

**MINUTES
ORANGE VILLAGE COUNCIL
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 4, 2026
7:00 PM**

Annette Wallace, First CALL (Crisis Assistance and Local Linkage) team leader, presentation

- Mayor Kline introduced Ms. Wallace. He stated that the County will be supporting this program financially. Ms. Wallace explained the First CALLS program started as a pilot program in Shaker Heights in 2022. It has been very successful in Shaker Heights. It was more than typical mental health issues. It is an alternative response team including behavioral health clinician, license social worker, and peer support staff who engage with individuals experiencing mental health distress and substance abuse disorders. They also assist after the crisis.

Ms. Ullner thanked Ms. Wallace and stated this will be a great asset to the community and personnel with no cost to the community. This is a project that she's proud to have brought to Orange Village. Mr. Bilsky asked if they worked with the schools and she stated they do. Mayor Kline thanked Ms. Wallace for coming in to speak about the program and we look forward to working with them and joining the program.

Mr. Boyle is hoping the funding will continue and need to find sustainable money in the future.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS
7:00 P.M.**

3940 Beechmont Trail

To hear public comments before Council considers the variance request of the owners of 3940 Beechmont Trail. The applicants seek to reconstruct an addition to the current residence on the north side of the residence. The front (east) corner of the addition will be placed nineteen feet (19') from the side (northern) property line, requiring a variance of one foot (1.0').

- Council President Perry called the public hearing to consider the variance request of the owners of 3940 Beechmont Trail to order at 7:12 p.m.
- Audience comments related to the public hearing
 - o No Comments
- Council President Perry closed the public hearing to consider the variance request of the owners of 3940 Beechmont Trail at 7:13 p.m.

4545 Brainard Road

To hear public comments before Council considers the variance request of the prospective developer of 4545 Brainard Road. The property's owner, Temple Emanu El, is represented by Dommus Construction. The request is to permit the split of the northern portion of the property with frontage on Brainard Road from the remainder of the property that has frontage on Brainard Road and Emery Roads. Two variances are needed: a variance of fourteen thousand two hundred fifty-seven (14,257) square feet from the requirement that a lot in the U-1 Zoning District have one and one-half (1.5) acres, and a variance of six and twenty-five one-hundredths inches (6.25") from the requirement that a lot be a minimum of one hundred fifty feet (150') wide.

- Council President Perry called the public hearing to consider the variance request of the owners of 4545 Brainard Road to order at 7:13 p.m.
- Audience comments related to the public hearing
 - o No Comments
- Council President Perry closed the public hearing to consider the variance request of the owners of 4545 Brainard Road at 7:13 p.m.

4799 Lander Road

To hear public comments before Council considers the variance request of the proposed developer of 4799 Lander Road on behalf of its owner Newsong Church Assembly of God. The developer, Otero Signature Homes is seeking to construct six (6) lots on the property. Two of the lots require a setback of fifty feet (50') from the usual front yard setback requirement of one hundred feet. The shorter setback will be from the new road that will run perpendicular to Lander Road.

- Council President Perry called the public hearing to consider the variance request of the owners of 4799 Lander Road to order at 7:13 p.m. She facilitated the public hearing but did not participate in any discussion regarding the Newsong property.
- Audience comments related to the public hearing
 - o No Comments
- Council President Perry closed the public hearing to consider the variance request of the owners of 4799 Lander Road at 7:13 p.m.

1. Council President Perry called the Special Council Meeting of March 4, 2026 to order at 7:14 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll call

Members Present:	Vincent, Kurland, Ullner, Boyle, Bilsky, Perry
Members Absent:	Foster
Others Present:	Jud Kline, Mayor Steve Byron, Law Director Michael Roberts, Police Chief Larry Genova, Fire Chief Dana Kavander, Treasurer Brian Mader, Village Engineer Anna Girardi, Council Clerk

4. A Motion to adopt the Final Order and Decision of Council and the Conclusions of Fact for the variance request for Scott and Rochelle M Lewis to permit an addition to their residence at 3940 Beechmont Trail was made by Ms. Ullner seconded by Mrs. Kurland.

Ms. Ullner explained that this is the only way the addition can be built.

Ayes:	Kurland, Ullner, Boyle, Bilsky, Perry
Nays:	None
Abstain:	Vincent

5. A Motion to adopt the Final Order and Decision of Council and the Conclusions of Fact for the variance request for Temple Emanu El to permit the split of the northern portion of the property with frontage on Brainard Road was made by Mrs. Vincent seconded by Mrs. Perry.

Mayor Kline explained that when the property was developed there was an area on Brainard Road for additional access, they no longer need this. Their property is slightly smaller in frontage. They plan to build a single-family home on the property. Ms. Ullner stated she was previously a member of the Temple and to avoid even the appearance of an impropriety, she will abstain from discussion and voting.

Ayes: Vincent, Kurland, Boyle, Bilsky, Perry
Nays: None
Abstain: Ullner

6. A Motion to adopt the Final Order and Decision of Council and the Conclusions of Fact for the variance request for Otero Signature Homes to construct six (6) lots on the property. Two lots require a setback of fifty feet (50') was made by Ms. Ullner seconded by Mr. Bilsky.

Mrs. Vincent if we can table this variance. Ms. Ullner stated there was a public hearing at Planning & Zoning as well and there were no comments and/or questions. There was a properly-noticed public hearing tonight. Neighbors were notified twice. On each of these occasions, no one has come forward to voice any concerns or to dispute the requested variances. This should move forward with voting and that it is not fair to the parties to table this and make them wait. Mr. Boyle stated he received notice twice about the hearings.

Mrs. Vincent moved to table the matter until the March 11, 2026 meeting. There was no second to the motion.

Motion did not carry.

Mr. Boyle stated this is much different than the prior rezoning. He filed that the property should not be tax exempt, there are back taxes due on the property that will be resolved with the sale of the property. He believes it is approximately \$80,000. He wants to make sure it is addressed and paid in full during the sale of the property. Would like to see a buffer on the property between the current homes to allow some level of privacy. There are also wetlands on the property. Spoke about Number 14 in the Conclusion of Fact - regarding the septic system and stated this will not be a reason for him to oppose the motion but wanted clarification. Mr. Byron stated that if they do not have the septic approved the development will not move forward.

Mayor Kline stated that the plan does not include details for the construction.

Mrs. Vincent stated she is torn on this motion. Mrs. Perry stated that Council members had ample time to contact our legal counsel if they had any questions. Mrs. Vincent responded that she had contacted our legal counsel. Ms. Ullner stated the variances are for two properties out of the six that they are looking for a 50' variance on each one. She stated there is no harm to the neighbors and all notices have been sent out. Further, this is no different than the many variances that have been approved by Council previously.

Ayes: Vincent, Kurland, Ullner, Boyle, Bilsky
Nays: None
Abstain: Perry

7. A Motion to award the bid for the asphalt road repair program for 2026 to Ronyak Paving for the base bid and alternate in the amount not to exceed \$692,118.35 was made by Mrs. Perry seconded by Mr. Boyle.

Brian Mader, Village Engineer explained that Ronyak had the lowest and best bid. We have worked with Ronyak Paving for the last two years and recommends them for this project. They have their own asphalt plant which allows them to come in much lower.

Ayes: Vincent, Kurland, Ullner, Boyle, Bilsky, Perry
Nays: None

8. A Motion to approve the purchase of a 2026 Dodge 3500 Tradesman Reg Cab 4x4 from Montrose Ford at a cost not to exceed \$55,122.00 that was bid under the state of Ohio cooperative purchasing program. Note: In addition to the \$55,122.00 for the vehicle, the upfitting of the 2026 Dodge 3500 Tradesman will include several vendors with a total cost not to exceed \$16,574.00 was made by Mrs. Perry seconded by Ms. Ullner.

Law Director, Steve Byron stated that the upfitting for the vehicle is under the Mayor's spending authority so a motion by Council for the upfitting is not necessary. Chief Genova explained that this is replacing a vehicle that is 15 years old. The old truck will be surplusd once the new vehicle is in service.

Ayes: Vincent, Kurland, Ullner, Boyle, Bilsky, Perry
Nays: None

9. A Motion to authorize an agreement with Pavement Technology, Inc., for the rejuvenation of asphalt Village streets at a price not to exceed \$58,955.40 was made by Mrs. Perry seconded by Ms. Ullner.

Brian Mader, Village Engineer, stated this is a reimbursement under the county program. We will be reimbursed for \$39,280.50. This is part of our road maintenance program.

Ayes: Vincent, Kurland, Ullner, Boyle, Bilsky, Perry
Nays: None

10. A Motion to approve the Special Council Meeting Minutes of February 4, 2026 was made by Mrs. Vincent seconded by Mrs. Kurland.

Ayes: Vincent, Kurland, Ullner, Boyle, Bilsky, Perry
Nays: None

11. A Motion to approve the Council Meeting Minutes of February 11, 2026 was made by Ms. Ullner seconded by Mr. Boyle.

Ayes: Vincent, Kurland, Ullner, Boyle, Bilsky, Perry
Nays: None

12. Audience comments relating to agenda items only

- John Loftus, 4231 Lander Road

- o Ordinance 2026-4 concerning the zoning code- ask that they table this and allow the charter committee to review this and bring it back up after the zoning commission

- Law Director Byron stated that any changes made by the Charter Review Commission will not go into effect until January 1, 2027

- Ms. Ullner stated we need to do this to update our Ordinances to the current charter. If the charter changes, we will update later.
 - Mr. Byron stated he recommends that we keep consistent with the Charter
 - Mr. Boyle stated this is cleaning up the language with the Charter if the Charter is changed the Ordinance will also be changed

13. Old Business of Pending Legislation and Motions

A. ORDINANCE 2026-3

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE MAP OF SURVEY, CONSOLIDATION, VACATION AND DEDICATION FOR A PORTION OF ORANGE PLACE AND PARCEL "D", AND BLOCKS OF "A", "B" AND "C". 3rd Reading

Recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission

A Motion for passage of Ordinance 2026-3 was made by Ms. Ullner seconded by Mrs. Kurland.

Ayes: Vincent, Kurland, Ullner, Boyle, Bilsky, Perry
Nays: None

B. ORDINANCE 2026-4 (AS AMENDED)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1144.04 OF CHAPTER 1144, AMENDMENTS AND EXCEPTIONS, TO CLARIFY THE PROCEDURE(S) FOR PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE ZONING CODE OF ORANGE VILLAGE. 3rd Reading

Recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission

A Motion for passage of Ordinance 2026-4 was made by Ms. Ullner seconded by Mr. Boyle.

Mrs. Perry asked if any Council members would like to table this Ordinance. There was no action taken.

Ayes: Vincent, Kurland, Ullner, Boyle, Bilsky, Perry
Nays: None

14. New Business and Consideration of:

A. ORDINANCE 2026-7

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING A PORTION OF SECTION 1174.04 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF SENIOR SINGLE FAMILY DETACHED/ATTACHED DWELLINGS. 1st Reading

Mrs. Perry referred Ordinance 2026-7 to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Mr. Byron stated the language for the Ordinance will be the same as federal standard but also the same within the district for the congregate living and attached single family residential.

15. Audience comments relating to matters which advance the good of the Village
 - No comments

16. Comments by the Mayor
 - You can begin to place your orders for leaf humus by visiting our website at orangevillage.com or call 440-498-4400.
 - Computer, flags and household hazardous waste collection will be Friday, March 6 from 7am – 3pm at the Service Department, 4680 Lander Road
 - Orange Village Service Department has opened up the container drop off program for the season, visit the website for more information
 - Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, please remember to turn your clocks forward 1 hour.
 - o This is also a good time to change the batteries in your smoke detectors
 - New Fire Station/Village Hall renovation presentation will be on Thursday, March 12 at 7:00 p.m. at Village Hall
 - o There will be a bond issue on the ballot for this project
 - Ordinance next week concerning a usage fee for the pavilions and the Woodell room as well as the current deposit
 - o They have become very popular and the fee will support the administrative expenses required for booking, payment and oversight of the area as well as the additional cleaning of facilities by the Service Department the next business day.
 - o We would like to suspend the rules for this ordinance since we currently have people that would like to reserve the pavilions for this year
 - Cuyahoga County Soil and Water Conservation District will host a Tree Care workshop on Sunday, March 15 beginning at 10 AM at Pepper Pike. Visit our website for more information and to register
 - Thank everyone for their well wishes and cards
 - Application to state for the capital budget for the amphitheater
 - Requested that the veterans committee honor our veterans on the 250 anniversary of the United States
 - Zoning Code – asked planner and law director to review for redundancy or out of date information and come back to council for adoption of Ordinances
 - o Mayors and Managers Meeting would like to have unified zoning codes
 - Wayfinding signage – County Planning Commission will be meeting with the team
 - o Will report back as this progresses

17. Comments by the Council President
 - Parks and Recreation Committee has a member on the Wayfinding committee and they will be coming back to parks and recreation for recommendations
 - Wind energy regulations in other communities' survey
 - Feedback with dogs off leash on our park paths
 - o Autistic child feeling harassed with dogs that are off leash
 - o Chief Roberts stated that they were warned last year and they will be issuing citations
 - o Mrs. Kurland asked when the dog park would be available for use – Mayor Kline stated we are still working with the contractor for the fence installation
 - Mrs. Perry stated she hopes this may eliminate dogs off leash

18. Committee Reports and Comments by Council Members
 - Vincent**
 - Charter Review Committee Meeting – very interesting – thanked the committee for all their help
 - Arts & Culture Committee recap
 - o Market dates update

- Committees are welcome to be in attendance – let her know which one your committee would like to attend
- Three concerts and light up the holidays
 - June, July and August
- Next meeting April 7
- Please sign up for the electronic newsletter
- Resident thanked Fire Department for their efficient and generous response
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Kurland

- Sustainability & Resilience will meet March 10 at 7pm
 - Asking everyone available to attend, great deal of information
- First CALL program is a great idea and she is very excited

Ullner

- Orange CARES Committee Meeting – March 10 at 7pm
- Kiwanis next meeting is March 18 at the Orange Senior Center
- First CALL will be a really great program for our residents and employees and she's glad we have been able to bring it to Orange.
- International Women's Day – March 8

Boyle

- Orange family very close to him, Lurie's, and he would like to ask others to keep them in their thoughts and prayers

Bilsky

- Same sentiment as Mr. Boyle

19. A Motion to adjourn into executive session for the purpose of discussing the status of union negotiations, prospective or pending litigation and the appointment, compensation and resignation of Village employees was made by Mrs. Perry seconded by Mrs. Vincent.

Mayor Kline, Law Director Byron, Treasurer Kavander, Police Chief Roberts, Village Engineer Brian Mader, and legal counsel were asked to join the executive session

Ayes: Vincent, Kurland, Ullner, Boyle, Bilsky, Perry
Nays: None

Council entered into Executive Session at 8:22 p.m.

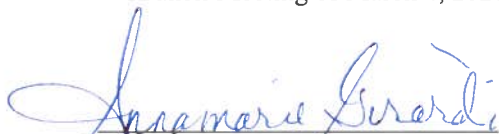
Council reconvened the Council Meeting of March 4, 2026 at 9:38 p.m.


20. Adjournment of the Special Council Meeting of March 4, 2026

A Motion to adjourn the Special Council Meeting of March 4, 2026 was made by Ms. Ullner seconded by Mrs. Vincent.

Ayes: Vincent, Kurland, Ullner, Boyle, Bilsky, Perry
Nays: None

Council Meeting of March 4, 2026 was adjourned at 9:38 p.m.


Annamarie Girardi
Council Clerk


Lisa Perry
Council President