

CITIZENS COMMENTS
AUGUST 4, 2021 COUNCIL MEETING

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In-Person Non-Virtual 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?

Resolution 367-2021 – Special Outside Federal Grand Jury Investigation Counsel Retention

6. Is August 4, 2021 another inflection game changing points for Orange?
7. Who determined that this unidentified city employee is entitled to a taxpayer funded defense under Orange's amended indemnification and defense administrative code provisions?
8. When did the unidentified city employee receive a federal grand jury subpoena?
9. When did the unidentified city employee advise the township of his receipt of a federal grand jury subpoena?
10. Has the name of this city employee and a copy of this federal grand jury subpoena been provided to our local governing body and municipal clerk?
11. What distinguishes this unnamed city employee from our former mayor's chief of staff who the local governing body denied her request to defend?
12. What distinguishes this unnamed city employee from all the other city employees that the Critchley law firm have defended in this ongoing federal investigation of Orange?
13. Since July 2016 and the FBI raid of Orange's public library, how many city employees have appeared before a federal grand jury with the assistance of the Critchley law firm?
14. How much has Orange expended defending and responding to all post July 2016 federal grand jury investigation subpoenas?
15. Does this current federal grand jury subpoena relate to either the bulk tax lien sale, the mayor's former law firm's tax lien foreclosure activities, the misuse or disappearance of monies from the Orange public library, any long term tax exemption project, the Orange water/sewer utility, the acquisition and transfer of the former Bank of America property, the acquisition of the former abandoned YWCA project site or Willis Edwards III?

Resolution 366-2021 – After-the-Fact Main Street Wawa Redeveloper Designation

16. Who drafted and approved this proposed after-the-fact Main Street Wawa redeveloper designation resolution?

17. Did the planning board already approve this Main Street Wawa project without a redeveloper designation resolution?
18. When the planning board approved this Main Street Wawa project this past winter, did they hold a virtual or in-person non-virtual tent public hearing?
19. Who acted as the planning board attorney on this Main Street Wawa project?
20. Why the delay in seeking after-the fact redeveloper designation?
21. When was the Main Street Wawa redeveloper designation application originally filed?
22. Do any entities related to the proposed Main Street Wawa non-urban renewal entity redeveloper owe any monies to the township?
23. What adverse consequences, if any, would arise if the local governing body denied this after-the-fact Main Street Wawa redeveloper designation resolution?
24. Prior to the local planning board Main Street Wawa in-person tent hearing, did the Township and its local planning board have actual and constructive notice of the missing Main Street Wawa redeveloper designation resolution?

Resolution 376-2021 – Central Valley Redevelopment Amending Planning Board Referral

25. Why is a closing statement attached to this planning board referral resolution?
26. Is ironic that Orange attached this closing statement, but Orange cannot find and produce the Bank of America and Orange Memorial Hospital closing statements and affidavits of title?
27. What is the current tax assessment of this property?
28. Was this property previously exempt from real estate taxation?
29. Upon the transfer of this project site, did this property lose its public utility tax exempt status?

Resolution 371-2021 – Councilperson Eason’s Planning Board Appointment

30. Is it time to inject new fresh blood onto the local rubberstamping planning board?
31. As a member of the local planning board, did Councilperson Eason approve the waiver of all unpaid Walter G. Alexander Phase I & II water/sewer charges?
32. As a member of the local planning board, did Councilperson Eason question the validity of the mayor’s former law partner and in-house city attorney acting as the local planning board’s attorney?
33. As a member of the local planning board and this local governing body, did Councilperson Eason vote in favor of all redevelopment plans with condemnation powers over active operating business properties?
34. As a member of the local planning board and this local governing body, did Councilperson Eason leave significant constitutional, statutory and contractual Orange Park and Oakwood Towers post discharge and satisfaction of original NJHMFA Section 37 long term tax exemption mortgage tax revenues and net sale proceeds on the table?

Resolutions 358, 359, 360, 361 and 376-2021 – Police Civil Rights Violations Counsel CY 2021

35. Why the delay in adopting these CY 2021 outside professional retention resolutions?
36. Who is responsible for monitoring all litigation pending against the municipality and ensuring that all appropriate retention resolutions are adopted initially and annually thereafter within a reasonable period of time?
37. How much monies has Orange paid outside counsel for defending police civil rights violations action arising under the watch of a police director appointed in October 2016 without any public comment?

Resolution 355-2021 - \$9,234.404.25 Bill List

38. Why is Orange paying a US Treasury judgment?
39. What does this judgment relate to? PO 21-01031
40. How much has Orange paid Dieter Lerch's firm in CY 2019, CY 2020 and CY 2021? PO 21-00534
41. How much related to special outside budget consultant work?
42. How much related to other management advisory Services?
43. In what pending case is Judith S. Feld still a named plaintiff? PO 00896

June 2021 OPRA Report

44. Of the 14 pending and open June 2021 OPRA Requests, who are the requestors?
45. Of the 14 pending and open June 2021 OPRA Requests, what departments or boards have delayed production?
46. Have these departments and boards historically delayed production of government records pursuant to OPRA?
47. What is the status of the executed CY 2020 and CY 2021 Nishuane Group retention agreements?
48. What is the status of all affidavits of title and closing statements delivered in connection with the Bank of America/Rossi Paints March 2019 acquisition and bond anticipation note transaction that closed despite the filing of a Feld XIX prerogative writ action within the twenty days estoppel period?
49. How many CY 2019, CY 2020 and CY 2021 OPRA Requests remain open and pending?
50. Other than the federal subpoena which is the subject of Res.367-2021, did Orange receive any additional federal document subpoenas or requests for additional materials in CY 2019, CY 2020 and CY 2021?
51. If so, what were their dates of issuance and receipt by Orange's record custodian?
52. Why the delay in producing and posting the "notorious" Walk-On \$350,000 Contract Approval Res. 237-2015 adopted September 18, 2015, the availability of funds certification, the three requisitions for payment and the three issued checks?

Ordinance 42-2021 Standpipe Connection Water/Sewer Utility Amending Fee Rate

Ordinance 43-2021 Water/Sewer Utility Amending Fee Rate

53. Who determined these proposed water/sewer utility fee rate increases?
54. Is there an Orange water/sewer organizational/functions chart of duties and responsibilities?
55. Was a written report prepared supporting and justifying these water/sewer utility fee rate increases?
56. If so, when will this report be posted on a public website?
57. What are the projected fee rate and percentage increases?
58. Do these projected fee rate increases include or exclude all known third party supplier and provider announced fee rate increases?
59. How much money does the Orange water/sewer utility owe Suez?
60. How many different COVID-19/FEMA related water/sewer utility related reimbursement applications does Orange have outstanding?

61. Based upon the two proposed water/sewer related fee rate increase ordinances and without the benefit of the CY 2020 financial statement, is Orange's water/sewer utility still self-liquidating?
62. Based upon the two proposed water/sewer related fee rate increase ordinances, what will be the projected amount of revenue loss or decline from the proposed municipal/local school board 25% discount?
63. Who is responsible for monitoring our water/sewer utility revenues, expenditures and actual collections?
64. Who is responsible for overseeing the actual maintenance, upkeep and daily continued operations of our water/sewer utility?
65. When was the last time our local governing body received a water/sewer utility monthly revenue and operating report indicating amounts appropriated, expended or reserved to date?

Ordinance 14-2021 – Marijuana Zoning Prohibition

66. Are citizens, residents and interested stakeholders entitled to answers to all pertinent second reading public hearing questions prior to consideration and official action by the local governing body on all ordinances, especially those not subject to referendum challenge?
67. Will the local governing body finally take some form of affirmative action on this festering zoning/revenue generating matter, thereby allowing the mayor to approve or to veto the discretionary legislative action and for certain local elected officials to feel the wrath of their constituents?
68. Or, will the State rules and regulations become effective by non-action?

Ordinance 24-2021 – Amending Municipal Clerk

69. What is the reason for amending the municipal clerk's hiring, firing and layoff powers?
70. Did a former local elected official exceed her municipal clerk statutory oversight authority?
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Old & Outstanding Repetitive Questions of Public Importance

72. When will the CY 2021 Introduced and Amended User Friendly Budgets and CY 2020 Financial Statement be posted on the CC's public website?
73. When will the local governing body resume posting monthly revenue and operating reports on its public website?
74. Will the City of Orange Township conduct a post July 1, 2012 city employee nepotism audit?
75. How much does the City of Orange Township owe the County in long term tax exemption revenues?
76. How much does the local housing authority owe the City of Orange Township in unpaid "in lieu of taxes" cooperation payments?
77. Does the City of Orange Township have any "colorable" claims and causes of actions against any developers, professionals and current and former city employees, such as Willis Edwards III and McManimon Scotland & Baumann LLC?
78. Who was the municipal attorney and outside counsel who approved the waiver of all City of Orange Township Willis Edwards III related claims and causes of actions against Mayor Warren?

79. What is the status of the amending zoning ordinance discussed and proposed by the Zoning Board Chair?
80. When will Attorney Feld and others be provided equal access to the municipality's public access cable channel so that they can provide their counter "factual" narrative to the community?
81. Who monitors the professional legal work product funded by taxpayers' trust fund monies, including insurance policies?
82. Does State law permit an in-house municipal attorney and former partner of the mayor to serve as the municipal planning board attorney in the contested Orange Commons redevelopment plan with condemnation powers prerogative writ action?