

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

AUGUST 12, 2020 SPECIAL MEETING

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Amended CY 2020 Budget Public Hearing

1. Will interested stakeholders be provided an opportunity to ask oral questions about the Amended CY 2020 Budget?
2. Under what authority may a local governing body limit and restrict a statutory budget public hearing?
3. Has the local governing body, the mayor and the city clerk received a written legal opinion as to the validity of this official political free speech limitations and prior restraints on oral public budget hearing questions and comments policy and procedure?
4. What is the status of Orange's CY 2019 Audit and Amended CY 2020 User Friendly Budget?
5. What is the status of the written responses to my open and outstanding June 16, 2020 introduced CY 2020 Budget public hearing questions?
6. Since the introduction of the CY 2020 Budget, has Orange authorized any new additional long term indebtedness?
7. Since the introduction of the CY 2020 Budget, has Orange issued any new additional long term indebtedness and offering materials?
8. Why hasn't the link to this latest offering statement been posted on a public website?
9. Since our BA did not attend the June 16, 2020 original CY 2020 Budget Public Hearing and since two councilmembers were sworn into office after the June 16, 2020 original CY 2020 Budget Public Hearing, would it be prudent that the BA be provided a reasonable opportunity to discuss and to explain the structural reforms contemplated by the budget and disclosed to the Local Finance Board at its July 8, 2020 public hearing, including the combination of the finance director/cfo positions, historical deferred water/sewer utility and street paving capital improvements and maintenance and the combination of the police/fire director positions?
10. Had Orange not held an accelerated tax lien sale in CY 2019, would Orange have had an unfunded deficit?
11. How large would that deficit have been?
12. Has the accelerated tax lien sale purchaser commenced in rem tax lien foreclosure actions against any of the properties?
13. Who determined what properties to include and to exclude from this CY 2019 accelerated tax lien sale?
14. Will these structural reforms commence in CY 2020 or in CY 2021?
15. Are any COVID-19 related expenses included in the amended CY 2020 Budget?
16. What type of COVID-19 related expenses are included in or excluded from the CARES Act grant?
17. What type of COVID-19 related expenses will be amortized over five years?
18. When will this amortization commence? CY 2020? CY 2021?
19. What type of unfunded unreserved liabilities does Orange have? 5% of long term tax exemption revenues due and owing to the County?
20. What type of intangible causes of actions and claims does Orange have against any third parties?

\$84,508 Playground Equipment Resolution 336-2020

21. Why was consideration of this playground equipment resolution delayed until this August 12, 2020 special meeting?
22. When did Orange receive the playground equipment proposal?
23. When did the CFO execute a playground equipment availability of funds certification?
24. When did Orange receive the ballfield proposal debated and rejected at the last August 5, 2020 city council meeting?
25. When did the CFO execute a ball field availability of funds certification?
26. Are different sources of funds used for each proposal?
27. Why didn't a department head execute the availability of funds certifications?
28. Will the local governing body reconsider approval of the ball field resolution defeated at the last city council meeting?

Amending Reock Street Phase I Private Sale Resolution 337-2020

29. Who drafted, reviewed, fact checked and approved this amending private sale resolution?
30. Who drafted, reviewed, fact checked and approved the original phase I redeveloper designation resolution 205-2019 adopted June 5, 2019?
31. When did this phase I redeveloper designation lapse?
32. When did this phase I project receive planning board approvals?
33. Who drafted, reviewed, fact checked and approved the phase I redevelopment agreement approval resolution 272-2020 adopted June 16, 2020?
34. Were demolition and other permits issued by Orange prior to the approval and execution of a phase I redevelopment agreement?
35. Who drafted, reviewed, fact checked and approved the walk-on phase I acquisition resolution adopted July 1, 2020?
36. Who drafted, reviewed, fact checked and approved the phase I long term tax exemption and \$200,000 redevelopment area bond ordinances 20- and 21-2020 adopted July 8, 2020?
37. Prior to the close of second reading public hearing comments on July 8, 2020, had there been any public presentations on this phase I long term tax exemption and RAB issuance?
38. On what facts and property valuations was the contractual minimum guaranteed payment fixed?
39. Does Orange receive an annual 2% administrative fee under the phase I financial agreement?
40. On July 8, 2020, had the redeveloper acquired legal title to all the properties subject to the phase I redevelopment agreement, phase I financial agreement and phase I RAB issuance?
41. Was "fraud in the inducement" the subject of Judge John C. Kennedy's first published precedential appellate division opinion? See, *Walid v. Yolanda for Irene Couture Inc.*, 425 N.J. Super. 171 (App. Div. 2012).
42. Has the local governing body adopted a phase II redeveloper designation resolution?
43. Is the redeveloper's counsel also a designated "shelf registration" approved special outside redevelopment counsel?
44. Does Council person Wooten have an inherent conflict of interest/appearance of impropriety considering and voting on any transactional matter involving Deputy City Attorney Avram White?
45. Who are the current equity holders of this Reock Street Phase I redeveloper?

Non-Agenda Item Matters

46. Did Orange receive any additional federal document subpoenas in CY 2019 and CY 2020”
47. If so, what were their dates of issuance and receipt by Orange’s record custodian?
48. Did Orange breach its August 5, 2020 promise to post within 48 hours responses to all August 5, 2020 written citizen comments and questions?
49. Did Orange breach its February 7, 2018 agreement with the Appellate Division and Attorney Feld to present a \$20,000 Feld V settlement agreement negotiated by the BA and former city attorney Pennington to the local governing body for approval?
50. Did the local governing body give a “middle finger salute” to Attorney Feld, his family and all other Main Street owners and businesses by not vetting the proposed hours of operation ordinance, the Mayor Brown street designation resolution and by painting a Main Street Black Lives Matter mural not within the boundaries of the Black Lives Matter Plaza?
51. What was the criteria used to select the location of the Mayor Brown Street Designation?
52. Based upon the August 5, 2020 heated “hate speech” discussion between the City Attorney and the council president, what does the Orange Law Department believes constitutes “hate speech” in the City of Orange Township?
53. Who was involved in planning and organizing the Black Lives Matter Main Street Mural Painting Event evidenced by our Mayor’s July 31, 2020 notification letter produced to me pursuant to OPRA on August 10, 2020?
54. Who monitors the work product of all city employees and outside professionals?

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Dear City Council,

Here are two questions pertaining to CBAC and citizen oversight of the budget for tomorrow's special meeting of the City Council:

- 1) Will the CBAC report be made publicly available on the City's website? And will a recorded video of the CBAC presentation be made publicly available on the City's website?
- 2) What is the approval process for reprogramming line items in the budget? Who makes reprogramming decisions? The department of administration's reprogramming protocol should be written and shared publicly.