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 TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2020 AT 7:06 P.M.

Roll Call:

Present:

Council Vice-President Tency A. Eason, North Ward

Arrived at 7:08 p.m.

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

Councilwoman Adrienne Wooten, At-Large 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 Avram White, Deputy City Attorney Adrien Mapp, Director of Finance Nile Clements, Chief Financial Officer

Marty Mayes, Planning/Public Works Director Marlin Townes, Legislative Research Officer Katrina Nease, Superintendent of Water Maggie Homere, City Clerk's Office

The City Clerk asked everyone to recognize a moment of silence.

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. 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 Vice 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."

The City Clerk announced that 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.ci.orangetwpnjcc.org) and filed in the Office of the City Clerk.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

Main Street Project presentation by Bright View Engineering.

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Director Marty Mayes introduced Olga Garcia, Frank Rotonda and John Jahr from Bright View Engineering who will be presenting to the Council the Main Street project.

Ms. Garcia led the presentation for Bright View Engineering and provided the Council with a six (6) page plans for the proposed Main Street Project which included, but is not limited to new:

- Welcome to the City of Orange Township signage;
- City of Orange seal;
- Street lighting;
- Scored sidewalks with and without stamped borders;
- Black powder signals
- Traffic controllers;
- Trash bins;
- Bike racks:
- Iron wrought fencing;
- Benches; and
- Landscaping.

The following topics were discussed regarding the proposed Main Street Project:

- Awnings, windows and signage for Main Street businesses;
- Selection of a logo for the signs;
- Bus stops;
- Department of Public Works meeting and notification to Main Street business owners;
- Time frame for completion of work.

A copy of the presentation is available on the Council's website under the September 1, 2020 meeting folder.

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 Resolution: 376-2020

- Council President Coley sponsored this resolution with the intention of providing the restaurant owners with some relief since they have suffered tremendous loss due to COVID-19.
- Business owners were able to apply for assistance from the Cares Act and the National Disaster Recovery Act.
- The Finance Committee recommends the resolution be voted down.
- Director of Finance Mapp and Chief Financial Officer Clements both recommended that the resolution be voted down since refunding the business owners their permit fees will be a loss of revenues for the City. Therefore, the City will not be eligible to submit to FEMA for reimbursement.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Council Vice President Eason, second by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson.

The meeting was adjourned by a unanimous vote at 8:05 p.m.

Approved: October 6, 2020

Joyce I. Lanier

City Clerk

Kerry J. Coley

Council President