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## Orange City Council Makes Meeting Adjustments

**ORANGE** - The Feb. 1 municipal council meeting has been added to their Feb. 15 agenda while a contracted plumber is working on keeping both City Hall boilers here continuously running.

"The plumber managed to get one boiler running since Thursday (Feb. 4)," said Orange Business Administrator John Mason to "Local Talk" 4 p.m. Feb. 7. "The Council Chamber is warm right now. It was the consensus among the council that it would be best to merge both agendas."

Mason explained that the contracted plumber is working on the four-story building's two boilers simultaneously. While the first boiler was revived, the contractor has been looking for parts to rebuild the other.

"The actual cost of rebuilding the boiler is some \$48,000," said Mason. "That doesn't include the appropriation for repairing the other boiler, a cost that I don't readily have."

The council, in a 5-2 vote, decided to adjourn the Feb. 1 meeting after finding both boilers broken down and the chamber below normal room temperature. City elders named the Orange Preparatory Academy - the 1920s-era former Orange High and Middle school on Central Avenue - as an alternate venue should a new date and time were decided upon and published within the proper time period.

Orange's 140-year-old building on 29 North Day St. has had a second boiler

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to go with a rear addition since the early 1970s. The four-story structure was the city's original high school building.

The Feb. 15 conference and regular council meetings at City Hall, barring any further heating problems, are to respectively start at 7 and 8 p.m.

## De Camp Bus Lines Hike Fares Feb. 14

**MONTCLAIR** : De Camp has quietly announced a fare increase among its five "Local Talk" area bus routes to New York City effective Feb. 14.

A single ride from Orange or East Orange to New York's Port Authority Bus Terminal on its No. 88 route, according to its updated Decamp.com fare schedule Feb. 9, will rise to \$7. Ten-trip books goes up to \$62 and a 40-trip book rises to \$230.

No. 88's commuters boarding in Bloomfield will have to pony up \$6.50 per ride. Nutley riders are to be charged \$5.50.

Riders on the No. 66 route from West Orange or Montclair are to ante up \$7 and Upper Montclair commuters \$6.25. Those taking the No. 66R - as in Roseland - route from West Orange are to pay \$7.25.

No. 44 route riders in Belleville and North Newark up to the "Lower Boonton Line" railroad tracks are to cough up \$6.50 a ride. No. 33 riders in Bloomfield and Glen Ridge are to pay the driver \$6.50 per ride in cash or by ticket. Nutley