

MINUTES CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP
NEW JERSEY

THIS IS A CONFERENCE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP HELD VIA AUDIO-VIDEO CONFERENCING ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2020 AT 7:05 P.M.

Roll Call:

Present: Council Vice-President Tency A. Eason, North Ward
Councilman Harold Johnson, Jr., West Ward
Councilman Weldon M. Montague, III, At-Large
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
Mayor Dwayne Warren, Esq.
Chris M. Hartwyk, Business Administrator
Gracia R. Montilus, City Attorney
Adrian Mapp, Director of Finance
Nile Clements, Chief Financial Officer
Kenneth Douglas, Fire Director
Raymond Wingfield, Deputy Director of Public Works
Laquana Best, Director of Planning
Vincent DeFilippo, Health Director
Marlin G. Townes, Legislative Research Officer
Tamara Robinson, City Clerk's Office
Maggie Homere, City Clerk's Office

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

The City Clerk announced the "SPECIAL NOTICE: Please be apprised anyone wishing to discuss Agenda or General Items shall be allowed to participate in the portion of the Council Meeting for citizen comments via audio call in number and video conferencing platform by stating their name and address when directed to do so during the Citizen Comments or Public Hearing portions. Additionally, the public may comment at the Council Meeting by emailing their statements or questions to citizencomments@orangenj.gov or in written letter form directed to the City Clerk no later than 7:00 p.m. the day prior to the scheduled public meeting. The City Council reserves the right to respond or not respond during the meeting to any citizen's submission."

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

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

Daniel K. Salvante, Director of the Department of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs provided the following update regarding Orange Park:

- Confirmed November 2020 meeting, wherein concerns were discussed and the following issues have been addressed:
 - All tree stumps have been grounded down;
 - Proposed new landscape design for 2021; and
 - Creation of a non-profit park support group.
- Business Administrator Hartwyk confirmed that his office will be leading the conservancy for the park and will bring legislation to the Council to form conservancy.
- Traffic light hazard at Oakwood Avenue and Central Avenue which will be reviewed by the County's Engineering Department.
- Request for a cross walk at Monte Irvin Park will be referred to the County's Engineering Department.

Dr. Walter D. McNeil, Jr., Executive Director of the Orange Housing Authority provided the following update regarding Walter G. Alexander V project:

- Project has been approved by the Municipal Council, Planning Board, Zoning Board and New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency.
- Project has been approved for a \$13 Million Dollar tax credit.
- The project consist of 44 units:
 - 10 one (1) bedroom units;
 - 19 two (2) bedroom units;
 - 14 three (3) bedroom units; and
 - 1 Superintendent unit.
- Workforce housing building design concept units;
- 44 off-street parking spaces;
- Project commencement date: May 2021;
- Project completion date: Fall of 2021;
- Committed to use local contractors who qualify;
- Projected to employ 50 workers;
- Orange Housing Development Corporation is principal of project; and
- Business Administrator Hartwyk requested a meeting with Orange Housing Authority.

Vincent DeFilippo, Health Director provided the following COVID 19 update:

- As of December 15th there have been 1,770 positive cases in Orange;
- Vaccine distribution mega site will be located at the Sears & Roebuck building in Livingston Mall, which will distribute vaccines for Orange, Belleville, South Orange, Irvington, Maplewood, Millburn and Livingston.
- Start date will be December 26, 2020.
- Moderna vaccine will be used requiring a second dose 28 days later and is 94.5% effective.
- Must pre-register at vsafe.cdc.gov.
- Phase 1A will include all healthcare works and long-term care residents.
- Phase 1B will include essential workers (ex. fire, police and EMS workers)
- Phase 1C will include adults 65+ years of age and adults with high risk medical conditions.
- Expected date for the general public is end of March or April 2021.
- Volunteers are needed and do not require medical work experience.
- Availability of webinars for residents and information can be obtained in the City's website.

Raymond Wingfield, Deputy Director of Public Works provided the following snow storm preparation:

- As of December 14th and in preparation for the snow storm, the City has a new 800 international and an attachment to Bobcat.
- The City has 400 tons of salt available and has ordered an additional 200 tons.
- Command Center will be located at the Police Station.
- The City will start plowing the major throughways, then secondary streets and lastly dead end streets.
- Hills and major throughways will be pre-salted.
- Encouraged residents to share their driveways.
- Emergency Park-in-Place designation list will be finalized and posted on the websites.
- Code Blue Shelter locations will be posted on the City's website.
- Residents are asked to park their cars off the street to allow snow plowing and to use parking lots that will be designated for Park-in-Place. For the location of towed cars, residents can call the Command Center.

The City Clerk announced that resolutions and ordinances to be presented at tonight's meeting are listed on the attached Regular Meeting Agenda. If any Council Member wishes to discuss any resolution or ordinance, it may be discussed at this time.

The Council Members discussed the following Ordinances:


- Ordinances 63-2020 and 64-2020.

**Motion to adjourn the meeting by Councilman Ross, second by Councilman Montague, III.
The meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote at 8:24 p.m.**

Approved: January 19, 2021



Joyce L. Lanier
City Clerk



Kerry J. Coley
Council President