

**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 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, 29 NORTH DAY STREET, ORANGE, NEW JERSEY ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 7, 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  
Lisette Sanchez, Deputy City Clerk  
Chris M. Hartwyk, Business Administrator  
Laquana Best, Director of Planning  
Kenneth Douglas, Fire Director  
Adrian Mapp, Finance Director  
Gracia R. Montilus, City Attorney  
Vincent Vitiello, Police Chief  
Nile Clements, Chief Financial Officer  
Paula Ferreira, Tax Collector  
Chris Murray, Tax Assessor  
Marlin G. Townes, Legislative Research Officer  
Margarette 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 2, 2021, posted on the Bulletin Board in City Hall and on the Council's Website ([www.orangetwpnjcc.org](http://www.orangetwpnjcc.org)), City's Website ([www.ci.orange.nj.us](http://www.ci.orange.nj.us)) and the and filed in the Office of the City Clerk.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:**            **None.**

**REPORTS:**

**DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REVENUE COLLECTION:**

- Department of Community Service – May 2021: \$15,003.00

**CONSTABLE REPORTS:** **None.**

**OPRA REPORTS:**            **None.**

**COUNCIL REPORTS**

**Finance Committee** – the City Clerk reported the following recommendations from the meeting held on July 7, 2021:

- Ordinance 14-2021 recommendation to table.
- Ordinance 24-2021 recommendation to postpone.
- Ordinance 27-2021 recommendation to vote down and bring back.
- Ordinance 34-2021 keep public hearing open and postpone to August 4th meeting so that Ordinance can go back before the Planning Board.
- Resolutions 332-2021 and 339-2021 will be discussed during Executive Session.
- There are three walk-on resolutions to be considered by the Council.

**Police Department** – Police Chief Vincent Vitiello reported the following:

- Recent arrest of two gang members with weapons.
- Fireworks around the City.
- Homicide being investigated by the Essex County Prosecutor’s Office.
- Patrol of parks and pools around the City.
- Traffic checkpoints at Scotland and Highland Avenue.
- New Facebook page being worked on for the department.
- Tip: do not leave your keys in the car nor exposed items.
- Enforcement of law regarding motor vehicle violations.

**Fire Department** – Director Kenneth Douglas reported the following:

- No members of the department are out with COVID nor have had COVID in the last month.
- No hydrants are down in the City.
- Continued assistance with the food pantry.
- Continued training of new fire apparatus.
- Working on fire prevention presentations to senior buildings and schools.
- Junior Fire Academy.

**Planning Department** – Director Best reported the following:

- Groundbreaking for 377 Crane Street.
- Community meetings by developers to have the residents in the know.
- Channel 35 broadcast.
- Community notifications to the residents.
- Development at Highland and Lincoln Avenues.

**Council President directs Clerk to file reports.**

**COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS** None.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS ON GENERAL ISSUES/AGENDA ITEMS**

**Pursuant to Section 4-10 of the code of the City of Orange Township, each person addressing the Council shall step up to the microphone, shall give his or her name and address in an audible tone for the record, and unless further time is granted by the presiding officer shall limit his or her address to five (5) minutes.**

**The public is expected to conduct themselves in a proper manner, any derogatory, abusive or threatening statements will not be permitted. The Chair will immediately rule such conduct out of order and terminate any further comments.**

The City Clerk inquired if there were any citizens that wished to make comments. The following citizens commented live:

1. **Zonasha Ward** expressed her concerns regarding meetings back in-person, City's lack of CBAC's recommendations for the budget, 911 operators training, police response time and police to resident ratio.
2. **James Ward** expressed his concerns regarding increase in violence, speeding on Heywood Avenue, cars parked at no parking spots, untidy job sights, lack of enforcement regarding the 2020 noise ordinance and in-person council meetings.

**Motion to Close Citizen Comments by Councilman Johnson, Jr., second by Montague, III. The motion was approved by unanimous vote. Motion passed.**

### **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Council Vice President Eason commented on the following:

- City records stored at the old police department.
- Training for 911 police operators.

Councilman Ross commented on the following:

- Porta potty ordinance enforcement.
- Dividers on Main Street near Dunkin Donuts.
- Curb painting and parking enforcement around the City.
- Plans by the Board of Education for the historical building located near the high school.

Councilwoman Wooten commented on the following:

- Alerts of street closures for the residents.
- Street naming and parking permits ordinances notifications to other departments by the Clerk's Office.
- Urged residents to get vaccinated and stay safe.
- Congratulated Ebenezer Baptist Church who will be celebrating 150 years.

Councilman Johnson, Jr. commented on the following:

- Urged the Administration and City Clerk's Office to consider accommodating the residents in viewing council meeting.

Councilman Montague, III commented on the following:

- Maintenance of the Metcalf field.
- Thanked the Police Department for patrolling the parks.
- Notification of street closures/constructions to the residents.

Councilwoman Summers-Johnson commented on the following:

- Council Meetings should also be zoomed to allow the residents to participate.
- Noise ordinance enforcement.
- Orange Park revitalization.
- Thanked all of the donors of bed in a bag for Orange college bound students.
- Report from the Animal Control Officer regarding raccoons in the South Ward.
- Proposed garbage ordinance.
- Neighborhood watch meetings.
- Grants that may be available to the South Ward.
- Maintenance of property located at 179 Sterling Drive East in South Orange.

Council President Coley commented on the following:

- Availability of community service program for the courts.
- Inquired regarding the financial planning for the City’s National Night Out.
- Essex County concert series.

**ORDINANCES-SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING**

**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 Councilmember Eason) *(Tabled at the 04/20/2021 Council Meeting)*

The City Clerk inquired if there was a motion to lift from the table. Seeing none. Ordinance 14-2021 remains tabled.

**24-2021** An ordinance to amend the City Code of the City of Orange Township Chapter 4 entitled “Administration of Government”, Article II entitled “City Council”, Section 15 entitled “City Clerk”. (Sponsored by Councilmember Coley) *(Postponed at the 06/1/2021 & 06/15/2021 Council Meetings)*

**Motion to postpone by Councilman Johnson, Jr., second by Councilwoman Wooten.**

**Roll Call:**

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

**Nays:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** None

**Motion passed.**

**27-2021 An ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 200, entitled "Vehicles and Traffic" Section 200-52-2 Handicapped Parking Spaces. (448 Meade Street) (Sponsored by Councilmember Wooten)**

The City Clerk inquired if there were any citizen comments. There were no citizen comments.

**Motion to close citizen comments by Councilwoman Wooten, second by Councilman Johnson, Jr. The motion was approved by unanimous vote. Motion passed.**

**Motion to adopt by Councilman Wooten, second by Councilman Johnson, Jr.**

**Roll Call:**

Ayes: None

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

Abstain: None

Absent: None

**Motion failed.**

**32-2021(WO) A bond ordinance of the City of Orange Township, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey repealing bond ordinance number 22-2020 adopted on July 8, 2020, as amended by bond ordinance number 2-2021 adopted on February 16, 2021 and cancelling the \$8,000,000 appropriation and debt authorization thereunder. (Amended)**

The City Clerk inquired if there were any citizen comments. There were no citizen comments.

**Motion to close citizen comments by Councilman Johnson, Jr., second by Councilman Montague, III. The motion was approved by unanimous vote. Motion passed.**

**Motion to adopt on Second Reading by Councilwoman Wooten, 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.**

**33-2021 An ordinance amending ordinance 19-2020 to increase the purchase price of 540 Mitchell Street, Orange, New Jersey from \$290,000.00 to \$350,000.00 in the contract of sale previously authorized by the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township and authorizing the Mayor or his designee to execute and/or re-execute the documents necessary to implement the conveyance of this property at the amended purchase price.**

The City Clerk inquired if there were any citizen comments. There were no citizen comments.

**Motion to close citizen comments by Councilman Johnson, Jr., second by Councilman Montague, III. The motion was approved by unanimous vote. Motion passed.**

**Motion to adopt on Second Reading by Councilman Johnson, Jr, second by Councilwoman Wooten.**

**Roll Call:**

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

**Motion passed.**

**34-2021 An ordinance of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township amending the Central Valley Redevelopment Plan to include Block 4009, Lot 1, currently owned by New Jersey Transit Corporation, in District 4.**

The City Clerk announced that this ordinance will be postponed to the August 4, 2021 Council Meeting

**35-2021 (WO) An ordinance of the City of Orange Township to approve a tax exemption for a thirty (30) year exemption and authorizing the execution of a financial agreement between the City and Peek Highland I owner Urban Renewal, LLC.**

The City Clerk inquired if there were any citizen comments. There were no citizen comments.

**Motion to close citizen comments by Councilwoman Wooten, second by Councilman Johnson, Jr. The motion was approved by unanimous vote. Motion passed.**

**Motion to adopt on Second Reading by Councilman Johnson, Jr, second by Councilwoman Wooten.**

**Roll Call:**

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

**Motion passed.**

**ORDINANCES-INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING**

**36-2021 An ordinance to amend the code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 200, entitled "Vehicles and Traffic" section 200-32 No Parking. (Bradford Street)**

**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 and Council President Coley
- Nays: None
- Abstain: None
- Absent: Wooten

**Motion passed. Final Reading is scheduled for August 4, 2021.**

**37-2021 An ordinance to amend the code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 200, entitled “Vehicles and Traffic” section 200-33 No Parking Certain Hours. (Bradford Street)**

**Motion to adopt on First Reading by Councilman Ross, second by Councilman Johnson, Jr.**

**Roll Call:**

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

**Motion passed. Final Reading is scheduled for August 4, 2021.**

**38-2021 An ordinance to amend the code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 200, entitled “Vehicles and Traffic” section 200-38 One Way Street. (Bradford Street)**

**Motion to adopt on First Reading by Councilman Ross, second by Councilman Johnson, Jr.**

**Roll Call:**

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

**Motion passed. Final Reading is scheduled for August 4, 2021.**

**39-2021 An ordinance to amend the code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 200, entitled “Vehicles and Traffic” section 200-40, Schedule IX: Stop Intersections. (Bradford Street)**

**Motion to adopt on First Reading by Councilman Johnson, Jr., second by Councilman Montague, III.**

**Roll Call:**

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

**Motion passed. Final Reading is scheduled for August 4, 2021.**

**40-2021** An ordinance amending and supplementing the code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 166 titled “Rent Control” to reform the system for the registration of rental units, the licensing of such units, and to impose sanctions on landlords who permit repeated violations of law by their tenants.

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

**Roll Call:**

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

**Nays:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** Wooten

**Motion passed. Final Reading is scheduled for August 4, 2021.**

**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.

The City Clerk announced that Resolutions 332-2021 and 339-2021 are being removed from the Consent Agenda for a separate vote.

**RESOLUTIONS NO. \*322-2021 THROUGH \*340-2021**

**\*322-2021** A resolution approving the bill list for council meeting vote on July 7, 2021 dated June 30, 2021 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with ordinance 2-95. (Grand Total: \$10,952,313.40)

**\*323-2021** A resolution authorizing the Tax Collector to refund CC1 NJ II LLC for premium on cancelled certificate #19-00884 in the amount of \$3,100.00 for Block 4702, Lot 9 also known as 196 Oxford Street.

**\*324-2021** A resolution authorizing the refund of subsequent payment made in error by ATCF II New Jersey LLC, on Block 5002, Lot 23, also known as 404 Valley Street in the amount of \$928.55.

**\*325-2021** A resolution authorizing a refund to Skyview Capital of overpayment for water/sewer made on Block 3202, Lot 10 also known as 38 Berwyn Street in the amount of \$43.02 and Block 3202, Lot 9 also known as 42 Berwyn Street in the amount of \$6.60.

**\*326-2021** A resolution authorizing the Tax Collector to refund Corelogic for overpayment made on Block 6705, Lot 1 also known as 766 Mosswood Ave. in the amount of \$3,001.44.



- \*327-2021** A resolution authorizing a refund of overpayment for water/sewer to Marie B. Etienne made on Block 901, Lot 57 also known as 209 Duane St in the amount of \$207.00.
- \*328-2021** A resolution authorizing the Tax Collector to refund Peek Reock II Owner LLC of overpayment for water/sewer made on Block 2805, Lot 1 also known as 49 South Day Street in the amount of \$226.33.
- \*329-2021** A resolution rejecting the bids for the Brook Alley facilities restroom renovations.
- \*330-2021** A resolution authorizing an addendum to resolution #252-2021 to increase the contract amount for additional purchasing of traffic signage materials and accessories for the Department of Public Works through the Somerset County Cooperative Pricing System Bid #2-SOCCP, Contract #CC-0099-19 from Garden State Highway Products, Inc., 31 Riverside Drive, Millville, New Jersey 08332 commencing June 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021 in the amount not to exceed \$15,000.00.
- \*331-2021** A resolution for emergency temporary appropriations #10 to the calendar year 2021 budget.
- \*333-2021** A resolution authorizing approval to submit a grant application to the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the City of Orange Township Roadway Improvements for 2022 various streets project.
- \*334-2021** A resolution authorizing the Tax Collector to refund Corelogic for overpayment made on Block 3201, Lot 13 also known as 1 Russ Monica Court in the amount of \$11,377.56.
- \*335-2021** A resolution authorizing a contract between the City of Orange Township and Jen Electric Inc., 631 Morris Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey 07081 to provide traffic signal maintenance and repairs under the MCCPC Co-Op Contract #37 commencing July 1, 2021 through June 30th, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$120,000.00.
- \*336-2021** A resolution authorizing the City of Orange Township to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with NJ COVID Team, LLC, of 523 Park Avenue, Orange, New Jersey regarding vaccinations related to the coronavirus in an amount not to exceed \$4,000.00.
- \*337-2021** A resolution for the adoption of policies and procedures for managing federal aid projects in the City of Orange Township, Essex County, New Jersey.
- \*338-2021** A resolution authorizing an agreement with Sol Street, LLC, 295 Central Park West, Suite 4B, New York City, New York 10024 for installation of solar charged benches to be used for announcement of events and programs for a ninety (90) day trial period.

- \*340-2021** A resolution ratifying and authorizing an application for the Governor’s Council on alcohol and drug abuse grant, and further, authorizing the Mayor of the City of Orange Township to accept a grant award and execute a sub grantee agreement with the County of Essex under the 2021 municipal alliance grant for prevention and awareness education programs in the City of Orange.

**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 and Council President Coley  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: Wooten

**Motion passed.**

The City Clerk announced that the following resolution was removed from the Consent Agenda for a separate vote:

- \*332-2021** A resolution authorizing the Tax Collector to refund Andre & Robin Hamilton, or, the entity to be designated by Andre & Robin Hamilton, for redemptions of certificate numbers 140136A and 14-0136, in addition to taxes paid in 2018 and 2019 for a total amount of \$49,261.31 plus interest in the amount of \$1,534.98 for a total amount of \$50,796.29 on 38 Webster Place, Block 3203, Lot 10.

**Motion to adopt by Councilman Johnson, Jr., second by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson.**

**Roll Call:**

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

**Motion passed.**

- \*339-2021** A resolution authorizing a contract with Post Polak, P.A. to serve as conflict counsel to represent the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township in defending the lawsuit entitled: City of Orange Township and Dwayne D. Warren, Mayor v. Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township, Joyce L. Lanier, Harwood Lloyd LLC, John Doe 1-100 and XYZ Corporation 1-100, Docket No. ESX-L-003047-21 in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 for calendar year 2021.

**Motion to adopt by Councilman Montague, III, second by Councilman Johnson, Jr.**

**Roll Call:**

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

**Motion failed.**

**NEW BUSINESS AND WALK-ON ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS**

The City Clerk announced that the following Resolutions 341-2021(WO), 342-2021(WO) and 343-2021(WO) are being considered to be walked on the agenda:

**341-2021(WO) A resolution to amend the City of Orange Township CY 2021 Municipal Budget.**

**342-2021(WO) A resolution authorizing approval to submit a grant application and execute a grant agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the City of Orange Township Transit Village Improvements Fiscal Year 2022.**

**343-2021(WO) A resolution authorizing approval to submit a grant application and execute a grant agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the City of Orange Township Safe Streets to Transit Improvements Fiscal Year 2022**

**Motion to walk-on Resolutions 341-2021(WO), 342-2021(WO) and 343-2021(WO) onto the agenda by Councilman Johnson, Jr., second by Councilman Montague, III.**

**Roll Call:**

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

**Motion passed.**

The City Clerk inquired if there were any citizens who wished 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 approved by unanimous vote. Motion passed.**

**341-2021(WO) A resolution to amend the City of Orange Township CY 2021 Municipal Budget.**

**Motion to adopt by Councilman Johnson, Jr., second by Councilman Montague, III.**

**Roll Call:**

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

**Motion passed.**

**342-2021(WO) A resolution authorizing approval to submit a grant application and execute a grant agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the City of Orange Township Transit Village Improvements Fiscal Year 2022.**

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

**Roll Call:**

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

**Motion passed.**

**343-2021(WO) A resolution authorizing approval to submit a grant application and execute a grant agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the City of Orange Township Safe Streets to Transit Improvements Fiscal Year 2022**

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

**Roll Call:**

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

**Motion passed.**

**OTHER PENDING BUSINESS - None.**


The City Clerk announced that the next City Council Conference and Regular Meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 4, 2021 at City Hall, 29 North Day Street at 7:00 p.m.

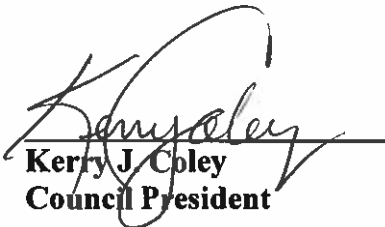
**Motion to adjourn by Councilman Montague, III, second by Councilman Johnson, Jr.**

**The motion was approved by unanimous vote. Motion passed.**

**Meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.**

**Approved:**

  
Joyce L. Lanier  
City Clerk

  
Kerry J. Coley  
Council President