

Conference Meeting – March 24, 2026

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, Councilman Krakoviak, Councilwoman Rudin, Councilwoman Williams and Council President Scarpa

- **Proclamation:** Women’s History Month – Recognizing the Women of Town Hall
- **Commendation:** Amistad Teacher & Student Award Winners
- **Presentation:** Grand Canyon University – Barden Adams

Public Meeting— March 24, 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

At approximately 7:11 p.m., on motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Councilwoman Williams, the Council recessed the public meeting and entered into an executive session.

All members present voting “Aye.”

At approximately 8:39 p.m., on motion made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Council President Scarpa, the Council adjourned the executive session and resumed the public meeting.

All members present voting “Aye.”

Public Comment

Joe Fagan-Public Information Officer for West Orange
Joy Burnett – Pilot Pl. – Parking Permits
Deborah Arbit – Smith Manor Blvd. – Vecchio Community Garden
Sandy Hertzberg – Boland Dr. – Vecchio Community Garden
Lisa Okyle – Mullarkey Dr. – Vecchio Community Garden
Bev Reilly – Lenox Terr. – Vecchio Community Garden
Doug Adams – Westover Terr. – Meeting protocol
Justin Goldsman – Moran Rd. – Various items
Sally Malanga – Ridge Rd. – Our Green WO – Timing of Executive Session, Turf, Pay to Play
Joe Pannullo – We Care – West Essex Highlands
Seth Weisleder – Howell Dr. – Ordinance on Zone Overlay

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

Consent Agenda

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Councilwoman Rudin, the consent agenda was approved.

All members present voting "Aye."

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting – Public meeting February 10, 2026

Report of Township Officers - None

Reading of Petitions and Communications and Bids

- Degnan Park Community Garden and Outdoor Fitness Area
- Safe Streets And Roads For All, Studies, And Supplemental Planning Professional Services
- Certified Public Accountant To Perform Forensic Audit
- RFQ-Arborist Services – Planning Board

Bill List

P.O. 190563, O'Toole Scrivo, LLC, in the amount of \$585.00.

On motion was made by Councilwoman Rudin and seconded by Councilman Krakoviak to pull the above referenced Purchase Order from the Bill list, was **defeated**.

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

P.O. 190400, American Messaging, in the amount of \$200.00.

On motion was made by Councilwoman Rudin and seconded by Councilman Krakoviak to pull the above referenced Purchase Order from the Bill list, was **defeated**.

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

P.O. 190789, AT&T Mobility, in the amount of \$5,119.05

On motion was made by Councilwoman Rudin and seconded by Council President Scarpa, the above referenced Purchase Order from the Bill list, was **tabled**.

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

The Council held a discussion on the following Purchase Orders listed on the Bill List, no action was taken:

P.O. 191080-Benecard Services, Inc. - \$94,095.76 (\$278,853.03)
P.O. 190943-Herc Rentals, Inc.-\$5,562.00
P.O. 191097-Hudson Regional Health Comm.-\$5,000.00
P.O. 189716-Matrix New World Engineering-\$505.00
P.O. 191072, Gregg F. Paster & Associates-\$5,232.50

Resolution(s) Approved on Consent Agenda

- a. **103-26** Resolution Rejecting the Bids Received for the Repair and Maintenance of EMS Apparatus for the West Orange Fire Department Contract and Authorizing the Director of Purchasing to Re-Bid the Repair and Maintenance of EMS Apparatus for the West Orange Fire Department Contract (Reynolds)
- b. **104-26** Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Raffle Licenses (Clerk)
- c. **106-26** 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)
- f. **107-26** Resolution Appointing Edwin Johnson as Director of the Department of Recreation and Cultural Affairs (Semeraro)
- i. **110-26** Resolution Authorizing Reimbursement for 2025 Fire Hydrant Rental Costs for the Hilltop Villas Condominium Association on Herbert Terrace, a Condominium which is a Qualified Private Community with the Formula for Reimbursement as Set Forth in Ordinance No. 1384-96 And Codified as West Orange Revised General Ordinance No. 2-72 **(Carballo)**
- j. **111-26** Resolution Authorizing an Award of Contract to One Total Cleaning Services, 130 Garfield Avenue, Plainfield, NJ 07062, for the 2026 Janitorial Services for Various Township Owned Facilities at an Annual Rate of \$63,911.25 (Reynolds)
- k. **112-26** Resolution Authorizing the Collector of Taxes to Refund Payment to the Listed Taxpayer Due to a Veteran Exemption (Longo)
- l. **113-26** Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Playground Equipment/Flooring and Installation through the Education Services Commission of NJ (ESCNJ) Cooperative Contracts # ESCNJ 24/25-01 and 24/25-03 Co-op # 65MCESCCPS for Colgate Park in an Amount NTE \$684,711.70 (Reynolds)
- m. **114-26 REMOVED**
- n. **116-26** Resolution Authorizing an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing matters falling within the attorney-client privilege, to the extent that confidentiality is required in order for the attorney to exercise his ethical duties to this body; and for the discussion of matters which, by express provision of federal law, state statute, or rule of court, are required to be rendered confidential, specifically including: Personnel: Abbott, Police Contract(s) matters (Semeraro)

Resolution(s) Removed from Consent Agenda

Downtown W.O. Alliance (DWOA) 2026 Budget - Public Hearing and Adoption

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

All member present voting "Aye."

Res. 105-26

Resolution Granting Pure Natural Vibes a Renewal of its Local License to Operate a Cannabis Retail Business with the Township of West Orange – 2026 (Clerk)

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

Councilwoman Casalino, Councilman Krakoviak, Councilwoman Rudin and Councilwoman Williams voting “Aye.” Council President Scarpa abstained.

Res. 108-26

Resolution Authorizing Agreement with Matthew Feula, Chief of Police (Legal-Semeraro)

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

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

Res. 109-26

Resolution Authorizing Agreement with Kevin Dalgauer, Deputy Chief of Police (Legal-Semeraro)

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

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

Res. 115-26

Resolution Supporting Passage of the Polluters Pay to Make New Jersey More Affordable Act (Mayor)

A motion was made by Councilwoman Rudin, but failed to advance due to lack of a second.

Ordinances of Second and Final Reading

2955-26 Chapter 25 – to be heard after Planning Board review

2956-26 REMOVED

Ord. 2957-26

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Council President Scarpa, **An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 2, “Administration,” Section 18.2, “Functions of the**

Engineering Department,” Of the Municipal Code 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 Council President Scarpa, the above referenced ordinance was adopted.

All members present voting “Aye.”

Ord. 2958-26

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Council President Scarpa, **An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 2, “Administration,” Section 10.1, “Director of Public Works; Duties of the Department,” Of the Municipal Code 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 Council President Scarpa, the above referenced ordinance was adopted.

All members present voting “Aye.”

Ord. 2959-26 REMOVED

Ord. 2960-26

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Council President Scarpa, **An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 2, “Administration,” Sections 71.4c, 72.4c, And 73.4c, “Formula for Reimbursement,” of the Municipal Code 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 Williams and seconded by Councilwoman Casalino, 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.

All members present voting "Aye."

Ord. 2961-26 REMOVED

Ord. 2962-26

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Council President Scarpa, **An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 21, "Environmental Regulations," Section 15.4c, "Design Standard," of the Municipal Code 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 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 Councilwoman Casalino, the above referenced ordinance was adopted.

All members present voting "Aye."

Ord. 2963-26

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Council President Scarpa, **An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 18, "Fire Protection and Prevention," Section 2.1b, "Establishing A Fire Lane at Bernard M Degnan Park," Of the Municipal Code 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 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 Councilwoman Casalino, the above referenced ordinance was adopted.

All members present voting "Aye."

Ord. 2964-26

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Council President Scarpa, **An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 17, "Solid Waste Management," Sections 7.9 "Leaf Disposal Period," 7.10, "Warning; Penalty," And 12.3b "Procedure for Reimbursement,"** of the Municipal Code of the Township of West Orange, was taken up on second and final reading.

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

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 Casalino and seconded by Council President Scarpa, the above referenced ordinance was **defeated**.

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

Ordinances of First Reading

Ord. 2966-26

On motion made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Council President Scarpa , **An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 20, "Streets and Sidewalks," Section 5.2, "Removal by Township," of the Municipal Code 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 24, 2026**.

All members present voting "Aye."

Ord. 2967-26

On motion made by Councilwoman Rudin and seconded by Council President Scarpa , **An Ordinance Amending Chapter 18 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange to Add**

a Section Regarding Fire Pits, was approved on first reading, ordered advertised according to law, to come up for second and final reading on **April 24, 2026**.

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

Ord. 2968-26

On motion made by Council President Scarpa and seconded by Councilman Krakoviak , **An Ordinance Amending Chapter 25, Article I, Section 9.13, of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange Banning “Pop-up” Parties**, 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.”

Ord. 2969-26

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Council President Scarpa , **An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 7, “Traffic,” Section 32.2, “Restricted Parking Zones,” of the Municipal Code 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 24, 2026**.

All members present voting “Aye.”

Pending Matters/New Matters/Council Discussion - None

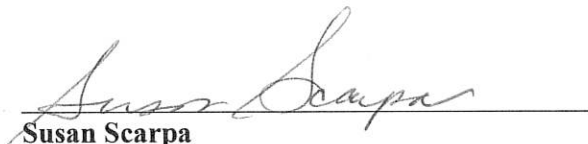
ABC Hearing - None

At approximately, 12:54 p.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: April 14, 2026