

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 1, 2020 AT 7:05 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 Arrived at 7:07 p.m.
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 Arrived at 7:23 p.m.
Avram White, Deputy City Attorney
Adrien Mapp, Director of Finance
Nile Clements, Chief Financial Officer
Captain Vinny Vitiello, Police Department
Kenneth Douglas, Fire Director
Marty Mayes, Planning/Public Works Director
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 announced the "SPECIAL NOTICE: Please be apprised anyone wishing to discuss Agenda or General Items shall use the "raise hand button". Each person will be allowed to speak for a maximum of three (3) minutes. The City Council reserves the right to respond or not respond during the meeting to any citizen's comments or questions.

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.orangetwpnjcc.org) and filed in the Office of the City Clerk.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION:

- **Congressman Donald M. Payne, Jr., 10th District discussed the following topics:**
 - Provided an update on what is going on in Washington and said hello to the citizens of Orange.
 - Provided an update on the United States Postal Service.
 - Encouraged more communication with the County Clerk and the Post Office.

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- George Floyd.
- Commended the City of Orange for having a peaceful march.
- Reopening of New Jersey.
- Passage of a bill –The Heroes Act provides New Jersey's government and local community's funds to cover coronavirus-related expenses and pay state and local health care workers, police and fire departments, emergency services workers, teachers and other essential workers who could be in danger of losing their jobs.
- Encouraged residents to contact his office and provided his contact information: email Payne.house.gov and office number (973) 645-3213;
- Encouraged everyone to fill out their 2020 Census since Orange is only at 49% and announced that the deadline to fill out the 2020 Census is September 30, 2020.
- Announced he will be participating in the Congressional Black Caucus and will provide the Council information for the Congressional Black Caucus.

The City Clerk asked everyone to stand for a Moment of Silence. Council President Coley dedicated the Moment of Silence to Chadwick Boseman who lost his life at the tender age of 43 to colon cancer.

- **Timothy Walker, Director of Risk Management, Essex County Liaison discussed the following topics.**
 - Weekly Mayor's call update and solicit support for the City of Orange.
 - Cleanliness of the parks and bathrooms in the City of Orange.
 - Closure of the County parks in the City of Orange and legislation to define same.
 - Monte Irvin statute.
 - Paving projects in Orange.
 - Park entrance at Oakwood Avenue signage request.
 - Park hazards due to fallen trees, damaged fences, etc.

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 29-2020, 30-2020, 33-2020, 34-2020, 35-2020, and 44-2020
- Resolutions 341-2020, 356-2020, 362-2020, and 363-2020(WO)

City Attorney Montilus confirmed that he will be providing the Municipal Council with a legal opinion regarding Ordinance 30-2020.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Councilwoman Eason, second by Councilman Johnson, Jr.

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The meeting was adjourned by a unanimous vote at 8:29 p.m.

Approved: October 6, 2020

Joyce L. Lanier
City Clerk

Kerry J. Coley
Council President