

**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 16, 2021 AT 7:00 P.M.**

**Roll Call:**

<b>Present:</b>	Council Vice-President Tency A. Eason, North Ward	
	Councilman Harold Johnson, Jr., West Ward	Arrived at 7:03 p.m.
	Councilman Weldon M. Montague, III, At-Large	
	Councilman Clifford R. Ross, At-Large	Arrived at 7:04 p.m.
	Councilwoman Jamie Summers-Johnson, South Ward	
	Councilwoman Adrienne Wooten, At-Large	Arrived at 7:03 p.m.
	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	
Adrian Mapp, Finance Director	
Nile Clements, Chief Financial Officer	Arrived at 7:03 p.m.
Vincent Vitiello, Chief of Police	
Kenneth Douglas, Fire Director	
Marty Mayes, Director of Public Works	
Laquana Best, Director of Planning	
Wendy Sykes, Director of Community Services	
Paula Ferreira, Tax Collector	
Marlin G. Townes, Legislative Research Officer	
Margaret Homere, City Clerk's Office	
Tamara Robinson, City Clerk's Office	

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

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**

**Dr. John M. Porter – Director, Center for Trauma Services at Cooper University Health Care – COVID vaccine:**

- Provided a scientific overview of the pros of getting a COVID vaccine.
- Urged everyone to get vaccinated as the vaccines are safe and effective.
- Answered questions from the Council and residents.

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

- St. Matthews Church became a vaccination site as of Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup> and the vaccine being used is Moderna. Appointments can be made by calling (973) 678-1217.
- As of March 8th, over 1,188 Orange residents have been vaccinated at the County sites. This number does not include other locations that are vaccinating residents.
- Over 120,000 Essex County residents have been vaccinated to date.
- The average age of positive cases is 30 and 49 years old.
- The average age of death cases is 65 and 79 years old.
- House of Prayer Church located at 138 Hickory Street will begin vaccinating on Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Redeemed Christian Church of God located at 180 Main Street will begin vaccinating on Tuesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Transportation is being provided for seniors to get vaccinated. To schedule a pick-up call (201) 563-2346 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- The City is making arrangements with Essex County to vaccinate seniors at their senior buildings.

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.

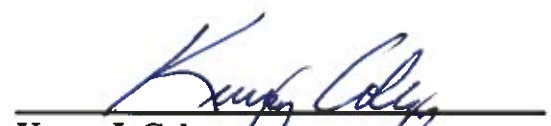
The following ordinances and resolutions were discussed by the Council Members:

- Ordinances 14-2021 and 15-2021.
- Resolutions 129-2021, 130-2021, 131-2021, 132-2021, 134-2021, 145-2021, 149-2021 and 151-2021.
- Business Administrator Hartwyk provided the following updated regarding Orange’s water: statement read into the record
  - o Orange’s water is safe to drink and to use for all purposes;
  - o Read into the record a statement from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection’s website, which will be posted on the City’s website.

**Motion to adjourn the meeting by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson and second by Councilman Montague, III. The meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote at 8:26 p.m.**

**Approved: May 18, 2021**

  
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Joyce L. Lanier  
City Clerk

  
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Kerry J. Coley  
Council President