# 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, NOVEMBER 4, 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

Arrived at 7:26 p.m.

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 Department Director Vincent Vitiello, Police Department Chief

Kenneth Douglas, Fire Director

Marty Mayes, Director of Planning & Public Works Marlin G. Townes, Legislative Research Officer

Tamara Robinson, City Clerk's Office Maggie 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 (<a href="www.ci.orange.nj.us">www.ci.orange.nj.us</a>) and the Council's Website (<a href="www.ci.orangetwpnjcc.org">www.ci.orangetwpnjcc.org</a>) and filed in the Office of the City Clerk.

### **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:**

• October 6, 2020 Conference & Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion to adopt 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.

# **REPORTS:**

DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REVENUE COLLECTION 2020: None.

**CONSTABLE REPORTS:** 

None.

**OPRA REPORTS**:

None.

#### **COUNCIL REPORTS:**

Finance Committee – Council Vice President Eason reported the following recommendations from the meeting held on November 4, 2020:

- All of the legislation can move forward.
- The budget consultant approved all of the legislation and Certification of Funds.

**Police Department** – Director Warren and Police Chief Vitiello reported the following:

- Thanked the Community Service Bureau (CSB) for donating 130 bags of candy bags for the Halloween Grab and Go event on October 31, 2020.
- On November 23, 2020 from 11 a.m. at the Orange Police Department, they will be giving out 200 turkeys to the community. He thanked the partnership with Proud Living, Councilwoman Wooten and CSB.
- Provided an updated crime stats crime is still down and car thefts are down 33% compared to this time last year.
- On September 8, 2020, a Garda armor truck was stolen with about \$500,000. The Detective Bureau with Control Division investigated the case, an arrest was made and some of the proceeds and hand guns were recovered. An ex-employee of Garda was arrested.
- Provided an update of the home invasion which occurred on Austin Street, which is an active investigation with leads.
- Reassured the Council and community that the Police Department receives yearly training and is well trained in responding to mental health issues when they go out on 911 calls.

Council President directs Clerk to file reports.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS**

None.

#### 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. 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.

No citizens commented live. The City Clerk reported that the emailed citizens comments received from Carl Fields, Jr. and Jeff Felds has been posted on the website <a href="www.orangetwpnjcc.org">www.orangetwpnjcc.org</a> under the November 4, 2020 Council Meeting.

# 1) Carl Fields, Jr. - <u>dri8ver@yahoo.com</u>, 98 High Street, Orange NJ:

- 1. When will the Public Safety Committee be formed? Will the citizens of Orange be notified of the committee makeup?
- 2. When will the CBAC for CY 2021 be formed?

# 2) Jeff Felds – <u>hardwaredad@aol.com</u>, 11 Alexander Lane, Short Hills NJ: <u>Preliminary Repetitive Re-Occurring Not-Yet</u> Answered Non-Agenda Item Questions

- 1. In February 2016, did Judge Christine Farrington find our mayor and Willis Edwards III to have willfully violated the law?
- 2. In October 2016, did the local governing body provide stakeholders reasonable notice and an opportunity to be heard prior to consideration and official confirmation on the BA (Christopher Hartwyk), municipal attorney (Eric S. Pennington) and police director (Todd Warren)?
- 3. How many V-B-M ballots were mailed to Orange registered voters in connections with the November 3, 2020 elections?
- 4. As of Wednesday November 3, 2020, how many V-B-M ballots were returned (voting yield)?
- 5. What is the process of cleansing all "inactive voters" from the list of registered voters?
- 6. What is the process to shifting all May municipal non-partisan elections to the November election cycle?
- 7. Under developing United States Supreme Court law, did our Governor usurp legislative powers by converting Orange's May 2020 nonpartisan election to an all V-B-M election?
- 8. Who is the mayor's current chief of staff?
- 9. In CY 2014, did a certain current city employee and current local elected official conspire with a homeless non-resident to delay the May 2014 nonpartisan municipal election?
- 10. As a result of my CY 2014 pro-bono representation of then candidate Harold Johnson Jr., did a certain current city employee with the consent of his superiors file a professional ethics complaint against me?
- 11. What is the status of the written legal opinion or memorandum regarding the validity of holding an October 29, 2020 non-virtual heated tent planning board meeting on the contested Wawa application?
- 12. What is the status of the CY 2020 Audit?
- 13. What was the statutory or Best Practices filing deadline for the CY 2020 Audit?
- 14. When do you expect the CY 2020 Best Practices Inventory Responses to be posted on a public website?
- 15. When do you anticipate holding a public hearing on Orange's CY 2020 Best Practices Inventory Responses?
- 16. Has Orange enacted an anti-nepotism policy?
- 17. What is the status of the private sale of the former Lincoln Avenue police station?
- 18. What is the status of the promised Long Term Tax Exemption Policy and Procedure Ordinance?
- 19. What is the status of the written legal opinion or memorandum regarding whether the non-urban renewal entity NJHMFA long term tax exemption was repealed and replaced effective April 17, 1992?

- 20. What is the status of the July, August and September 2020 monthly operating and revenue reports?
- 21. What is the status of the accounting of all long term tax exemption revenues due and owing the County?
- 22. 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?
- 23. What is the status of the accounting of all monies due Orange from the HACO Thomas Boulevard Building?
- 24. 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?
- 25. 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 and October 7, 2020 planning board meetings during which the mayor was present and acting in a quasi-judicial function?
- 26. What is the status of a written legal opinion or memorandum regarding whether the filing of a law suit within a 20 days estoppel period stays the effective date of an ordinance not subject to referendum challenge and who assumes the risk of loss during this period?
- 27. When did Attorney Aaron Mizrahi become a city employee and the deputy city attorney?
- 28. 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?
- 29. What is the status of a written legal opinion or memorandum regarding the validity of considering and taking official virtual meeting action without providing stakeholders a reasonable opportunity to be heard?
- 30. Why the delay in disclosing Coram Rimes June 2020 resignation from the local housing authority?
- 31. Has Councilperson Ross availed himself to an advisory ethical opinion from the State Division of Local Government Services?

Motion to close Citizen Comments by Council Vice President Eason, second by Councilman Ross. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

#### **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilman Johnson, Jr. commented on the following:

- Expressed his appreciation to the Finance Committee for addressing issues and adhering to the budget.
- Inquired from the Administration if the budget process for 2021 has started?
- St. Matthews Church will be having COVID testing on November 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30<sup>th</sup> from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Councilman Ross commented on the following:

- Read into the record a Proclamation from the Mayor to City employee Carmen Guy Juliano who is retiring from the Department of Public Works after 29 years of service.
- Wished Mr. Carmen Guy Juliano a healthy and happy retirement.

Council Vice President Eason commented on the following:

- Congratulated Mr. Carmen Guy Juliano on his retirement.
- Urged residents to submit their suggestions to alleviate parking issues in Orange as the City will have conducting a parking study and wants the input of the residents.
- Warned residents that there are people pretending to be public service workers and robbing homes. Respectfully requested that residents pay attention, be in high alert and report anything they may see.
- Thanked the Orange Police Department for all of their assistance to St. Matthews Church during the pandemic.

# Councilwoman Wooten commented on the following:

- Congratulated Police Chief Vitiello on his promotion.
- Thanked the Police and Law Departments for helping the East Ward alleviate parking issues.
- Congratulated all of the winners honored by the Chamber of Commerce.
- Urged residents to continue wearing their mask since COVID is still a threat.
- Thanked all veterans for their service.
- Congratulated all of the participants in School Board and General Elections.

### Councilwoman Summers-Johnson commented on the following:

- Congratulated all School Board members, candidates and thanked them for volunteering to fight for her children.
- Acknowledged that work needs to be done to educate residents on election procedures and expressed her desire to work more with district leaders.
- Thanked everyone who came out to vote.
- Thanked Alexandria Estevez for donating her third little library.
- Little libraries will be installed at the Heywood Avenue School and Forest Street School.
- Thanked Superintendent Fitzhugh, Councilwoman Wooten, Orange Fire Department, Orange Board of Education member Ms. Sueann Gravesande, Principal Ms. Alcantara and Vice Principal Mr. Murray.
- Two more little libraries are being built and thanked everyone for their donations.
- Thanked Public Works for always responding to residents' concerns.
- Urged residents to reach out to Council for assistance.

#### Councilman Montague, III commented on the following:

- Acknowledged that there is positive change in the City of Orange and commended all his Council Member colleagues.
- FedEx's recruitment on Main Street hired 40 people.
- Urged residents to reach out to him for job placement assistance.

#### Council President Coley commented on the following:

- Inquired about the status of the new gas pump at the Public Works garage.
  - o Director Mayes and Business Administrator Hartwyk reported the following:
    - Pump installation will begin on November 9<sup>th</sup>.
    - There will be two gas pumps: regular gas at the capacity of 10,000 gallons and diesel at the capacity of 5,000 gallons.

- There will be concrete bollards, installation of a 24/7 a week camera, Cardax access system and pin issued to each employee who is allowed to pump gas for City owned vehicles.
- Inquired about the status of the City wells.
  - o Business Administrator Hartwyk reported the following:
    - The City had a little bit of a drought and at the end of the drought in a precautionary effort disconnected 3 of the wells to regenerate water.
    - Turned on the interconnection with East Orange and American Water, which were used for approximately 11 days.
    - The wells are currently at 23 feet and the interconnections are off.
- Inquired about the status of Rossi Paint development/new REC center.
  - Business Administrator Hartwyk reported the following:
    - The initial return date for the last round of proposal was extended to Monday, November 9<sup>th</sup>.
    - The City has received some proposals and expects to receive a dozen.
    - The Mayor has appointed a committee internally among the various departments of Administration to review the proposals and will narrow it down. Thereafter, the committee will conduct interviews, final screening and will be making a recommendation to the Council in January.
- Inquired about the status of the proposed WAWA.
  - Business Administrator Hartwyk reported the following:
    - The plans were approved at the last Planning Board meeting.
    - A memorialization resolution must be approved at the next Planning Board meeting and published.
    - The City has received an inquiry from the government relations person regarding a redevelopment agreement but City has not meet nor discussed same.
- Inquired about the status of the City's paving project:
  - o Director Mayes reported the following:
    - The City has paved 15 streets.
    - New Jersey Infrastructure Project consisted of 30 streets to be worked on for three years.
    - There are only 3 or 4 streets left to be done, which will be totally reconstructed in the spring 2021.
    - Confirmed the City has purchased the salt in preparation for the winter and the equipment is ready.
    - The City is waiting for the delivery of one truck.
- Inquired if the City is making arrangement to have locations ready to provide the COVID vaccine.
  - o Business Administrator Hartwyk reported that he is working with the Health Officer on the logistics to see what type of cooperative arrangements can be made.
- Inquired about the status of the Washington Street Firehouse.
  - o Director Mayes reported the following:
    - The whole situation has been assessed, the City has an environmental firm and knows how much it is going to cost.
    - Grant applications have been submitted to the State to offset costs.

- On the next council meeting, there will be two resolutions relating to the Washington Street Firehouse.
- Inquired about the status of the Highland Avenue Train Station.
  - o Director Mayes reported the following:
    - The final meeting with NJ Transit is scheduled for the second week in November.
    - A final agreement with NJ Transit on plans and negotiations should be forthcoming. Thereafter, the City will have the ability to go out and bid. The bid should be out by the end of December early January.
- Requested that traffic cones be replaced in front of Dunkin Donuts.

The City Clerk commented on the following:

- Due to the pandemic, the vote by mail ballot election has placed a lot more work on the municipalities.
- Thanked the Department of Public Works, Director Mayes and Ray Wingfield for all of their assistance.
- Thanked the Police Department and Police Chief Vitiello for all of their assistance.
- Thanked her staff for all of their hard work.

# ORDINANCES-SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING

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.

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 Montague, III. The Motion was unanimously approved. Motion passed.

Motion to adopt on Second Reading by Councilwoman Wooten, 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.

48-2020 An ordinance to repealing and supplementing the Code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 210, "Development Regulations.

The City Clerk inquired if there were any residents wishing to comment. The following citizens provided their comments and/or concerns:

- 1) Murphy Wilson commented the following:
  - a. Page 69, Section R2. Typo: "...adjacent to the area west of the R-1 Zone on the northern side of Scotland Rd...
  - b. Page 74, Section MX3 Mixed Use/High density. Issue: Why not urban farming here? (area around Stetson/Mitchell; old warehouses)
  - c. Page 83, Section Conditional Uses. Issue: Section 210.19.8 is a Permitted Use on page 80 but is repeated here on page 84, 210.20.4 as a Conditional Use; confusing
  - d. Page 84; Section Telecommunication Facilities. Typo: 210.20.5 Section B5: "...application required to be made to the Planning or Zoning Board..."
  - e. Page 88; Section Wireless Communication Towers. Question: Section "G" Modifications: "...subject to site plan review...modification is...placement..." From case history: is this necessary?
  - f. Page 89, Section Place of Workshop. Issue: 210.20.7 Why allow any in a residential zone (unless grandfathered)
  - g. Page 92, Section Automobile Service Station with convenience store. 210.20.12 Why no review from traffic?!! Case history: we prevailed due to traffic; why not same lighting constraints as free standing restaurants.
  - h. Page 94, Section Mixed Use Zones Accessory Uses. Issue: Section 210.22.1 "...products ...processed or stored on the premises shall be held for sale on said premises" What about an upholstery/furniture refinishing shop? Home reapir/fixtures? Food Sales? (Andrea Foods)
  - i. Bulk Standards. Issue: Boarding House: minimum required parking spaces 1/3 boarders/roomers (not in R1 zone)!!
  - j. Not mentioned at Council Meeting. Issue: Junkyards are not addressed other than in definitions; no guidance or restrictions.

#### 2) Jeffrey Feld commented the following:

- a. Do local elected officials have a constitutional, statutory and common law duty to respond to all pertinent second reading public hearing questions prior to taking official action?
- b. Due to various technological virtual access issues arising under the watch of acting director Best, should this second reading public hearing be carried another meeting cycle?
- c. Under whose acting director's watch, was this zoning ordinance submitted?
- d. Will each councilmember certify that they have reviewed the entire not blacklined development regulation and compared all the changes from the prior development regulation?
- e. How much has Orange paid the Nishuane Group in connection with the drafting and preparation of this amended development regulations?
- f. When was the Caption and Body of the "original" posted Ordinance amended?
- g. 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?

- h. Why the delay in approving these amending and superseding post amending master plan Chapter 210 development regulations?
- i. Is there a blacklined draft highlighting the drafting changes?
- j. What outside law firm reviewed and approved these amending and superseding post master plan Chapter 210 development regulations?
- k. For properties located within a duly designated redevelopment area, when is a redevelopment agreement or redeveloper designation required?
- l. Will the Wawa applicant require a redevelopment agreement?
- m. 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?
- n. Does this new ordinance remove the obligation to obtain a net benefits fiscal impact study during the planning board process? Resolutions LaQuanna Best Director Appointment Confirmation Res. 427-2020
- o. Will the local governing body remove this confirmation matter for a separate roll call vote?
- p. As the Planning Board Secretary, did Ms. Best conspire and/or aid and abet the suppression of political free speech and our robust marketplace of competing ideas?
- q. If the mayor nominated Ms. Best via letter dated September 30, 2020, was Ms. Best the acting director on October 6, 2020 and October 28, 2020 who approved the holding of a non-virtual heated tent planning board hearing on the Wawa application?
- r. As planning board secretary and the post September 30, 2020 acting director, did Ms. Best seek to obtain any independent legal opinions?
- s. Has each councilmember reviewed the nominee's performance as the Planning Board Secretary including OPRA Compliance, OPMA virtual meeting compliance, minutes drafting, assuring prior access to all application materials, distributing all heads up memos to all planning board members prior to the meeting and obtaining all appropriate legal opinions?
- t. As the Deputy Director, what were Ms. Best's chain and command duties and responsibilities?
- u. Over whom did Ms. Best have oversight responsibilities and duties?
- v. Under Ms. Best's watch, did Orange timely respond to all OPRA requests regarding certain Main Street and warehouse certificate of occupancy applications and approvals?
- w. Under Ms. Best's watch, did Orange engage in discriminatory certification of occupancy inspection and enforcement?
- x. What was the urgent need to remove Marty Mayes from this position effective September 30, 2020?
- y. If Ms. Best is confirmed a director, does she have to resign as the planning board secretary?
- 3) James Ward commented the following:
  - a. Page 122, Section Signs in Mixed Use Zones. Issue: 210.30.7 "all signs should be flat: encourage metal or vinyl signs, remove to allow for wood cut signage, Limit Dept to 3" or a determined ratio per its overall size.
  - b. Page 124, Section Main Street Signs. Issue: 210.30.9 adjust to restrict the depth of signage and overall size of signs to confirm to pedestrian scale. Section (5) "Regulation governing neon signs" should be expanded to include LED signage, specifically LED rope lights that resemble neon.

- c. Residential lighting question Residential landscape lighting should be adjusted to match commercial. Light shouldn't glare onto the street or into neighboring homes. Residential lighting should be encouraged to project from the ground up rather than down for non-motion lighting.
- d. Page 95, Section Outdoor storage. Issue: 210.22.6 should encourage green scape enclosures at side yards and abutting streets to improve the pedestrian experience in mixed use zones.
- e. Page 94, Section Central Business District. Issue: 210.22.2 "No more than 6 persons engaged in manufacturing" should not be limited to a number but to a safe occupancy stands established by OSHA.
- f. Section Commercial signage. Issue: Illuminated signs in Mixed Use Zones should be limited in both Lumen Level and Kelvin Color Temperature to not be a nuisance to residential neighbors.
- g. Section Resolution and Quality of Images and Maps. Issue: All maps in the Zoning document should be Vector Line Drawings that can be seen at any scale and extracted for use. Images should be at higher resolution to not Pixelate at 200%
- h. Section Residential Fencing. Issue: Height, setback, and permeability of residential fencing should be regulated for rear yards that face adjacent streets. The need to conserve sightlines and not provide for surfaces for graffiti is key.
- 4) City Clerk read into the record an email submitted from the Historic Preservation Committee.
  - a. Section 210.101. Procedure where demolition is disapproved. Please add as the opening sentence "The commission shall be notified in writing of the city's intent to demolish a condemned property no less than ten business days prior to issuing approval for demolition.

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

The Motion was unanimously approved. Motion passed.

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

On the Motion:

Council Vice President Eason inquired if any suggestions from the residents will be incorporated.

Business Administrator Hartwyk reported that that he has taken notes on the suggestions and comments, which will be considered based upon the goals of the zoning ordinance. Thereafter, the Ordinance can amended and brought back to Council with amendments.

Councilwoman Summers-Johnson expressed her gratitude that citizen comments will be considered.

#### Roll Call:

Ayes:

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

Nays:

None

Abstain:

None

Absent:

None

Motion passed.

# **ORDINANCES-INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING**

55-2020

An ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 200, entitled "Vehicles and Traffic", Section 200-10.2, Residential Permit. (Berryman Place)

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 December 1, 2020.

### **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. \*427-2020 THROUGH \*448-2020**

- \*427-2020 A resolution confirming the appointment of Laquana Best as the Director of Planning and Economic Development for the City of Orange Township.
- \*428-2020 A resolution authorizing a contract with Vincent B. Bryant for portrait photographs. (Amended)
- \*429-2020 A resolution authorizing a contract to Allan Briteway Electrical Utility Contractors, Inc., 130 Algonquin Parkway, Whippany, New Jersey 07981 to provide traffic signal maintenance and repairs through the MCCPC #37 in the amount not to exceed \$62,000.00 over the term of the agreement. (Amended)
- \*430-2020 A resolution authorizing an addendum to Resolution 66-2020 to Remington & Vernick Engineers, 232 Kings Highway East, Haddonfield. New Jersey 08033 to

provide supplemental professional services for the Public Works facility & site improvements in the amount not to exceed \$1,850.00.

- \*431-2020 A resolution authorizing a contract to Custom Bandag, Inc., 401 E. Linden Avenue, Linden, New Jersey 07036 to purchase various models and sizes of tires via catalog discount for automotive, light truck and medium fleet vehicles under the Essex County Cooperative Pricing Council Contract #20-145 commencing October 8, 2020 through September 7, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$35,000.00. (Amended)
- \*432-2020 A resolution honoring Carmen "Guy" Juliano.
- \*433-2020 A resolution celebrating the life of Jimmie Lee Walker.
- \*434-2020 A resolution authorizing the purchase of mineral rock salt for the Department of Public Works through Essex County Cooperative Purchasing #20-110 for the winter season 2020-2021 from Morton Salt, 444 West Lake Street, Suite 3000, Chicago, Illinois 60606 in the amount not to exceed \$80,000.00 over the term of the agreement. (Amended)
- \*435-2020 A resolution authorizing the execution of a redevelopment agreement, a funding agreement and an escrow agreement, each between the City and D&R Orange Renewal II, LLC for the undertaking of a redevelopment project to be located at 33-51 Lincoln Avenue and 60 Scotland Road.
- \*436-2020 A resolution for the transfer of appropriations.
- \*437-2020 A resolution celebrating the life of Brenda Jean Shields.
- \*438-2020 A resolution authorizing the award of a non-far and open contract with Lewis Consulting Group, 2517 Highway 35, Building P, Suite 202, Manasquan, New Jersey 08736 to provide licensed site remediation professional services for the Central Fire House Headquarters located as 419 Central Avenue in an amount not to exceed \$10,265.00.
- \*439-2020 A resolution honoring the life of Mrs. Arnetta Jones.
- \*440-2020 A resolution naming the month of November 2020 as National Diabetes Month in the City of Orange Township.
- \*441-2020 A resolution naming November 25th as International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women in the City of Orange Township.
- \*442-2020 A resolution observing November 11, 2020 as Veterans Day in the City of Orange Township honoring all those who served in all wars and/or conflicts.

- \*443-2020 A resolution authorizing the award of a non-fair and open contract with Pennoni Associates, Inc., 24 Commerce Street, Suite 300, Newark, New Jersey 07102 to provide professional engineering, surveying, design and construction administration services for the NJDOT 2020 Roadway improvements to North Day Street (between Park Ave. to Washington St.), Hickory Street (between Central Ave. to Reynolds St.) and Hillyer St. Alt. 1 (between Elm St. to Ward St.) in the amount not to exceed \$94,900.00.
- \*444-2020 A resolution (a) providing for the combination of certain bond ordinances and determining the form and other details of the offering not to exceed \$20,131,000 general obligation bonds, Series 2020 (qualified pursuant to the provisions of the Municipal Qualified Bond Act, p.l. 1976, c. 38, as amended) consisting of not to exceed \$8,611,000 general improvement bonds, Series 2020, and not to exceed \$11,520,000 water utility bonds, Series 2020, of the City of Orange Township, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey (the "City") and providing for their sale, and (b) authorizing the sale and issuance of \$7,200,000 redevelopment area redevelopment area bond anticipation notes of the City.
- \*445-2020 A resolution approving the bill list for Council Meeting vote on November 4, 2020 dated October 28, 2020 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95. (Grand Total: \$3,284,761.88)
- \*446-2020 A resolution ratifying and authorizing the award of an emergency contract for traffic signal maintenance and repairs between Jen Electric, Inc., 631 Morris Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey 07081, and the City of Orange Township for the period of October 1, 2020 through October 31, 2020, in an amount not to exceed \$2,146.00.
- \*447-2020 A resolution ratifying and authorizing the extension of the agreement for traffic signal maintenance and repairs between Jen Electric, Inc., 631 Morris Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey 07081, and the City of orange Township for an additional thirty (30) days commencing July 1, 2020 through July 31, 2020, in an amount not to exceed \$21,697.50.
- \*448-2020 A resolution authorizing settlement in the matter of Kenneth Duff and Sandy Duff v. City of Orange in the amount of thirty-six thousand dollars (\$36,687.00).

Motion to adopt Consent Agenda by Councilwoman Wooten, 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.

# **NEW BUSINESS AND WALK-ON ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS**

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

449-2020(WO)

A resolution temporarily freezing discretionary salary increases for all positions until such date that the City of Orange Township is no longer under the current State of Emergency, or December 31, 2021, whichever occurs longer. (Amended)

Motion to walk-on Resolution 449-2020(WO) by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson, 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 City Clerk inquired if there were any citizens that wish to comment. The following citizen commented live:

- 1) Zonasha Ward, and
- 2) Jeffrey Feld.

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

The Motion was unanimously approved. Motion passed.

449-2020(WO)

A resolution temporarily freezing discretionary salary increases for all positions until such date that the City of Orange Township is no longer under the current State of Emergency, or December 31, 2021, whichever occurs longer. (Amended)

Motion to adopt 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.

# **OTHER PENDING BUSINESS**

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

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

**APPROVED:** 

**December 1, 2020** 

Joyce L. Lanier

City Clerk

Kerry J. Coley

**Council President**