

**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, JANUARY 5, 2021 AT 7:03 P.M.**

**Roll Call:**

**Present:** Council Vice-President Tency A. Eason, North Ward  
Councilman Harold Johnson, Jr., West Ward  
Councilman Weldon M. Montague, III, At-Large Arrived at 7:09 p.m.  
Councilman Clifford R. Ross, At-Large  
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 Arrived at 7:11 p.m.  
Nile Clements, Chief Financial Officer  
Todd Warren, Police Director  
Vinny Vitiello, Chief of Police  
Kenneth Douglas, Fire Director  
Marty Mayes, Director of Public Works  
Laquana Best, Director of Planning  
Marlin G. Townes, Legislative Research Officer  
Tamara Robinson, City Clerk's Office  
Maggie Homere, City Clerk's Office

**Absent:** Councilwoman Jamie Summers-Johnson, South Ward

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

The Deputy 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](mailto: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 Deputy 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](http://www.ci.orange.nj.us)) and the Council's Website ([www.orangetwpnjcc.org](http://www.orangetwpnjcc.org)) and filed in the Office of the City Clerk.

**MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION**

**Senator Ronald L. Rice, 28<sup>th</sup> Legislative District discussed the following regarding New Jersey's Marijuana Legalization:**

- Referendum approved by the voters at the last General Election, which was held on November 3, 2020.
  - o Challenged on how the referendum question was worded and Senate President refused to change.
  - o Believes people thought they were voting for medical marijuana, which was already approved.
- Bill does not address decriminalization.
  - o Governor wants penalties imposed.
- Concerned how it is going to affect the communities.
- Municipal Government must adopt an ordinance to regulate licenses.
- Thanked Senators Bill and Timberlake for all of their work regarding Bill.


The Deputy City Clerk announced that the 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 City Clerk reported that the Administration has requested that the following resolutions be returned to Administration:

**Resolutions 7-2021, 8-2021, 9-2021, 10-2021, 11-2021, 12-2021, 13-2021 and 15-2021.**

**Motion to adjourn the meeting by Council Vice President Eason, second by Councilman Montague, III. The meeting was adjourned by a unanimous vote at 7:46 p.m.**

**Approved: February 2, 2021**

  
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Joyce L. Lanier  
City Clerk

  
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Tency A. Eason  
Council Vice President