old Indian Road – Fair Share Housing Plan, Agenda
Rachel Klein – Howell Drive – Fair Share Housing Plan

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

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting – None

Report of Township Officers - None

Reading of Petitions and Communications and Bids

- 2026 Contract for Food & Beverage Concession at W.O. Ginny Duenkel Pool Season with Option to Extend 2 One-Year Periods
- Re-Bid-EMS Apparatus

Bill List - None

Resolution(s) Approved on Consent Agenda

- b. **32-26** Resolution Authorizing an Executive Session for a Discussion on Governmental Structure, including but not limited to, Personnel, Legal Matters, Contract Negotiations, Property Transactions and Statutory/Regulatory matters (Legal-Semeraro)
- c. **33-26** Resolution Designating Panayiota Reynolds the 2026 Public Agency Compliance Officer for Equal Employment Opportunity Contract Requirements (Legal-Semeraro)
- d. **34-26** Resolution Authorizing the Release of Escrow for Road Opening at 51-101 Randolph Place **(Carballo)**
- e. **35-26** Resolution Authorizing the Release of Escrow for Road Opening at 1 Rooney Circle **(Carballo)**
- f. **36-26** Resolution Authorizing the Release of Escrow for Road Opening at Carteret Street **(Carballo)**
- g. **37-26** Resolution Authorizing the Release of Escrow for Road Opening at Mountain Avenue **(Carballo)**
- h. **38-26** Resolution Authorizing the Release of Escrow for Road Opening at 28 Hillside Avenue **(Carballo)**
- i. **39-26** Resolution Authorizing the Release of Escrow for Road Opening at 29 Luddington Road **(Carballo)**
- j. **40-26** Resolution Authorizing the Release of Escrow for Road Opening at 43 Thorn Terrace **(Carballo)**
- k. **41-26** Resolution Authorizing the Release of Escrow for Road Opening at 339 Valley Road **(Carballo)**
- l. **42-26** Resolution Authorizing the Release of Escrow for Road Opening at 534 Linden Avenue **(Carballo)**
- m. **43-26** Resolution Authorizing the Release of Escrow for Road Opening at 24 Franklin Avenue **(Carballo)**
- n. **44-26** Resolution Authorizing the Release of Escrow for Road Opening at Watchung Avenue **(Carballo)**
- o. **45-26** Resolution Authorizing the Release of Escrow for Site Inspections at the Montclair Golf Club, 25 Prospect Avenue, West Orange, NJ 07052 **(Carballo)**

- p. **46-26** Resolution Authorizing the Release of Escrow for Road Opening at Old Indian Road **(Carballo)**
- r. **48-26** Resolution Authorizing Contracts with Certain Approved State Contract Vendors for Contracting Units Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40a:11-12a for 2026 (P. Reynolds)
- s. **49-26** Resolution Authorizing Contracts with Certain Approved Cooperative Vendors for Contracting Units Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40a:11-5(2) for 2026 (P. Reynolds)
- u. **51-26** New Jersey Department of Transportation Division of Local Aid and Economic Development Recommendation of Award State Aid Project – LTPF-24 South Valley Road, Nassau Street, Union Street & Wheatland Avenue Improvement Project **(Carballo)**
- w. **53-26** Resolution Authorizing the Collector of Taxes to Rebate Payment to the Listed Taxpayer Pursuant to Final Judgment by the Tax Court of New Jersey (Longo)
- y. **55-26 Removed**
- z. **56-26** Resolution Authorizing the Collector of Taxes to Refund Payment to the Listed Taxpayer Due To Veteran Exemption (Longo)
- aa. **57-26** Resolution Authorizing the Collector of Taxes to Refund Overpayment of Taxes to the Listed Taxpayer (Longo)
- bb. **58-26** Resolution Authorizing an Emergency Contract for the Purchase of Road Salt from an Alternate Supplier Due to Two Long Duration Snow and Ice Storms on January 17 and 18, 2026 (Smeraldo)

59-26 Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Raffle Licenses (Clerk)

Resolution(s) Removed from Consent Agenda

Resolution 30-26

30-26 Resolution Approving a Debt Management Policy that Shall Serve to Guide Decisions and Actions of the Township of West Orange's Existing and Future Debt Related Activities (Ditinyak)

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

All members present voting "Aye."

Resolution 47-26

Resolution Authorizing the 2025 Reimbursement for Services to Private Communities – Street Lighting **(Carballo)**

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

All members present voting "Aye."

Resolution 50-26

Resolution Authorizing the Planning Board to Draft a Redevelopment Plan for Block 88, Lot 1-80 Main Street Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq. (Legal-Semeraro)

On motion made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilwoman Casalino, the fourth paragraph of the above referenced resolution was amended removing "appended hereto".

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

On motion made by Councilwoman Williams and Councilwoman Casalino, the above referenced resolution was approved as amended.

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

Resolution 52-26

Resolution Authorizing the Submission of an Application and Execution of a Grant Agreement for the Installation of a Prefabricated Mini Pitch That Includes Lighting and Would Allow for Different Sports to Be Played Including Soccer and Basketball (Johnson)

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

All members present voting "Aye."

Ordinances of Second and Final Reading

Ord. 2949-26

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Council President Scarpa, **An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 7, Traffic, Article 2 Subsection 7-37.1 Regulation for the Movement and Parking on Municipal and Board of Education Property 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.

On motion made Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Council President Scarpa, the public hearing was closed.

All members present voting "Aye."

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Councilwoman Williams, the above referenced ordinance was adopted.

Councilwoman Casalino, Councilman Krakowiak, Councilwoman Williams and Council President Scarpa voting "Aye." Councilwoman Rudin abstained.

Ord. 2950-26

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Councilwoman Williams, **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 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.

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Councilwoman Williams, the public hearing was closed.

All members present voting "Aye."

On motion made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Council President Scarpa, the above referenced ordinance was adopted.

All members present voting "Aye."

Ord. 2952-26

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Councilwoman Williams, **Capital Ordinance Providing For The Cost Of Preliminary Engineering Expenses In Connection With The Gregory Avenue And Lowell Avenue Safe Routes To School Project, By And In The Township Of West Orange, In The County Of Essex, State Of New Jersey; Appropriating \$387,047.59 Therefor To Pay For The Cost Thereof (Which Amount Will Be Funded By A Grant In The Amount Of \$387,047.59 Received Or Expected To Be Received From The New Jersey Department Of Transportation)**, was taken up on second and final reading.

All members present voting "Aye."

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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.

On motion made Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilwoman Casalino, the public hearing was closed.

All members present voting "Aye."

On motion made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Council President Scarpa, the above referenced ordinance was adopted.

All members present voting "Aye."

Ordinances of First Reading

Ord. 2953-26

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Councilwoman Williams, **Bond Ordinance Providing For Various Improvements To The Oskar Schindler Performing Arts Center, By And In The Township Of West Orange, In The County Of Essex, State Of New Jersey; Appropriating \$1,250,000 Therefor (Including A Grant Received Or Expected To Be Received From The New Jersey Department Of Community Affairs Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund In The Amount Of \$1,000,000) And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$238,000 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 **March 3, 2026**.

All members present voting "Aye."

At approximately, 10:07 p.m., on motion made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilwoman Casalino, the public meeting was recessed and the Council entered into an Executive Session.

All members present voting "Aye."

At approximately, 12:38 a.m., on motion made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilwoman Casalino, the Executive Session was adjourned and the Council continued their public meeting.

All members present voting "Aye."

Resolution 54-26

Resolution Endorsing the Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan as Adopted by the Township of West Orange Planning Board on November 10, 2025 (Legal-Semeraro)

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

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

Pending Matters/New Matters/Council Discussion - None

ABC Hearing - None

At 12:40 a.m., on motion made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilwoman Casalino, 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



Susan Scarpa
Council President

Adopted: March 24, 2026