

**MINUTES CITY COUNCIL**  
**CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP**  
**NEW JERSEY**

**THIS WAS A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP, HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF CITY HALL, 29 NORTH DAY STREET, ORANGE, NEW JERSEY ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2020 FOLLOWING THE CONFERENCE MEETING.**

The City Clerk led all assembled in a Salute to the American Flag.

**Roll Call:**

**Present:** Councilman Kerry J. Coley, East Ward  
Councilman Christopher Jackson, At-Large  
Councilman Harold Johnson, Jr., West Ward  
Councilwoman Jamie Summers-Johnson, South Ward  
Councilwoman Adrienne Wooten, At-Large  
Councilwoman Donna K. Williams, At-Large  
Councilman President Tency A. Eason, North Ward

**Also Present:** Joyce L. Lanier, City Clerk  
Chris Hartwyk, Business Administrator  
Gracia R. Montilus, City Attorney  
Deputy Chief Politi, Fire Department  
Adrian Mapp, Finance Director/Acting Business Administrator  
Marty Mayes, Planning and Public Works Director  
Todd Warren, Police Department  
Marlin G. Townes, Legislative Research Officer  
Lisette Sanchez, Records Support Technician

The City Clerk announced that the requirement of N.J.S.A. 10:4-9 et. seq., the Sunshine Law had been met. A notice of this meeting was sent to the Record-Transcript and published in the Star Ledger on July 5, 2019, posted on the Bulletin Board in City Hall and filed in the Office of the City Clerk.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**      None.

**REPORTS:**

**DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REVENUE COLLECTION 2020:**

- Department of Planning & Economic Development – Month of January 2020: \$72,765.00
- Clerk's Office – Month of January 2020: \$61.53
- Historic Preservation Commission - Month of January 2020: \$70.00
- Department of Community Service – Month of January 2020: \$25,586.00

**CONSTABLE REPORTS:**

- Richard Noizy- Month of January 2020 - 1/4/2020 monthly meeting, 1/12/2020 church security and 1/19/2020 church security.

**OPRA REPORTS:**

Month of January 2020: 201 OPRA requests received, 171 completed and 30 pending.

**COUNCIL REPORTS:**

Councilman Johnson, Jr. reported the following:

- provided an update on the Orange Public Library presentation held on February 13, 2020, which consisted of an architectural rendition of a feasible top to bottom renovation transforming the Orange Public Library to a state of the art library.

Councilman Jackson reported the following:

- expressed his enthusiasm towards a state of the art library in the City of Orange and how it will attract more visitors and be an investment for the future.
- warned the residents about Medicaid/Medicare calls and asked them to be wary and do not discuss their private information.

Councilwoman Williams reported the following:

- provided an update on the Finance Committee Meeting held tonight, February 18, 2020. Business Administrator Hartwyk reported that a lease has been signed with New Jersey Transit for the Highland Avenue Train Station and an engineering construction administration services contract is on the agenda (Resolution 72-2020) to assist in-house staff.

Council President Eason reported the following:

- respectfully requested that the Administration improve on events coordination to allow the Municipal Council and residents to attend events and/or meetings.

Councilwoman Summers-Johnson reported the following:

- supported the Council President's sentiments regarding event planning and suggested the use of Google calendar.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:**

Police Director Todd Warren an update for the Orange Police Department:

- 1) Drug bust wherein drugs were recovered;
- 2) Shut down of six (6) illegal gambling rings; and
- 3) the addition of twenty (20) new police vehicles.

**COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS** The City Clerk announced that there were no communications or petitions.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS ON GENERAL ISSUES/AGENDA ITEMS**

The City Clerk made the following statement.

Pursuant to Section 4-10 of the Code of the City of Orange Township, each person addressing the Council shall step up to the microphone, shall give his or her name in an audible tone for the record, and unless further time is granted by the presiding officer, shall limit his or her address to five (5) minutes. The public is expected to conduct themselves in a proper manner, any derogatory, abusive or threatening statements will not be permitted. The City Clerk will immediately rule such conduct out of order and terminate any further comments.

**The following residents and business owners made comments.**

1. Jeffrey Feld commented on the following:
  - a. his February 17, 2020 heads up memo;
  - b. Feld 19 hearing;
  - c. Resolution 400-2019;
  - d. Nishuane Group;
  - e. 495 Lincoln Avenue private sale;
  - f. interview of high school student to the Zoning Board;
  - g. Resolution 64-2020;
  - h. OPRA requests;
  - i. Resolution 83-2020; and
  - j. Planning Board study.
2. Murphy Wilson commented on the proposed appointment to the Zoning Board.
3. Mary Reade Liarmont commented on the proposed appointment to the Zoning Board and offered to assist with a mentoring program.
4. Gail Mitchell, Esq., attorney to the Zoning Board provided the Municipal Council with a legal opinion regarding appointments to the Zoning Board.

**Motion to close the citizen comments by Councilman Johnson, Jr., seconded by Councilman Coley. The Motion was unanimously approved.**

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilwoman Wooten commented on the following:

- respectfully requested from the Administration to make available for the residents on the City's website a development work in progress report so that the citizens can be informed of project development. Both Councilman Jackson and Business Administrator Hartwyk provided information regarding the history, process, screening and selection of development projects. Business Administrator Hartwyk will work with Planning Department to post on the City's website a report card on development and redevelopment projects around the City.
- requested that Business Administrator Hartwyk provide the process taken on asbestos contaminated properties. Mr. Hartwyk advised that an abatement permit must be obtained by the Department of Environmental Protection in the State of New Jersey since it is a state regulated process.
- informed the audience of the Police Committee Meeting scheduled for February 20, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Orange Police Department.

Councilman Jackson commented on the following:

- supported Councilwoman Wooten's sentiments regarding providing residents with information pertaining to projects around the City.

Councilman Summers-Johnson commented on the following:

- stressed the importance of voting and urged district leaders to help register residents to vote.
- encouraged residents to reach out to their Council Members to get their questions answered from the Police Department. The next Police Community Engagement meeting is scheduled for February 20, 2020 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Councilman Johnson, Jr. commented on the following:

- announced the West Ward Development Community Meeting to be held at the Seventh-Day Adventist Church of the Oranges.
- encouraged everyone to read the New Jersey League of Municipalities, pages 22 and 23 regarding foreclosures.

Councilwoman Williams commented on the following:

- reminded residents that participating in the Police Community engagement meeting will allow them intimate time to address their concerns/comments.
- requested from the Business Administrator Hartwyk tours of the City projects.
- Zoning Board appointment.

Councilman Coley commented on the following:

- Zoning Board appointment.
- Thanked Mr. Mayes for the demolition of 229 New Street.
- Thanked Business Administrator Hartwyk for new police cars.
- Announced Harriet moving screening at Bethel Church on February 26, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

Council President Eason commented on the following:

- Introduction of new voting machines and educating residents on how to vote.
- Encouraged residents to participate in the Development meetings which are very informative.
- Leasing of police cars for the City.
- Recognized Kit Nease, Water Department for all her great work with the City.
- Encouraged her fellow Council Members to listen to the residents, board members, comprise and follow the law.

#### **ORDINANCES-SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING**

**1-2020      An ordinance to amend the code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 200, entitled "Vehicles and Traffic" Section 200-52-1 Handicapped Parking Spaces. (205 Snyder Street)**

The City Clerk declared the time open for a hearing on Ordinance Number 1-2020. No residents appeared.

**Motion to close the public hearing by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilwoman Wooten. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.**

**Motion to adopt on Final Reading by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Jackson.**

**Roll Call:**

Ayes: Coley, Jackson, Johnson, Jr., Summers-Johnson, Williams, Wooten, and Eason  
Nays: None.  
Abstain: None.  
Absent: None.

**Motion passed.**

**ORDINANCES-INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING**

**5-2020 A bond ordinance amending bond ordinance number 58-2018 finally adopted on December 18, 2018, by the City Council of the City of Orange Township, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey, to amend Section 5 therein.**

**Motion to adopt on First Reading by Councilman Coley, seconded by Councilman Johnson, Jr.**

**Roll Call:**

Ayes: Coley, Jackson, Johnson, Jr., Summers-Johnson, Williams, Wooten, and Eason  
Nays: None.  
Abstain: None.  
Absent: None.

**Motion passed.**

**6-2020 An ordinance of the City of Orange Township to establish an Advisory Board for the Municipal Open Space Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust. (Sponsored by the Orange Municipal Council) (Amended)**

**Motion to adopt as amended on First Reading by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Johnson, Jr.**

**On the Motion:** Councilman Jackson asked for a clarification to confirm that amendments include an amendment to Section B to include City Council President and Business Administrator. The City Clerk confirmed amendment.

**Roll Call:**

Ayes: Coley, Jackson, Johnson, Jr., Summers-Johnson, Williams, Wooten, and Eason  
Nays: None.  
Abstain: None.  
Absent: None.

**Motion passed.**

**7-2020**      **A capital ordinance appropriating \$780,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund to pay for improvements to the Central Park Fieldhouse and upgrades to vehicles, in and by the City of Orange Township, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey. (Amended)**

The City Clerk announced that the amendment was the appropriating dollar amount from \$780,000 to \$730,000.

**Motion to adopt as amended on First Reading by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Johnson, Jr.**

**Roll Call:**

Ayes:            Coley, Jackson, Johnson, Jr., Summers-Johnson, Williams, Wooten, and Eason  
Nays:            None.  
Abstain:        None.  
Absent:         None.

**Motion passed.**

The City Clerk announced that the Second Reading/Public Hearing for Ordinances 5-2020, 6-2020 and 7-2020 is scheduled for Tuesday, March 17, 2020.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

ALL ITEMS LISTED WITH AN ASTERISK (\*) ARE CONSIDERED TO BE ROUTINE BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND WILL BE ENACTED BY ONE MOTION. THERE WILL BE NO SEPARATE DISCUSSION OF THESE ITEMS UNLESS A COUNCIL MEMBER SO REQUESTS, IN WHICH EVENT, THE ITEM WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE GENERAL ORDER OF BUSINESS AND CONSIDERED IN ITS NORMAL SEQUENCE OF THE AGENDA.

**TABLED – MUST BE LIFTED FROM TABLE TO BE PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA**

**400-2019**      **A resolution granting developer designation for Skyview Capital LLC and/or its affiliated B&O Urban renewal entity as a developer within the Transit Village district east portion of the Central Orange Redevelopment Area. (Amended) (TABLED FROM THE 12/03/2019, 12/17/2019, 01/03/2020 AND 02/04/2020 REGULAR MEETINGS)**

The City Clerk asked the Council if there was a motion to lift Resolution 400-2019 from the table. Seeing none Resolution 400-2019 remains tabled.

**40-2020**      **A resolution appointing Ismael Ituarte-Perez as Alternate Member No. 4 of the Zoning Board of Adjustment. (Sponsored by Council Member Donna K. Williams) (POSTPONED FROM THE 02/04/2020 REGULAR MEETING)**

The City Clerk announced that Resolution 40-2020 will remain postponed until after an interview of the candidate.

**RESOLUTIONS NO. \*57-2020 THROUGH \*83-2020**

The City Clerk announced that Resolution 63-2020 will be removed for a separate vote.

- \*57-2020** A resolution authorizing the issuance of a raffle license to Saint John's Catholic Church.
- \*59-2020** A resolution authorizing the extension of the contract between the City of Orange Township and Pennington Law group, P.C. in the matter "Albanery Cruz-Rodriguez v. City of Orange and Anthony Carey and John Does 1-10" for a period of ninety (90) days ending March 31, 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00.
- \*60-2020** A resolution authorizing the extension of the contract between the City of Orange Township and Pennington Law Group, P.C. in the matter, "Estate of Ann Marie Breus by Maria Derosiers, Administratrix ad Prosequendum and Maria Derosiers, individually v. Isiah J. Jordan, City of Orange Township, et al" for a period of ninety (90) days ending March 31, 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00.
- \*61-2020** A resolution authorizing the extension of the contract between the City of Orange Township and Ehrlich, Petriello, Gudin & Plaza for various workers' compensation matters for a period of ninety (90) days ending March 31, 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00.
- \*62-2020** A resolution authorizing the extension of the contract between the City of Orange Township and Jeanette Calderon-Arnold, Esq. for tax appeal matters for a period of ninety (90) days ending March 31, 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00.
- \*64-2020** A resolution authorizing the extension of the contract between the City of Orange Township and Lamb Kretzer, LLC in matters and litigation regarding Feld lawsuits for a period of ninety (90) days ending March 31, 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00.
- \*65-2020** A resolution to accept State of New Jersey Recycling Tonnage 2017 grant funds in the amount of \$6,529.39.
- \*66-2020** A resolution authorizing Remington & Vernick Engineers, One Harmon Plaza, Suite 210, Secaucus, New Jersey 07094 to provide professional engineering services Phases I-III for the Department of Public Works Brook Alley Garage Improvement Project in an amount not to exceed \$84,625.00.
- \*67-2020** A resolution authorizing the award of a contract for yard waste disposal to Reliable Wood Products, 398 Lincoln Blvd., Bldg. 1, Middlesex, New Jersey 08846 for two (2) years commencing January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$89,812.50 per year.

- \*68-2020** A resolution authorizing the award of a contract to E.O. Habhegger, Co., Inc., 334 N. Washington Street, Unit 20B, Hammonton, New Jersey 08037 for the above ground fuel tanks and associated equipment installation at the Public Works Department Brook Alley Garage under State Contract #T-0849 in an amount not to exceed \$672,300.12.
- \*69-2020** A resolution authorizing the awarding of a contract to Newark Asphalt Corp., Foot of Passaic Street, Newark, New Jersey 07104 for supplying asphalt pavement and stone dust for two (2) years commencing January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00 per year.
- \*70-2020** A resolution authorizing the award of a non-fair and open contract with Lewis Consulting Group., 2517 Highway 35, Suite P202, Manasquan, New Jersey 08736 to provide professional environmental consulting services to prepare a hazardous discharge site remediation fund grant application for the Washington Street Firehouse to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection in an amount not to exceed \$3,675.00.
- \*71-2020** A resolution authorizing a contract for car washing services to all city owned vehicles to KC's Car Wash, LLC, 360 Thomas Blvd., Orange, New Jersey 07050 for two (2) years commencing January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021 in the amount not to exceed \$7,000.00 per year.
- \*72-2020** A resolution authorizing the award of a non-fair and open contract with Bright View Engineering, LLC, 5 Pitcairn Drive, Roseland, New Jersey 07068 to provide professional engineering construction administration services for the Highland Avenue Train Station Rehabilitation Project in the amount not to exceed \$79,000.00. (Amended)
- \*73-2020** A resolution authorizing an agreement between the City of Orange Township and Action Elevator Inc., 125 Clinton Road, Unit 6, Fairfield, NJ 07004, to provide preventative maintenance and repairs for the elevator at City Hall, 29 North Day Street and the Freddie Polhill Law & Justice Complex, 29 Park Street, Orange, New Jersey for the period of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$14,280.00.
- \*74-2020** A resolution authorizing the City of Orange Township to enter into a Cooperative Pricing System Renewal Agreement with the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey for the purchase of goods and services.
- \*75-2020** A resolution authorizing the purchase of one (1) 2021 International Dump Truck Model HV507 Chassis from Deluxe International Trucks, Inc., 600 South River Street, Hackensack, New Jersey 07601 for the Public Works Department, Street Division under the Educational Service Commission of New Jersey Co-Op Contract 17/18-30 in the amount not to exceed \$95,226.00.



- \*76-2020** A resolution authorizing the purchase of one (1) Galion 10 foot stainless steel dump body, plow and spreader Model #403U for the 2021 international dump truck chassis from Cliffside Body Corp., 130 Broad Ave., Fairview, New Jersey 07022 for the Public Works Department, Street Division under the Educational Service Commission of New Jersey Co-Op Contract BD-418 in the amount not to exceed \$70,818.48.
- \*77-2020** A resolution authorizing a contract to Millennium Consultants, LLC, 60 Columbia Road, Morristown, New Jersey 07960 in the amount not to exceed \$49,992.00 for professional grant writing services.
- \*78-2020** A resolution authorizing the awarding of a contract for the Central Park Field House Project Phase II to Daskal, LLC, 164 Lincoln Place, 2nd Floor, Garfield, New Jersey 07026 in the amount not to exceed \$843,537.23.
- \*79-2020** A resolution celebrating National African American Month and honoring Garrett Morgan. (Sponsored the Council Member Donna K. Williams)
- \*80-2020** A resolution approving the bill list for council meeting vote on February 18, 2020 dated February 13, 2020 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95 (Grand Total: \$9,185,668.26)
- \*81-2020** A resolution honoring the achievements of Robert W. Hurt. (Sponsored by Council Member Donna K. Williams.
- \*82-2020** A resolution re-appointing Ernest C. Williams, a resident of Orange, New Jersey as a member of the City of Orange Township Housing Authority from February 18, 2020 until February 18, 2025. (Sponsored by Council Member Jamie Summers-Johnson)
- \*83-2020** A resolution authorizing a contract with Lerch, Vinci, & Higgins, LLP, of 17-17 Route 208, Fair Lawn, New Jersey 07410 to provide finance training and assistance consulting services to the City of Orange Township's Finance Department personnel commencing February 20, 2020 until February 19, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00.

**Motion to adopt Consent Agenda by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson.**

**Roll Call:**

Ayes: Coley, Jackson, Johnson, Jr., Summers-Johnson, Williams, Wooten and Eason  
 Nays: None.  
 Abstain: None.  
 Absent: None.

**Motion passed.**

**58-2020 A resolution for the Transfer of Appropriation reserves.**

**Motion to adopt by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Johnson, Jr.**

**Roll Call:**

Ayes: Coley, Jackson, Johnson, Jr., Summers-Johnson, Williams, Wooten and Eason  
Nays: None.  
Abstain: None.  
Absent: None.

**Motion passed.**

**63-2020 A resolution authorizing the extension of the contract between the City of Orange Township and Ehrlich, Petriello, Gudin & Plaza for various workers' compensation matters for a period of ninety (90) days ending March 31, 2020, in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00.**

**Motion to Return to Administration adopt by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilwoman Wooten.**

**Roll Call:**

Ayes: Coley, Jackson, Johnson, Jr., Summers-Johnson, Williams, Wooten and Eason  
Nays: None.  
Abstain: None.  
Absent: None.

**Motion passed.**

**NEW BUSINESS AND WALK-ON ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS**

The City Clerk announced that the County will presenting and displaying the new voting machines at the March 3, 2020 Council Meeting.

**OTHER PENDING BUSINESS**

The Council President inquired if additional resumes were received for the Deputy City Clerk position; thereafter, she advised that they will be reviewed in Executive Session and a decision will be made at the next meeting.


**Motion to adjourn by Councilman Coley, seconded by Councilwoman Wooten.**


**The Motion was unanimously approved.**

Regular Meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

The next City Council Conference and Regular Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at City Hall, 29 North Day Street, in the Council Chamber at 7:00 p.m.

**APPROVED:**

  
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Joyce L. Lanier  
City Clerk

  
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Tency A. Eason  
Council President