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, OCTOBER 6, 2020 FOLLOWING THE CONFERENCE MEETING

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

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

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 Adrian Mapp, Director of Finance Nile Clements, Chief Financial Officer

Todd Warren, Police Director

Vincent Vitiello, Police Department Captain

Kenneth Douglas, Fire Director Matthew Kohault, Deputy Fire Chief

Marty Mayes, Director of Planning/Public Works

Katrina Nease, Water Superintendent

Paula Ferreira, Tax Collector

Laquana Best, Acting Director of Planning Marlin Townes, Legislative Research Officer Katrina Nease, Superintendent of Water Margarette Homere, City Clerk's Office

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.

The City Clerk requested to Suspend the Rules to adopt Resolution 403-2020, which establishes the rules for public comments.

Motion to Suspend the Rules by Councilman Montague, III, second by Councilman Johnson, Jr.

Roll Call:

Ayes:

Eason, Johnson, Jr., Montague, III, Ross, Summers-Johnson, Wooten and Council

President Coley

Nays:

None

Abstain:

None

Absent:

None

Motion passed.

403-2020

A resolution rescinding Resolutions 180-2020(WO) and 297-2020 and adopting a City of Orange Township policy for public questions or comments during virtual Conference and Regular Meetings of the City Council in accordance with the regulations of the Division of Local Government Services. (Amended)

Motion to adopt by Councilman Ross, second by Councilman Johnson, Jr.

Point of Order:

City Attorney Montilus wanted to confirm that the correct version of the

Resolution 403-2020, which was amended today was being used. City Clerk

confirmed same.

Roll Call:

Ayes:

Eason, Johnson, Jr., Montague, III, Ross, Summers-Johnson, Wooten and Council

President Coley

Nays:

None

Abstain:

None

Absent:

None

Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

• August 12, 2020 Special Meeting (Public Hearing on the Amendments for the CY 2020 Local Municipal Budget) Minutes

Motion to adopt by Councilman Ross, second by Councilman Johnson, Jr. The Motion was unanimously approved. Motion passed.

September 1, 2020 Conference & Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion to adopt Councilman Montague, III, second by Councilman Ross. The Motion was unanimously approved. Motion passed.

• September 9, 2020 Special Meeting (Executive Session) Minutes

Motion to adopt Councilwoman Summers-Johnson, second by Councilman Ross. The Motion was unanimously approved. Motion passed.

• September 15, 2020 Conference & Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion to adopt Councilman Montague, III, second by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson. The Motion was unanimously approved. Motion passed.

REPORTS:

DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REVENUE COLLECTION 2020:

- Department of Planning & Economic Development Month of July 2020: \$40,509.00
- Department of Planning & Economic Development Month of August 2020: \$79,049.00

CONSTABLE REPORTS: None.

OPRA REPORTS:

None.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Finance Committee – Council Vice President reported that the following recommendations from the meeting held on October 6, 2020:

- Ord. 30-2020 recommends voting it down and will return after careful review.
- Ord.49-2020 recommends voting it down.
- Supports remaining legislation on the agenda.

Orange Police Department – Police Director Todd Warren and Captain Vincent Vitiello reported the following:

- New Jersey State Assembly Bill A2370 passed, which establishes compassionate release program for certain inmates.
- City of Orange Township is prepared to assist these residents with a Re-entry Job Program lead by Doctor Ferguson and Councilman Montague, III.
- Crime Statistics for the Month of September 2020. (The non-confidential part of the report will be made available to the public)
- Orange Police Officers graduate motorcycle school course. One of Orange's best graduated at the top of the class.
- Confidential tip line received 22 calls and the department responded to each call.

Council President directs Clerk to file reports.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

- 1. NJ Transit Informational Public Hearing Notice for Senior Citizens & Disabled Residents Transportation Assistance Program Tuesday, October 13, 2020: Session 1 5:00 pm (Southern Region), Session 2 6:00 p.m. (Central Region), Session 3 7:00 p.m. (Northern Region).
- 2. Passaic Valley Sewerage Commissioners Public Notice for a meeting scheduled on Thursday, October 8, 2020 at 12:00 p.m.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON GENERAL ISSUES/AGENDA ITEMS

"SPECIAL NOTICE: Please be apprised anyone wishing to discuss Agenda or General Items shall be allowed to participate in this portion of the Council Meeting via audio call in number and video conferencing platform by stating their name and address when directed to do so by the Council President. All public comments submitted through electronic mail or written letter before the meeting shall be read aloud by the City Clerk within the five-minute timeframe. The City Council reserves the right to respond or not respond during the meeting to any citizen's questions or comments. If the Council wishes to address any comments it shall be done during the remote public meeting.

The City Clerk reported that the emailed citizen comments received from both Jeff Felds and Seven Oaks Society, LLC have been posted on the website www.orangetwpnjcc.org under the October 6, 2020 Council Meeting.

The following two citizens commented live:

1) Murphy Wilson, 362 Heywood Avenue:

- Reiterated the importance of the introduction of the Zoning Ordinance. She will submit concerns and requested that same be considered before second reading.

2) Tyrone Tarver, 258 Odgen Street:

- Questioned the B&O Urban Renewal Phase II proposal on the agenda (Resolution 409-2020). Wants to know if Phase II was approved by the Planning Board and if Phase II was changed from the original plans presented to the School Board back in February.
- Business Administrator confirmed that changes have been made from the original plans presented to the School Board and they will have to be approved by the Planning Board.

The City Clerk read into the record Citizen Comments up to the five-minute timeframe allotted to each citizen. As a result, all of the comments submitted by Jeff Felds were not all read into the record.

3) JEFF FELDS, <u>hardwaredad@aol.com</u>:

Preliminary Non-Agenda Item Questions

- 1. What civic participation rules govern this October 6, 2020 virtual meeting?
- 2. When and where were these new civic participation rules posted or advertised prior to this meeting?
- 3. Who drafted these new virtual civic participation rules and procedures?
- 4. What is the status of the CY 2020 Audit?
- 5. What was the statutory or Best Practices filing deadline for the CY 2020 Audit?
- 6. When do you expect the CY 2020 Best Practices Inventory Responses to be posted on a public website?
- 7. When do you anticipate holding a public hearing on Orange's CY 2020 Best Practices Inventory Responses?
- 8. Has Orange enacted an anti-nepotism policy?
- 9. What is the status of the promised Long Term Tax Exemption Policy and Procedure Ordinance?
- 10. What is the status of the July and August 2020 monthly operating and revenue reports?

- 11. What is the status of the accounting of all long term tax exemption revenues due and owing the County?
- 12. What is the status of the accounting of all short term tax exemption revenues not collected by Orange due to the blanket waiver and the lack of increasing staged payments?
- 13. What is the status of the written legal opinions regarding the validity of all pre-October 6, 2020 virtual meetings' civic participation restrictions and limitations?
- 14. What is the status of the written legal opinion or memorandum regarding the validity and adverse consequences of a mayor's current or former law partner acting as the local planning board attorney at the August 26, 2020 planning board meeting during which the mayor was present and acting in a quasi-judicial function?
- 15. When did Attorney Aaron Mizrahi become a city employee?
- 16. What is the status of the written legal opinion or memorandum regarding a city councilperson simultaneously serving in an official (and not liaison or ex officio) capacity on the local housing authority?
- 17. Has Councilperson Ross availed himself to an advisory ethical opinion from the State Division of Local Government Services?
- 18. Have the two newly elected council members attended any basic local government seminars regarding their new statutory and common law fiduciary councilperson duties and obligations?
- 19. What is the status of Feld XIX defendants' outstanding discovery responses?
- 20. What is the adverse consequences of a public official asserting his or her Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination?
- 21. Why the delay in posting the October 6, 2020 Agenda Packet on Orange's official public website?
- 22. What is the status of Orange's current water/sewer utility capacity?
- 23. Without interconnections with other water utilities, can Orange meet its current water/sewer needs?
- 24. Without interconnections with other water utilities, can Orange meet its projected increased redevelopment needs?
- 25. Were the costs of all CY 2020 interconnections included within the adopted CY 2020 Budget?
- 26. Who reviewed and approved all items contained in the Agenda Packet prior to their submission to the entire local governing body and posting on a public website?
- 27. Who ensured that all municipal legislation bore the form, sufficiency and legality approval signature of an attorney?
- 28. Who ensured that all availability of funds certifications bore the signature of a department head?
- 29. Who reviews the work product of all in-house and special outside counsel?
- 30. Did Orange transcend the boundaries of legitimate legal advocacy by failing to deliver certain material documents to its Feld X Walter G. Alexander Phase III "fairness" expert?
- 31. When will Orange post its Feld X Walter G. Alexander Phase III "fairness" report on a public website?
- 32. Why does this "fairness" report omit any discussion of NJHMFA long term tax exemptions?
- 33. In the original Walter G. Alexander 3 Phase Redevelopment Agreement dated September 30, 2009, did the redeveloper promise a market rate phase?
- 34. On July 1, 2012, did Willis Edwards III confront Attorney Feld about his refusal to buy a table at Mayor Dwayne D. Warren's initial inauguration ball?
- 35. Shortly after July 1, 2012, were all pre-July 1, 2012 city council meeting videos removed and scrubbed from Orange's official public website?

- 36. In or about November 2012, did Willis Edwards III unilaterally reject out-of-hand a \$1,000 Feld V OPRA settlement negotiated by Judge Rachel Davidson?
- 37. Today, how many federal cooperating witnesses are embedded in Orange City Hall?
- 38. Is the October 6, 2020 Agenda an official misconduct entrapment ruse?

<u>Ordinances - Second Reading, Amended Main Street Commercial Hours of Operation Ord. 30-2020 (Sponsored by Councilperson Eason)</u>

- 39. Is the mayor a member of "Mayors for Main Street"?
- 40. Has the Warren Administration signed off on this proposed business hours ordinance?
- 41. With whom did Councilperson Eason vet this proposed Main Street business hours ordinance prior to its introduction?
- 42. Has the local chamber of commerce signed off on this proposed business hours ordinance?
- 43. Does this proposed ordinance unfairly aid competing businesses located in other parts of the City?
- 44. In this pandemic, is it prudent to impose any additional restrictions on property and small business owners?

Police Chief Ord. 39-2020 Fire Chief Ord. 42-2020

- 45. Is there a current civil service list for these police and fire chief positions?
- 46. When do these civil services lists lapse or expire?
- 47. What criteria will be used to select the chiefs?
- 48. Will the selection of chiefs be subject to the advice and consent of the local governing body?
- 49. Will the appointment of the new police and fire chiefs become effective during this CY 2020 Budget Period?
- 50. What is the purpose and need for these para-military chief creation ordinances?
- 51. What will be the functions of these chief positions?
- 52. Did we ever have police and fire chiefs?
- 53. Is so, why were those positions eliminated?
- 54. Are these two ordinances premised upon the consolidation of the fire and police director positions?
- 55. Did Orange pledge to the State this financial structural reform?
- 56. What steps has Orange taken to consolidate the fire and police director positions?
- 57. What are the anticipated cost savings from these chief creation ordinances?

Non-Uniform Employee Salaries & Classification Ord. 43-2020

- 58. Why the sudden urgency for these salary increases during a pandemic?
- 59. When was the last time the local governing body approved base range salary increases?
- 60. In what CY Budget, will these increases be included?
- 61. What is the anticipated increase in salaries, pension and other related costs?
- 62. Is there a 4 columns chart tracing the increases?
- 63. Were any new positions created?
- 64. Is there a chart showing who currently serves in these positions?

Ordinances - First Reading - Post Amending Master Plan Repealing & Supplementing Development Regulations Ord. 48-2020

- 65. Who drafted this Ordinance?
- 66. Does the Caption and Body of the Ordinance state what is occurring therein?
- 67. Do the amending and superseding post amended master plan Chapter 210 development regulations need the written input of Orange's two local land use boards prior to second reading?
- 68. Why the delay in approving these amending and superseding post amending master plan Chapter 210 development regulations?
- 69. Is there a blacklined draft highlighting the drafting changes?
- 70. What outside law firm reviewed and approved these amending and superseding post master plan Chapter 210 development regulations?
- 71. For properties located within a duly designated redevelopment area, when is a redevelopment agreement or redeveloper designation required?
- 72. After the last August 2020 planning board meeting and CY 2020 federal indictments and guilty pleas, what weight should be afforded to the Nishuane Group work product?
- 73. Does this new ordinance remove the obligation to obtain a net benefits fiscal impact study during the planning board process?

Emergency Virtual Meeting Civic Participation Ord. 49-2020 (Sponsored by Councilpersons Wooten and Summers-Johnson)

- 74. Who drafted this post LFN 2020-21 virtual civic participation ordinance?
- 75. Who determined to reduce all agenda item and non-agenda public oral comments from five to three minutes?
- 76. Will written questions still be shared and posted on a public website prior to the meetings?
- 77. Who determined not to impose a reasonable written response time to the proposed curative civic participation ordinance?

Resolutions -\$15,000 Amending & Increasing Legislative Research Officer Retention Res. 386-2020

- 78. Why the urgent need for this \$15,000 increase?
- 79. What unexpected ala carte costs were incurred?
- 80. From what line item is this \$15,000 increase being funded?
- 81. What added value does the legislative research officer provide Orange taxpayers?
- 82. Did the legislative research officer ever question the validity of wrongful action taken by Orange?
- 83. Has our current municipal attorney delivered a legal opinion or memorandum as to the validity of the legislative research officer position under State law?

Ord. 40-2020 Immediate Effectiveness Res. 390-2020

- 84. Is a State filing deadline a public health, safety and welfare emergency sufficient to waive ordinary effective date rules?
- 85. Has any tribunal ruled on this issue?
- 86. Why do the financial "gun to our heads" needs of a redeveloper always trump the needs of the public?
- 87. Has this redeveloper acquired and assembled all the properties portrayed in the drawings presented at the August 26, 2020 planning board meeting?
- 88. Does this resolution trump the statutory 20 days estoppel and court rule 45 days imitations of actions?

Bright View Engineering \$100,000 Citywide Parking Study Res, 393-2020

- 89. Did Orange receive any other city-wide parking study proposals?
- 90. From what line item is this citywide parking study being funded?
- 91. Why the sudden need for this city-wide parking study?
- 92. Wasn't a study conducted in connection with the amended master plan?
- 93. Didn't Chris Mobley conduct an internal city-wide parking study in connection with drafting a city wide parking plan?
- 94. Is this another artifice and device to create a parking authority?
- 95. Do any of the Bright View Engineering employees have connections to Pennoni?

\$15,000 Stanziale Retention Res. 395-2020

- 96. What are the allegations against our BA in this matter?
- 97. Does this matter have a New Jersey Superior Court Docket Number?
- 98. Why can't this matter be handled by in-house city attorneys?
- Were similar professional ethical allegations made by Orange against Attorney Feld rejected by the Essex County Civil Presiding Judge in the remanded Feld X?

RPM Long Term Tax Exemption Settlement Agreement Res. 396-2020

- 100. Who drafted this resolution and confidential settlement agreement?
- Why does the confidential settlement agreement fail to specify under what statute future long term tax exemptions will be granted to RPM related non-urban renewal entities?
- 102. If this settlement agreement were confidential, why was it posted on a public website?
- 103. What were the allegations in the two lawsuits?
- 104. Did Orange prevail in its appeal and mediation?
- 105. When was Orange's lawsuit restored to the active civil docket?
- 106. How much has Orange expended prosecuting and defending these non-Feld matters?
- 107. Since the commencement of these lawsuits, how much additional long term tax exemption revenues and water/sewer utility charges has RPM related entities paid Orange?
- 108. Why is it in Orange's best interest to accept this proposed settlement?
- 109. Is Orange waiving and releasing all claims relating to the \$1.00 private sales of real property to RPM?
- 110. Is Orange waiving and releasing all claims relating to the restructuring of the RPM Tony Galento Transit Village fair market private sale to a long term ground lease?
- 111. Is Orange waiving and releasing all claims relating to all post April 17, 1992 RPM related NJHMFA long term tax exemption transactions with non-urban renewal entities, with no increasing staged payments and without net benefits fiscal impact studies?
- 112. Does this settlement preclude all stakeholders from contesting any post April 17, 1992 RPM related NJHMFA long term tax exemption transaction with a non-urban renewal entity and without a net benefits fiscal impact study?
- 113. Does this settlement preclude all stakeholders from contesting the less than 10% of revenues to be received by Orange under this proposed settlement?
- 114. If certain RPM properties are located in a duly designated redevelopment area, will RPM related entities be required to obtain redeveloper designations and redevelopment agreements for their contemplated projects?

Did Orange conspire with RPM to bar Attorney Feld and his family's access to the judicial 115. system?

Did Orange conspire with RPM by not objecting to the RPM II retaliatory SLAPP Suit filed 116.

against Attorney Feld?

Of the RPM transactions being settled, which RPM transactions occurred under the July 1, 2012-117. December 31, 2015 watch of Willis Edwards III?

After the arrival of our BA in August 2016 and the replacement of former special outside 118. redevelopment counsel (McManimon Scotland & Baumann), did Orange adopt and prevail on

Attorney Feld's constitutional land tax credit analysis?

- After the arrival of our BA in August 2016 and the replacement of former special outside 119. redevelopment counsel (McManimon, Scotland & Baumann), did our BA and former city attorney concur with Attorney Feld's Orange Park/Oakwood Towers discharge of NJHMFA long term tax exemption analysis?
- After the arrival of our BA in August 2016 and the replacement of former special outside 120. redevelopment counsel (McManimon, Scotland & Baumann), did our BA and former city attorney concur with Attorney Feld about the need for a supporting long term tax exemption net benefits fiscal study?

After the arrival of our BA in August 2016 and the replacement of former special outside 121. redevelopment counsel (McManimon Scotland & Baumann), did our BA and former city attorney agree with Attorney Feld that the NJHMFA long term tax exemption was repealed and

replaced effective April 17, 1992?

Did Orange/s special outside defense counsel (Attorney Aldo J. Russo) admit in open court his 122. lack of long term tax exemption/redevelopment law expertise?

Has any tribunal ruled upon the validity of any NJHMFA long term long term tax exemption 123. legislation enacted in CY 2020?

Bright View Engineering \$350,000 Main Streetscape & Traffic Control Res. 397-2020

Was this August 2020 proposal included in the last meeting streetscape presentation? 124.

Did the local governing body receive a streetscape presentation prior to the submission of a 125. \$5,300,000 qualified bonds infrastructure application to the Local Finance Board?

In the last 15 years, how much has Orange expended in Central Avenue and Main Street 126.

streetscape projects?

132.

How much will Orange be spending on the Main Street streetscape project ripping out and 127.

replacing prior streetscape work?

Will all below street water/sewer infrastructure improvements and repairs be made prior to the 128. repaying of Main Street?

RFP for Special Outside Counsel to Sue Attorney Feld Authorization Res. 401-2020

Who authorized the drafting of this RFP authorization resolution? 129.

Did the BA approve this RFP authorization resolution? 130.

Did the BA and the prior city attorney negotiate a global settlement with Attorney Feld subject to 131. the approval of the mayor and the local governing body? On February 7, 2018, did Orange represent to the Appellate Division the settlement of Feld V

subject to the approval of the local governing body?

Is it the prerogative of the Administrative Executive Branch to prepare and to advertise a RFP 133.

- without the prior consent of the legislative local governing body?
- 134. Is it the legislative prerogative of the local governing body to approve the retention of special outside litigation counsel to prosecute any action against Attorney Feld?
- 135. Who drafted this RFP authorization resolution?
- 136. Who approved the form, sufficiency and legality of this RFP authorization resolution?
- 137. Prior to drafting and approving this RFP authorization resolution, were all Feld related pleadings, briefs, transcripts, exhibits (including a filed Feld VI ratification of actions and future authorization of actions), depositions, certifications, orders, opinions, appellate records and emails reviewed?
- 138. Is there a substantive distinction between a dismissal on the merits and a dismissal for lack of standing or mootness?
- 139. Why were Feld V, Feld IX, Feld XIV, RPM II and Feld XX omitted from the body of the resolution?
- 140. By approving this resolution, could Section 1983 or New Jersey Civil Rights Act violations liabilities attach to members of the local governing body, individually and in their official capacity?
- 141. Why can't these allegations be handled by in-house attorneys in the context of the three pending Feld related matters: Feld X, Feld XIX or Feld XX?
- 142. Since his appointment as city attorney in CY 2018, has City Attorney Montilus refused to meet face-to-face with Attorney Feld?
- 143. Is this a political artifice and device to deflect attention from the ongoing federal investigation of Orange, Judge Christine Farrington's February 2016 harsh willful disobedience finding against our mayor, the just filed Feld X Walter G. Alexander Phase III "fairness" report, the outstanding Feld XIX discovery requests and the Feld XX admissions against interests?
- 144. Is this RFP authorization resolution further evidence of a pattern of abusive behavior by our mayor and his loyalists to attack the character, integrity and competence of dissenting parties?
- 145. Do certain Feld XIX related defendants need to recuse themselves from voting on this RFP authorization resolution?
- 146. Do certain former and current local housing authority commissioners need to recuse themselves from voting on this RFP authorization resolution?

Post LFN 2020-21 Virtual Meeting Civic Participation Rescission Res. 403-2020

- 147. Is this rescission resolution an admission against interest?
- 148. Do dissenting stakeholders have any colorable claims and causes of actions against the City Attorney, the City Clerk, the Legislative Research Officer and the Local Governing Body for violating their First Amendment Rights of political free speech?
- 149. What is the status of all contested municipal action approved without providing stakeholders an opportunity to speak orally on contested action?

Bill List Res. 405-2020

- 150. Why did the OPD require \$1,021.25 in Banker Boxes? PO 20-01433
- 151. What specific recent services did Lamb Kretzer provide in a closed action involving Attorney Feld's mother Judith? PO 20-00896.
- 152. What additional management advisory services did Lerch Vinci provide Orange? PO 20-00496
- 153. Does our mayor have an employment relationship with a municipality in which our outside labor counsel is the municipal attorney? PO 19-01069, PO 20-00156

- 154. Did Nishuane Group provide detailed monthly time summaries? PO 20-0145
- Did Integra Realty provide written reports to Orange? PO 20-00560 In CY 2012, did an Integra Realty official speak at the Governor's Conference on Housing about long term tax exemption net benefits fiscal impact studies?
- Did a McCarter & English partner also speak on a CY 2012 panel regarding the need for a long term tax exemption net benefits fiscal impact study?

B & O Urban Renewal LLC Redevelopment Agreement Res. 409-2020

- 157. Does this redeveloper designation resolution revoke all prior approvals granted by the planning board to certain other related entities?
- 158. Does this redevelopment related resolution resolve the lack of proper notice issues relating to certain approvals granted by the local planning board to other related entities?
- 159. Does this redeveloper have to renew the planning board application process?
- 160. Who acted as counsel for B & O Urban Renewal LLC?
- 161. What circuit breakers failed to work here?

Christopher Jackson Local Housing Authority Commissioner Appointment Res. 410-2020 (Sponsored by Councilperson Eason)

- 162. When did Coram Rimes resign as a local housing authority commissioner?
- 163. Why did Coram Rimes resign as a local housing authority commissioner?
- 164. When did Coram Rimes become a local housing authority commissioner?
- 165. What metrics did Councilperson Eason use in her selection of a replacement?
- 4) SEVEN OAKS SOCIETY, LLC, <u>sevenoakssociety@gmail.com</u>:

Ordinance 42-2020:

1. What is the problem we are looking to solve? Are we adding a Fire chief position or are we structuring the Fire chief duties of a position that is currently held?

Ordinance 43.2020:

2. Why has the Council/ Township of Orange not implemented salary freezes as most have done during this pandemic?

Ordinance-1st Reading

Ordinance 49-2020:

3. Residents are being asked to submit questions via email by 12pm the previous day before the meeting, is it possible for the Resolutions to be posted 2 business days prior to a meeting, example Thursday at 12pm (two business days). Most these resolutions and supporting documents have over 63 pages. Thanks for making the change to have residents' comments read aloud during the meeting.

Resolutions

Reso: 389-2020:

4. What is the purpose/need for purchasing a Mini-bus? Is it for elder care? Is it to create a jitney system for Orange transportation? What other vehicles were compared? Was there an option to

purchase pre-owned?

Reso: 393-2020 - 397-2020:

5. Bright View Engineering, has proven itself to be lacking in creativity and insight on the Main street redevelopment project, and has sparked a larger conversation about the reasons why we are doing the work on Main street. It is clear they have not even walked down main street to review the existing historic value of buildings, monuments, and the previous historic glory of main street. During the review, with the Historic Preservation Commission, citizens were invited to join the already commenced process of reimagining Main street. Bright View clearly does not know the correct process of conducting a citizen charette and, instead, asked that citizens essentially do their work for them. There is not enough time to thoroughly research, review, conceptualize and design a proper main street redevelopment. This process is being rushed; Bright View has neither competed for nor is completely qualified to perform this task, of a citywide parking study as they have not performed for earlier non-competitive projects for phase I of the main street Plan. We ask not to move forward with Phase II of the Main street design, and not to continue non-fair / non-competitive bid process for projects of significance.

Reso: 395-2020:

6. Can this legal matter please be explained, Corringan V. Hartwyk?

Reso: 402-2020:

7. See figure 1A; Letter of Admonition-In the matter of Cassandra Corbett Docket No. 00-261 It seems this judge has had past violations that were rebuked by the Supreme court of NJ. Were there any other options for this position?

Reso: 404-2020:

8. We request more clarity on this resolution: Was this amnesty provision developed in response to COVID? How much does the city anticipate will be lost by waiving the interest? Will single-family homeowners be eligible?

Reso: 405-2020:

9. We ask that the council please HOLD on approving this until a document can be provided to include Line item notes? Citizens would like to know if there are sufficient funds to cover these costs. Have these costs been evaluated as necessary especially due to budget losses due to COVID?

Reso: 407-202:

10. Why does our Township like to use unknown 3rd party companies with little known track records? Reputable options are Amazon web services (AWS), Azure, or Google web host solutions, where you would be billed on usage and set up fees are negotiables. Most 3rd party companies like these listed above are up-selling on the services of the major provides. Let us cut out the middle money! For a more effective use of our tax dollars.

Reso: 409-2020:

Has the BOE seen or approved this proposal? A mention of this proposal was on the district website however there is no finalized content. Is there a reason to not involve the BOE? Why the

rush for a land grab?

Council President Coley confirmed that not all questions will be answered during the meeting. Therefore, responses will be posted on the website once received.

Motion to Close Citizen Comments by Councilman Ross, second by Councilman Montague, III. The Motion was unanimously approved.

Motion passed.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Ross commented on the following:

- New Jersey Voter Registration ends on October 13th at 9:00 p.m. The City Clerk's Office will remain open to register voters.
- There will be polling sites open in the City of Orange. The voting machines will only be available for the blind and hearing impaired. All other voters will have to vote by provisional ballot. You can also drop off your mail in ballot at your designated voting location, but you must show identification.
- A Mail in Ballot box is located in front of the Orange Police Department at 29 Park Place.

Council Vice President Eason commented on the following:

- Essex County has implemented an Emergency Rental Assistance Program. Applications are being accepted until October 23rd. You can apply at www.essex.countynj.org
- Urged everyone to participate in this important General Election by reading the front and back of the ballot, mailing their ballot or dropping it off at the mail in ballot box.
- Christopher Durkin, Essex County Clerk and Linda VonNessi, Clerk of the Essex County Board of Elections will be participating in the next Council Meeting to answer any questions regarding the election the citizens may have.

Councilwoman Wooten commented on the following:

- 2020 Census events around the City and the City of Orange Township is at 52.8% compliance for the 2020 Census.
- The deadline to fill out your 2020 Census has been extended to October 31st.
- Made a shout out to Assemblywoman Timberlake. The State of New Jersey has passed a bill to ban plastic and paper bags, plastic straws and polystyrene food containers. The bill will go into effect in 18 months.
- October 9th Domestic Violence purple tree lighting event at Military Park starting at 5:30 p.m.
- Inquired when the answers for the citizen comments submitted will be answered.
- Supports Ordinance 49-2020 to allow the public to speak at the Council Meetings.

Councilwoman Summers-Johnson commented on the following:

- Supports Ordinance 49-2020 to allow the public to speak at the Council Meetings.

- Wants residents to ask questions and questions answered during the meeting. More importantly, she is against not providing the residents answers to their questions during the meeting.
- Thanked Councilwoman Wooten for all of her work on the 2020 Census.
- Requested an update on the signs requested.
- Welcomed the Clairmont Terrace Neighborhood Watch and attended their meeting on September 24th.
- On September 22nd a little library was opened up at the Washington Dodd apartments in memory of Steven Dawkins.

Councilman Montague, III commented on the following:

- Job readiness program for ex-offenders free of charge and the New Jersey State Assembly Bill A2370 passed, which establishes compassionate release program for certain inmates.
- Commended Councilwomen Eason and Wooten and Councilman Ross with their efforts on the 2020 Census.
- Agrees with Councilwoman Summer-Johnson in allowing the residents to speak at the Council Meetings. People over politics.

Council President Coley commented on the following:

- Requested all questions be answered and posted on the website as soon as possible.
- Community Food Bank coming to Orange on October 7th at 232 Lincoln Avenue providing food boxes for families in need.

ORDINANCES-SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING

30-2020 An ordinance to amend and supplement the Code of the City of Orange Township to create Chapter 72 entitled "Commercial Hours of Operation – Main Street". (Sponsored by Council Member Tency A. Eason) (Amended)

The City Clerk inquired if there were any residents wishing to comment. There were no citizen comments.

Motion to close Citizen Comments by Councilman Johnson, Jr., second by Councilman Ross. The Motion was unanimously approved. Motion passed.

Motion to adopt on Second Reading by Councilman Montague, III, second by Council Vice President Eason.

On the motion:

Council Vice President Eason requested the ordinance be voted down and a new

version will come before the Council in November.

Roll Call:

Ayes:

None

Nays:

Eason, Johnson, Jr., Montague, III, Ross, Summers-Johnson, Wooten and Council

President Coley

Abstain:

None

Absent:

None

Motion failed.

32-2020

An ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 200, entitled "Vehicles and Traffic", Section 200-10.2, Residential Permit. (Parkinson Terrace) (Sponsored by Council Member Tency A. Eason) (Amended)

The City Clerk inquired if there were any residents wishing to comment. There were no citizen comments.

Motion to close Citizen Comments by Councilman Johnson, Jr., second by Councilman Ross. The Motion was unanimously approved. Motion passed.

Motion to adopt on Second Reading by Councilman Montague, III, second by Councilman Johnson, Jr.

Roll Call:

Ayes:

Eason, Johnson, Jr., Montague, III, Ross, Summers-Johnson, Wooten and Council

President Coley

Nays:

None

Abstain:

None

Absent:

None

Motion passed.

33-2020

An ordinance amending Chapter 200 of the City of Orange Township Municipal Code to repeal Ordinance 18-2016 entitled Handicapped Parking Spaces. (51 Hampton Terrace) (Sponsored by Councilmember-At-Large Adrienne Wooten)

The City Clerk inquired if there were any residents wishing to comment. There were no citizen comments.

Motion to close Citizen Comments by Councilman Montague, III, second by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson.

The Motion was unanimously approved. Motion passed.

Motion to adopt on Second Reading by Councilman Montague, III, second by Councilman Ross.

On the motion:

Councilwoman Wooten requested the support of the Council for all of the

Ordinances repealing handicap parking spaces.

Roll Call:

Ayes:

Eason, Johnson, Jr., Montague, III, Ross, Summers-Johnson, Wooten and Council

President Coley

Nays:

None

Abstain:

None

Absent:

None

Motion passed.

34-2020

An ordinance amending Chapter 200 of the City of Orange Township Municipal Code to repeal Ordinance 18-2018 entitled Handicapped Parking Spaces. (39 Hampton Terrace) (Sponsored by Councilmember-At-Large Adrienne Wooten)

The City Clerk inquired if there were any residents wishing to comment. There were no citizen comments.

Motion to close Citizen Comments by Councilman Johnson, Jr., second by Councilman Montague, III.

The Motion was unanimously approved. Motion passed.

Motion to adopt on Second Reading by Councilman Ross, second by Councilman Montague, III.

Roll Call:

Ayes:

Eason, Johnson, Jr., Montague, III, Ross, Summers-Johnson, Wooten and Council

President Colev

Nays:

None

Abstain:

None

Absent:

None

Motion passed.

35-2020

An ordinance amending Chapter 200 of the City of Orange Township Municipal Code to repeal Ordinance 2-2014 entitled Handicapped Parking Spaces. (46 Hampton Terrace) (Sponsored by Councilmember-At-Large Adrienne Wooten)

The City Clerk inquired if there were any residents wishing to comment. There were no citizen comments.

Motion to close Citizen Comments by Councilman Johnson, Jr., second by Councilman Montague, III.

The Motion was unanimously approved. Motion passed.

Motion to adopt on Second Reading by Councilman Montague, III, second by Councilman Ross.

Roll Call:

Ayes:

Eason, Johnson, Jr., Montague, III, Ross, Summers-Johnson, Wooten and Council

President Coley

Nays:

None

Abstain:

None

Absent:

None

Motion passed.

An ordinance amending Chapter 4 of the City of Orange Municipal Code to establish and enact Section 4:17.4 entitled Closed Caption Procedures for Council Meetings and Committee Meetings. (Sponsored by South Ward Councilmember

Jamie Summers-Johnson & Councilmember-At-Large Adrienne Wooten)

The City Clerk inquired if there were any residents wishing to comment. There were no citizen comments.

Motion to close Citizen Comments by Councilman Montague, III, second by Councilman Johnson, Jr.

The Motion was unanimously approved. Motion passed.

Motion to adopt on Second Reading by Councilman Ross, second by Councilwoman Wooten.

Roll Call:

Ayes:

Eason, Johnson, Jr., Montague, III, Ross, Summers-Johnson, Wooten and Council

President Coley

Nays:

None

Abstain:

None

Absent:

None

Motion passed.

37-2020

An ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 200, entitled "Vehicles and Traffic", Section 200-10.2, Residential Permit Parking. (Elm Street) (Sponsored by Council Member Kerry J. Coley)

The City Clerk inquired if there were any residents wishing to comment. There were no citizen comments.

Motion to close Citizen Comments by Councilwoman Wooten, second by Councilman Ross. The Motion was unanimously approved. Motion passed.

Motion to adopt on Second Reading by Councilman Ross, second by Councilwoman Wooten.

Roll Call:

Ayes:

Eason, Johnson, Jr., Montague, III, Ross, Summers-Johnson, Wooten and Council

President Coley

Nays:

None

Abstain:

None

Absent:

None

Motion passed.

38-2020

An ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 200, entitled "Vehicles and Traffic", Section 200-52.1, Handicapped Parking Spaces. (764 Scotland Road) (Sponsored by Council Member Jamie Summers-Johnson)

The City Clerk inquired if there were any residents wishing to comment. There were no citizen comments.

Motion to close Citizen Comments by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson, second by Councilman Montague, III.

The Motion was unanimously approved. Motion passed.

Motion to adopt on Second Reading by Councilman Montague, III, second by Councilman Ross.

Roll Call:

Ayes:

Eason, Johnson, Jr., Montague, III, Ross, Summers-Johnson, Wooten and Council

President Coley

Nays:

None

Abstain:

None

Absent:

None

Motion passed.

An ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter 26, Article 2 of the revised Code of the City of Orange Township by establishing the position of Chief of Police. (Amended)

The City Clerk inquired if there were any residents wishing to comment. Mr. Carl Fields of 98 High Street commented. He asked for a clarification on how this Ordinance relates to the establishment of a Committee to look into establishing a Public Safety Director combining both the Fire and Police. Business Administrator Hartwyk advised the committee will determine whether the best structure is combining or remaining separate. Appointments to the committee will be made by the Mayor and Council.

The City Clerk read into the record Jeff Felds' comments for Ordinances 39-2020 and 42-2020, which were submitted.

Police Chief Ord. 39-2020 Fire Chief Ord. 42-2020

- i. Is there a current civil service list for these police and fire chief positions?
- ii. When do these civil services lists lapse or expire?
- iii. What criteria will be used to select the chiefs?
- iv. Will the selection of chiefs be subject to the advice and consent of the local governing body?
- v. Will the appointment of the new police and fire chiefs become effective during this CY 2020 Budget Period?
- vi. What is the purpose and need for these para-military chief creation ordinances?
- vii. What will be the functions of these chief positions?
- viii. Did we ever have police and fire chiefs?
- ix. Is so, why were those positions eliminated?
- x. Are these two ordinances premised upon the consolidation of the fire and police director
- xi. Did Orange pledge to the State this financial structural reform?

xii. What steps has Orange taken to consolidate the fire and police director positions?

xiii. What are the anticipated cost savings from these chief creation ordinances?

These comments are listed under Citizen Comments and have been posted on the website under the October 6, 2020 Council Meeting.

Motion to close Citizen Comments by Councilman Johnson, Jr., second by Councilman Montague, III.

The Motion was unanimously approved. Motion passed.

Motion to adopt on Second Reading by Councilman Ross, second by Councilman Johnson, Jr.

Roll Call:

Ayes:

Eason, Johnson, Jr., Montague, III, Ross, Wooten and Council President Coley

Nays:

Summers-Johnson

Abstain:

None

Absent:

None

Motion passed.

40-2020

An ordinance of the City of Orange Township authorizing the acquisition, for redevelopment purposes, of certain property identified as Block 2804, Lot 8 (67 South Center) from the New Jersey Department of Transportation, and authorizing the Mayor to execute a purchase and sale agreement on behalf of the City.

The City Clerk inquired if there were any residents wishing to comment. There were no citizen comments.

Motion to close Citizen Comments by Councilman Montague, III, second by Councilman Ross. The Motion was unanimously approved. Motion passed.

Motion to adopt on Second Reading by Councilman Ross, second by Councilwoman Wooten.

Roll Call:

Ayes:

Eason, Johnson, Jr., Montague, III, Ross, Summers-Johnson, Wooten and Council

President Coley

Nays:

None

Abstain:

None

Absent:

None

Motion passed.

41-2020

An ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 200, entitled "Vehicles and Traffic", Section 200-52.1, Handicapped Parking Spaces. (263 Mount Vernon Avenue) (Sponsored by Council Member Clifford R. Ross)

The City Clerk inquired if there were any residents wishing to comment. There were no citizen comments.

Motion to close Citizen Comments by Councilman Ross, second by Councilman Johnson, Jr. The Motion was unanimously approved. Motion passed.

Motion to adopt on Second Reading by Councilman Ross, second by Councilman Montague, III.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Eason, Johnson, Jr., Montague, III, Ross, Summers-Johnson, Wooten and Council

President Coley

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: None

Motion passed.

42-2020 An ordinance to amend and supplement Chapter 18, Article 1, Section 18-7, of the

Code of the City of Orange Township entitled "Deputy Chiefs" to establish Fire

Chief position duties.

The City Clerk inquired if there were any residents wishing to comment. There were no citizen comments.

Motion to close Citizen Comments by Councilman Montague, III, second by Councilman Johnson, Jr.

The Motion was unanimously approved. Motion passed.

On the Motion: Business Administrator Hartwyk advised the Council that the Administration

would like to have this Ordinance returned to administration. There are some technical issues with Civil Service that need to be resolved and will bring back

before Council.

Motion to Return to Administration by Councilman Johnson, Jr., second by Councilman Montague, III.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Eason, Johnson, Jr., Montague, III, Ross, Summers-Johnson, Wooten and Council

President Coley

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: None

Motion passed.

43-2020 An ordinance amending Ordinance 21-2017 relating to salaries and classifications of certain employees of the City of Orange Township. (Non-uniform employees).

The City Clerk inquired if there were any residents wishing to comment.

The City Clerk read into the record Jeff Felds' comments regarding Ordinances 43-2020, which were submitted.

Non-Uniform Employee Salaries & Classification Ord. 43-2020

- i. Why the sudden urgency for these salary increases during a pandemic?
- ii. When was the last time the local governing body approved base range salary increases?
- iii. In what CY Budget, will these increases be included?
- iv. What is the anticipated increase in salaries, pension and other related costs?
- v. Is there a 4 columns chart tracing the increases?
- vi. Were any new positions created?
- vii. Is there a chart showing who currently serves in these positions?

The City Clerk read into the record Seven Oaks Society, LLC's comment regarding Ordinances 43-2020, which were submitted.

i. Why has the Council/ Township of Orange not implemented salary freezes as most have done during this pandemic?

These comments are listed under Citizen Comments and have been posted on the website under the October 6, 2020 Council Meeting.

Motion to close Citizen Comments by Councilman Johnson, Jr., second by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson.

The Motion was unanimously approved. Motion passed.

Motion to adopt on Second Reading by Councilman Ross, second by Councilman Johnson, Jr.

Roll Call:

Ayes:

Eason, Johnson, Jr., Montague, III and Council President Coley

Nays:

Ross, Summers-Johnson and Wooten

Abstain:

None

Absent:

None

Motion passed.

44-2020

An ordinance to amend Chapter 71-12.1 Fence Materials; Prohibitions; of the Municipal Code of the City of Orange Township to further prohibit barbed wire on any residential or commercial property in the City. (Sponsored by Councilmember-At-Large Adrienne Wooten)

The City Clerk inquired if there were any residents wishing to comment. There were no citizen comments.

Motion to close Citizen Comments by Councilman Johnson, Jr., second by Councilman Montague, III.

The Motion was unanimously approved. Motion passed.

Motion to adopt on Second Reading by Councilman Ross, second by Councilwoman Wooten.

Roll Call:

Ayes:

Montague, III, Summers-Johnson and Wooten

Nays:

Eason, Johnson, Jr., Ross and Council President Coley

Abstain:

None

Absent:

Motion failed.

ORDINANCES-INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING:

None

47-2020

An ordinance to amend and supplement the Code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 88, "Fees", Article XIII "Department of Planning and Development" Section 25 "Zoning Information Request Fees" to change the fees for zoning information requests.

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

Roll Call:

Ayes:

Eason, Johnson, Jr., Montague, III, Ross, Summers-Johnson, Wooten and Council

President Coley

Nays:

None

Abstain:

None

Absent:

None

Motion passed.

Second Reading/Public Hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, November 4, 2020.

48-2020

An ordinance to repealing and supplementing the Code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 210, "Development Regulations.

Motion to adopt on First Reading by Councilman Ross, second by Councilman Montague, III.

Roll Call:

Ayes:

Eason, Johnson, Jr., Montague, III, Ross, Summers-Johnson, Wooten and Council

President Coley

Nays:

None

Abstain:

None

Absent:

None

Motion passed.

Second Reading/Public Hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, November 4, 2020.

49-2020

An ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Orange Township, Article II, Chapter 4, Section 9 to include provisions governing remote public meetings during periods during a declared emergency. (Sponsored by Councilmembers Adrienne Wooten & Jamie Summers-Johnson)

Motion to adopt on First Reading by Councilman Montague, III, second by Councilwoman Wooten.

Point of Order: City Attorney Montilus reported that this Ordinance is not in conflict with

Resolution 403-2020 but duplicative. The Resolution was prepared by the Law Department in accordance with the Division of Local Government Services

Notice LFN 2020-21. Therefore, the Resolution is in line with the law.

Roll Call:

Ayes:

Montague, III, Summers-Johnson and Wooten

Nays:

Eason, Johnson, Jr., Ross and Council President Coley

Abstain:

None

Absent:

None

Motion failed.

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. *386-2020 THROUGH *410-2020

The City Clerk announced that Resolution 401-2020 was removed from the Consent Agenda for a separate vote. In addition, Resolution 403-2020 was voted on at the beginning of the meeting.

- *386-2020 A resolution amending Resolution 21-2020(WO) entitled "A resolution awarding professional services contract for special counsel to provide legislative research officer services from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00" seeking to authorize additional attorney fees to O'Toole Scrivo Fernandez Weiner Van Lieu, LLC in the amount of \$15,000.00 making the new amount not to exceed \$45,000 for Calendar Year 2020.
- *387-2020 A resolution authorizing the refund of sewer payments made on 13 Lafayette Street on the borderline of West Orange Township in the amount of \$5,019.60.
- *388-2020 A resolution authorizing a refund for overpayment of subsequent water/sewer charge for property located at 205 South Jefferson Street also known as Block 3903, Lot 22 for all accrued interest, penalties and fees to Reverse Mortgage Solutions Inc. in the amount of \$21,610.63.
- *389-2020 A resolution authorizing the purchase of one (1) 2020 Ford E-450 16 Passenger Mini Bus with two (2) wheelchairs for the Department of Community Services under the ESCNJ Co-Op Contract 19/20-36; item #9 to Wolfington Body Company, Inc., 1315

Route 38, P.O. Box 160, Mount Holly, New Jersey in the amount not to exceed \$69,817.00

- *390-2020 A resolution directing that Ordinance No. 40-2020 take effect immediately.
- *391-2020 A resolution amending Resolution 283-2020 titled "A resolution amending Resolution 33-2020 titled "An emergency resolution authorizing a lease agreement between the City of Orange Township and ABC Emergency Rental for the provision of leasing an American Lafrance Ladder, Quint Squirt commencing January 10, 2020 to June 25, 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$63,143.00" to extend the contract until August 31, 2020 for an additional amount of \$15,000.00 making a new amount not to exceed of \$78,143.00" seeking to supplement the vehicle rented under the lease agreement from an American Lafrance Ladder, Quint Squirt to a pierce pumper and to extend the contract until October 19, 2020 for an additional amount of \$4,500.00 making a new amount not to exceed of \$82,643.00".
- *392-2020 A resolution rejecting the bid for the project known as the Public Works Yard Facility and Site Improvements.
- *393-2020 A resolution authorizing the award of a non-fair and open contract with Bright View Engineering, LLC, 5 Pitcairn Drive, Roseland, New Jersey 07068 to provide city wide parking study in the amount not to exceed \$100,000.00.
- *394-2020 A resolution authorizing the refund of \$170.00 currently held in Water Resource Technologies escrow account for the City of Orange off duty police.
- *395-2020 A resolution authorizing the services of David C. Stanziale, LLC, to represent Christopher M. Hartwyk, Business Administrator, in the matter of <u>David F. Corringan v. Christopher M. Hartwyk</u>, Docket No. VA-2000-0011E, in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00 for Calendar Year 2020.
- *396-2020 A resolution authorizing the execution of a settlement agreement between the City of Orange Township and the RPM Entities for the complete resolution of two litigation matters between the City and the RPM Entities.
- *397-2020 A resolution authorizing the award of a non-fair and open contract with Bright View Engineering, LLC, 5 Pitcairn Drive, Roseland, New Jersey 07068 to provide Professional Engineering Design Services Phase II for the Main Street Streetscape & Traffic Control Project in the amount not to exceed \$350,000.00.
- *398-2020 A resolution stating the City of Orange Municipal Council support Bills ACR 145 and SR 96 which would call for a referendum to permanently abolish slavery and involuntary servitude, including as punishment for crime, as sponsored in the General Assembly by Assemblywoman Angela McKnight, and as sponsored in the New Jersey State Senate by Senator Ronald Rice. (Sponsored by Councilmembers Adrienne Wooten & Jamie Summers-Johnson)

- *399-2020 A resolution to celebrate the life of Nena Carolyn Hamm. (Sponsored by Councilmembers Adrienne Wooten & Jamie Summers-Johnson)
- *400-2020 A resolution recognizing October 10, 2020 as World Mental Health Day, which raises awareness and mobilizes efforts to support mental health in the City of Orange Township. (Sponsored by Councilmembers Adrienne Wooten & Jamie Summers-Johnson)
- *402-2020 A resolution conforming the re-appointment of Cassandra A. Corbett as Judge of the Orange Municipal Court for a three (3) year term effective September 30, 2020.
- *404-2020 A resolution authorizing amnesty to waive interest for property taxes, water charges & sewer charges from October 6, 2020 through November 6, 2020.
- *405-2020 A resolution approving the bill list for Council Meeting vote on October 6, 2020 dated September 30, 2020 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95. (Grand Total: \$5,533,427.22)
- *406-2020 A resolution confirming the re-appointment of Rashida N. Hasan as Judge of the Orange Municipal Court for a three (3) year term effective September 30, 2020.
- *407-2020 A resolution authorizing the awarding of a contract for cloud hosting of all servers, backup, maintenance, management solutions and technical support to Sysnet Solution, 746 Route 18, Suite 2B, East Brunswick, New Jersey 08816 for two (2) years in an amount not to exceed \$94,201.32 per year.
- *408-2020 A resolution appointing Murphy Wilson as a Citizen Member of the Policy and Planning Committee of the City of Orange Township. (Sponsored by Council Member Clifford R. Ross)
- *409-2020 A resolution designating B&O Urban Renewal, LLC as the redeveloper for the properties identified on the City Tax Map as Block 3202, Lots 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 (Berwyn Street) and Block 3203, Lots 12, (Berwyn Street) 16 and 17 (Hampton Terrace) (the "Phase I Property") and Block 3203, Lots 1 (Berwyn Street), 2-9 (Oakwood Avenue), 20 and 21 (Berwyn Street) (the "Phase II Property") within the Transit Village District East Portion of the Central Orange Redevelopment Area and approving and authorizing the execution of Redevelopment Agreements with B&O Urban Renewal, LLC for the Phase I and Phase II Projects. (Amended back-up)
- *410-2020 A resolution appointing Christopher Jackson, a resident of Orange, New Jersey, to fill the unexpired term of Coram J. Rimes, Jr. as a commissioner member to the Housing Authority of the City of Orange Township, New Jersey for the duration of an unexpired term of three (3) years and one (1) month. (Sponsored by Council Vice President Tency A. Eason)

Motion to adopt Consent Agenda by Councilman Ross, second by Councilman Montague, III.

Roll Call:

Ayes:

Eason, Johnson, Jr., Montague, III, Ross, Summers-Johnson, Wooten and Council

President Coley

Nays:

None

Abstain:

None

Absent:

None

Motion passed.

The following resolutions were removed from the Consent Agenda for a separate vote:

*401-2020

A resolution authorizing request for qualifications for special legal counsel to investigate and advise the City Council and Administration of the City of Orange Township regarding potential legal claims against Jeffrey Feld, et al.

Motion to Return to Administration by Councilman Montague, III, second by Councilman Ross.

Roll Call:

Ayes:

Eason, Johnson, Jr., Montague, III, Ross, Summers-Johnson, Wooten and Council

President Coley

Nays:

None

Abstain:

None

Absent:

None

Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS AND WALK-ON ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

The City Clerk read into the record the following walk-on Resolution:

411-2020(WO)

A resolution approving settlement to Monmouth-Ocean Hospital Service Corporation. (Sponsored by Council Member Adrienne Wooten)

Motion to walk-on Resolution 411-2020(WO) by Councilman Ross, second by Councilwoman Wooten.

The Motion was unanimously approved. Motion passed.

The City Clerk inquired if there were any citizens that wish to comment. There were no citizen comments.

Motion to close Citizen Comments by Councilman Ross, second by Councilwoman Wooten. The Motion was unanimously approved. Motion passed.

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

On the Motion:

Councilman Johnson, Jr. inquired from City Attorney Montilus if lawsuit involved in this settlement was included in the spreadsheet provided to Council and discussed during Executive Session. City Attorney Montilus did not have spreadsheet in front of him to confirm. Councilman Johnson, Jr. referred to the spreadsheet and confirmed that this lawsuit was not included on the spreadsheet nor discussed in Executive Session.

Roll Call:

Ayes:

Eason and Wooten

Nays:

Johnson, Jr., Montague, III, Ross, Summers-Johnson and Council President Coley

Abstain:

None

Absent:

None

Motion failed.

On the Motion:

Business Administrator Hartwyk reported that this is a court ordered judgment against the City; therefore, the City could be held in contempt. Therefore, it will

have to come back before the Council on October 20, 2020.

Motion for reconsider Resolution 411-2020(WO) by Councilman Johnson, Jr., second by Councilman Montague, III.

Roll Call:

Ayes:

Johnson, Jr., Montague, III, Ross, Summers-Johnson and Council President Coley

Nays:

None.

Abstain:

Eason and Wooten

Absent:

None

Motion passed.

Motion to adopt by Councilman Montague, III, second by Councilman Johnson, Jr.

Roll Call:

Ayes:

Eason, Johnson, Jr., Montague, III, Ross, Summers-Johnson, Wooten and Council

President Coley

Nays:

None

Abstain:

None

Absent:

None

Motion passed.

OTHER PENDING BUSINESS

Director Douglas from the Orange Fire Department reported that October is Fire Prevention Month. Therefore, the Department is preparing virtual presentations for prevention and safety for the students, as well as, seniors.

Motion to adjourn by Councilman Montague, III, second by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

The next City Council Conference and Regular Meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 20, 2020 virtually at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVED:

November 4, 2020

Joyce L. Lanie

City Clerk

Kerry J. Coley

Council President