

**CITIZEN'S COMMENTS  
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL MEETING  
MARCH 2, 2021**

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1. When will the City pass a resolution creating the Citizen Budget Advisory Committee for CY 2021?

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**CY 2021 Budget Related**

**Second CY 2021 Emergency Appropriation Res. 104-2021**

**\$150,000 Aggregate/ \$25,000 Per Matter CY 2021 Settlement Authorization Res. 107-2021**

**\$145,000 Financial Training & Consulting Services Res. 109-2021**

1. Are stakeholders entitled to responses before a local governing body considers and takes official action on a posted agenda action item? See, Jeffrey S. Feld, v. City of Orange Township, A-3449-15T1 (Aug. 8, 2018) (“Feld XIV”).
2. After adoption of Res. 104-2021, how much money will have been appropriated to date, including via the original CY 2021 temporary budget resolution?
3. Has Orange already run through all monies appropriated under the original CY 2021 Temporary Budget Resolution?
4. Res. 104-2021 will permit and authorize Orange to operate through what date?
5. When does the Administration anticipate posting the CY 2020 Unaudited Financial Statement?
6. When does the Administration anticipate delivering the CY 2021 Budget to the local governing body?
7. When will the CC form and appoint a CY 2021 Citizens Budget Advisory Committee?
8. Why the continued need for external financial training and consulting services?
9. Since his arrival in July 2012, how much additional outside financial consulting fees has been incurred and paid under the watch of our finance director Adrian Mapp?
10. How much does Orange owe the County in statutory long term tax exemption revenues?

**Continuing Federal Investigation Related**

**\$60,000 CY 2021 Critchley Retention Res. 112-2021**

**\$30,000 Lamb Kretzer- Carey Litigation Extension Retention Res. 111-2021**

**\$20,000 Chasen Lamparello-Carey Litigation Retention Res. 117-2021**

11. How much has Orange paid the Critchley law firm since its special emergency retention in CY 2017 after the FBI raided Orange’s City Hall?
12. Did Orange adopt an appropriate continuing services retention resolution in CY 2018, CY 2018, CY 2019 and CY 2020?
13. Did Orange receive any additional FBI/Federal Grand Jury subpoenas or requests in CY 2019, CY 2020 or CY 2021?
14. Are the Critchley fees being paid by Orange’s PEJIF Carrier?

15. Are the professional services time summaries relating to the Critchley fees subject to production pursuant to the Open Public Records Act and Common Law Right to Access?
16. When did Orange begin to insert the following language: “WHEREAS a certification of funds is not required because the payer of this agreement is the City’s insurance carrier PEJIF”?
17. Are the professional time summaries relating to fees paid by the PEJIF Carrier subject to production pursuant to the Open Public Records Act and Common Law Right to Access?
18. When and why did the Chasen Lamparello law firm need to replace the Pennington Law firm in at least 3 matters? Res. 113- to -115-2021.
19. If the Chasen Lamparello law firm is defending Orange in various litigation matters, is it proper for a Chasen Lamparello lawyer to appear before the planning board in various contested redevelopment matters?
20. Is Orange waiving its right to contest any dispute in the “open” Superior Court and not in a “concealed” alternative dispute forum?
21. Is there a chart setting forth how much Orange (or its PEJIF carrier) has expended defending certain matters to date? Carey?
22. What are the basic allegations in each matter? Tort? Breach of Contract? Whistleblower? Wrongful termination? Prerogative Writ?

**First Reading**

**RPM Related South Center Street Urban Renewal Associates LP 30 Year LTTEL**

**Rehabilitation Long Term Tax Exemption Ord. 11-2021**

**RPM Related 651 Lincoln Avenue Urban Renewal Associates LP 30 Year LTTEL**

**Rehabilitation Long Term Tax Exemption Ord. 12-2021**

**\$50,000 Integra Realty CY 2021 Retention Res. 120-2021**

23. Do these two proposed discretionary RPM related long term tax exemption rehabilitation ordinances validate my prior post April 17, 1992 non-urban renewal entity NJHMFA Section 37 long term tax exemption legal analysis?
24. Why do the two proposed discretionary RPM related long term tax exemption rehabilitation ordinances bear the approval signature of our City Attorney and not special outside redevelopment counsel?
25. Do the two proposed discretionary long term tax exemption transactions comply with the terms and spirit of the State’s Long Term Tax Exemption Handbook issued on or about November 18, 2020?
26. Were either affordable housing project subject to a post April 17, 1992 non-urban renewal entity NJHMFA Section 37 long term tax exemption?
27. If so, were these discretionary non-urban renewal entity NJHMFA Section 37 long term tax exemptions approved by resolution or by ordinance?
28. When was or will the non-urban renewal entity NJHMFA Section 37 long term tax exemption mortgage be refinanced or discharged?
29. What adverse consequences arise from the discharge and satisfaction of a NJHMFA Section 37 long term tax exemption mortgage?
30. When will the current affordable housing rental subsidies lapse?
31. Does Orange have an enacted long term tax exemption policy and procedure ordinance?
32. When were the instant LTTEL long term tax exemption applications initially submitted to the City for consideration and approvals?
33. Why the delay in submission to the local governing body for approval?

34. Did our BA, Finance Director, Economic Development & Planning Director, Tax Assessor and Special Outside Redevelopment Counsel each review and sign off on these two RPM related discretionary transactions?
35. On what basis or assessment is the minimum guaranteed/land tax credit payment being fixed?
36. Did Integra Realty prepare net benefits fiscal impact studies in connection with these two proposed LTTEL long term tax exemption ordinances?
37. If not, who made the decision not to obtain a supporting net benefits fiscal impact study?
38. What was the internal rate of return for these two transactions?
39. Will the supporting net benefits fiscal impact studies be posted on a public website prior to the second readings?
40. Is it odd that annual water/sewer charges exceed the proposed annual PILOT payment to the community?
41. Does the proposed the financial agreement template differ from the two PEEK Reock Related Owners Urban Renewal LLC long term tax exemption transactions considered by the local governing body at its last February 16, 2021 meeting?
42. If the developer sells the project, is Orange entitled to any net sale proceeds after the recovery of a guaranteed investment return?
43. Are these projects located within a duly designated opportunity zone?
44. Is the County entitled to any portion of the annual 2% administrative fee?
45. Did Orange, RPM and prior special outside redevelopment counsel conspire to restrict Attorney Feld's access to the judicial system?
46. Did Orange and RPM conspire together in violating Attorney Feld's political free speech by the filing of a retaliatory Tony Galento Transit Village Defamation SLAPP Suit (RPM II) against Attorney Feld for his answered questions about the restructuring of the Tony Galento Transit Village transaction from a market rate private sale to a long term ground lease?
47. Has all RPM/Orange non-Feld related land tax credit long term tax exemption litigation been resolved, settled or adjudicated?
48. Other than the payments to be made under the financial agreements, is the developer making any other contributions or infrastructure payments to Orange?
49. From whom has the local governing body received a legal opinion or memorandum that the long term tax exemption transactions comply with the terms and spirit of the State's Long Term Tax Exemption Handbook issued on or about November 18, 2021?
50. Are these two properties current in all their obligations to the City?

**Tabled Legislative Research Officer Amending Ord. 3-2021**

**Tabled Legislative Research Officer Res. 24-2021**

**\$25,000 Harwood Lloyd Conflicts Counsel Retention Res. 122-2021**

51. I incorporate herein by reference all my prior unanswered questions about the legality of this legislative research officer position under State law.
52. Does the Conflicts Counsel Retention Res. 122-2021 complement or supersede the need for a legislative research officer?

**\$10,000 Bond Counsel Limited Extension Res. 123-2021**

53. Does Orange have any colorable claims or causes of actions against any outside law firms and other professionals?
54. While representing Orange, did Bond Counsel violate RPC 3.9 at any CY 2018, CY 2019, CY 2020 and CY 2021 Local Finance Board Meeting?