

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, AUGUST 5, 2020 AT 7:00 P.M.

Roll Call:

Present:

Council Vice-President Tency A. Eason, North Ward
Councilman Harold Johnson, Jr. West Ward
Councilman Weldon M. Montague, III, At-Large
Councilman Clifford R. Ross, At-Large
Councilwoman Jamie Summers-Johnson, South Ward Arrived at 7:04 p.m.
Councilwoman Adrienne Wooten, At-Large Arrived at 7:04 p.m.
Council President Kerry Coley, East Ward

Also Present:

Joyce L. Lanier, City Clerk
Lisette Sanchez, Deputy City Clerk
Chris M. Hartwyk, Business Administrator
Gracia R. Montilus, City Attorney
Adrien Mapp, Director of Finance Arrived at 7:10 p.m.
Nile Clements, Chief Financial Officer
Kenneth Douglas, Fire Director
Marty Mayes, Planning/Public Works Director Arrived at 7:13 p.m.
Marlin Townes, Legislative Research Officer
Katrina Nease, Superintendent of Water
Maggie Homere, City Clerk's Office
Tamara Robinson, City Clerk's Office

The City Clerk asked everyone to stand for a Moment of Silence. Council Vice President Eason dedicated the Moment of Silence to Senator Ronald Rice on the passing of his beloved wife and Congressman John Lewis.

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 citizencomments@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 requirements of N.J.S.A. 10:4-9 et. seq., "Sunshine Law" has been met. A notice of this meeting was sent to the Record Transcript, published in the Star Ledger on July 16, 2020, posted on the City's Website (www.ci.orange.nj.us) and the Council's Website (www.orangetwpnjcc.org) and filed in the Office of the City Clerk.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION:

- 1) Business Administrator Chris M. Hartwyk provided an updated on the 2020 Budget:
 - The City applied and recently received from the CARES Act – Coronavirus Relief Act \$1,285,300.00 which has been applied to the amended budget as a General Revenue.
 - There has been no increase in the budget.

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- The 2020 Amended Budget has been approved by the Department of Local Government Services.
 - The Public Hearing for the Amended Budget is scheduled for Wednesday, August 12, 2020.
- 2) Business Administrator Chris M. Hartwyk and Chief Financial Officer Nile Clements provided a brief description on the three (3) walk-on resolution:
- Resolution 332-2020(WO) A resolution of the City of Orange Township, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey, determining the form and other details of its “note relating to the Water Bank Construction Financing Program of the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank”, to be issued in the principal amount of up to \$4,550,000, and providing for the issuance and sale of such note to the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank, and authorizing the execution and delivery of such note by the City of Orange Township in favor of the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank, all pursuant to the Water Bank Construction Financing Program of the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank.
 - Improvement was approved on November 18, 2019 by Ordinance 42-2019 Bond Ordinance providing for the water meter replacement program, by and in the City of Orange Township, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey, appropriating \$4,550,000 therefor and authorizing the issuance of \$4,550,000 bonds or notes to finance the cost thereof
 - Resolution 333-2020(WO) A resolution of the City of Orange Township, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey, determining the form and other details of its “note relating to the Water Bank Construction Financing Program of the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank”, to be issued in the principal amount of up to \$1,864,000, and providing for the issuance and sale of such note to the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank, and authorizing the execution and delivery of such note by the City of Orange Township in favor of the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank, all pursuant to the Water Bank Construction Financing Program of the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank.
 - Improvement was approved on November 18, 2019 by Ordinance 51-2019 Bond Ordinance providing for Phase I of the rehabilitation and/or redevelopment of water transmission mains, water distribution mains and wells, by and in the City of Orange Township, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey, appropriating \$5,000,000 therefor and authorizing the issuance of \$5,000,000 bonds or notes to finance the cost thereof.
 - Resolution 334-2020(WO) A resolution of the City of Orange Township, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey, determining the form and other details of its “note relating to the Water Bank Construction Financing Program of the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank”, to be issued in the principal amount of up to \$700,000, and providing for the issuance and sale of such note to the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank, and authorizing the execution and delivery of such note by

the City of Orange Township in favor of the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank, all pursuant to the Water Bank Construction Financing Program of the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank.

- Improvement was approved on November 18, 2019 by Ordinance 51-2019 Bond Ordinance providing for Phase I of the rehabilitation and/or redevelopment of water transmission mains, water distribution mains and wells, by and in the City of Orange Township, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey, appropriating \$5,000,000 therefor and authorizing the issuance of \$5,000,000 bonds or notes to finance the cost thereof.
 - Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk confirmed that the projects relating to Resolutions 332-2020(WO), 333-2020(WO) and 334-2020(WO) were:
 - Rated very high by the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank.
 - The interest rates obtained are at reduced rate.
 - Improvements are for water infrastructure.
 - The City will be saving millions of dollars.
- 3) Gerald Haizel and Mrunmayee Altre from the Nishuane Group presented to the Council the proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance. Mr. Haizel advised that changes being made are in compliance the Municipal Land Use Law and the Master Plan adopted on November 2018.

The following topics were presented:

1. Why this amendment?
2. Article I: Overview and Guide.
 - a. How to use this Ordinance.
3. Article II. Definitions.
4. Article III: Administration and Procedures.
5. Article IV: Zoning Regulations and Zoning Map.
 - a. New Zones
 - b. Added Building Typologies
 - c. Introduction to New Zones
 - d. Permitted Uses and Building Typologies
 - e. Introduction to Building Typologies
 - f. Each Building Typology Includes
 - g. Parking Requirements
 - h. Sign Regulations
 - i. Other Changes
6. Article V: Development Standards
 - a. Added Standards for:
 - b. Added Landscape Design Standards:
 - c. Added Design and Appearance Standards:
7. Article VI: State Plan Review

- 8. Article VII: Subdivision Review
- 9. Article VIII: Miscellaneous Provisions
- 10. Article IX: Compliance Affordable Housing Obligations
- 11. Article X: Historic Preservation Commission
- 12. Article XI: Historic Preservation Controls
- 13. Minor Changes

***A copy of the Orange Zoning Presentation, draft Zoning Ordinance, proposed Zoning Map and proposed Zoning Ordinance are posted on the Council’s website at www.orangetwpnjcc.org under the August 5, 2020 Meeting Folder/Matters of Discussion.**

- 4) Business Administrator Chris M. Hartwyk provided the following update on COVID-19:
 - The City of Orange Township has an increase of cases of COVID-19, which is being closely monitored by the State of New Jersey.
 - Council Vice President Tency A. Eason announced that COVID-19 testing will be held on Thursday, August 13, 2020 between 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at St. Matthews Church. Residents should bring identification and their health insurance card. Free testing will be given to residents who do not have health insurance.

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 24-2020, 26-2020, 28-2020, 29-2020, 30-2020 and 31-2020.
- Resolutions 295-2020, 310-2020, 315-2020, 320-2020, 322-2020, 323-2020 and 329-2020.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Councilwoman Wooten, second by Councilman Montague, III.

The meeting was adjourned by a unanimous vote at 8:27 p.m.

Approved: September 1, 2020



 Joyce L. Lanier
 City Clerk



 Kerry J. Coley
 Council President