

CITIZENS COMMENTS

AUGUST 4, 2021 CY 2021 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

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Preliminary In-Person Only Civic Participation

1. In light of the increase of Delta COVID 19 cases as well as this community's vaccination rate, is it prudent to prohibit virtual civic participation, to require in person participation and to limit the receipt of written submitted questions and comments?
2. Was the change in virtual civic participation policy and procedure the result of a resolution adopted after proper notice and public hearing?
3. Could Orange and its public officials be held responsible and risk liability in the event an individual falls ill after attending this in-person limited special public hearing?
4. Does Orange's insurance policies provide coverage for such in-person only civic participation liabilities?
5. Does Orange's new in-person only civic participation policy and procedure foster our State's public policies in favor of robust informed civic participation?

CY 2021 Amended Budget

6. When did the State approve in writing the CY 2021 Amended Budget?
7. Why the delay in posting the CY 2020 Financial Statement and CY 2021 Introduced and Amended User Friendly Budgets and all CY 2021 official statements on a public website prior to this special CY 2021 Amended Budget public hearing?
8. Based upon posted CY 2021 Ethic Financial Disclosure Statements, how many city employees and public officials hold more than one public position funded by taxpayers' trust fund monies?
9. Based upon the recent article about COVID 19 related bonuses being awarded to certain municipal employees, are these COVID 19 related bonus payments included or excluded from the CY 2021 Amended Budget?
10. What is the funding source of these additional bonus payments?
11. What factors were used to determine the recipients and amounts of these COVID 19 related bonus payments?
12. Who ultimately determined and approved the recipients and the amounts of these new COVID 19 related bonuses?
13. How much money does the Orange water/sewer utility owe Suez?
14. How many different COVID-19/FEMA related reimbursement applications does Orange have outstanding?
15. Were any potential water/sewer utility grant applications denied or rendered incomplete due to the failure of certain in-house financial type employees' failure to provide financial information or to sign the appropriate paper work?
16. Based upon the two proposed water/sewer related rate increase ordinances posted on the August 4, 2021 regular agenda and without the benefit of the CY 2020 financial statement, is Orange's water/sewer utility still self-liquidating?

17. Do the two proposed water/sewer utility related rate increase ordinance include or exclude all announced rate increases announced by any third party provider or supplier?
18. Based upon the two proposed water/sewer related rate increase ordinances posted on the August 4, 2021 regular agenda, what will be the projected amount of revenue loss or decline from the proposed municipal/local school board 25% discount?
19. Based upon the posted August 4, 2021 Agenda, how much money has Orange expended since July 2016 responding to federal grand jury investigation subpoenas?
20. Based upon the posted August 4, 2021 Agenda, how much has Orange expended since October 2016 defending police department civil rights violations claims and causes of action arising under the watch of the municipality's current police director appointed without any public comments in October 2016?
21. Based upon the posted August 4, 2021 Agenda, who is responsible for monitoring all pending litigation involving the municipality and the timely adoption of appropriate professional defense services retention resolutions?

Old, Outstanding and Ignored

22. What is the proposed CY 2021 municipal purpose tax rate?
23. Are the CY 2021 Introduced and Amended Budgets based upon COVID 19 actual operations employee head count or a pre COVID 19 head count?
24. Does the finance department continue to provide "check & balance" monthly revenue and operating reports to all local elected officials and CBAC members?
25. After the proposed rescission of an authorized but not yet issued Main Street streetscape ordinance, what will be Orange's new gross and net debt numbers?
26. How much "qualified municipal debt" cap wiggle room does Orange have left?
27. How much does Orange owe the County in unpaid long term tax exemption revenues?
28. In order to reduce its uniform first responder costs and the amount of its CY 2021 Annual Surplus Invasion Application, how many "retiree" positions and slots were not filled?
29. Does leaving these positions unfilled threaten public safety?
30. Does the local housing authority and related entities owe any monies to the municipality?
31. What \$1,200,000 obligation was omitted from the June 9, 2021 LFB Hearing Supplemental Debt Statement?
32. What are the anticipated costs savings arising from Orange's participation in a new health insurance shared costs JIF type organization?
33. In the next two years, how much will Orange be required to contribute as health care reserves?
34. In the next two years, how much COVID-19 related monies does Orange anticipate receiving?
35. Was Local Finance Notice 2021-11 "American Rescue Plan Act of 2021-Requirements for Grant Funds" provided to all local elected officials and CBAC members?
36. Who is the water/sewer utility manager?
37. Is that water/sewer utility manager qualified under federal and state rules and regulations?
38. When will the January 2018 special water/sewer utility SUEZ amending contract CC meeting minutes be posted on a public website?
39. What are the terms of the amended EO water supply contract approved at the last June 1, 2021 CC meeting?
40. In CY 2020 and CY 2021, how much has or will Orange pay out to outside financial consultants and professionals to perform work not performed in-house?
41. When does Orange anticipate selling the former YWCA building, the former Rossi site, the former Orange Memorial Hospital and the former Lincoln Ave police station?
42. When will Orange adopt an anti-nepotism policy and procedure?

43. Will Orange conduct a post July 1, 2012 city employee nepotism audit or investigation?
44. When will Orange authorize the BA to implement his proposed structural reforms and to pursue all colorable claims and causes of actions against former and current city employees and outside professionals?
45. Does Orange have any claims and causes of actions relating the discharge of pre April 17, 1992 non-urban renewal entity NJHMFA long term tax exemption mortgages and the subsequent sale and transfer of those properties?
46. Does Orange have any claims and causes of actions relating to the transfer of certain Tony Galento Transit Village municipal property pursuant to material modified terms?
47. When will Orange pursue all claims and causes of actions against Willis Edwards III?
48. When will Orange terminate and sever its relationship with its post July 1, 2012 finance director/qualified purchasing agent under whose watch certain requisitions and purchase subject to certain federal indictments and guilty pleas were issued?
49. With the rescission of the \$8,000,000 Thomas Boulevard Water Project Bond Issuance, does Orange have current water/sewer capacity to supply all approved and proposed redevelopment projects, including a new noticed Scotland Road residential project, Peek Highland I Owner Urban Renewal Highland Avenue project and the McGee Ryan Asset former police station, 540 Mitchell Street Project?
50. What statute authorizes a Faulkner Act local governing body to retain a legislative research officer?
51. Have all Local Government Officials filed their annual CY 2021 Ethics Disclosure Statements due April 30, 2021?