

**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 WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 2020 AT 7:08 P.M.**

**Roll Call:**

<b>Present:</b>	Councilman Kerry Coley, East Ward	Arrived at 7:19 p.m.
	Councilman Christopher Jackson, At-Large	
	Councilman Harold Johnson, Jr. West Ward	Arrived at 7:16 p.m.
	Councilwoman Jamie Summers-Johnson, South Ward	
	Councilwoman Donna K. Williams, At-Large	Arrived at 7:11 p.m.
	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	
Adrien Mapp, Director of Finance	
Nile Clements, Chief Financial Officer	
Kenneth Douglas, Director of Fire	
Todd Warren, Director of Police	
Vincent DeFillipo, Health Officer	
Capt. Vinny Vitiello, Police Department	
Marlin Townes, Legislative Research Officer	
Katrina Nease, Superintended of Water	Arrived at 7:39 p.m.
Maggie Homere, City Clerk's Office	
Tamara Robinson, City Clerk's Office	
Lisette Sanchez, Records Support Technician	

The City Clerk asked all to stand for a Moment of Silence.

Council President dedicated the Moment of Silence to George Floyd, his family and peace for the nation.

The City Clerk announced the "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. The City Council reserves the right to respond or not respond during the meeting to any citizen's submission."

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.

**MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION: Update on COVID-19.**

Director Todd Warren from the Orange Police Department reported:

- The department is prepared, equipped and ready to respond to any civil unrest.

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- All personnel is on standby until further notice.
- Assisted Newark and Glen Ridge in their marches since the City of Orange Township is working in collaboration with all law enforcement agencies in Essex County.
- The Police Department has been awarded a grant to hire new police officers.
- Reported that he has meet with the Essex County Chiefs of Police and they all will be getting together to develop initiatives to address plagues that are affecting their communities.
- The Police Department and Clergy are working together.

Captain Vinny Vitiello from the Orange Police Department reported:

- The department will be assisting Millburn, Nutley, Newark and West Orange on their scheduled peaceful gatherings.
- Updates compared to this time last year: Crime is down 37%; violence is down 31%; and non-violence is down 41%.

Business Administrator Hartwyk announced that the City of Orange Township has been awarded a \$1,875,000 grant for the salary of 15 police officers for the next three years. The City will have to make a small match each year.

Health Official Vincent DeFillipo reported the following COVID-19 Update:

- As of June 3, 2020, City of Orange Township has reported 958 positive tests and 73 deaths.
- Non-essential businesses are scheduled to open on June 15, 2020.
- Hair salons are scheduled to open on June 22, 2020.
- Restaurants will have a limit of 10 people.
- Gatherings are limited to no more than 25 people outside.
- Outdoor dining permits are on the rise.
- Daycares are scheduled to open at the end of June.
- Another testing event is scheduled in June on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Central Middle School. (Exact dates will be forthcoming)

Council President Eason requested from the Department of Health guidelines for hair salons be made in advance of their scheduled opening and information distributed to the businesses. In addition, she announced that St. Matthews will be hosting a free testing site for anyone on June 15, 16 and 17, 2020 from 10 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. An appointment will be required. In addition, she announced that the Essex County workers are scheduled to report back to work on June 29, 2020.

Director Douglas from the Fire Department reported a status quo. The Fire Department is assisting with the food distribution and EMS as needed.

Business Administrator Hartwyk reported the following:

- Leaf bags are available for Orange residents to pick-up. A notice will be forthcoming on how to pick-up and reserve leaf bags and posted on the website.
- The recent flyer regarding Code Enforcement initiative was distributed without editing and unfortunately was inaccurate. Therefore, the flyer has been corrected and distributed. The intention of the flyer is an advisory notice not to issue tickets. The purpose is to educate the

residents and give them an opportunity to fix violations (i.e. cut high grass). The City needs to do better as a community and property maintenance. Repeated violators within 12 months will be addressed.

Council Member Coley inquired about the vacant and abandoned property list.

- Business Administrator Hartwyk advised that while the Code Enforcement Officers are out distributing the Code Enforcement Initiative information they will be updating the vacant and abandoned property list.

Councilwoman Williams respectfully requested that the Council consider doing an oral walk-on resolution in support of the Orange Post Office to maintain their number of staff status quo or even increase in staff numbers.

Business Administrator Hartwyk addressed a citizen’s question regarding fixing pot holes, paving and road repair:

- In 2019, the City started a 38 roads paving project that will be completed in 2020. The City anticipates that in 2021 the City will start another two year project to pave an additional 40 roads. Pot holes are addressed on an ongoing process. If you spot a pothole, take a picture, send it to the City and same will be filled in within 48 hours.

Business Administrator Hartwyk addressed the Ordinance regarding swimming pools:

- Particular types of meters couldn’t be acquired in a short period of time from when ordinance was adopted. He will speak to the owners.

The City Clerk announced that resolutions and ordinances to be presented at tonight’s meeting are listed on the attached Regular Meeting Agenda. If any Council Member wishes to discuss any resolution or ordinance, it may be discussed at this time.

The Council Members discussed the following Ordinances and Resolutions:

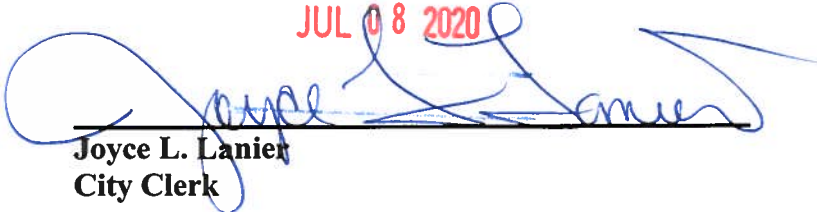
- Ordinances 2-2020 and 17-2020.
- Resolutions 228-2020, 229-2020, 230-2020, 231-2020, 235-2020, 239-2020, 240-2020.

**Motion to adjourn the meeting by Councilwoman Williams, second by Councilman Coley.**

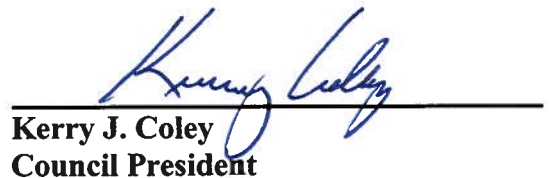
**The meeting was adjourned by a-unanimous vote at 8:19 p.m.**

**Approved:**

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Joyce L. Lanier  
City Clerk



Kerry J. Coley  
Council President