

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 WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 2020 FOLLOWING THE CONFERENCE MEETING.

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

Roll Call:

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
Chris Hartwyk, Business Administrator
Gracia R. Montilus, City Attorney
Kenneth Douglas, Director of Fire
Adrian Mapp, Director of Finance
Nile Clements, Chief Financial Officer
Capt. Vinny Vitello, Police Department
Marlin Townes, Legislative Research Officer
Kathrina Nease, Water Superintendent
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: The City Clerk announced that there were no Constable Reports.

OPRA REPORTS: The City Clerk announced that there were no OPRA reports.

COUNCIL REPORTS - Council President directs Clerk to file reports.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

The City Clerk announced that there were no

Communications and Petitions.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Captain Vitiello from the Police Department reported that the Orange Police Department are continuing to do drive-by birthdays for young kids, the elderly and graduations every Saturday.

Katrina Nease, Water Superintendent reported that a backed sewer has been cleared on Main Street, wherein they found gloves, masks and wipes.

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 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 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 Mr. Jeffrey Feld submitted 71 questions, which were uploaded onto the websites. In addition, Council President Eason advised that Attorney Montilus will provide a written answer to Mr. Feld’s questions.

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

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilwoman Summers-Johnson commented on the following:

- Discussing George Floyd’s situation to her children.
- Thanked Business Administrator Hartwyk for answering questions.
- Thanked the Department Of Public Works for all of their clean-up work around the City.
- Start of her new Southward Seniors Group to bring gap between Older Adults.
- Announced her new contact information, which is (862) 272-1155.
- Announced her email address, which is jsummers@orangenj.gov.
- On Friday, June 12, 2020 there will be a Stirling Avenue Neighborhood Watch Meeting.

Councilwoman Wooten commented on the following:

- Provided an update on #2020 Census: Orange is at 45% and the State of New Jersey’s Census is at 62.7% to date.
- Start of an At-Large Senior Group.
- Thanked Business Administrator and City Attorney for answering questions.

- Thanked the Department of Public Works for all their work around the City.
- Expressed her condolences to all of the family of the people killed by police officers.
- Praying for peace in our county and that our leader empathize and sympathize with us.
- Scotland Road paving for a 150 year old water main.

Councilwoman Williams commented on the following:

- Inquired about the landscaping company in Orange that is willing to do volunteer services.
- Drop boxes at City Hall and the Police Department for water, sewer and tax payments. Residents can also pay online.
- 2020 Census.
- Requested voting applications be made available for the Post Office, Police Department and the First Floor in City Hall.
- Disqualified voting ballots in the May 2020 election.
- June 16, 2020 is the deadline to register for the July 7th Primary Vote by Mail Ballots.
- Newark Protest.
- Urged residents to vote and complete their 2020 Census forms.
- Non-essential business opening.
- Expressed condolences to the family of Mr. Baris from the Realty.
- Expressed condolences to the family of Mayor Capone.

Business Administrator Hartwyk announced that following:

- The City is working on opening a business office on the first floor of the building.
- Any resident or business owner wishing to have their taxes or water bill paid can call (973) 280-2587 and arrangements will be made to pick up the payment.

Councilman Coley commented on the following:

- The expansion of the High School and parking lot.
- The intersection of William Street and North Center and Park condition.

Councilman Jackson commented on the following:

- Expressed his appreciation on how everything has been working together during COVID-19 Pandemic.
- 2020 Census.
- Signage for Tremont Drive.

Councilman Johnson, Jr. commented on the following:

- Expressed his condolences to the family of former Mayor Capone.
- Code Enforcement Initiative.

Council President Eason advised that public comments have been received from the following citizens, which have been posted online under Public Comments for the June 3, 2020 Council Meeting:

- 1) Carl Fields, Jr., and
- 2) Jeffrey Feld.

Business Administrator Hartwyk advised that hand scanners for employees has been suspended. The City is looking into a new biometrics reporting system. In the meantime, departments will responsible for entering employees' time.

Council President thanked her North Ward residents for their beautification of their Ward.

ORDINANCES-SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING

***2-2020 An ordinance to amend and supplement the Code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 7, "Affirmative Action", to add Article III, entitled "Orange Residents' Employment Policy" to require hiring of City residents on construction projects. (Sponsored by Council Member Donna K. Williams) (POSTPONED FROM THE 03/03/2020, 03/24/2020, 04/07/2020, AND 05/05/2020 REGULAR MEETINGS)**

The City Clerk inquired if there were any residents wishing to comment. Jeff Felds submitted comments that will be considered when the Ordinance comes back before the Council.

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

Motion to adopt by Councilwoman Williams, second by Councilwoman Wooten.

Roll Call:

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

Motion failed.

ORDINANCES-INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING:

***17-2020 An ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 4, "Administration of Government", Article II, entitled "City Council" to clarify duties of the City Clerk. (Sponsored by Council Member Donna Williams).**

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

Roll Call:

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

Motion passed.

The City Clerk announced that the Final Reading is tentatively scheduled for the first meeting in July 7 or 14, 2020. The meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, July 8, 2020 since July 7, 2020 is New Jersey's Primary Election date.

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. *228-2020 THROUGH *241-2020

- *228-2020** A resolution authorizing the Planning Board to conduct an investigation pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:A12A-6 for designation of certain properties as a non-condemnation redevelopment area and/or an area in need of rehabilitation, directing the Planning Board to hold the public hearing and report to the City Council, and directing the Planning Board to prepare a Redevelopment Plan for any properties so designated by the City Council for the Expanded Reock Street Area of the City of Orange Township.
- *229-2020** A resolution authorizing the Orange Planning Board to amend the central Orange Redevelopment Plan and to provide recommendations to the Orange City Council as to redevelopment plan revisions.
- *230-2020** A resolution authorizing Gail Mitchell, Esq. to provide legal services to the Orange Municipal Zoning Board of Adjustment of the City of Orange Township in matters as they relate to zoning and land use in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00.
- *231-2020** A resolution to accept the 2019 Bill Belichick Foundation Grant Award of \$10,000.00 for a Lacrosse Program.
- *232-2020** A resolution to accept grant funds from the New Jersey Department of Agriculture for the 2020 Summer Food Service Program for an amount of \$372,879.50.
- *234-2020** A resolution celebrating Haitian Flag Day. (Sponsored by Councilmember Donna K. Williams)
- *235-2020** A resolution celebrating the life of Dr. Ruth B. Mandel. (Sponsored by Councilmember Donna K. Williams)
- *236-2020** A resolution honoring victims of COVID-19. (Sponsored by Councilmember Donna K. Williams)

***238-2020** A resolution appointing Zonasha Ward as a member of the Citizen's Budget Advisory Committee for calendar year 2020 municipal budget process. (Sponsored by Councilmember Donna K. Williams)

***240-2020** A resolution awarding a contract to Karson Food, Inc. 3409 Rose Avenue, Ocean, New Jersey 07712 in the amount not to exceed \$372,879.50 for the 2020 USDA Summer Food program commencing June 29, 2020 and terminating August 21, 2020.

***241-2020** A resolution appointing James H. Ward III as alternate member No. 4 of the Zoning Board of Adjustment. (Sponsored by Councilmember Donna Williams)

Motion to adopt Consent Agenda by Councilwoman Williams, second by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson.

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:

***233-2020** A resolution appointing Yasmeen Chism as member of the Citizen's Budget Advisory Committee for calendar year 2020 municipal budget process. (Sponsored by Councilmember Donna K. Williams)

Motion to adopt by Councilwoman Williams, second by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson.

On the motion: Councilwoman Williams thanked Ms. Chism for staying through the whole meeting and looks forward to what she will contribute to the Citizen's Budget Advisory Committee.

Roll Call:

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

Motion passed.

***237-2020** A resolution approving the bill list for council meeting vote on June 3, 2020 dated May 27, 2020 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95 (Grand Total: \$5,282,636.79)

Motion to adopt by Councilwoman Williams, second by Councilwoman Wooten.

Roll Call:

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

Motion passed.

***239-2020 A resolution rescinding resolution 143-76 adopted May 18, 1976 "A resolution adopting the provision of Chapter 88, public laws of 1974 to permit local public employees to pay the premium charge for certain eligible pensioners and their dependents and to pay Medicare charges for such retirants and their spouses covered by the New Jersey State Health Benefits program". (Amended)**

City Attorney Montilus read into the record the amendments.

Motion to adopt as amended by Councilwoman Williams, second by Councilman Coley.

Roll Call:

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

Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS AND WALK-ON ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:

The City Clerk read into the record each of the following walk-on resolutions:

- 242-2020(WO) A resolution authorizing the City of Orange Tax Collector to prepare and mail estimated tax bills in accordance with P.L. 1994, c.72.**
- 243-2020(WO) A resolution re-appointing Cheryl Gayle as Alternate Member No. 3 of the Zoning Board of Adjustment. (Sponsored by Councilmember Donna Williams)**
- 244-2020(WO) A resolution re-appointing Antoinette Hall as Alternate Member No. 2 of the Zoning Board of Adjustment. (Sponsored by Councilmember Adrienne Wooten)**
- 244A-2020(WO) A resolution by the City of Orange Township to support the State of New Jersey proposed \$9 billion borrowing plan to cover New Jersey's budget shortfall due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.**
- 245-2020(WO) A resolution for Emergency Temporary Appropriations #4 to the Calendar Year 2020 Budget.**

246-2020(WO) **A resolution authorizing an Emergency Temporary Appropriation pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20.**

Motion to walk-on Resolutions 242-2020(WO), 243-2020(WO), 244-2020(WO), 244A-2020(WO), 245-2020(WO) and 246-2020(WO) onto the 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.

The City Clerk declared the time open for emailed citizen comments on the walk-on resolutions. Council President Eason announced that she had not received any emailed citizen comments.

Motion to close citizen comments by Councilwoman Williams, second by Councilwoman Wooten. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

242-2020(WO) **A resolution authorizing the City of Orange Tax Collector to prepare and mail estimated tax bills in accordance with P.L. 1994, c.72.**

Motion to adopt by Councilwoman Williams, second by Councilman Jackson.

On the Motion: Business Administrator Hartwyk reported that he estimates tax bills will go out at the end of the month June 30th.

Roll Call:

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

Motion passed.

243-2020(WO) **A resolution re-appointing Cheryl Gayle as Alternate Member No. 3 of the Zoning Board of Adjustment. (Sponsored by Councilmember Donna Williams)**

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.

244-2020(WO) **A resolution re-appointing Antoinette Hall as Alternate Member No. 2 of the Zoning Board of Adjustment. (Sponsored by Councilmember Adrienne Wooten)**

Motion to adopt by Councilwoman Williams, second by Councilwoman Wooten.

Roll Call:

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

Motion passed.

244A-2020(WO) **A resolution by the City of Orange Township to support the State of New Jersey proposed \$9 billion borrowing plan to cover New Jersey's budget shortfall due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.**

Motion to adopt by Councilwoman Williams, second by Councilwoman Wooten.

Roll Call:

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

Motion passed.

245-2020(WO) **A resolution for Emergency Temporary Appropriations #4 to the Calendar Year 2020 Budget.**

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.

246-2020(WO) **A resolution authorizing an Emergency Temporary Appropriation pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20.**

Motion to adopt by Councilwoman Williams, second by Councilwoman Wooten.

Roll Call:

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

Motion passed.

Motion to do an oral resolution in support of the Orange Post Office requesting that the amount of personnel staff be increased to efficiently and effective service the daily customers by Councilwoman Williams, second by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson.

247-2020(WO) A resolution in support of the Orange Branch of the United States Postal Service. (Sponsored by the Orange City Council)

Roll Call:

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

Motion passed.


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

**Motion to adjourn by Councilwoman Williams, second by Councilman Jackson.
The Motion was unanimously approved.**


Regular Meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

The next City Council Conference and Regular Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 16, 2020 virtually at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVED: JUL 08 2020



Joyce L. Lanier
City Clerk



Kerry J. Coley
Council President