

## 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, FEBRUARY 16, 2021 AT 7:06 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  
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, Finance Director  
Vincent Vitiello, Chief of Police  
Marty Mayes, Director of Public Works  
Laquana Best, Director of Planning  
Marlin G. Townes, Legislative Research Officer  
Tamara Robinson, City Clerk's Office  
Margaret Homere, City Clerk's Office

**Absent:** Councilwoman Adrienne Wooten, At-Large

The Deputy City Clerk asked everyone to recognize a moment of silence. Council President Coley dedicated the moment of silence to former Councilwoman Vivian Guant.

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

**Assemblyman Thomas P. Giblin, 34<sup>th</sup> Legislative District discussed the following regarding Legislation A1571, A1576 and S1956.**

- Legislation pertains to prevailing wage requirements for public work on certain properties receiving tax abatements or exemptions and amending P.L.1963, c.150

- Supports the legislation.
- The legislation would require contractors to pay their employees prevailing rate wages on projects and utilize trained workers through Project Labor Agreements, which will produce the best quality of work and completed in a timely fashion.
- Implications of higher project costs.
- Proposed the Orange Board of Education Orange expand their curriculum and add a vocational school, which funds may be available through the Casino Reinvestment Development Authority.

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

- Pilot program available for senior transportation to get vaccinated.
- As of February 16th, 72,000 Essex County residents have been vaccinated and \$1.3 million in the State of New Jersey.
- The new strand of the virus B117 has been diagnosed in Essex County.
- Positivity rate is going down in Orange.
- Scheduled meeting with the Superintendent of the Orange Public Schools regarding how to go forward.
- East Orange Hospital has committed to vaccinate Orange seniors at their senior building.
- Provided list of vaccination locations in Essex County, which has been posted on the Council’s website.

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.

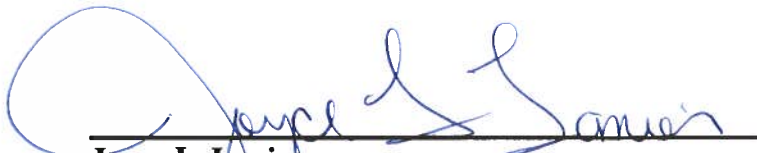
**No Ordinances nor Resolutions were discussed by the Council Members.**

**City Clerk announced that there is a walk-on resolution to be considered by the Council:**

**97-2021(WO) A resolution in memoriam of Vivian Gaunt, a teacher, youth advocate, community activist, and former member of the Municipal Council. (Sponsored by the Orange Municipal Council)**

**Motion to adjourn the meeting by Councilman Montague, III, second by Councilman Ross. The meeting was adjourned by a unanimous vote at 7:44 p.m.**

**Approved: March 16, 2021**




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**Joyce L. Lanier**  
City Clerk




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**Kerry J. Coley**  
Council President