

**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, APRIL 20, 2021 FOLLOWING THE CONFERENCE MEETING.

Council President Coley 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

Also Present:

Joyce L. Lanier, City Clerk
Chris M. Hartwyk, Business Administrator
Laquana Best, Director of Planning
Kenneth Douglas, Fire Director
Adrian Mapp, Finance Director
Marty Mayes, Director of Public Works
Gracia R. Montilus, City Attorney
Vincent Vitiello, Police Chief
Nile Clements, Chief Financial Officer
Marlin G. Townes, Legislative Research Officer
Margaret Homere, City Clerk's Office
Tamara Robinson, City Clerk's Office

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: None.

REPORTS:

DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REVENUE COLLECTION 2021:

- Department of Planning & Economic Development – Month of January: \$50,649.00
- Department of Planning & Economic Development – Month of February: \$62,753.00
- Department of Planning & Economic Development – Month of March: \$211,992.00
- City Clerk's Office – March 2021: \$105.65
- Historic Preservation Commission – March 2021: \$140.00

CONSTABLE REPORTS: None.

OPRA REPORTS:

Month of March 2021: 104 OPRA requests received, 82 completed and 22 pending.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Finance Committee – the City Clerk reported the following recommendations from the meeting held on April 20, 2021:

- The Administration has recommended the Council vote no on Ordinance 17-2021.
- Ordinance 22-2021 has been amended.
- Resolution 218-2021 to be returned to administration.
- Resolution 222-2021 recommended to be postponed and the Business Administrator has requested a legal opinion.
- Resolution 237-2020 to be returned to administration.
- There are two (2) walk-on resolutions and one (1) walk-on ordinance to be considered.

Police Department – Police Chief Vincent Vitiello reported the following:

- Over 1,400 produce boxes and 2,500 bags of food have been picked up by residents.
- Over 360 bags of food has been delivered to families in quarantine.
- Assistance to COVID vaccine sites both in Orange and for Essex County.
- Partnership with the Essex County Health Department providing drug abuse and prevention information for residents.
- On April 19th the students went back to school in Orange and there was a Police Officer at every school to greet the kids.
- Urged residents to call 911 for emergencies or (973) 666-0097 for non-emergencies.

Fire Department – Director Kenneth Douglas reported the following:

- Recognized the Orange Police Department and workers of the food pantry.
- Junior Public Safety Initiative.
- Fire apparatus is on its way.
- Extrication training.

Council President directs Clerk to file reports.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. New Jersey American Water Company, Inc. Approval to change the levels of its purchased water adjustment clause & purchase wastewater treatment clause – Virtual Public Hearing April 27, 2021: Session 1 – 4:30 pm, Session 2 – 5:30 pm
 - a. Call in Numbers – (646) 558-8656, (313) 626-6799 & (301) 715-8592
 - b. Meeting ID Session 1: 831 9222 9126# Password: 968422#
 - c. Meeting ID Session 2: 821 8966 5549# Password: 968422#
2. PSE&G Approval of the next phase of the gas system modernization program (GSMP II) & Approval of changes in its electric and gas societal benefits charge – Virtual Public Hearing April 28, 2021: Session 1 – 4:30 pm, Session 2 – 5:30 pm
 - a. Call in Number – (888) 475-4499
 - b. Meeting ID: 995 6060 4776 Access Code: 405295

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 the 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 citizens commented live:

- 1) **Levi A. Holmes, 370 Fairview Avenue** – expressed his opposition to Ordinance 14-2021.
- 2) **Keisha Tashii Fuller, 6 Tremont Court** – thanked the City for the recreation programs.
- 3) **James Ward, III, 743 Haxtun Avenue** – expressed his opposition to Ordinance 14-2021.
- 4) **Tisha Singleton, 467 Fairview Avenue** – expressed her opposition to Ordinance 14-2021.
- 5) **Anissa Rodriguez, 413 Adrienne Court** – expressed her opposition to Ordinance 14-2021.
- 6) **Sharon Giles, 33 High Street** – expressed her opposition to Ordinance 14-2021.
- 7) **Danielle McMillian-Bennett, 458 Tremont Place** – expressed her opposition to Ordinance 14-2021.
- 8) **Lydell Carter, 196 Claremont Terrace** – expressed his opposition to Ordinance 14-2021.
- 9) **Mary Meade** – expressed her opposition to Ordinance 14-2021.
- 10) **Hugh Giordano** – expressed his opposition to Ordinance 14-2021.
- 11) **Gina Wardlow, 66 Mosswood Avenue** – expressed her opposition to Ordinance 14-2021.
- 12) **Christopher Jackson, 572 Seven Oaks** – expressed his opposition to Ordinance 14-2021.
- 13) **Deborah Carter, 196 Claremont Terrace** – expressed her opposition to Ordinance 14-2021.
- 14) **Precious Osagie-Erse** – expressed her opposition to Ordinance 14-2021.
- 15) **Donna K. Williams, 169 Central Place**- expressed her opposition to Ordinance 14-2021.
- 16) **Alexis Dunbar, 330 Heywood Avenue** – drug transactions at the corner of Berkeley and Heywood Avenue and her opposition to Ordinance 14-2021.

- 17) **Travis Alley, founder of 93ID** – expressed his opposition to Ordinance 14-2021.

Thereafter, the City Clerk read the following comments received by Jeffrey S. Feld, which have been posted on the Council's website under the April 20, 2021 Council Meeting:

- 18) **Jeffrey Feld, hardwaread@aol.com**
1. Was the April 16, 2021 federal indictment of a Georgia Man on conspiracy fraud charges cosmic justice?
 2. Was the April 13, 2021 guilty plea by Matt O'Donnell's ex law partner to tampering with public records to conceal an illegal straw donor scheme cosmic justice?
 3. Do all public officials and their retained professionals have an affirmative duty to report official wrongdoing up the ladder? See ECBOC written response dated March 24, 2021.
 4. Is the April 20, 2021 Orange Agenda Packet and Bill List a federal "sting operation" honeybee trap which exposes a historical pattern of arrogant ineptitude and official misconduct?
 5. In Democratic Party Controlled Orange, is the fox guarding the henhouse?
 6. Is it time for Orange to replace its Legal and Finance Departments?
 7. Is it time for Orange to replace its municipal planner and bond counsel?
 8. With respect to the April 16, 2021 federal indictment of a Georgia Man on conspiracy fraud charges, who was the acting business administrator(s) and qualified purchasing agent who authorized the payments to this Georgia Man?
 9. Why are these employees still on the Orange public payroll?
 10. Is it cosmic justice that Chuck Schumer's brother-in-law is presiding over various federal criminal matters arising from and relating to Orange?
 11. Is it cosmic justice that many things (ranging from outrageous sums of additional long term indebtedness, political corruption and public wrongdoing) seem to arise from and relate to Orange's water/sewer infrastructure?
 12. Is it cosmic justice that the Feld XVI CY 2016 Orange Special Outside YWCA Transaction Law Firm (which waived and abandoned its fees) filed a prerogative writ action (Orange Common SG LLC) challenging the CY 2021 rubberstamping action of the Orange planning board and local governing body?
 13. Is it cosmic justice that the Feld XVI CY 2016 Orange Special outside YWCA Transaction Law Firm has filed a prerogative writ action challenging the validity of an area in need of redevelopment study authorized and approved by the Nishuane Group and Orange's deputy city attorney?
 14. Is it cosmic justice that the Feld XVI CY 2016 Orange Special outside YWCA Transaction Counsel suddenly concurs with Attorney Feld's factual and legal analysis?
 15. Is it cosmic justice that the law department delayed the retention of special outside defense counsel in this prerogative writ action?
 16. Is it cosmic justice that Orange seeks to retain as special outside defense counsel (Lamb Kretzer) which in CY 2019 admitted in Feld X remanded open court its lack of redevelopment law expertise?
 17. Is it cosmic justice that Orange seeks to retain as special municipal attorney its former legislative research officer and public defender with a tarnished professional ethics history?
 18. Is it cosmic justice that Orange seeks to retain as special outside defense counsel the law

- firm (Chasen Lamparello) that is representing the Peek Redevelopment Reock Street Redevelopers?
19. Is it cosmic justice that Vose Avenue Urban Renewal LLC must now obtain an easement which our municipal planner (Nishuane Group) did not pick up originally?
 20. Is it cosmic justice that Orange seeks the after-the-fact approval of two Peek Street Reock Street Redeveloper Agreements after the approval of long term tax exemptions and redevelopment area bonds?
 21. Is it cosmic justice that the municipal planner, bond counsel and in-house city attorneys failed to pick up this simple procedural due diligence issue?
 22. Is it cosmic justice that notice of another Elnardo Webster related planning board hearing just appeared in the Star Ledger whereby a new urban renewal entity applicant will seek amendments of prior approvals granted under the watch of the Nishuane Group?
 23. Is it cosmic justice that on the April 20, 2020 Bill List Orange seeks to pay the costs of printing preliminary offering statements which Orange refuses to post on its public website?

**Motion to close Citizen Comments by Councilman Ross, second by Councilman Johnson, Jr. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.
Motion passed.**

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilwoman Summers-Johnson commented on the following:

- Verdict of George Floyd case.
- Recreation programs in the City of Orange.
- Supports the sale of cannabis.

Councilman Montague, III commented on the following:

- Acknowledged the residents' sentiments regarding cannabis.
- Volunteering as the T-Ball instructor.

Councilwoman Wooten commented on the following:

- Supports the sale of cannabis.

Councilman Ross commented on the following:

- Acknowledged everyone sentiments regarding cannabis.
- Wants regulations in place for the sale of cannabis.
- Thanked Keith Pressey for recreation presentation.
- Inquired regarding the building on Henry Street that caught on fire.
- Community Meeting on April 21st regarding garbage and rodents.
- Inquired regarding the REC Center.
- Inquired regarding the old Police Department building.

Council Vice President Eason commented on the following:

- May 3rd Essex County will reopen all facilities and end virtual work.
- Thanked Keith Pressey for recreation presentation.

- COVID-19 vaccinations at Mt. Olive Church of Christ at 24 Cleveland Street.
- Vaccination of in-bound seniors.

Councilman Johnson, Jr. commented on the following:

- Will vote yes on Ordinance 14-2021.

Council President Coley commented on the following:

- Requested update on telephone system in City Hall.
- Complaints on garbage pick-ups.
- Inquired regarding the fire on Oakwood Avenue.
- May 22nd shredding event at City Hall.

ORDINANCES-SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING

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)

Motion to postpone and keep the Public Hearing open by Council Vice President Eason, second by Councilman Johnson, Jr. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Motion passed.

14-2021 An ordinance to amend the code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 210, "Development Regulations", to prohibit any class of cannabis businesses within its geographical boundaries. (Sponsored by Council Member Tency A. Eason)

The City Clerk inquired if there were any citizens that wish to make a comment.

Point of Order: City Attorney Montilus advised that a legal opinion was rendered by the Law Department regarding this ordinance. More importantly, there are legal deficiencies in the ordinance as it must comply with the zoning ordinance.

The following citizens commented live:

- 1) **Mary Meade, 668 Lincoln Avenue** – expressed her opposition to Ordinance 14-2021.
- 2) **Travis Ally, founder of 93ID** – expressed his opposition to Ordinance 14-2021.
- 3) **Murphy Wilson** – suggested Ordinance 14-2021 be tabled.
- 4) **Levi Holmes** – expressed his opposition to Ordinance 14-2021.
- 5) **Talani Knight, 305 Beachwood** – expressed her opposition to Ordinance 14-2021.
- 6) **William Hathaway** – expressed his opposition to Ordinance 14-2021.
- 7) **Xavier Carr** – expressed his opposition to Ordinance 14-2021.
- 8) **Zonasha Ward** – expressed her opposition to Ordinance 14-2021.
- 9) **Thomas Boran** – expressed his opposition to Ordinance 14-2021.

Motion to extend the meeting by Councilman Johnson, Jr., second by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson.

Roll Call:

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

Motion passed.

- 10) **Jason Grove, 604 Seven Oaks Road** – expressed his opposition to Ordinance 14-2021 and urged a discussion regarding public safety concerns and economic development.
- 11) **Alexis Dunbar, 330 Heywood Avenue** – expressed her opposition to Ordinance 14-2021.
- 12) **Donna Williams** – suggested regulations be looked into from other towns and that Ordinance 14-2021 be tabled.
- 13) **Nordia Gibbs, 434 Lincoln Avenue** – expressed her opposition to Ordinance 14-2021.
- 14) **Gina Wordlow** – expressed her opposition to Ordinance 14-2021.

Thereafter, the City Clerk read the following comments received by citizens for second reading comments, which have been posted on the Council's website under the April 20, 2021 Council Meeting:

15) David Freeman, dkfproductions@gmail.com

As a resident of Orange, NJ I'd like to express my support for Cannabis Business to operate here in Orange. I do not support ordinance 14 - 2021 which would ban all cannabis business in Orange. We can all benefit from the tax revenue this would afford and there are responsible ways to regulate it. Please vote against this ordinance.

16) Sarah Z. Ahmed, sarah.z.ahmed@gmail.com

If the council of Orange votes to ban cannabis business, we risk losing out on major tax revenue for our city. It is clear the City of Orange, especially since my husband and I have moved here in 2019, could benefit from stronger infrastructure: public works that are available, better schools, cleaner streets, and cleaner greenways. These initiatives—which benefit everyone—cannot exist without tax dollars. If nearby townships vote to authorize cannabis businesses, the City of Orange will see an exodus of tax paying citizens, or at least, see their residents investing their money elsewhere. I urge my council people to vote NO on this ban on cannabis businesses.

17) Jose Gomez, gomez.jose@outlook.com

The citizens of New Jersey overwhelmingly voted to legalize cannabis. You'd be doing a great disservice to your citizens and local economy if there were to be a vote against the will of the people and banning the sale of cannabis in Orange. Ordinance 14-2021 should not be passed.

18) Gabrielle Pierre, gabriellepb4@gmail.com

I am a resident of Orange, NJ. I have lived here my whole life and take pride in being from Orange. I have recently read about the current vote on 4/20 by City Council to ban cannabis businesses in Orange, NJ. Voting to ban cannabis businesses in our city will prevent the city from potentially making millions in tax revenues from these businesses. As controversial as cannabis may be, some of these businesses will allow the proper distribution of cannabis to be made instead of individuals selling them illegally. It will potentially help lower tax properties if allowed and improve our communities. No matter what, the

cannabis industry is growing significantly and the consumption of cannabis will continue to grow with this ban or not. Orange should be able to benefit from this growing industry and allow the community to create these new businesses and help positively change our city.

19) Sharon Giles, rgsag07@gmail.com

I am an Essex County resident born and raised, representing Education Through Achievement (also a New Jersey Company). We are asking The Council to reconsider and support Ordinance 14-2021 and allow legal businesses to operate in the City of Orange. We will be opening a Cannabis business in NJ and are very interested in opening in Orange. There are many community benefits to having a cannabis business located here like ours: Additional tax revenue for the city is very important, and improving lives, the social justice aspect. With the proceeds from our cannabis retail business, we will be opening a 150 -unit facility for at risk youth ages 6-17 and battered women. Certainly Orange will get a large portion of available slots. Our company wants to help rebuild our community, one that has been most ravaged by the war on drugs. As a responsible business owner, we will make sure that we operate within all the laws of the city and state as well as hire and train staff from the community. As more consumers come into the city foot traffic to restaurants and other establishments will increase. Thereby helping the town to prosper. Please reconsider the ordinance and how much these new businesses can contribute to the growth of the city.

20) Kweli Campbell, kwelicampbell@gmail.com

I am both shocked and embarrassed for Orange, NJ to hear that there are esteemed and brilliant members of the council who have initially voted to ban all cannabis businesses within this township. I understand that Cannabis legislation comes with a fair amount of need for education for most. But, here we are at near the finish line and members of the council are still warming up? What about the 78% of Orange, NJ cheerleaders who are in the stands and who have voted for the legalization? How do you explain to them that they will receive none of the benefits that could change their very lives in so many ways? This is not about whether you agree with the use of Cannabis. This is about whether you agree with Orange receiving rightful benefits and tax dollars associated with sales related to Cannabis – same as you agreed with other drug and alcohol businesses that we see in our community – beer garden, countless liquor stores, and pharmacies and so on. May I also add the countless hours put in and spent to ensure social equity and justice related to Cannabis sales by numerous advocates and politicians? To deny Orange, NJ the ability to receive these benefits is a slap in the face to many and puts you on the wrong side of history. In the spirit of representation and not your personal views, please vote for what the people want! A prosperous Orange, NJ.

21) Anisa Rodriguez, anisarod102@gmail.com

Why would the council deny the city an opportunity to make the money it desperately needs? If this ordinance passes successfully banning marijuana businesses from coming to Orange, it would be a significant slap in the face to the potential of orange progressing in any substantive way for years to come. Our city pools should be clean and operational and our historic library should as well. The 2% tax on marijuana businesses in orange could make that happen. Only the community suffers if they're excluded by Ordinance No. 14-2021. Vote it down.

22) Zuri Jones, zurijoneszj@gmail.com

As an Orange resident for over 10 years and being raised here, I've seen an Orange with so much potential but never truly reaching it. I've seen peoples dreams be crushed, not encouraged or not helped

for years and it has been a heartbreaking experience to watch. I think Ordinance 14-2021 and allowing cannabis businesses here in Orange can help to change that. I believe it can be an amazing revenue stream here in Orange for years to come and be used as a way to help the dreams of our city and its residents flourish, be created into reality and be supported.

As a resident who plans to open a business here, seeing this lucrative industry come into Orange is exciting and would open the door to what possibilities I can do as far as my own businesses and aspirations. I know I'm not in the minority of this way of thinking either. I believe others in Orange see Cannabis businesses here as something, that hopefully thru regulations, becomes another avenue to make legit legal money and start generation wealth for their lineage. I believe others will see this as an opportunity to grow their business acumen here in their own city and others who see an opportunity to enter this booming industry in our own city.

I think not allowing Cannabis here in Orange would be the wrong decision for a lot of reasons. And I believe that having cannabis businesses here can be the first time in over 10 years that change begins to come.

23) Alexandra Laurore, allie.stratakis@gmail.com

I am an Orange resident and I am currently living at 620 Lincoln Avenue. I am writing in regards to Ordinance no. 14-2021. I would like this correspondence to be a part of the citizen comments and the Public Hearing of an Ordinance section of the meeting being held on 4/20/21. I am writing to inform you that I am against the passing of this ordinance and believe that the sale of legal marijuana SHOULD NOT BE BANNED in the city of Orange. The legal sale of Marijuana will generate revenue, create opportunities for small businesses & make Orange a competitive member of this industry. I urge all the council people to vote down this ban.

24) Damani Bollow, dbollow20@gmail.com

I am a young resident that has lived in Orange for over 10 years. I moved here from New York and went through Middle and High School in this town and I'm concerned about the leadership because bringing cannabis businesses into Orange in an absolute no brainer. First of all Orange roads are really bad. We don't have a library or an after school program for the children. Obviously taxes from the cannabis business would be able to fix all of that, not to mention all of the medical benefits of THC and CBD. Look at Colorado, after they passed the bill for cannabis everybody got extra money from taxes to be honest I don't know why this is even a debate or a situation if you vote against bringing cannabis into orange you don't want the best for the people of this town anybody that's objective can see this obvious opportunity.

25) Frank Barszcz, frankbarszcz@gmail.com

WE URGE YOU TO VOTE AGAINST ORDINANCE NO. 14-2021 BANNING CANNABIS BUSINESSES IN ORANGE!

For the past 5 years The HUUB, Inc. has worked to enhance the quality of life for residents of Orange and the surrounding area by making our campus available to the community and providing programming in the arts, education and community development. We are a leader in disseminating information about protection from the spread of COVID 19 and keeping citizens informed about city policies that affect their lives. Our model for community engagement is Asset Based Community Development which calls

us to build upon the strengths that already exist in the people and institutions of our community. We are therefore in favor of safe and regulated business opportunities that bring revenue into the city and help entrepreneurial citizens to realize their potential.

On November 3, 2020, residents of the City of Orange Township voted overwhelmingly in favor of Public Question # 1. On February 22, 2021, P.L. 2021, c. 16, was signed into law by Governor Murphy. It allows for the recreational use of marijuana for adults 21 years of age and older and requires that each municipality develop regulations concerning the location, type and number of cannabis businesses in the community, hours of operation, consumption areas within a business and regular inspections for compliance.

Two (2) parts of this legislation make it particularly appealing to Orange residents AND to the City of Orange Township:

REGULATIONS AND REVENUE:

Regulations adopted and enforced by both the municipality and the state minimize the risk of any harm to the community and make this emerging industry safe and beneficial to consumers.

Unlike most other taxes imposed on businesses in New Jersey, the Cannabis Regulatory, Enforcement Assistance, and Marketplace Modernization Act provides for a 2% sales tax on retailers, cultivators and manufacturers and a 1% sales tax on wholesalers paid directly to the municipality.

Revenue from a regulated cannabis industry in Orange can off-set the cost for services and reduce the tax burden on residents: Improving recreation programs and their facilities, building a new library, creating job training programs, improving services and facilities for seniors are all possible with this new emerging revenue source. To take a "wait and see" approach means a missed opportunity as other municipalities in the area will very quickly fill the void and be able to serve the needs of Orange residents.

The HUUB, Inc. urges every member of the City Council to VOTE AGAINST ORDINANCE NO. 14-2021 and support a bright future for the City of Orange Township!

26) Sheena Alabado, shaneena.a011@icloud.com

I support allowing cannabis business in Orange, NJ. There are two main reason why: 1) Potential tax revenue from business and 2) Better regulation of cannabis.

The tax revenue from these businesses can potentially lower property taxes. Many of the families here in Orange live in apartments with ever increasing rent. I am hoping that lower property taxes will also lower the rent that so many families here are having trouble especially during this pandemic. Even then, the city can just rake in money from these taxes. Second point is that weed is already rampant in Orange. Rather than banning it, regulating where weed comes from like having liquor stores, can help people be more responsible. It's also just easier to control with if you have started regulating it. Therefore, there really is just more benefits allowing it in the city.

27) Edilson Guzman, edilsonguzman@gmail.com

Banning Cannabis business in Orange will be a loss against the legalization of marijuana in New Jersey. 81% of cannabis business owners are white and only 4.3% Black. But black people are 264% MORE likely than white people to be arrested for cannabis possession. Orange's demographic is predominantly minorities. It is our job as a small town to make a change now, banning cannabis business will only take us a step backwards. Giving the opportunity to a resident from Orange to open up a Local Dispensary will only give us that step forward. We will be creating change for our community for the better. Not only will you be supporting our citizens to make a change against the statistic, we will be able to obtain a new tax source for our city. Orange will be able to impose a 2.00% sales tax on retailers, cultivators, and manufacturers. This new tax source will be beneficial to our city as it can help the city grow and prosper even more!

Motion to close Citizen Comments by Councilman Ross, second by Councilman Johnson, Jr. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Motion passed.

Motion to table by Council Vice President Eason, second by Councilman Ross.

On the motion: Council Vice President Eason provided the following comments:

- Legislation was created in December 2020 and was not voted upon until February 2021.
- The Mayor was onboard and not only until this week changed his mind.
- Concerned about drug addiction.
- Wants to make sure there are regulations in place.
- Recommends that Ordinance 14-2021 be tabled.

Councilwoman Wooten provided the following comments:

- Does not support Ordinance 14-2021.
- Urged colleagues to educate themselves when legislation comes onto the agenda.
- Thanked everyone that attended the community and council meetings.
- Apologized to the residents.

Councilwoman Summers-Johnson provided the following comments

- Supports cannabis dispensaries in the City of Orange.
- Wants Ordinance 14-2021 withdrawn.

Roll Call:

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

Motion passed.

Motion to rescind the motion to table by Council Vice President Eason, second by Councilman Ross.

Roll Call:

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

Motion passed.

Motion to table by Council Vice President Eason, second by Councilman Johnson, Jr.

On the motion: Councilman Montague, III advised that per his business attorneys he has been advised to recuse himself due to conflicts of interest.

Roll Call:

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

Motion passed.

15-2021 An ordinance of the City of Orange Township, in the county of Essex, State of New Jersey (the "City") providing for a special emergency appropriation in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 to fund the preparation and execution of a complete program of revaluation of real property in the City.

The City Clerk inquired if there were any citizens that wish to make a comment. There were no citizen comments.

Motion to close Citizen Comments by Councilman Johnson, Jr., second by Council Vice President Eason. The Motion was unanimously approved.

Motion passed.

Motion to adopt on Second Reading by Council Vice President Eason, second by Councilman Ross.

Roll Call:

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

Motion passed.

16-2021 An ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 200, entitled "Vehicles and Traffic" Section 200-46, Schedule XV: Right Turn Only.

The City Clerk inquired if there were any citizens that wish to make a comment. There were no citizen comments.

**Motion to close Citizen Comments by Council Vice President Eason, second by Councilman Johnson, Jr. The Motion was unanimously approved.
Motion passed.**

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

Roll Call:

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

Motion passed.

17-2021 A bond ordinance funding an emergency temporary appropriation and providing for the replacement of the water main located on Thomas Boulevard between Washington Street and Hayward Street, by and in the City of Orange Township, in the County of Essex, state of New Jersey; appropriating \$8,150,000 therefor from the Water/Sewer Utility of the City and authorizing \$8,150,000 bonds or notes of the City to finance the costs therefor.

The City Clerk inquired if there were any citizens that wish to make a comment. The following citizen commented live:

- 1) **Jason Grove** inquired what was the recommendation for this bond ordinance.
- 2) **Mary Meade** inquired regarding the paving of Lincoln Avenue.

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

Motion to adopt on Second Reading by Council Vice President Eason, second by Councilman Johnson, Jr.

On the motion: Business Administrator Hartwyk advised that the Administration is pulling this bond ordinance because it does not contain solid engineering costs. The bond ordinance will come back with better recommendations.

Roll Call:

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

Absent: None

Motion failed.

ORDINANCES-INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING

19-2021 An ordinance of the City of Orange Township, County of Essex, State of New Jersey granting an easement affecting Block 7004, Lot 4 to 751 Vose Avenue Urban Renewal LLC for construction and maintenance of a water meter vault.

Motion to adopt on First Reading by Council Vice President Eason, second by Councilman Montague, III.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Eason, Johnson, Jr., Montague, III, Ross, Summers-Johnson, Wooten and Council President Coley

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion passed.

Final Reading is scheduled for May 18, 2021

20-2021 A bond ordinance amending and supplementing bond ordinance number 22-2020 heretofore finally adopted by the City Council of the City of Orange Township, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey on July 8, 2020 entitled, "Bond ordinance providing for the Main Street Streetscape and Traffic Control Project, by and in the City of Orange Township, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey, appropriating \$5,400,000 therefor and authorizing the issuance of \$5,400,000 bonds or notes to finance the cost thereof", as amended and supplemented by bond ordinance number 2-2021 finally adopted by the City Council of the City on February 16, 2021, to increase the appropriation to \$9,200,000 and to increase the authorization of bonds or notes to \$9,200,000 therein.

Motion to adopt on First Reading by Council Vice President Eason, second by Councilman Montague, III.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Eason, Johnson, Jr., Montague, III, Ross, Summers-Johnson, Wooten and Council President Coley

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion passed.

Final Reading is scheduled for May 18, 2021

21-2021 An ordinance of the City of Orange Township, County of Essex, State of New Jersey authorizing the acquisition, by negotiated purchase or condemnation, of property owned by Orange Flats LLC located at Block 3601, Lots 1, 2, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, and Block 3702, Lot 4 on the Official Tax Map of the City of Orange Township.

Motion to adopt on First Reading by Councilman Ross, second by Council Vice President Eason.

Roll Call:

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

Motion passed.

Final Reading is scheduled for May 18, 2021

22-2021 An ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 200, entitled "Vehicles and Traffic" Section 200-52-1 Handicapped Parking Spaces. (263A Cleveland Street). (Amended)

Motion to adopt as amended on First Reading by Council Vice President Eason, second by Councilman Ross.

Roll Call:

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

Motion passed.

Final Reading is scheduled for May 18, 2021

RESOLUTION POSTPONED FROM THE MARCH 16, 2021 COUNCIL MEETING

135-2021 A resolution of the City of Orange Township, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey providing for the issuance of special emergency notes in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 to fund the revaluation of real property in and for the City.

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

Roll Call:

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

Motion passed.

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.

RESOLUTIONS NO. *195-2021 THROUGH *240-2021

The City Clerk announced that Resolutions 218-2021, 222-2021 and 237-2021 are being removed from the Consent Agenda for a separate vote.

- *195-2021** A resolution appointing Catherine L. Stamps as a member to the Citizen's Budget Advisory Committee for Calendar Year 2021 Municipal Budget Process. (Sponsored by Councilmember Eason)
- *196-2021** A resolution appointing Carl Fields, Jr. as a member to the Citizen's Budget Advisory Committee for Calendar Year 2021 Municipal Budget Process. (Sponsored by Councilmember Eason)
- *197-2021** A resolution appointing Carol Perkins as a member to the Citizen's Budget Advisory Committee for Calendar Year 2021 Municipal Budget Process. (Sponsored by Councilmember Johnson, Jr.)
- *198-2021** A resolution appointing Thomas Boran as a member to the Citizen's Budget Advisory Committee for Calendar Year 2021 Municipal Budget Process. (Sponsored by Councilmember Johnson, Jr.)
- *199-2021** A resolution appointing Deborah Bartley Carter as a member to the Citizen's Budget Advisory Committee for Calendar Year 2021 Municipal Budget Process. (Sponsored by Councilmember Summers-Johnson)
- *200-2021** A resolution appointing Kisha Banks as a member to the Citizen's Budget Advisory Committee for Calendar Year 2021 Municipal Budget Process. (Sponsored by Councilmember Summers-Johnson)
- *201-2021** A resolution appointing Zonasha Ward as a member to the Citizen's Budget Advisory Committee for Calendar Year 2021 Municipal Budget Process. (Sponsored by Councilmember Ross)
- *202-2021** A resolution appointing Patricia Cuttino as a member to the Citizen's Budget Advisory Committee for Calendar Year 2021 Municipal Budget Process. (Sponsored by Councilmember Ross)
- *203-2021** A resolution appointing Leonor Young as a member to the Citizen's Budget Advisory Committee for Calendar Year 2021 Municipal Budget Process. (Sponsored by Councilmember Montague, III)

- *204-2021** A resolution appointing Janicea Jones-Vance as a member to the Citizen's Budget Advisory Committee for Calendar Year 2021 Municipal Budget Process. (Sponsored by Councilmember Montague, III)
- *205-2021** A resolution appointing Antoinett Hall as a member to the Citizen's Budget Advisory Committee for Calendar Year 2021 Municipal Budget Process. (Sponsored by Councilmember Coley)
- *206-2021** A resolution appointing Cristina Mateo as a member to the Citizen's Budget Advisory Committee for Calendar Year 2021 Municipal Budget Process. (Sponsored by Councilmember Coley)
- *207-2021** A resolution re-appointing Murphy Wilson, a resident of Orange, New Jersey as a regular member to the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the City of Orange Township, New Jersey. (Sponsored by Councilmember Summers-Johnson)
- *208-2021** A resolution appointing Jashlyn E. Wingfield as a member to the Citizen's Budget Advisory Committee for Calendar Year 2021 Municipal Budget Process. (Sponsored by Councilmember Wooten)
- *209-2021** A resolution approving the bill list for council meeting vote on April 20, 2021 dated April 14, 2021 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95. (Grand Total: \$12,760,432.47)
- *210-2021** A resolution authorizing a refund of two hundred and seventy-three dollars paid by Benzoin Orgel for a credit card payment online in error to the Police Department.
- *211-2021** A resolution of appreciation for Saint Matthew AME Church for assisting with the response to COVID-19. (Sponsored by the Orange Municipal Council)
- *212-2021** A resolution authorizing a refund to lienholder US Bank Cust/Pro Cap 8 for overpayment of subsequent water/sewer payment made in error on Block 4902, Lot 11, also known as 367 Highland Avenue, Orange New Jersey in the amount of \$54.28.
- *213-2021** A resolution authorizing a refund to lienholder US Bank Cust/Pro Cap 8 for overpayment of subsequent tax payment made on Block 7003, Lot 5 in error also known as 572 Argyle Avenue in the amount of \$3,044.71.
- *214-2021** A resolution amending resolution 391-2020 titled "A resolution amending resolution 283-2020 titled "A resolution amending resolution 33-2020 titled "An emergency resolution authorizing a lease agreement between the City of Orange Township and ABC Emergency Rental for the provision of leasing an American LaFrance Ladder, Quint Squirt commencing January 10, 2020 to June 25, 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$63,143.00" to extend the contract until August 31, 2020 for an additional amount of \$15,000.00 making a new amount not to exceed of \$78,143.00" seeking to

supplement the vehicle rented under the lease agreement from an American LaFrance Ladder, Quint Squire to a Pierce Pumper and to extend the contract until October 19, 2020 for an additional amount of \$45,000.00 making a new amount not to exceed of \$82,643.00” to extend the contract for the Pierce Pumper until November 13, 2020 for an additional amount of \$3,250.00 for an amount not to exceed \$85,893.00.

- *215-2021** A resolution to accept State of New Jersey Recycling Tonnage 2018 grant funds in the amount of \$40,584.42.
- *216-2021** A resolution authorizing the services of the Antoine Law Firm, LLC, to represent Orange Police Officers, Detective Nicholas Reda, Police Officer Edward Hall, Police Officer Kevin Demasi, Police Officer Keenan Rogers and Lieutenant Hector Rosado in the matter of “Marie Conserve v. City of Orange Township, et al” Docket No. 2:21-CV-00872-SDW-ESK in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00 for Calendar Year 2021.
- *217-2021** A resolution authorizing the services of the Antoine Law Firm, LLC, to represent the City of Orange Township in the matter of “Janaya A. Robinson v. Exit Strategy Reos, LLC., et al” Docket No. ESX-L-3821-20 in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00 for calendar year 2021.
- *219-2021** A resolution authorizing the Tax Collector to refund 50% overpayment of real estate taxes paid for 2020 and to cancel 50% of any future tax billings for the premises located at Block 6105, Lot 5 a/k/a 519 Beach Street in the amount of \$4,096.80.
- *220-2021** A resolution authorizing the cancellation of certain city owned tax sale certificates.
- *221-2021** A resolution authorizing the services of Chasan Lamparello Mallon & Cappuzzo, LLC, to represent Police Officer Milton Mendoza and Police Officer Richard Adrienza in the matter of Marie Conserve v. The City of Orange Township, et al, Docket No. 2:21-CV-00872-SDW-ESK, in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00 for Calendar Year 2021.
- *223-2021** A resolution recognizing National Crime Victims’ Rights Week, April 18–24, 2021 in the City of Orange Township. (Sponsored by Councilmembers Wooten and Summers-Johnson)
- *224-2021** A resolution appointing Sharief Williams as a member to the Citizen’s Budget Advisory Committee for Calendar Year 2021 municipal budget process. (Sponsored by Councilmember Wooten)
- *225-2021** A resolution ratifying and authorizing the award of an emergency contract for traffic signal maintenance and repairs between Jen Electric, Inc., 631 Morris Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey 07081, and the City of Orange Township for the

period of February 1, 2021, through February 28, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$490.00.

- *226-2021** A resolution authorizing the services of Lamb Kretzer, LLC, to represent Planning Board of the City of Orange Township in the matter, “Orange Commons SG LLC v. City of Orange Township and Planning Board of the City of Orange Township” Docket No. ESX-L-1395-21 in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 for Calendar Year 2021.
- *227-2021** A resolution authorizing payment of legal fees to the law firm of Lamb Kretzer, LLP as litigation counsel for an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 for services rendered in prior years.
- *228-2021** A resolution authorizing the execution of a redevelopment agreement between the City and Peek Reock II Owner Urban Renewal, LLC for the undertaking of a redevelopment project to be located at 49 South Day Street.
- *229-2021** A resolution authorizing the execution of a redevelopment agreement between the City and Peek Reock III Owner Urban Renewal, LLC for the undertaking of a redevelopment project to be located at 72 South Essex Avenue.
- *230-2021** A resolution allowing the City of Orange Township to waive the estoppel period and authorize the immediate enactment of ordinance 15-2021 titled “Ordinance of the City of Orange Township, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey (the “City”) providing for a special emergency appropriation in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 to fund the preparation and execution of a complete program of revaluation of real property in the City” upon adoption by the City Council.
- *231-2021** A resolution authorizing additional funds in an amount of \$17,000.00 to pay attorney fees to Scarinci & Hollenbeck, LLP, for work performed in Calendar Year 2020 as special counsel with regard to various legal matters increasing the contract total to an amount not to exceed of \$187,000.00 for the Calendar Year 2020.
- *232-2021** A resolution declaring an emergency and ratifying a contract between the City of Orange Township and Shauger Property Services, Inc., 429 Dodd Street, East Orange, New Jersey 07017 for emergency snow removal services and supplying rock salt for the period of January 31, 2021 through February 18, 2021 in the amount not to exceed \$559,648.43.
- *233-2021** A resolution amending Resolution No. 354-2020 to authorize additional attorney fees for David C. Stanziale, LLC, as special counsel in Calendar Year 2021 with regard to Marie Conserve v. City of Orange Township, et al., in an amount not to \$30,000.00.
- *234-2021** A resolution authorizing the services of David C. Stanziale, LLC, to represent City of Orange Township in the matter of “Orange Commons SG LLC v. City of Orange

Township and Planning Board of the City of Orange” Docket No. ESX-L-1395-21 in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 for calendar year 2021.

***235-2021 A resolution re-appointing Antoinett Hall as Alternate Member No. 2 of the Zoning Board of Adjustment. (Sponsored by Councilmember Wooten)**

***236-2021 A resolution of the City of Orange Township, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey authorizing the submission of an application to the Local Finance Board requesting approval of (i) the issuance of qualified bonds under the provisions of the Municipal Qualified Bond Act, specifically N.J.S.A. 40a:3-4, (ii) issuance of qualified bonds with non-conforming maturity schedules under the provisions of the local bond law, specifically N.J.S.A. 40a:2-26(e), and (iii) the issuance of qualified bonds through the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A 58:11b-9(a).**

***238-2021 A resolution authorizing the acceptance of Department of Homeland Security Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) awarded to six Essex County Departments with the City of Orange Fire Department in the amount of \$81,818 for training and overtime.**

***239-2021 A resolution authorizing the services of Michael A. Armstrong & Associates, LLC, to represent Denise Banks in the matter, “Marie Conserve v. City of Orange Township, et al” Docket No. 2:21-CV-00872-SDW-ESK in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00 for calendar year 2021.**

***240-2021 A resolution authorizing the City of Orange Township Police Department to apply to New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety Office of the Attorney General SFY21 body-worn camera grant program.**

Motion to adopt Consent Agenda by Council Vice President Eason, second by Councilman Montague, III.

Roll Call:

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

Motion passed.

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

218-2021 A resolution appointing Nathaniel Davis, Esq. as Special Municipal Prosecutor for the City of Orange Township for the year 2021.

Motion to return to administration by Councilman Montague, III, 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.

222-2021 A resolution authorizing a professional services contract to Clearview Counseling, LLC for the provision of counseling services for the year 2021 to the City of Orange Township Municipal Court pursuant to the non-fair and open process in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00 for the Calendar Year 2021.

Motion to postpone by Councilman Montague, III, second by Council Vice President Eason.

Roll Call:

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

Motion passed.

237-2021 A resolution introducing and approving the 2021 Calendar Year Budget (January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021).

Motion to return to administration by Councilman Johnson, Jr., second by Council Vice President Eason.

Roll Call:

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

Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS AND WALK-ON ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

The City Clerk announced that the following Ordinance 23-2021(WO) and Resolutions 241-2021(WO) and 242-2021 (WO) are being considered to be walked on the agenda:

23-2021(WO) A bond ordinance amending and supplementing bond ordinance number 51-2019 heretofore finally adopted by the City Council of the City of Orange Township on November 18, 2019 entitled, “bond ordinance providing for Phase I of the rehabilitation and/or redevelopment of water transmission mains, water

distribution mains and wells, by and in the City of Orange Township, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey, appropriating \$5,000,000 therefor and authorizing the issuance of \$5,000,000 bonds or notes to finance the cost thereof”, to increase the appropriation therein to \$7,300,000, to increase the authorization of bonds or notes therein to \$7,300,000, and to amend the description of the improvements authorized therein

241-2021(WO) A resolution to apply for a grant from the New Jersey Historic Trust, Preserve New Jersey Historic Preservation Fund, 2021 Historic Site Management Grant Program, in the Amount of \$50,000.00

242-2021(WO) A resolution of the City of Orange Township, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey authorizing the submission of an application to the Local Finance Board requesting approval of (I) the issuance of qualified bonds under the provisions of the Municipal Qualified Bond Act, Specifically N.J.S.A. 40a:3-4, (Ii) issuance of qualified bonds with non-conforming maturity schedules under the provisions of the Local Bond Law, Specifically N.J.S.A. 40a:2-26(E), and (Iii) the issuance of qualified bonds through the New Jersey infrastructure bank pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A 58:11b-9(A)

Motion to walk-on Ordinance 23-2021(WO) and Resolutions 241-2021(WO) and 242-2021(WO) onto the agenda by Council Vice President Eason, 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.

Motion to suspend the rules by Councilman Johnson, Jr., second by Council Vice President Eason.

Roll Call:

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

Motion passed.

The City Clerk inquired if there were any citizens who wished to make a comment. The following citizen commented live:

- 1) Karen Wells requested a copy of the HPC grant resolution.**

Motion to close Citizen Comments by Councilman Johnson, Jr., second by Councilman Vice President Eason. Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Motion passed.

23-2021(WO) A bond ordinance amending and supplementing bond ordinance number 51-2019 heretofore finally adopted by the City Council of the City of Orange Township on November 18, 2019 entitled, “bond ordinance providing for Phase I of the rehabilitation and/or redevelopment of water transmission mains, water distribution mains and wells, by and in the City of Orange Township, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey, appropriating \$5,000,000 therefor and authorizing the issuance of \$5,000,000 bonds or notes to finance the cost thereof”, to increase the appropriation therein to \$7,300,000, to increase the authorization of bonds or notes therein to \$7,300,000, and to amend the description of the improvements authorized therein

Motion to adopt on First Reading by Councilman Montague, III, 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.

Final Reading is scheduled for May 18, 2021

241-2021(WO) A resolution to apply for a grant from the New Jersey Historic Trust, Preserve New Jersey Historic Preservation Fund, 2021 Historic Site Management Grant Program, in the amount of \$50,000.00

Motion to adopt 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.

242-2021(WO) A resolution of the City of Orange Township, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey authorizing the submission of an application to the Local Finance Board requesting approval of (I) the issuance of qualified bonds under the provisions of the Municipal Qualified Bond Act, specifically N.J.S.A. 40A:3-4, (Ii) issuance of qualified bonds with non-conforming maturity schedules under the provisions of the Local Bond Law, specifically N.J.S.A. 40A:2-26(E), and (Iii) the issuance of qualified bonds through the New Jersey infrastructure bank pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A 58:11b-9(A).

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

Roll Call:

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


OTHER PENDING BUSINESS – None.

**Motion to adjourn by Councilman Montague, III, second by Council Vice President Eason.
The motion was approved by unanimous vote.
Motion passed.**

Meeting adjourned at 12:12 a.m.

The next City Council Conference and Regular Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 4, 2021 virtually at 7:00 p.m.

Approved: June 1, 2021



Joyce L. Lanier
City Clerk



Kerry J. Coley
Council President