



SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Monday, March 10, 2025 - 7:00 PM

Executive Session - 6:15 PM

Virtual Webex Meeting

To access information on how to use WebEx to join the meeting, please click on the following link: <https://www.southorange.org/800/WebEx-FAQs>

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call Meeting to Order

2. Roll Call

Mayor Collum
Councilman Brown
Councilmember Greenberg
Councilmember Haskins
Councilwoman Hartshorn Hilton
Councilwoman Jones
Councilmember Lewis-Chang
Ms. Doran, Village Administrator
Mr. Rother, Village Counsel
Mr. Otis, Village Counsel
Ms. Davis, Village Clerk

3. Meeting Notice Statement

In accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act of the State of New Jersey, adequate notice of this meeting has been provided to the official newspapers of the Village, posted on the Village's website and filed in the Office of the Village Clerk indicating that this meeting is being held virtually via Cisco WebEx video conferencing. During a remote meeting, participants, including members of the public may be muted by the host. However, there will be an opportunity for them to participate and speak during the public portion of the meeting where participants will be unmuted at their request. Official action may be taken.

4. Resolution to go into Executive Session

2025-048 Resolution Authorizing an Executive Session at the March 10, 2025, Regular Meeting of the South Orange Village Council

- A. Matter/ (OPMA Exception)
Executive Session



- Water Utility (Attorney/Client Privilege Matter)
- Additional items for discussion may be introduced at the table

Voice Vote

5. Reconvene into Open Session

ROLL CALL

Mayor Collum
Councilman Brown
Councilmember Greenberg
Councilmember Haskins
Councilwoman Hartshorn Hilton
Councilwoman Jones
Councilmember Lewis-Chang
Ms. Doran, Village Administrator
Mr. Rother, Village Counsel
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6. Announcements

A. Water Administration Department

In accordance with the NJ Department of Community Affairs, the Winter Termination Prevention Program ends on March 15th and water shut-offs for non-payments/delinquencies begin. All established notice guidelines must be followed, including proper notice, holiday, weekend and medical emergency exclusions. Written notice of termination must be delivered at least 10 days before service is shut off.

7. Public Comment

Village Mayor opens meeting for public comment.

8. Approval of Minutes

A. The Village Clerk is requesting the Council members' approval of the minutes for the following meeting:

- Regular meeting held on February 24, 2025 (Councilwoman Hilton is ineligible to vote)

Roll Call Vote:



9. Ordinances for First Reading

- A. 2025-07 BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE LOCAL UNIT'S ALLOCABLE SHARE OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FOR THE JOINT MEETING OF ESSEX AND UNION COUNTIES, BY AND IN SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY (THE "LOCAL UNIT"); APPROPRIATING \$740,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$740,000 BONDS OR NOTES TO FINANCE THE COST THEREOF

ROLL CALL VOTE:

- B. 2025-08 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14) FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2025

ROLL CALL VOTE:

- C. 2025-09 BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$6,388,595 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$4,807,250 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE VILLAGE TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

ROLL CALL VOTE:

10. Ordinance for Second Reading

- A. 2025-01 AN ORDINANCE OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE, APPROVING AND ADOPTING AN UPDATED MUNICIPAL CODE, FULLY INCLUDING ALL ORDINANCES ENACTED FROM MARCH 25, 2024 THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2025

PUBLIC HEARING:

ROLL CALL VOTE:

- B. 2025-02 BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$1,000,000 FOR RENOVATIONS TO THE VILLAGE LIBRARY FACILITIES IN AND BY SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,000,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE VILLAGE TO FINANCE THE COST THEREOF

PUBLIC HEARING:

ROLL CALL VOTE:



11. Resolutions for Consent Agenda

- A. 2025-049 RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE UNITED STATES EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION'S
- B. 2025-050 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF PART-TIME SEASONAL EMPLOYEES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS FOR SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE
- C. 2025-051 RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE COMMITTEE AND AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A STRATEGIC PLAN IN SUPPORT OF AN APPLICATION FOR A MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE GRANT
- D. 2025-052 RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 2025-012 AUTHORIZING AWARD OF NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACTS FOR PROFESSIONAL LEGAL SERVICES TO INCLUDE AWARDS TO MCMANIMON, SCOTLAND & BAUMANN AS REDEVELOPMENT AND LABOR COUNSEL AND APPRUZZESE, MCDERMOTT, MASTRO AND MURPHY AS LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT COUNSEL
- E. 2025-053 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING HIRING OF A POLICE OFFICER FOR THE SOUTH ORANGE POLICE DEPARTMENT
- F. 2025-054 RESOLUTION AWARDING PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT TO PHOENIX CONSULTING GROUP AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH TOWNSHIP OF MAPLEWOOD TO SPLIT, EVENLY, THE COST ASSOCIATED WITH THE PHOENIX CONSULTING GROUP CONTRACT NOT TO EXCEED \$16,500
- G. 2025-055 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT FOR PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE OF THE BAIRD COMMUNITY CENTER ELEVATOR IN AN AMOUNT OF \$13,224.00 PER YEAR.
- H. 2025-056 RESOLUTION APPOINTING ALISON OXMAN AS A REGULAR MEMBER TO THE SOUTH ORANGE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

ROLL CALL VOTE:

12. Resolution for Separate Action

- A. 2025-057 RESOLUTION INTRODUCING THE 2025 MUNICIPAL BUDGET FOR SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE
 - BUDGET PRESENTATION

ROLL CALL VOTE:



13. Village Mayor's Appointment

- A. 2025-VP01 VILLAGE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF JULIANNA GARREFFA AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER TO THE SOUTH ORANGE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

14. Approval of Bills

- A. Councilwoman Hartshorn Hilton, Chair of the Finance and Capital Projects Committee, presents the Bills List audited by the Village Treasurer dated March 10, 2025. The Village Council members were provided with a copy of the Bills List prior to the meeting for examination.

2025-058 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE
ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH MARCH 10, 2025,
IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$2,444,479.18
ROLL CALL VOTE:

15. Village Mayor Report

16. Village Administrator Report

17. Village Attorney Report

18. Council Members Reports

- A. Councilman Brown
- B. Councilmember Greenberg
- C. Councilmember Haskins
- D. Councilwoman Hartshorn Hilton
- E. Councilwoman Jones
- F. Councilmember Lewis-Chang

19. Public Comment

Village Mayor opens meeting for public comment

20. New Business

21. Adjournment