

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

**THIS IS THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP HELD VIA AUDIO-VIDEO CONFERENCING ON TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2020 FOLLOWING THE CONFERENCE MEETING.**

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

**Roll Call:**

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

**Also Present:** Joyce L. Lanier, City Clerk  
Chris Hartwyk, Business Administrator  
Gracia R. Montilus, City Attorney  
Adrian Mapp, Director of Finance  
Nile Clements, Chief Financial Officer  
Kenneth Douglas, Director of Fire  
Marty Mayes, Director of Public Works  
Marlin Townes, Legislative Research Officer  
Kathrina Nease, Water Superintendent  
Maggie Homere, City Clerk's Office  
Tamara Robinson, City Clerk's Office  
Lisette Sanchez, Records Support Technician

The City Clerk announced that the requirement of N.J.S.A. 10:4-9 et. seq., "Sunshine Law" has been met. A notice of this meeting was published in the Record-Transit on Thursday, April 16, 2020 and sent to the Star Ledger on Thursday, April 2, 2020, posted on the City Council and the City of Orange website and filed in the Office of the City Clerk.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:**

· **March 3, 2020 Conference & Regular Meeting.**

**Motion to adopt by Councilman Coley, second by Councilman Jackson.**

**Roll Call:**

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

**Motion passed.**

· **March 24, 2020 Conference Meeting.**

**Motion to adopt by Councilman Coley, second by Councilman Jackson.**

**Roll Call:**

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

**Motion passed.**

· **March 24, 2020 Regular Meeting.**

**Motion to adopt by Councilwoman Williams, second by Councilman Jackson.**

**Roll Call:**

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

**Motion passed.**

**REPORTS:**

DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REVENUE COLLECTION 2020:

- Department of Planning & Economic Development – Month of March 2020: \$35,719.00
- Clerk’s Office – Month of February 2020: \$93.83
- Clerk’s Office – Month of March 2020: \$1.30
- Historic Preservation Commission - Month of February 2020: \$350.00
- Historic Preservation Commission - Month of March 2020: \$75.00

**CONSTABLE REPORTS:** The City Clerk announced that there were no Constable reports.

**OPRA REPORTS:**

Month of February 2020: 148 OPRA requests received, 130 completed and 18 pending.  
Month of March 2020: 99 OPRA requests received, 74 completed and 25 pending.

**COUNCIL REPORTS:** None.

**COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS** None.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilman Johnson, Jr. commented on the following:

- Requested that the Orange Public Library update their website.

Councilman Jackson commented on the following:

- Inquired about the 2020 Census. Councilwoman Wooten reported that 34% of Orange has completed their Census. Census posters have been distributed throughout the City. The deadline has been extended and information to call in and complete your 2020 Census will be placed on Channel 35 and websites.
- Inquired about the Orange Housing Authority task force report and action taken in the apartment buildings. Business Administrator Hartwyk advised that each building is responsible for their building and the City has provided guidelines. Furthermore, the City has met with the Housing and now has a list and contact information for each apartment building in the City of Orange.

Councilwoman Summers-Johnson commented on the following:

- Encouraged the residents to reach out to the Mayor's hotline for assistance: (973) 855-8647 24hrs/7 days a week and (973) 280-1621 until 3 p.m.

Councilwoman Williams commented on the following:

- Inquired about food distribution in the City. Business Administrator Hartwyk advised that the City is making deliveries.
- Inquired about the reopening of the City. Business Administrator Hartwyk advised that the City is working with the Office of Emergency Management, Essex County and the State on reopening plans.

Council President Eason thanked the Mayor, Fire, Police and Public Works Department and the Ebenezer Baptist church for helping the residents. She also thanked the teachers, administrators and superintendents of schools for all of their hard work.

#### **CHANGE ORDER OF BUSINESS TO ADDRESS THE RULES FOR CITIZENS COMMENTS:**

**Motion to change Order of Business by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson, second 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:**

**\*180-2020(WO) A resolution adopting City of Orange Township policy for public questions or comments during virtual conference and regular meetings of the City Council in accordance with Executive Order 107 and the Division of Local Government Services guidelines.**

**Motion to walk-on Resolution 180-2020(WO) onto the agenda by Councilman Johnson, Jr., second by Councilwoman Wooten.**

**Roll Call:**

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

**Motion passed.**

The City Clerk advised citizen comments is open to the public; thereafter, Council President Eason announced that she had not received any emailed citizen comments.

**Motion to close Citizen Comments by Councilman Johnson, Jr., second by Councilman Coley.  
The Motion was unanimously approved.**

**Motion passed.**

**\*180-2020(WO) A resolution adopting City of Orange Township policy for public questions or comments during virtual conference and regular meetings of the City Council in accordance with Executive Order 107 and the Division of Local Government Services guidelines.**

**Motion to adopt Resolution 180-2020(WO) by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson, second by Councilman Johnson.**

**Roll Call:**

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

**Motion passed.**

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

“SPECIAL NOTICE: Please be apprised anyone wishing to discuss Agenda or General Items shall email their statements or questions to [citycouncil@orangenj.gov](mailto:citycouncil@orangenj.gov). no later than 7:00 p.m. the day prior to the scheduled public meeting. For the citizen comment portion of the meeting, the public will be allowed to question or comment on any new matter raised during the meeting. New matter is any discussion had by a council member or a City administrative staff person regarding any agenda item during the course of the meeting. Please email any question or comment relating to any new matter to Council President at [teason@orangenj.gov](mailto:teason@orangenj.gov) with your name and address. The City Council reserves the right to respond or not respond during the meeting to any citizen’s submission.”

- Council President Eason read into the record a comment from Annette Hall who wanted to thank the NJEA pride allowing her to write a grant in the amount of \$9,800 to feed the Police and Fire Departments, St. Barnabas Hospital, East Orange General Hospital and other essential works. She respectfully requested that the Council acknowledge OEA and NJEA.

**Motion to close Citizens Comments by Councilman Jackson, second by Councilwoman Williams. The Motion was unanimously approved. Motion passed.**

**ORDINANCES-SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING**

**9-2020 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 (455 Minton Place)**

The City Clerk advised citizen comments is open to the public; thereafter, Council President Eason announced that she had not received any emailed citizen comments.

**Motion to close Citizens Comments by Councilwoman Williams, second by Councilman Jackson.**

**Roll Call:**

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

**Motion passed.**

**Motion to adopt by Councilwoman Williams, second by Councilman Jackson.**

**Roll Call:**

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

**Motion passed.**

**10-2020 An ordinance to amend Chapter 26 entitled “Police Department of the City Code of the City of Orange Township”. (Sponsored by Council Member Tency A. Eason).**

The City Clerk advised citizen comments is open to the public; thereafter, Council President Eason announced that she had not received any emailed citizen comments.

**Motion to close Citizens Comments by Councilman Jackson, second by Councilman Johnson, Jr.**

**Roll Call:**

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

**Motion passed.**

**Motion to adopt by Councilman Jackson, second by Councilwoman Wooten.**

**Roll Call:**

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

**Motion passed.**

**ORDINANCES-INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING:** The City Clerk announced there were none.

**RESOLUTIONS TABLED/POSTPONED FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

**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, 02/04/2020, 02/18/2020, 03/03/2020, 03/24/2020 and 04/07/2020 REGULAR MEETINGS)

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

**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.

**RESOLUTIONS NO. \*165-2020 THROUGH \*179-2020**

**\*165-2020** A resolution authorizing an Emergency Temporary Appropriation pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20.

**\*166-2020** A resolution authorizing the contract of surveillance cameras under the New Jersey State Contract N0483-NASPO-Valupoint Computer for the City of Orange Police Department with Let's Think Wireless, LLC also known as LTW, located at 26 Chapin Road, Suite 112, P.O. Box 628, Pine Brook, New Jersey 07058 for the maintenance and support of surveillance cameras commencing January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 in the amount not to exceed \$26,974.00.

**\*167-2020** A resolution authorizing the award of a non-fair and open contract with Neighborhood Planning and Architectural Design, Inc. (NPAD), 132 South Harrison Street, East Orange, New Jersey 07018 to provide professional architectural,

surveying, design and construction inspection services for the Central Park Field House Project in an amount not to exceed \$17,500.00.

- \*168-2020** 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 Tony Galento Plaza Transit Village 2018 Station Building Improvements in the amount not to exceed \$58,500.00.
- \*169-2020** A resolution authorizing awarding a contract for the NJDOT '19 roadway improvements of Christopher Street (between Scotland Road to Valley Street) and Forest Street (between Scotland Road to Valley Street) to Cifelli & Son General Construction, Inc., 4 Coppola Street, Nutley, New Jersey 07110 in an amount not to exceed \$595,576.10.
- \*170-2020** 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 surveying services for the main street streetscape & traffic control project in the amount not to exceed \$75,000.00.
- \*171-2020** A resolution authorizing the administration of the City of Orange Township to pay bills as received and submit a report and ratifying resolution to the Orange City Council after submission of any such payment.
- \*172-2020** A resolution authorizing ratifying the extension of the contract between the City of Orange Township and Hendricks Appraisal Company, LLC., Real Estate Appraisals & Consulting, Seven Hutton Avenue, West Orange, New Jersey 07052 for real estate tax appeal appraisal services for the period of January 1, 2020 until March 31, 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$2,325.00.
- \*173-2020** A resolution authorizing a contract between the City of Orange Township and Hendricks Appraisal Company, LLC., Real Estate Appraisals & Consulting, Seven Hutton Avenue, West Orange, New Jersey 07052 for real estate tax appeal appraisal services for the period of April 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00.
- \*174-2020** A resolution approving the bill list for council meeting vote on April 21, 2020 dated April 15, 2020 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95 (Grand Total: \$2,022,079.64).
- \*175-2020** A resolution for Emergency Temporary Appropriations #2 to the Calendar Year 2020 Budget.

- \*176-2020** A resolution designating the intersection of Mosswood Avenue and Heywood Avenue as Mrs. Anne Jackson-Johnson Place-in Memoriam. (Sponsored by Council Member-At-Large Adrienne Wooten, South Ward Council Member Jamie Summers-Johnson and the Orange Municipal Council)
  
- \*177-2020** A resolution authorizing a list of appraisers/consultants to represent the City of Orange Township in regard to appraisal and valuation on real property on an as needed basis for a period of nine (9) months from April 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020.
  
- \*178-2020** A resolution authorizing a contract between the City of Orange Township and Hendricks Appraisal Company, LLC., Real Estate Appraisals Research & Consulting, Seven Hutton Avenue, West Orange, New Jersey 07052 for real estate appraisal services from a period of April 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00.
  
- \*179-2020** A resolution celebrating the life of Sister Cora Lavinia Barr. (Sponsored by Councilwoman-At-Large Adrienne Wooten and the Orange Municipal Council)

**Motion to adopt Consent Agenda by Councilwoman Williams, second by Councilwoman Wooten.**

**Roll Call:**

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

**Motion passed.**

**OTHER PENDING BUSINESS** – The City Clerk announced that there was no pending business.

**Motion to adjourn by Councilwoman Williams, second by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson. The Motion was unanimously approved.**

Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

**The next City Council Conference and Regular Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 5, 2020 virtually at 7:00 p.m.**

**APPROVED:**

  
 Joyce L. Lanier  
 City Clerk

  
 Tency A. Eason  
 Council President