

MINUTES CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP

NEW JERSEY

THIS IS THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP HELD VIA AUDIO-VIDEO CONFERENCING ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2021 FOLLOWING THE CONFERENCE MEETING.

Council Vice President Eason led all assembled in a salute to the American Flag.

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

Arrived at 8:26 p.m.

Also Present:

Joyce L. Lanier, City Clerk
Lisette Sanchez, Deputy City Clerk
Chris M. Hartwyk, Business Administrator
Gracia R. Montilus, City Attorney
Chief Vinny Vitiello, Police Department
Nile Clements, Chief Financial Officer
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
Margaret Homere, City Clerk's Office

Arrived at 8:26 p.m.

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.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

- **January 5, 2021 Conference & Regular Meeting Minutes**
(Council Member Summers-Johnson was absent and should abstain)

Motion to adopt by Councilman Montague, III, second by Councilman Johnson, Jr.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Eason, Johnson, Jr., Montague, III, Ross and Wooten
Nays: None
Abstain: Summers-Johnson
Absent: Council President Coley

Motion passed.

REPORTS:

DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REVENUE COLLECTION 2021: None.

CONSTABLE REPORTS: None.

OPRA REPORTS: None.

Police Department – Captain Vinny Vitiello reported the following:

- A 32 year old Communications Officer for the Police Department has passed from COVID.
- Thanked the Fire Department for collaboration with the Police Department in distributing over 700 boxes of food to residents.
- Tip of the month: Must remove snow from your car before driving.
- Award granted to the Police Department for a bullet proof vest for K-9 Hawk.

Fire Department – Director Kenneth Douglas and Deputy Chief Kohaut reported the following:

- Crews are removing snow from fire hydrants.
- Basement fire on January 31st on Spring Street.

Administration – Business Administrator Hartwyk thanked the Superintendent of the Orange Public Schools Dr. Fitzhugh for allowing the residents to use school parking lots during the snow storm and allowing the City to use Rosa Parks School as a warming center during Code Blue.

Office of Emergency Management – Kathrina Nease reported that the following:

- Code Blue is put into effect when the weather is below 32 degrees.
- OEM –ECC assists residents having problems with heat or utilities.
- Business Administrator Hartwyk reported that during Code Blue some buildings are kept open and heated to assist residents.

Public Works Department – Director Mayes and Business Administrator Hartwyk reported the following:

- Post storm assessment to improve snow removal plan.
- Equipment needs to be addressed.
- Snow plan and parking lot in every ward are available to residents.
- Residents have been notified by robo-calls, texts, emails and notifications on the website.
- Snow removal trust available.
- Seniors who need help can add their name for assistance with the Department of Public Works.

Finance Committee – Council Vice President Eason reported the following recommendations from the meeting held on February 2, 2021:

- Ordinance 3-2021 to be withdrawn.
- Resolution 24-2021 to remained tabled.
- Resolution 49-2021 will be removed from the Consent Agenda for a separate vote since it requires 2/3 vote.
- Resolution 41-2021 will be removed from the Consent Agenda for a separate vote as the title has been amended.

- Resolution 68-2021 will be removed from the Consent Agenda for a separate vote as the dollar amount has been amended.

Council President directs Clerk to file reports.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS None.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON GENERAL ISSUES/AGENDA ITEMS

“SPECIAL NOTICE: Please be apprised anyone wishing to discuss Agenda or General Items shall be allowed to participate in this portion of the Council Meeting via audio call in number and video conferencing platform by stating their name and address when directed to do so by the Council President. All public comments submitted through electronic mail or written letter before the meeting shall be read aloud by the City Clerk. The City Council reserves the right to respond or not respond during the meeting to any citizen’s questions or comments. If the Council wishes to address any comments it shall be done during the remote public meeting.

The City Clerk inquired if there were any citizens that wished to make comments. The following citizen comment was read into the record by Council Vice President Eason:

- 1) Siaka Sherif
 - Is there any registration process for homeowners/people in the City of Orange on location if there is a need to get to them?
- 2) Mr. Jeff Feld submitted comments which were posted on the Council’s website for the February 2, 2021 meeting. The comments were not read into the record at the request of Mr. Feld.

Motion to close citizen comments by Councilman Montague, III, second by Councilman Ross. The motion was approved by unanimous vote. Motion passed.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Montague, III commented on the following:

- Thanked everyone who participated in the coat, clothing and food packages giveaway on January 29th, wherein 300 coats, 250 pieces of clothing and 150 bags of food was distributed to the residents.

Councilwoman Wooten commented on the following:

- Wished everyone a Happy Black History Month.
- Lite 109 candles at the Library in memory of the 109 residents who have lost their lives due to COVID. Thanked everyone who assisted and in particular Kami Willis from Baba Gardens.
- Reminded residents to apply for their parking permit, which has been extended to February 17, 2021.
- Inquired about the Skate Park fence repair and use of parking lot.

Councilman Johnson, Jr. commented on the following:

- Hopes everyone is staying safe during the pandemic.
- Urged residents to be patient with vaccine distribution.

Councilman Ross commented on the following:

- Inquired about the status of the budget introduction for 2021.
- Dividers on Main Street near Dunkin Donuts.
- January 28th Meeting with Orange Business Owners.
- Thanked Business Administrator Hartwyk, Vice President Eason, Council President Coley and the City Clerk’s office for their support.
- Urged everyone to take time to reflect on black history month to remember icons and what they did to make our lives easier.

Council Vice President Eason commented on the following:

- Thanked Director Mayes and the Department of Public Works for all of their hard work removing the snow.
- Parking permits can be obtained from Haneefah Norman from the Department of Planning at (973) 952-6071.
- Thanked Superintendent Dr. Fitzhugh for allowing the residents to use the school parking lots.

Councilwoman Summers-Johnson commented on the following:

- January 2021 was a rough month for the Summers-Johnson family.
- Thanked the Salerno Medical Group for having drive-thru COVID testing.
- Thanked the Health Department for following up and providing information.

ORDINANCES-SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING

1-2021 An ordinance of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township adopting the Reock Street Redevelopment Plan with condemnation pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-7.

The City Clerk inquired if there were any residents wishing to comment. There were no citizen comments.

Motion to close Citizen Comments by Councilman Ross, second by Councilman Johnson, Jr. The Motion was unanimously approved. Motion passed.

Motion to adopt on Second Reading by Councilman Montague, III, second by Councilwoman Wooten.

Roll Call:

- Ayes: Eason, Johnson, Jr., Montague, III, Ross, Summers-Johnson and Wooten
- Nays: None
- Abstain: None
- Absent: Council President Coley

Motion passed.

ORDINANCES-INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING

3-2021 An ordinance to amend Chapter 4, Article II of the Municipal Code of the City of Orange Township to clarify and update the qualifications for the Legislative Research Officer. (Sponsored by Council Member Kerry J. Coley)

Ordinance was withdrawn. No action taken.

4-2021 An ordinance amending Chapter 210 (Development Regulations), Article V (Development Standards) Section 32 Stormwater Management Requirements of the Municipal Code of the City of Orange Township.

Motion to adopt on First Reading by Councilman Ross, second by Councilman Johnson, Jr.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Eason, Johnson, Jr., Montague, III, Ross, Summers-Johnson and Wooten
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Council President Coley

Motion passed.

Second Reading/Public Hearing is scheduled for March 2, 2021.

CONSENT AGENDA

ALL ITEMS LISTED WITH AN ASTERISK (*) ARE CONSIDERED TO BE ROUTINE BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND WILL BE ENACTED BY ONE MOTION. THERE WILL BE NO SEPARATE DISCUSSION OF THESE ITEMS UNLESS A COUNCIL MEMBER SO REQUESTS, IN WHICH EVENT, THE ITEM WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE GENERAL ORDER OF BUSINESS AND CONSIDERED IN ITS NORMAL SEQUENCE OF THE AGENDA.

TABLED AT THE JANUARY 19, 2021 REGULAR MEETING

24-2021 A resolution awarding professional services contract for special counsel to provide legislative research officer services from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00.

The City Clerk inquired if there was a motion to lift Resolution 24-2021 from the table. Seeing none. Resolution remains tabled.

Thereafter, the City Clerk announced that Resolutions 41-2021, 49-2021 51-2021 and 68-2021 will be removed from the Consent Agenda for a separate vote.

***42-2021 A resolution amending resolution 27-2020 entitled “a resolution authorizing the extension of a communication services contract with Direct Development, LLC in an**

amount not to exceed \$15,000.00 commencing January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 with the option of extending for the years 2021 and 2022" seeking to authorize additional fees to Direct Development, LLC in the amount of \$386.02 making the new amount not to exceed \$18,386.02 for the calendar year 2020.

- *43-2021** A resolution appointing Louis Harris, a resident of Orange, New Jersey to fill the unexpired term of Eddie Grubbs, as a Regular Member to the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the City of Orange Township, New Jersey.
- *44-2021** A resolution appointing Antoinett Hall, a resident of Orange, New Jersey to fill the unexpired term of Louis Harris, as a First Alternate Member to the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the City of Orange Township, New Jersey.
- *45-2021** A resolution appointing Cheryl Gayle, a resident of Orange, New Jersey to fill the unexpired term of Antoinett Hall, as a Second Alternate Member to the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the City of Orange Township, New Jersey.
- *46-2021** A resolution appointing James Ward, III, a resident of Orange, New Jersey to fill the unexpired term of Cheryl Gayle, as a Third Alternate Member to the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the City of Orange Township, New Jersey.
- *47-2021** A resolution re-appointing Joanne Ware, a resident of Orange, New Jersey as a Regular Member to the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the City of Orange Township, New Jersey.
- *48-2021** A resolution appointing CP Professional Services, 35 Sparta Avenue, Sparta, New Jersey 07871 to provide professional engineering services for CY 2021 January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 pursuant to the escrow schedule, not to exceed \$50,000 per board specifically for the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment that will be paid by escrow funds only.
- *50-2021** A resolution naming February 2021 as Black History Month in the City of Orange Township. (Sponsored by the Orange Municipal Council)
- *52-2021** A resolution in memoriam of Mr. Macon T. Cotton, Jr., Founder of Cotton Funeral Service, philanthropist and community advocate. (Sponsored by the Orange Municipal Council)
- *53-2021** A resolution approving the bill list for council meeting vote on February 2, 2021 dated January 27, 2021 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95. (Grand Total: \$3,856,892.82)
- *54-2021** A resolution authorizing the City Attorney to use alternate municipal court prosecutor on an on-call basis for the calendar year 2021 through a fair and open process.

- *55-2021** A resolution authorizing the extension of the agreement for the Public Works uniform rental and cleaning services with American Wear, Inc., 261 North 18th Street, East Orange, New Jersey 07018 for an additional ninety day (90) period commencing January 1, 2021 through March 31, 2021 in the amount not to exceed \$5,364.00.
- 56-2021** A resolution awarding a contract to Associated Humane Societies, 124 Evergreen Avenue, Newark, New Jersey 07114 in the amount of \$70,814.88 to provide animal shelter and other veterinary services for the City of Orange Township for the period of January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021.
- *57-2021** A resolution authorizing the purchase of hardware materials and supplies for the Department of Public Works through the Morris County Co-Operative Pricing Council, Contract #10 from Continental Hardware, Inc., 400 Delancy Street, Newark, New Jersey 07105 between January 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021 in the amount not to exceed \$5,000.00.
- *58-2021** A resolution authorizing additional funds for the purchasing of various tires from Custom Bandag, Inc., 401 East Linden Avenue, Linden, New Jersey 07036 between July 1, 2020 and October 7, 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$5,624.26.
- *59-2021** A resolution authorizing additional funds for car washing services to KC's Car Wash, LLC for services performed in calendar year 2020 to correspond with an increase to the contract in an amount not to exceed \$2,332.75.
- *60-2021** A resolution authorizing a list of law firms to represent the City of Orange Township in regards to labor matters on an as needed basis for a period of one (1) year retroactive from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.
- *61-2021** A resolution authorizing a list of law firms to represent the City of Orange Township in regards to litigation matters on an as needed basis for a period of one (1) year retroactive from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.
- *62-2021** A resolution authorizing the contract of surveillance cameras under the New Jersey State Contract M-0483-NASPO Valuepoint Computer Hardware for the City of Orange Police Department with Let's Think Wireless, LLC also known as LTW located at 26 Chapin Road, Suite 112, P.O. Box 628, Pine Brook, New Jersey 07058 for the maintenance and support of surveillance cameras commencing on January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 in the amount of \$26,974.00.
- *63-2021** A resolution authorizing the cancellation of certain city owned tax sale certificates.
- *64-2021** A resolution authorizing a contract to Millennium Consultants, LLC, 60 Columbia Road, Morristown, New Jersey 07960 in the amount not to exceed \$49,992.00 for 2021 professional grant writing services.

- *65-2021** A resolution authorizing the application for the Governor’s Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Grant under the 2020 Municipal Alliance Grant for prevention and awareness education programs in the City of Orange.
- *66-2021** A resolution for the approval to acquire the service to maintain the lights and radios for the police vehicles under the New Jersey State Contract #83898 for the City of Orange Township Police Department from Northeast Communications, Inc., located at 244 East Union Turnpike, Wharton, New Jersey 07885 on January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00.
- *67-2021** A resolution authorizing a list of law firms to represent the City of Orange Township in regards to redevelopment matters on an as needed basis for a period of one (1) year retroactive from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.
- *69-2021** A resolution authorizing a list of law firms to represent the City of Orange Township in regards to tax appeal matters on an as needed basis for a period of one (1) year retroactive from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.
- *70-2021** A resolution authorizing a list of law firms to represent the City of Orange Township in regards to workers’ compensation matters on an as needed basis for a period of one (1) year retroactive from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.
- *71-2021** A resolution authorizing the award of a contract to Nishuane Group LLC to provide professional planning consultant services to the City of Orange Township and its land use boards for a period commencing January 1, 2021 and continuing through December 31, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.00.

Motion to adopt Consent Agenda by Councilman Montague, III, second by Councilman Ross.

Roll Call:

Ayes:	Eason, Johnson, Jr., Montague, III, Ross, Summers-Johnson and Wooten
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	Council President Coley

Motion passed.

The City Clerk announced that the following resolutions were removed from the Consent Agenda for a separate vote:

- *41-2021** A resolution amending resolution 21-2020(WO) entitled "a resolution awarding professional services contract for special counsel to provide legislative research officer services from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00" seeking to authorize additional fees to O'Toole Scrivo Fernandez Weiner Van Lieu, LLC in the amount of \$960.00 making the new amount not to exceed \$45,960 for calendar year 2020. (Amended)

City Clerk reported that the title has been amended and read same into the record:

A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 21-2020(WO) ENTITLED "A RESOLUTION AWARDED PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT FOR SPECIAL COUNSEL TO PROVIDE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH OFFICER SERVICES FROM JANUARY 1, 2020 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2020 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$30,000.00" SEEKING TO AUTHORIZE ADDITIONAL ATTORNEY FEES TO O'TOOLE SCRIVO FERNANDEZ WEINER VAN LIEU, LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$960.00 MAKING THE NEW AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$45,960 FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2020.

Point of Order: City Attorney Montilus reported that there were additional amendments in the body of the resolution and read them into the record:
1) Removing as Special Council on the first Whereas clause;
2) Removing Special Council and replacing with the firm on the fourth Whereas clause;
3) Removing Special Council from fifth Whereas clause;
4) Removing Special Council from Now, Therefore, It Be Further resolved clause.

Motion to adopt as amended by Councilman Montague, III, second by Councilman Johnson, Jr.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Eason, Johnson, Jr., Montague, III, Ross, Summers-Johnson and Wooten
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Council President Coley

Motion passed.

***49-2021 A resolution for emergency temporary appropriations #1 to the calendar year 2021 budget. (Requires 2/3 vote)**

Motion to adopt by Councilman Ross, second by Councilman Montague, III.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Eason, Johnson, Jr., Montague, III, Ross, Summers-Johnson and Wooten
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Council President Coley

Motion passed.

***51-2021 A resolution designating Lincoln Avenue at Mountainview Avenue and ending at Lincoln Avenue and Fairview as Adekunle James Way – Memoriam. (Sponsored by the Orange Municipal Council)**

Motion to adopt by Councilman Montague, III, second by Councilwoman Wooten.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Eason, Johnson, Jr., Montague, III, Ross, Summers-Johnson, Wooten and Council President Coley
 Nays: None
 Abstain: None
 Absent: None

Motion passed.

***68-2021** A resolution authorizing Remington & Vernick Engineers, 232 Kings Highway East, Haddonfield, New Jersey 08033 to provide professional engineering services as a municipal engineer for one (1) year commencing January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$105,000.00.

Motion to adopt as amended by Councilman Ross, second by Councilman Johnson, Jr.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Eason, Johnson, Jr., Montague, III, Ross, Summers-Johnson, Wooten and Council President Coley
 Nays: None
 Abstain: None
 Absent: None

Motion passed.

OTHER PENDING BUSINESS None.

NEW BUSINESS AND WALK-ON ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS None


Motion to adjourn by Councilman Ross, second by Councilman Montague, III.

The motion was approved by unanimous vote.


Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Approved: March 2, 2021



 Joyce L. Lanier
 City Clerk



 Kerry J. Coley
 Council President