

**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, MARCH 2, 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  
Councilman Clifford R. Ross, At-Large  
Councilwoman Jamie Summers-Johnson, South Ward  
Council President Kerry Coley, East Ward  
Councilwoman Adrienne Wooten, At-Large

**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  
Nile Clements, Chief Financial Officer  
Todd Warren, Police Director  
Vincent 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  
Margarette Homere, City Clerk's Office

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

The 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 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**

**Murphy Wilson, Zoning Board Chairman presented the following recommendation of changes for the Zoning Ordinance:**

- Provided a brief update of the three Zoning Board applications for 2020.

- Provided the Council with the following recommendations from the Zoning Board, which were adopted by the Zoning Board Resolution 3-2021 on January 25, 2021:
  - o Urban Farming should be included in the MX3 zone in Article IV: Zoning regulations and zoning map as permitted use.
  - o Section 210.20.5 Telecommunication Facilities section B-5 should be corrected to reflect that the application should be made to the Planning or Zoning Board and not repeat the Planning Board twice;
  - o Section 210.20.12 Automobile Service Station with Convenience Store should have a section G added to state that same “must be outside of a 200 ft. perimeter to a residential zone”;
  - o Section 210.22.1 Mixed use Zones: Neighborhood Commercial and Residence should add in section B after All products manufactured, processed or stored on premises shall be held for sale at retail on said premises should add the following language: “except those business whose primary business is repair or restoration”;
  - o Section 210.30.9 Main Street (CBD) Shopping District - Signs, Awnings, Canopies, Marquees, Security Gates and Facades should add in Section D (5) the following “regulations governing neon & LED signs” , not just neon signs.
  - o Bulk Standards the terms Boardinghouse with a minimum required off-street parking spaces should be removed from the Ordinance because Boardinghouses are no longer permitted uses in any zone in the City of Orange Township;
- Implored with Council to please making changes to the Zoning Ordinance.

**Gail Mitchell, Esq., attorney to the Zoning Board briefly discussed the duties of the Zoning Board:**

- Per Municipal Land Use Law - N.J.S.A 40:55D-70.1:
  - o The Board of adjustment shall, at least once a year, review its decisions on applications and appeals for variances and prepare and adopt by resolution a report on its findings on zoning ordinance provisions which were the subject of variance requests and its recommendations for zoning ordinance amendment or revision, if any. The board shall send copies of the report and resolution to the governing body and planning board.
  - o The purpose of provision is to encourage the Zoning Board to bring to the attention of the planning board and governing body particular provisions of the zoning ordinance that had created problems the previous year and future problems that they see on the horizon.

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

- COVID testing was held on March 2 at Our Lady of the Valley located at 510 Valley Street.
- As of February 26<sup>th</sup>, the Essex County vaccine locations used 110,000 doses in one week.
- The number of Orange residents who have been vaccinated by Essex County to date is 903.
- The average age of people who have passed away from COVID is 65-80.
- The average age of people testing positive for COVID is 30-49.
- The Johnson & Johnson vaccine is coming to Essex County and will be used in senior buildings to vaccinate seniors.
- The pilot program has transported about 40 to 50 Orange seniors to get vaccinated at the Essex County vaccination location.
- FEMA has approved St. Matthews Church as the faith base location to distribute vaccines.
- East Orange Hospital will not be vaccinating the seniors in Orange, instead Essex County will be coming into senior buildings to vaccinate the seniors.

- CDC has changed their restrictions on residents who have been infected by COVID. They now can get vaccinated after 14 days of quarantine.
- The best time to try to secure an appointment to get vaccine on the county website ([www.essexcovid.org](http://www.essexcovid.org)), residents should login in between 8:15 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.
- Residents who get vaccinated will get their second dose appointment at least 21 days later.
- Wheel chairs are available for residents at all of the Essex County vaccine locations.

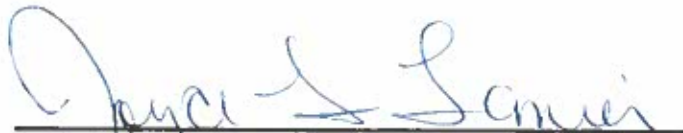
The City Clerk announced that the resolutions and ordinances to be presented at tonight's meeting are listed on the attached Regular Meeting Agenda. If any Council Member wishes to discuss any resolution or ordinance, it may be discussed at this time.

The following ordinances and resolutions were discussed by the Council Members:

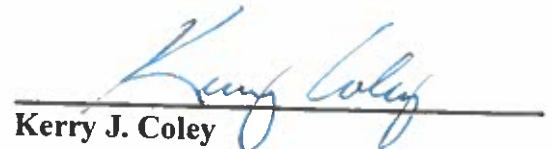
- Ordinances 11-2021 and 12-2021.
- Resolutions 109-2021, 119-2021 and 120-2021.

**Motion to adjourn the meeting by Council Vice President Eason, second by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson. The meeting was adjourned by a unanimous vote at 7:54 p.m.**

**Approved: April 6, 2021**



**Joyce L. Lanier**  
City Clerk



**Kerry J. Coley**  
Council President