

Citizens Comments for June 3rd Council Meeting

Carl Fields Jr-

1. What is the status of the development project at the corner of High Street and Main Street?
2. Has financing been secured?
3. Has an environmental impact study been completed?

Jeffrey S. Feld -

Ordinances

Second Reading

1. Will stakeholders be provided an opportunity to ask oral second reading virtual public hearing questions on this proposed affirmative action hiring ordinance?
2. Is the right to ask pertinent oral second reading virtual public hearing questions a fundamental constitutional, statutory or common law right subject whose public participation limitation is subject to strict scrutiny and a compelling state interest?
3. From whom did the local governing body receive a written legal opinion or memorandum regarding the validity of this limitations on second reading virtual public hearing public participation and responses?
4. When did Chris Jackson and his committee meet virtually to discuss this ordinance sponsored by lame duck councilperson Williams?
5. Was the public notified of this special closed virtual committee meeting?
6. What is the administration's position on this affirmative action employment ordinance sponsored by lame duck councilperson Williams?
7. What are the anticipated adverse costs of this ordinance?
8. Has this type of affirmative action employment ordinance been subject to litigation in other municipalities?

First Reading

9. Under what authority is the local governing body divesting the City Clerk of her discretion to select a deputy clerk subject to the advice and consent of the local governing body?
10. Under what authority has the local governing body increased the application pool?
11. What caused and precipitated the six months delay in selecting a deputy municipal clerk after Madeline Smith's retirement?
12. Has the local governing body obtained a written legal opinion or memorandum as to the validity of this amending ordinance under State law? Cf: N.J.S.A. 40A: 9-135.

13. Were any other deputy directors (such as Willis Edwards III, Ray Wingfield, Laquanda Best, or Avram White) subject to the advice and consent of the local governing body?
14. Are any current elected officials barred from being considered for this deputy clerk position?
15. How much taxpayers monies were used by councilperson Williams to take municipal clerk certification and designation courses?
16. Other than Newark, how many other municipalities in Essex County have deputy clerks?
17. In the state, how many municipalities with a population of less than 35,000 residents have deputy clerks?
18. When will the closed executive personnel matters virtual executive session meeting minutes be adopted?
19. Were all closed virtual executive sessions relating to this amending ordinance recorded?
20. Do our State public policies favor closed virtual executive session meetings during this declared state of emergency?
21. Is the appointment of a deputy municipal clerk after six months an emergent matter concerning the health, safety and welfare of this community?
22. Is this amending ordinance a collusive retaliatory effort to stifle the independence of our licensed tenured city clerk and her recent public rebukes of our city council president and city attorney?

Resolutions

Redevelopment Related

23. Is the CORA Amending Plan Res. 229-2020 historically correct?
24. By what resolution did the local governing body authorize the planning board to consider the defaulted Orange Memorial Hospital loan obligation plan amendments adopted by the local governing body in January 2020?
25. What are the proposed CORA Plan amendments?
26. Who drafted these two redevelopment related resolutions?
27. How many redevelopment plans are currently in effect in Orange?
28. Why aren't the block, lots and street addresses for all Extending Reock St Investigative Study properties listed in one simple chart?
29. Will the Reock Strett Extending Investigative Study notices be updated to list and identify the block/lot and street address for all properties?
30. Why the sudden need for this extension?
31. Will these extended and new properties be subject to the threat of eminent domain?
32. Why isn't there a more updated color coordinated study map?
33. Does the Nishuane Group break out its monthly requisitions for the type of work performed? see, PO 20-00145.

34. What is the status of the Nishuane Group's executed CY 2020 Retention Agreement?

Medicare Reimbursement

35. How many retirees will be affected by this reimbursement rescission resolution?
36. What are the potential cost savings?
37. In what year did Orange agree to self-insure all Medicare reimbursement costs?
38. Why the delay in rescinding the old reimbursement scheme?
39. In what year were all new employees cut off and not subject to the this medicare reimbursement scheme?

Non-Agenda Related

40. Is the right to vote and to fair and impartial municipal elections a fundamental constitutional right and liberty whose abridgement is subject to strict scrutiny and a compelling state interest?
41. Do public officials-fiduciaries of a public trust-have an overriding sworn obligation and duty to report violations of State laws and public policies up the chain of command?
42. Do public officials-fiduciaries of a public trust-have an overriding sworn obligation and duty to preserve and to defend the integrity of constitutional democratic institutions and procedures?
43. What are the possible adverse civil and criminal consequences from a public official's negligent, reckless or intentional failure to report violations of State law and public policies up the chain of command?
44. Because of the delayed and limited distribution of the Record-Transcript, who is responsible for posting city council and planning board virtual meeting participation information and links on Orange's official public website 48 hours prior to the virtual meeting?
45. Who deleted all historical budget related documents from the City's official public website?
46. When will I receive written responses to all my prior virtual meeting written questions and comments?
47. Why aren't all supplemental virtual meeting questions posted on a public website?
48. When will all pre- May 19, 2020 virtual meeting written questions be posted on a public website?
49. Who screens and approves all resolutions prior to their inclusion on a virtual meeting agenda?

50. Who monitors and reviews the professional work product of in-house and outside special counsel?
51. By what resolution did the local governing body authorize the retention of the Pennington Law Firm in the Anthony Carey matter?
52. Who authorized this pre-Chris Hartwyk hiring of this Orange non-resident whistleblower plaintiff?
53. Will the City Clerk create a public pleadings library so that all interested stakeholder can review the responsive pleadings filed by Orange, our mayor and public works deputy director in the Anthony Carey and RPM related matters?
54. What are dates of the CY 2020 virtual budget hearings?
55. When will the CY 2020 User Friendly Budget be posted?
56. If the number of employees will decrease by 65 employees, why is CY 2020 S & W still increasing \$1 ?
57. Will the July 1, 2020 inauguration and reorganization meeting be a virtual public meeting?
58. What is the status of the planning board attorney?
59. Does our Law Department Director/City Attorney have a conflict of interest in his dual representation of the planning board and the municipality?
60. Who trained and supervised the public works inspector who negligently, recklessly and intentionally asserted that our Main Street Hardware Store was not an essential business?
61. Who in the administration negligently, recklessly and intentionally excluded our North Center Street warehouse from the Main Street North Investigative Study?
62. When will the May 12, 2020 certified V-B-M municipal election results be released?
63. How much did Orange expend in the May 12, 2020 V-B-M municipal election?
64. How much is not reimbursable from a third party source?
65. How many ballots were rejected or suppressed in the May 12, 2020 V-B-M municipal election?
66. Had the pool of inactive voters been deleted from Orange's list of registered voters thereby reducing the number of required nominating petitions, would the pool of eligible candidates have increased?
67. What is the status of Orange's Feld X Walter G. Alexander Phase III Fairness Report?
68. What is the status of Orange's Feld XV Supreme Court Motion Responses?
69. What is the status of Orange's dismissed for lack of prosecution action against RPM related entities?

Walk-On Resolutions Questions

70. Who approved the posting of a CY 2020 Estimated Tax Bill Authorization Res. 242-2020 without the required explanatory attachment disclosing the extent of the projected CY 2020 tax increase? City Council President Eason? Assistant City Attorney Parchment? Municipal Clerk Lanier?

71. Are the two walk-on zoning board appointment resolutions emergent health, safety and public welfare resolutions that can't wait consideration until the next June 16, 2020 virtual city council meeting?