

MINUTES CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP
NEW JERSEY

THIS IS A CONFERENCE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP HELD VIA AUDIO-VIDEO CONFERENCING ON TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2020 AT 7:04 P.M.

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 Arrived at 7:08 p.m.
Councilwoman Adrienne Wooten, At-Large Arrived at 7:10 p.m.
Council-President Tency A. Eason

Also Present: Joyce L. Lanier, City Clerk
Mayor Dwayne Warren, Esq. Called in at 7:10 p.m.
Chris Hartwyk, Business Administrator
Gracia R. Montilus, City Attorney
Kenneth Douglas, Director of Fire
Adrian Mapp, Director of Finance
Nile Clements, Chief Financial Officer
Vincent De Filippo, Director of Health
Marlin Townes, Legislative Research Officer
Kathrina Nease, Water Superintendent
Paula Ferreira, Tax Collector
Margarette Homere, City Clerk's Office
Tamara Robinson, City Clerk's Office
Lisette Sanchez, Records Support Technician

The City Clerk read the following "SPECIAL NOTICE: Please be apprised anyone wishing to discuss Agenda or General Items shall email their statements or questions to citycouncil@orangenj.gov. no later than 7:00 p.m. the day prior to the scheduled public meeting. The City Council reserves the right to respond or not respond during the meeting to any citizen's submission."

The City Clerk also 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.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION COVID-19 Update

Vincent De Filippo, Director of Health provided the following COVID-19 updates:

- As of Tuesday, May 5, 2020 at 6:00 p.m., there are 752 COVID-19 positive cases and 52 deaths in the City of Orange Township.
- COVID-19 testing:
 - Monday, May 4, 2020 at the Orange Police Department 95 residents were tested;
 - Tuesday, May 5, 2020 at City Hall 110 residents were tested; and
 - Wednesday, May 6, 200 at Police Department is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Several non-essential businesses on Main Street have been ordered to close and summonses issued after they were given several warnings.
- Summonses have been issued to businesses who had employees working without face masks as required by law. Fines range from \$50 to \$1,000.
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have added the following COVID-19 symptoms:
 - Vomiting
 - Chills and shivering;
 - Diarrhea; and
 - Lowered the temperature from 104 to 99.6 Fahrenheit
- As of May 4, 2020, the CDC has revised their guidelines pertaining to essential workers, which include EMT, fire fighters and police officers as follows:
 - Must be out of work for 13 days provided they are 10 days without symptoms and an additional 3 days without taking fever reducing medication in order to return to work
- COVID-19 testing at nursing homes:
 - The CDC has revised their guidelines pertaining to nursing homes and are requiring nursing homes test employees and residents at their cost.
 - Personal protection equipment (PPE) is being enforced.
- CDC has no evidence that the corona virus is transmitted through pets, ticks nor mosquitos.
- Steps taken to report positive COVID-19 test results to residents and follow-up procedures.

Mayor Dwayne D. Warren, Esq. provided the following COVID-19 updates:

- The City will be testing on Wednesday, May 6, 200 at Police Department which is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and additional testing dates will be rescheduled.
- Face masks are being distributed to residents and the City is working on obtaining a shipment for senior citizens.
- The City will open the parks for walking and encouraging social distancing; therefore, the basketball hoops will be removed and the area closed off.
- Any Orange resident can get tested for COVID-19, but must show proof of insurance, ID, or Social Security card. The cost for the test is \$152.15 for anyone who would like to get tested but does not have insurance nor social security card.
- The City is currently working on getting all senior citizens in Orange tested.

The Council Members discussed the following Resolutions:

- Resolutions 400-2019, 181-2020, 182-2020, 183-2020, 183-2020, 184-2020, 185-2020, 186-2020, 187-2020, 189-2020 191-2020 and 192-2020.
- Ordinances 2-2020, 11-2020, 12-2020, 13-2020 and 14-2020.

The City Clerk announced that there are three (3) walk-on resolutions being considered on tonight's agenda: Resolutions 195-2020(WO), 196-2020(WO) and 197-2020(WO).

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson.

The meeting was adjourned by a unanimous vote at 7:52 p.m.

Approved:



Joyce L. Lanier
City Clerk



Tency A. Eason
Council President