## 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 19, 2021 AT 7:05 P.M.

**Roll Call:** 

**Present:** 

Council Vice-President Tency A. Eason, North Ward

Councilman Harold Johnson, Jr., West Ward Councilman Weldon M. Montague, III, At-Large

Arrived at 7:10 p.m.

Councilman Clifford R. Ross, At-Large

Councilwoman Jamie Summers-Johnson, South Ward

Councilwoman Adrienne Wooten, At-Large Council President Kerry Coley, East Ward

Also Present:

Joyce L. Lanier, City Clerk

Lisette Sanchez, Deputy City Clerk

Chris M. Hartwyk, Business Administrator

Avram White, Deputy City Attorney Gracia R. Montilus, City Attorney Nile Clements, Chief Financial Officer Marty Mayes, Director of Public Works Laquana Best, Director of Planning

Arrived at 7:38 p.m.

Marlin G. Townes, Legislative Research Officer

Tamara Robinson, City Clerk's Office

The Deputy City Clerk asked everyone to recognize a moment of silence. Council Vice President Eason dedicated the moment of silence to Macon T. Cotton, Jr.

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 <a href="mailto:citizencomments@orangenj.gov">citizencomments@orangenj.gov</a> 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 (<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.

## **MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION**

Vincent DeFillippo, City of Orange's Health Officer discussed the following update regarding COVID-19:

- Visited the two new COVID-19 vaccination centers at Donald M. Payne, Sr. School of Technology and Essex County College in Newark.

- COVID-19 positivity rate in Orange has been consistently 15 a day.
- County Executive has hired 25 additional people to handle telephone calls and enter data into the computers.
- Opening of the schools is up to the Superintendent.
- Newark Community Health Center at 37 North Day Street has the vaccine available and you can make an appointment.
- Essex County is averaging 2,000 vaccines a day.
- Essex County COVID call center number is (973) 877-8456
- City is working on arrangements to bring the vaccine to seniors at senior buildings or booking slots for specific senior buildings and home bound residents.
- As of January 19th, 100 Orange residents have been vaccinated.

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 Council Members discussed the following Ordinances and Resolution:

- Ordinances 63-2020 and 64-2020
- Resolution 31-2021 to be pulled from the Consent Agenda.

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

The meeting was adjourned by a unanimous vote at 7:46 p.m.

Approved: February 16, 2021

Joyce L. Lanier

City Clerk

Kerry J. Coley

Council President