



SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, September 8, 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 Jones
Councilmember Lewis-Chang
Councilman Schnall
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

2025-221 Resolution Authorizing an Executive Session at the September 8, 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 Jones
Councilmember Lewis-Chang
Councilman Schnall
Ms. Doran, Village Administrator
Mr. Rother, Village Counsel
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6. Announcements

A. **South Orange Downtown Farmers Market**

The South Orange Downtown Farmers Market returns for its 34th season and runs every Wednesday through October 29th, rain or shine, in the Sloan Street Parking Lot (12 Sloan Street) — right in the heart of South Orange Downtown. New Hours for 2025: 1 PM – 6 PM

B. **Downtown After Sundown Live Music Series**

South Orange Downtown presents our free live music series, Downtown After Sundown Saturdays from 6:30 pm-8:30 pm from June to September. It's a fun, casual environment to sit back, relax, and enjoy the sweet sounds of South Orange Downtown in the warm weather with fellow friends and neighbors.

C. **Open Space Trust Fund Ballot Referendum - Attend a Town Hall Discussion**

South Orange Village is considering a referendum to increase the Open Space Trust Fund tax, currently set at \$0.01/per \$100 of assessed value. This fund supports the preservation and enhancement of parks, playing fields, and open spaces by providing dedicated funding that will aid in the preservation of South Orange's natural beauty, promote environmental stewardship, and improve our parks and playing fields. Join us for a Town Hall



discussion on Wednesday, October 8 at 7:30pm, The Baird Community Center Stage & Screen Room, 5 Mead Street.

D. **Community Day & the Bus-Bike Parade**

Come and celebrate with South Orange **on Sunday, September 14, from 1–3 PM at the Skate House in Meadowland Park!** Enjoy yoga, inflatables, live music, bike decorating, safety tips, giveaways, and cool treats. The highlight: a Back-to-School Bike Parade with Walk Bike Ride & SOMA Bike Bus - open to kids and adults of all ages on bikes, scooters, strollers, or just walking. Meet neighbors, connect with over **66 organizations and municipal departments**, and dive into the vibrancy of our village!

E. **Transportation and Pedestrian Safety Committee**

We understand your frustration about attending multiple meetings on pedestrian safety. That's why we established a new Council standing committee, the Transportation and Pedestrian Safety Committee (TAPS), as the main forum for these discussions. Our first hybrid meeting is set for Wednesday, September 17th, at 7:00 PM, focusing on Church Street. Starting in 2026, TAPS will hold quarterly meetings. We encourage all residents to join and help shape safer streets for South Orange. For details, please visit the South Orange Calendar.

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 August 18, 2025 (Councilmember Greenberg is ineligible to vote)

Roll Call Vote:

9. **Ordinances for First Reading**

A. 2025-21 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING HANDICAPPED PARKING FOR GIOVANNA ROSE NIRO RESIDING AT 183 TICHENOR AVENUE, SOUTH ORANGE, AND THE AMENDMENT OF CODE CHAPTER 340-38, SUBSECTION B

ROLL CALL VOTE:

10. **Ordinance for Second Reading**



- A. 2025-20 BOND ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PROJECT DESCRIPTION SET FORTH IN SECTION 3(D)(1) OF BOND ORDINANCE #2024-08 OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY, FINALLY ADOPTED APRIL 8, 2024

PUBLIC HEARING:

ROLL CALL VOTE:

11. Resolutions for Consent Agenda

- A. 2025-222 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF A PART-TIME CROSSING GUARD FOR THE SOUTH ORANGE POLICE DEPARTMENT
- B. 2025-223 RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION N.J.S.A 40A:4-87
- C. 2025-224 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO REFUND DUPLICATE TAX PAYMENTS
- D. 2025-225 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF TAXES FOR 311 CENTRE STREET
- E. 2025-226 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF TAXES FOR 184 HILL DRIVE
- F. 2025-227 RESOLUTION OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY, RESCINDING RESOLUTION 2025-179 AND NAMING 58 SOUTH ORANGE LLC AS CONDITIONAL REDEVELOPER FOR PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 1902, LOT 1 (58 CHURCH STREET) AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONDITIONAL REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH RESPECT THERETO
- G. 2025-228 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT BY BUY BOARD COOPERATIVE CONTRACT #679-22 TO SUPERIOR RECREATIONAL PRODUCTS FOR THE PURCHASE NINE(9) CANTILEVER UMBRELLAS WITH INSTALLATION FOR THE PETER S CONNOR POOL IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$85,066.48
- H. 2025-229 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF PART-TIME SEASONAL EMPLOYEES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS FOR SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE
- I. 2025-230 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPOSAL AND AGREEMENT OF BEACON PLANNING AND CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR CONSULTING SERVICES FOR A REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT REVIEW FOR 164-& 168 VALLEY STREET NOT TO EXCEED \$17,000
- J. 2025-231 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (NJDOH), OFFICE OF LOCAL PUBLIC



HEALTH, STRENGTHENING LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH CAPACITY 2025-2026
GRANT AWARD

ROLL CALL VOTE:

12. Village Mayor Appointment

- A. 2025-VP04 VILLAGE MAYOR'S DESIGNATION OF THE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR AND DEPUTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATORS FOR THE SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE

13. Approval of Bills

- A. Councilman Schnall, Chair of the Finance and Capital Projects Committee, presents the Bills List audited by the Village Treasurer, dated September 8, 2025. The Village Council members were provided with a copy of the Bills List prior to the meeting for examination.

2025-232 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE
ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH SEPTEMBER 8, 2025,
IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$16,603,652.87
ROLL CALL VOTE:

14. Village Mayor Report

15. Village Administrator Report

16. Village Attorney Report

17. Council Members Reports

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

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19. New Business

20. Adjournment

