

**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, JUNE 16, 2020 FOLLOWING THE CONFERENCE MEETING.**

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

**Present:** Councilman 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  
Gracia R. Montilus, City Attorney  
Adrien Mapp, Director of Finance  
Nile Clements, Chief Financial Officer  
Kenneth Douglas, Director of Fire  
Vincent DeFillipo, Health Officer  
Marty Mayes, Director of Public Works/Planning  
Marlin Townes, Legislative Research Officer  
Katrina Nease, Superintend of Water  
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:**

The City Clerk announced that there were no

Minutes to be approved.

**REPORTS:**

**CONSTABLE REPORTS:**

**OPRA REPORTS:**

**Month of May 2020: 126 OPRA requests received, 86 completed and 40 pending.**

**COUNCIL REPORTS**

Councilwoman Williams reported the Finance Committee did not meet due to the Budget Hearing.

Council President Eason reported Megan O'Hanlon, Assistant Budget Consultant approved agenda items.

Council President directs Clerk to file reports.

**COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS** The City Clerk announced that Council Member-at-Large candidate Edward B. Marable, Jr. of the Municipal Election has requested a recount of the votes. A copy of the letter is filed in the City Clerk's Office.

**Point Of Order –** Councilwoman Williams made a request to suspend the rules and add Resolution 277-2020(WO) to the Consent Agenda. Councilwoman Wooten supported the request. Council President requested that this request be made after Citizen Comments.

**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 advised the public that Ms. Anisa Rodriguez submitted 5 questions and Mr. Jeffrey Feld submitted 39 questions, which were uploaded onto the Council's website with answers.

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

**Motion passed.**

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

**Point of Order:** Councilwoman Wooten made the following motion:

**277-2020(WO)** A resolution authorizing the appointment of Lorraine Messiah as the Deputy Municipal Clerk for the City of Orange Township. (Sponsored by Council Member Donna K. Williams)

**Motion to suspend the rules and add Resolution 277-2020(WO) to the Consent Agenda by Councilwoman Williams, second by Councilwoman Wooten.**

**Roll Call:**

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

**Motion failed.**

Councilwoman Summers-Johnson commented on the following:

- Participation with Councilwomen Williams and Wooten at the peaceful Black Lives Matter March in Orange.
- Need of a review board to build relationships between residents and police officers.

Councilman Jackson commented on the following:

- Honored to serve on the Council for four years.
- Congratulated new councilmembers.
- Will be holding everyone accountable.

Councilman Coley commented on the following:

- Thanked Councilman Jackson for his hard work and dedication of the last four years.
- Thanked Councilwoman Williams and expressed his appreciation for her guidance.

Councilman Johnson, Jr. commented on the following:

- Thanked both Councilwomen Williams and Jackson for all of their work.

Councilwoman Wooten commented on the following:

- Participation at the peaceful Black Lives Matter march in Orange.
- Thanked both Councilman Jackson and Councilwoman Williams for all of their work.

Councilwoman Williams commented on the following:

- Expressed her concern with the pest problem in the City while construction is being done.
- 2020 Census.
- Encouraged everyone to come out to vote.
- Gave her goodbyes.

Council President Eason commented on the following:

- Announced that door knocking for the 2020 Census will begin on August 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Thanked both Councilwoman Williams and Councilman Jackson for their service.
- Requested from Marty Mayes, Director of Public Works/Planning to give more time to individuals requesting permits.

**ORDINANCES-SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING**

**\*16-2020 An ordinance to exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation limits and establish a Cap Bank in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14 for the Calendar Year 2020.**

The City Clerk inquired if there were any residents wishing to comment. Council President advised that Mr. Jeff Felds submitted comments regarding this Ordinance, which have been posted online with answers.

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

**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.**

**ORDINANCES-INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING:**

**\*18-2020 An ordinance of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township adopting the Central Valley Redevelopment Plan pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40a:12a-7.**

**Motion to amend Ordinance 18-2020 by Councilman Jackson, second by Councilman Johnson, Jr.**

**On the motion:** Assistant City Attorney Vaughn Parchment advised that Business Administrator Hartwyk submitted a memorandum to Council dated June 15, 2020 requesting that the Council consider, propose and approve additional amendments to this Ordinance. Modifications include increasing density even though they were not recommended by the Zoning Board.

James Fearon, Esq. from Gluck Walrath, LLP advised the Council of the amendments. Business Administrator Hartwyk called in and discussed the amendments further with Council.

**Roll Call:**

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

**Motion passed.**

**Motion to adopt as amended on First Reading by Councilwoman Williams, second by Councilman Johnson, Jr.**

**Roll Call:**

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

Abstain: Wooten  
Absent: None

**Motion passed.**

**\*19-2020 An ordinance authorizing the execution of a contract of sale between the City of Orange Township and 534 Mitchell Street LLC for the sale of real property located at 540 Mitchell Street and identified on the City tax map as Block 4005, Lot 2 and authorizing the Mayor or his designee to execute the documents necessary to implement the conveyance of this property subject to certain conditions.**

**Motion to adopt on First Reading by Councilwoman Williams, second by Councilman Johnson, Jr.**

**On the motion:** Councilwoman Williams inquired as to what are the certain conditions? Finance Director Mapp read the conditions into the record which are located on the second whereas clause of the Ordinance.

**Roll Call:**

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

**Motion passed.**

**\*20-2020 An ordinance of the City of Orange Township to approve a tax exemption for a thirty (30) year period and to authorize the thirty (30) year exemption and authorizing the execution of a Financial Agreement between the City and Peek Reock I Owner Urban Renewal, LLC.**

**Motion to adopt on First Reading by Councilman Johnson, Jr., second by Councilwoman Williams.**

**On the motion:** Councilwoman Williams inquired if the developer has come before the Finance Committee meeting or Council to discuss finance of project. Both James Fearon, Esq. and Business Administrator Hartwyk provided a response.

**Roll Call:**

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

**Motion passed.**

**\*21-2020 A bond ordinance providing for the issuance of redevelopment area bonds to provide assistance to a redevelopment project located at Block 2804, Lots 1, 2, 9, 10 and 11 on the official tax map of the City of Orange Township, in the County of**

**Essex, State of New Jersey (the "City"); appropriating \$200,000 therefor and authorizing the issuance of \$200,000 bonds or notes of the City to finance costs thereof.**

**Motion to adopt on First Reading by Councilwoman Williams, second by Councilman Coley.**

**Roll Call:**

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

**Motion passed.**

**\*22-2020 A bond ordinance providing for the Main Street Streetscape and Traffic Control Project, by and in the City of Orange Township, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey, appropriating \$5,400,000 therefor and authorizing the issuance of \$5,400,000 bonds or notes to finance the cost thereof.**

**Motion to adopt on First Reading by Councilwoman Williams, second by Councilman Johnson, Jr.**

**Roll Call:**

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

**Motion passed.**

**\*23-2020 An ordinance of the City of Orange Township to establish a Civilian Complaint Review Board. (Sponsored by Council Member Donna Williams)**

**Motion to adopt on First Reading by Councilwoman Williams, second by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson.**

**On the motion:** Councilwoman Williams inquired if the City Attorney Gracia Montilus has been able to review the one from the State. Council President Eason advised that the City will have to do more research, include the new Council Members, and do this at a later time. City Attorney Montilus advised that the body of the bill includes in every municipality shall not be mandatory.

**Roll Call:**

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

**Motion passed.**

The City Clerk announced that the Final Reading is scheduled for the July 8, 2020.

**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. \*249-2020 THROUGH \*276-2020**

- \*249-2020** A resolution amending Resolution 211-2020 titled “A resolution amending Resolution 163-2020(WO) “A Resolution authorizing the award of an emergency contract between the City of Orange Township and MIA restoration dba PuroClean of Morristown NJ, 9 Montgomery Road, Livingston, New Jersey 07039 for decontamination services of EMS and ALS trucks, passenger vehicles, equipment and supplies in response to the COVID-19 pandemic in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00” seeking additional funds in the amount of \$200,000.00 making a new amount not to exceed of \$250,000.00” seeking additional funds in the amount of \$100,000.00 making a new amount not to exceed of \$350,000.00.
  
- \*250-2020** A resolution authorizing a revaluation of property within the City of Orange Township to be effective for 2022 the tax year.
  
- \*251-2020** A resolution amending Resolution 153-2020 titled “A resolution amending Resolution 284-2019 titled “A resolution for the approval to acquire the service to maintain the lights and radios for the police vehicles under the New Jersey State Contract #83898 for the City of Orange Township Police Department from Northeast Communications 244 East Union Turnpike, Wharton, New Jersey 07885 in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00” to add an amount not to exceed of 10,000.00 for January 1, 2020 until April 30, 2020” to add an additional \$20,000.00 making the new amount not to exceed of \$30,000.00 and extend the contract until December 31, 2020.
  
- \*252-2020** A resolution amending Resolution 42-2020 titled “A resolution amending Resolution 313-2019 titled “A resolution to amend Resolution 261-2018 and to extend the contract awarded to the firm of Suplee Clooney to perform professional financial services from August 15, 2019 through December 31, 2019 for an additional amount not to exceed \$40,000.00” and to extend the contract awarded to the firm of Suplee Clooney to perform professional financial services from January 1, 2020 through February 29, 2020 for an additional amount not to exceed \$30,000.00” extending the agreement until June 30, 2020 and seeks additional funds of \$41,581.25 making the new amount not to exceed of \$71,581.25 for the year 2020.

- \*253-2020** A resolution authorizing a refund of five hundred ten dollars and sixty-five cents paid by various residents for a trip to see the Alvin Ailey American Dance Performance at New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark, New Jersey.
- \*254-2020** A resolution authorizing a refund of one hundred thirty-eight dollars paid by Amilcar Mauricio Perla for a credit card online payment in error to the Clerk Department.
- \*255-2020** A resolution authorizing and ratifying the retention of Blau and Blau, Attorneys at Law as special counsel to file affirmative tax appeals on behalf of the City of Orange Township from March 1, 2020 until December 31, 2020.
- \*256-2020** A resolution authorizing the adoption of the 2020 Essex County, New Jersey Hazard Mitigation Plan Update.
- \*257-2020** A resolution authorizing approval to submit a grant application and execute a grant agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the City of Orange Township Transit Village improvements fiscal year 2021.
- \*258-2020** A resolution authorizing approval to submit a grant application and execute a grant agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the City of Orange Township Safe Streets To Transit improvements for the fiscal year 2021.
- \*259-2020** A resolution authorizing the City of Orange Township to enter into a voluntary cooperative pricing system with National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance (NCPA) for the purchase of goods and services.
- \*260-2020** A resolution authorizing approval to submit a grant application with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the City of Orange Township Roadway Improvements for 2021 various streets project.
- \*261-2020** A resolution authorizing the awarding of a contract to Pugliese Pool service, Inc., 15 Standish Avenue, West Orange, New Jersey 07052 for the 2020 maintenance of pools and spray park commencing June 1, 2020 and terminating September 30, 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$52,804.00.
- \*262-2020** A resolution authorizing a release of performance bond in the amount of \$97,921.00 from the City of Orange Township to McDonald's Corporation in connection with the McDonald's restaurant on Main and Park streets.
- \*263-2020** A resolution celebrating Father's Day. (Sponsored by Council Member Donna K. Williams)
- \*264-2020** A resolution celebrating Juneteenth Independence Day. (Sponsored by Council Member Donna K. Williams)



- \*265-2020** A resolution celebrating the life of Mayor Thomas H. Cooke, Jr. (Sponsored by Council Member Donna K. Williams and the Orange Municipal Council).
- \*266-2020** A resolution celebrating the life of Eileen Lockhart. (Sponsored by Council Member Donna K. Williams)
- \*267-2020** A resolution celebrating the life of Jordan Baris. (Sponsored by Council Member Donna K. Williams)
- \*268-2020** A resolution celebrating the life of Lona Wiggins Nixon. (Sponsored by Council Member Donna K. Williams)
- \*269-2020** A resolution celebrating the life of Mayor Carmine E. Capone. (Sponsored by Council Member Donna K. Williams and the Orange Municipal Council)
- \*270-2020** A resolution condemning racism and honoring George Floyd. (Sponsored by Council Member Donna K. Williams)
- \*271-2020** A resolution approving the bill list for council meeting vote on June 16, 2020 dated June 10, 2020 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95 (Grand Total: \$4,925,725.48)
- \*272-2020** A resolution authorizing the execution of a Redevelopment Agreement between the City and Peek Reock I Owner Urban Renewal, LLC for the undertaking of a redevelopment project to be located at 258-276 Reock Street
- \*273-2020** A resolution extending and amending the contract with Ehrlich, Petriello, Gudín & Plaza, PC, 60 Park Place, Suite 1010, Newark, New Jersey, 07102 to handle conflict worker's compensation and authorizing additional funds for the calendar year 2020 in the amount not to exceed thirty thousand dollars \$30,000.00
- \*274-2020** A resolution of the City of Orange Township, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey authorizing the submission of an application to the Local Finance Board requesting approval of a bond ordinance (Reock Street Project) authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$200,000 redevelopment area bonds pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40a:2-26(e) and N.J.S.A. 40a:3-4.
- \*275-2020** A resolution of the City of Orange Township, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey authorizing the submission of an application to the Local Finance Board requesting approval of (i) the issuance of qualified bonds under the provisions of the municipal qualified bond act, specifically N.J.S.A. 40a:3-4, (ii) issuance of qualified bonds with a non-conforming maturity schedule under the provisions of the Local Bond Law, specifically N.J.S.A. 40a:2-26(e) and (iii) the issuance of qualified bonds through the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 58:11b-9(a).

**Motion to adopt Consent Agenda 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.**

**ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR A SEPARATE VOTE:**

**276-2020 A resolution authorizing the appointment of Lisette Sanchez as the Deputy Municipal Clerk for the City of Orange Township. . (Sponsored by Council Member Kerry J. Coley)**

**Motion to adopt by Councilman Coley, second by Councilman Johnson, Jr.**

**On the motion:** Councilwomen Summers-Johnson, Williams and Wooten all expressed their reason(s) for not supporting the appointment.

**Roll Call:**

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

**Motion passed.**

**NEW BUSINESS AND WALK-ON ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:** None.


**OTHER PENDING BUSINESS** City Clerk announced that there are no other pending business.

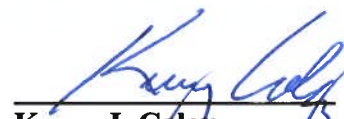
**Motion to adjourn by Councilman Coley, second by Councilman Johnson, Jr.  
The Motion was unanimously approved.**

Regular Meeting adjourned at 9:48 p.m.

**The next City Council Conference and Regular Meeting will be held on July 8, 2020 virtually at 7:00 p.m.**

**APPROVED:**

  
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Joyce L. Lanier  
City Clerk

  
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Kerry J. Coley  
Council President