

**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, FEBRUARY 1, 2022 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 (8:37pm)  
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, Planning Director  
Gerard Long, Fire Chief  
Adrian Mapp, Finance Director  
Marty Mayes, Public Works Director  
Gracia R. Montilus, City Attorney  
Vincent Vitiello, Police Chief  
Paula Ferreira, Tax Collector  
Chris Murray, Tax Assessor  
Vincent DeFilippo, Health Officer  
Nile Clements, Chief Financial Officer  
Marlin G. Townes, Legislative Research Officer  
Margarette Homere, City Clerk's Office  
Tamara Robinson, City Clerk's Office

**Absent:** Wendy Sykes, Director of Community Services  
Gabrielle Sims-Shelton, 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 September 2, 2021, posted on the Bulletin Board in City Hall and on the Council's website ([www.orangetwpnjcc.org](http://www.orangetwpnjcc.org)), the City's website ([www.ci.orange.nj.us](http://www.ci.orange.nj.us)) and filed in the Office of the City Clerk.

The City Clerk announced there were no minutes to approve.

The City Clerk announced (Department monthly revenue collections) the Department of Community Service collected \$5,721.00 for the month of December (2021), The Department of Planning & Economic Development \$185,477.00 for the month of December (2021).

There City Clerk announced there were no Constable Reports.

The City Clerk announced there are no OPRA Reports.

## **REPORTS**

**The Police Chief, Vincent Vitiello** had nothing to report but he submitted a report via e-mail. Councilmember Johnson, Jr. requested the Chief check the hotline for complaints about traffic concerns specifically at Mechanic and Lincoln. Chief Vitiello stated this concern will be addressed.

**Fire Chief, Gerard Long** reported the department is still installing smoke detectors and gave the contact information (973-518-1703) to make an appointment. During smoke detector installation, fire safety information is provided to residents as well. He also gave statistics for the year end. The Fire Department responded to 230 calls, 12 fires, 72 rescue EMS calls, 24 natural gas carbon monoxide incidents, 42 mutual aid lock-outs, and 65 alarm activations. There is an expectancy of increased activity as the pandemic changes. The Fire Department increased personnel to be better prepared to serve the residents. He thanked the Public Works Department for their diligence with the salt supply and keeping the vehicles fueled. There is one vehicle that is in need of repairs.

**Public Works Director, Marty Mayes** reported they are keeping a watchful eye on storm conditions and planning for the spring season with park projects, and he spoke about the storage of the brine which will be delivered soon. The life expectancy of the brine must be stored in the tank ordered. Councilmember Ross gave praise for to DPW for their work during the storm. He requested that more information on the parking protocol be provided to residents during snow emergency. The Police Chief inserted the protocol on towing, during a snow emergency cars should not be on the street. There is a link on the website that residents can get automatic notifications.

**Planning Director, Laquana Best** made a correction on revenue collected. December's revenue for the Planning Board was \$185,477 and the year to date for 2021 was just under \$1.5 million. She announced PSE&G Community Event on Thursday via Zoom for Planning Board approval on a Switching Station. She spoke about the walk through at 205 Mt. Vernon (19 units to be complete this March/April) by Mayor Warren and Council Vice President Eason.

**Finance Director, Adrian Mapp** had nothing to report. The CFO announced there was a presentation from the auditors in the Conference Meeting, Corrective Action Plan is on the agenda, and Happy Black History Month.

**Tax Collector, Paula Ferreira** announced Annual post-year statements were mailed to qualified seniors, disabled persons and surviving spouses. A reminder notice will be sent and forms must be submitted by March 1<sup>st</sup>. First quarter taxes are now due and the last day to pay without interest is February 10, 2022.

**Tax Assessor, Chris Murray** spoke about the status of the Re-evaluation and what residents will need to know. Residents should receive communications the week of the 14<sup>th</sup> and from there they will be able to meet with a representative to go over their assessment. There is a three week period to reassess as March 1<sup>st</sup> is when the assessments will go into effect. May 1<sup>st</sup> is deadline to repeal. Councilmember Ross asked what will be included on the letter and Chris Murray replied he would look into including information from past evaluation versus this evaluation.

**Director of Community Service, Wendy Sykes** was not present to report.

The City Clerk informed Council President there were questions on Ordinance 3-2022 and a recommendation that when there are “Recognizing Resolutions” an event should coincide with the Resolution.

The City Clerk announced there were no communications or petitions.

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

The City Clerk announced “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 though electronic mail or written letter before the meeting shall be read aloud by the City Clerk. The City Council reserves the right to respond to 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.

**Zonasha Ward** of 743 Hauxton Avenue, Ms. Ward asked why the city was conducting a city wide reevaluation and what the funds are being used for. She stated the roads are not maintained, the signage is poor and the parks are derelict, library is closed, the phone numbers for City Hall do not work. Why is there a desire to find more funds when they are not being properly utilized? Why is there revenue shortfalls when there has been increases in taxes? We need more transparency and a Project Manager. Don’t ask for more money when you can’t show where it is being designated to. How can you show that you are good stewards of the money you are asking for? Finance Director, Adrian Mapp responded by stating a re-evaluation is revenue neutral.

**James Ward, III** of 743 Hauxton Avenue, Mr. Ward expressed concerns about the current property reevaluation stating some do not trust the process and requests clarification. He expressed concerns about the PSE&G project. He commended the Public Works Department on snow removal and asked they take a look at the “forgotten areas.”

**Aubrey Murdock** wanted to lift concerns about reevaluation. And thanked the Public Works Department on sno removal.

Business Administrator, Chris Hartwyk gave comments about the reason the reevaluation is being conducted at this time at the request of Council President Kerry J. Coley. Mr. Hartwyk stated the State of New Jersey, State Treasurer and County Board of Taxation required the reevaluation be conducted. They set the procedure for the reevaluation.

**Aubrey Murdock** aubrey.jn.murdock@gmail.com I am a resident of Orange, living at 540 Liberty Street. I also work at 47 Cleveland Street. Before the holidays I attended a Planning Board meeting discussing the new, large-scale development on Cleveland Street. I was deeply concerned with what transpired at the meeting. Both residents and Planning Board members raised concerns about the proposed plan. The developer’s lawyer repeatedly reminded the board members and residents that the Master Plan and Area in Need of Redevelopment plans did not bind any developers to create affordable housing or any community benefit. It is deeply concerning that these binding documents do not hold any benefit for the current residents of Orange. I strongly recommend Council to review and amend these Area in Need of Redevelopment documents to include much stronger community protection and benefit. It is well within the right of council members to advocate for current residents in this way, and an opportunity I hope you will consider seriously. Thank you for your time.

**Jessica Engstrom** asked about the reevaluation coming before the ten years that is stated where she researched. She also asked if residents who keep their property up is being penalized versus residents who are not keeping up their property. The Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk explained further the State can ask for a reevaluation before the ten year time frame. Director Adrian Mapp explained the assessment of taxes.

**Tyrone Tarver** of 258 Ogden Street, Mr. Tarver expressed concerns of an OPRA report submitted concerning tax levy 74-2021. The check numbers doesn't coincide with bill list. He would like to know how the auditor handle this. He had questions about the Emergency Appropriations. Director Adrian Mapp and Chief Financial Officer Nile Clements addressed his questions.

**Aisha Samuel** [asamuel16@yahoo.com](mailto:asamuel16@yahoo.com) This is email is in response to two incidents that took place on January 15 and 16, 2022 at my home regarding cars blocking my driveway. As you may recall the street division placed a sign alerting drivers not to block my driveway. While the sign has greatly decreased the number of cars blocking our access to enter and exit the driveway we still are experiencing several violations. The drivers in our household work various shifts and it is important that we are able to have access without incident. Over the weekend, a car was blocking the driveway. Per the protocol that was set by the City, I called the police department to report that the driveway was blocked and we were unable to access it for either exit or entry. A Policeman came by to check the situation. Since the street sign is visible it was clear that that owner of the car did not want to follow the rules. Below is a detailed account of the incident: • I informed the responding Officer that I was the homeowner. He inquired if I had enough space to exit and enter the driveway. I told him no. Rather than believe me. He asked that I show him how I exit and enter. I had to leave my home, drive around the block, and then prove my case. It is unclear if the implicit bias displayed to me related to me being a woman, Black, or for the Officer need for "proof". Typically, when I have called about this incident in the past the cars are towed at the owner's expense. This elevates concerns for the drivers in my home. After circling the block, the Officer had the "proof" needed. The officer did not call to have the car towed, but instead located the driver and made the driver move their car. The actions of the officer will ensure that the driver blocks my driveway again. • Several months ago I contacted the City about a white Dodge Journey that often did not move for street cleaning. This vehicle had expired temporary tags, now it still has temporary tags, but they expire March 2022, this vehicle had been towed and ticketed but continues to violate the rules of the road and parking ordinances. As a proud resident and homeowner, I ask that the City Council assist in and rectify this situation for me and others that have similar issues in the area. Like the Officers that often respond, I have proudly served our Country in the US Army. Yet, I do not understand how to resolve this situation of parking without your support. In many cases, the cars that are parked illegally belong to tenants or their visitors in the adjacent apartment complex. I have made contact with the property manager who stated "continue to call the Cops to have them ticketed and towed. Each of the Council members are residents and I ask that you not turn a blind eye to this situation. Instead, I ask for your support to assist me in protecting my property and protecting our community by ensuring that our community is welcoming, safe, and respectful of the boundaries deemed based on property lines. Sadly, as a tax payer and homeowner in this community, the response I have had from law enforcement and leadership are lackluster and have done little to protect my rights. I have a sign that reads cars will be towed at owner's expense and would like to place it under the current Do not block driveway sign, but I do not want to violate any town/city ordinances: Would it be acceptable for me to put the sign under the current sign. I have noticed that other homeowners in the area have a sign similar to the one I purchased. Please let me

know if you need further clarity and how efforts to prevent this situation in the future. Respectfully submitted.

**Daniel Joseph Wiley** danieljoseph@orangehuub.org The HUUB would like to formally address the recent development project that went before the planning board on (date) that will potentially bring over 50 market rate units to the North Ward on Cleveland Street. It is our understanding that this project will go before your body for some form of approval soon and, as an organization that has owned property in the immediate area for almost 130 years, would like to express our concerns. This is all in hopes that you can understand the concerns of not only The HUUB, but a growing portion of the Orange community. The city of Orange is in need of development, but we need development that is done responsibly, and with all resident needs fulfilled; We need development without displacement, and we need responsible development that doesn't threaten the existing population. The PEEK development project approved for 66 Cleveland Street does not seem to have any community benefits attached to it; The project comes to the area with the potential to disrupt the neighborhood with unjustified density, major changes to aesthetic, foreseeable (and most likely speculative) rental rates, and the overall threat to rising cost of living for local residents. We do not believe that the city of Orange should continue to approve development with density if there are no community benefits attached. We witnessed that the developer would not agree to community benefits because they were simply not established as law, therefore leaving the immediate area of Cleveland Street to accept the removal of trees, disruption in traffic patterns, noise when building, and also, the threat of what might come next if we continue to let developers build simply because they can. We hope that you will take into serious consideration that there is a need for community agreements to come with new residential development that brings density and has the potential to disrupt the existing community. Thank you for your time, please feel free to reach out for further conversations on this matter, and similar.

**Yasmeen Chism, Aubrey Murdock, Janis Blumgart and David Armstrong** – Planning to Stay Steering Committee Representatives yasmeenchism@gmail.com We submit the following petition to you regarding a proposed development at 66 Cleveland Street, Orange, NJ 07050. Although this development proposal hasn't come before City Council yet, it has been discussed and memorialized by the Planning Board. We, and the 176 signatories on this petition, share the concerns voiced by several Planning Board members and residents during that meeting. Namely that this new development brings no benefits to the immediate neighborhood, will increase traffic during school hours, and will stress our city's water and waste infrastructure. What's more, this is only one of 14 proposed major developments in our city. They all threaten to quickly increase the cost of living in Orange and push long-term residents out. Based on the city's own "Area in Need of Redevelopment" plans, none of these developments are currently required to offer "affordable" units. The definition of 'affordable' is not well-defined and thus not sufficiently protective of current residents. These market rate apartments are mostly studio and one bedroom apartments. This development is not made for the families of Orange. For the past 50 years development in Orange has destroyed youth and community spaces that have never been replaced. Future development needs to address these needs. We ask Orange's council members to vote against the development on Cleveland Street when it comes before council and to review and revise the "Area In Need of Redevelopment" Plans to include specific and expansive affordability requirements based on the United Way of Northern New Jersey's ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) qualifications and ensure that the people of Orange are benefiting from any future redevelopment

**Jeffrey Feld** hardwaread@aol.com FEBRUARY 1, 2022 AGENDA QUESTIONS Redevelopment Related Long Term Tax Exemption Ordinance and Resolution 1. Prior to consideration and official

action on any redevelopment related matter, shouldn't we return to prior robust informed civic participation best practices and require a public presentation introducing the project to the community, the number and composition of units, a brief net benefits fiscal impact explanation and the height, parking, set back and design variances, if any, required from the applicable controlling redevelopment plan? 2. Why was a supporting tax exemption toolkit net benefits fiscal impact study not attached to the proposed 30-year long term tax exemption? 3. Should the long term tax exemption financial agreement disclose in the notice provision of the long term tax exemption financial agreement the name of the redeveloper's and the city's outside special redevelopment counsel? 4. Can Orange's current water/sewer, traffic and school system infrastructure handle the inflow and impact of all these new residential units? 5. Has Orange adopted a Best Practices Inventory Inclusionary Zoning Ordinance or an Ordinance requiring all redevelopers to contribute to a fund to preserve existing affordable housing units or to fund certain public improvements? 6. Were any of the Freeman redeveloper's lawyers implicated or connected to the federal Newark Watershed criminal investigation or bankruptcy liquidation? 7. Does this proposed financial agreement and the mayor's supporting explanatory letter undercut and contradict the city's Feld X (HUD-L-1038-19/ESX-4978-13) Walter G. Alexander Phase III "fairness" contention? Other Resolutions 8. Whose form, sufficiency and legality approval signature appears on all proposed municipal legislation listed on the February 1, 2022 Agenda? 9. Would it prudent to transfer Orange's May nonpartisan municipal elections to a November election cycle thereby transferring the printing costs of a May nonpartisan election (\$20,190) to the County Clerk? 10. Due to enhanced vote by mail options, how much has Orange's municipal election costs increased since the last CY 2020 May nonpartisan election cycle? 11. When will Orange's CY 2020 Audit be posted on a public website? 12. With respect to Orange's CY 2020 Action Compliance Plan, how many recommendations are repetitive and not cured since the last CY 2019 Audit? 13. After how many months after a missed statutory audit filing deadline, should certain circuit breaker "red warning flags" bells and whistles go off on the local and state levels? 14. What are the adverse consequences of failing to pay certain outstanding obligations within years of their due date? 15. Does Orange have any more than 2 years outstanding unpaid obligation to any third parties, including the County? 16. Was Orange's water/sewer utility self-liquidating in CY 2020 and CY 2021? 17. Why the urgent need to adopt a Second \$8,365,576 CY 2022 Emergency Temporary Appropriation Resolution at just the third meeting of CY 2022? 18. Were some of these expenses included in the First \$2,199,123 CY 2022 Emergency Appropriation Res. 45-2022 listed on the last January 18, 2022 Agenda? 19. From what sources are these emergency line item temporary appropriations being funded? Prior Years Bills \$18,123 COVID S & W \$100,000 COVID Related \$75,000 PERS \$1,105,830 PFRS \$6,441,623 Capital Improvement Fund \$625,000 20. Why were PERS and PFRS excluded from the CY 2022 Temporary Budget adopted January 4, 2022? 21. How much did Orange pay its outside labor counsel in CY 2021? 22. Does our mayor have any employment type relationship with Orange's outside labor counsel in any other community? 23. Who monitors the professional work product and costs of all litigation funded through Orange's JIF Insurer?

There was a motion to close Citizen Comments by Councilmember Clifford Ross and Second by Councilmember Harold J. Johnson, Jr.

### **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

**Councilmember Weldon Montague, III** showed his appreciation to the Public Works Director, Marty Mayes for all the hard work from the Public Works Department. He inquired about the house on Duane Street and Day Street. Director Marty Mayes has shared both projects are being addressed soon. Councilmember inquired about the Budget Hearings, CFO Nile Clements replied the end first quarter.

**Councilmember Adrienne Wooten** made a statement of thank you to her fellow councilmembers and residents in the city of Orange for the loss of her son. She and Councilmember Jamie Summers Johnson created a resolution recognizing Black History Month. They will also hold a Teen Domestic Violence Dating event. There will also be a Proclamation Ceremony with Mayor Warren, and A Talk with Therapist about Suicide Prevention. In the month of March there will be Soup Saturday's for residents to get hot soup and give away bags in conjunction with the Angel Project. There was a Soup Saturday in conjunction with the Police Department with testing.

**Councilmember Clifford R. Ross** asked the Chief Financial Officer, Nile Clements about the Budget Hearings and how soon we could get started. Mr. Clements responded there are financial statements have to be complete first the statutory deadline is the 15<sup>th</sup>, after that the workshops can begin. Councilmember Ross inquired about the infrastructure grant money, and assigning someone to stay on top of applying to these grants. Business Administrator explained the process, we have an outside grant writing service but he is the person who has been monitoring. He also stated there should be a "road closed" sign at Crane Street closure. Happy Black History Month

**Councilmember Jamie Summers Johnson** stated there will be an event on Saturday 2/5/2022 from 10am-1pm administering Covid-19 tests, vaccines, boosters and flu shots (\$30 without insurance) at The Metcalf Park in collaboration with The Hub and La Casa Don Pedro. On the February 9<sup>th</sup> there will be a meeting with the South Ward Rent Association. South Ward will have an event on February 23<sup>rd</sup> to build relations with the residents.

**Councilmember Harold J. Johnson, Jr.** stated the residents are expressing their concerns about how much development is going on in the city but the administration should give more clarity and how affordable housing is included in those plans.

**Councilmember Vice President Tency A Eason** gave thanks to Public Works for the job they did with snow removal with a special shout out to Chris Clark. She spoke about the infrastructure funds and how to receive these funds, she spoke to Congressman Payne and suggested all Councilmembers should call his offices as well supporting the Business Administrator. She spoke about the project on Cleveland Street. She sent thanks to the Public Works Director, Marty Mayes and his team for the work on 307, and announced "Kyle, our homeless person" has gone to rehab. She invited all to join the Planning Board Meeting to see the work and add your opinion. Pray for Police Officers and give them an encouraging word. St. Matthew will resume free dinners on Sunday's.

**Council President Kerry J. Coley** inquired about the parking issue on Park Place and what the plan was. He also inquired about the new location of the Fire Department. Business Administrator, Chris Hartywk replied the parking is being handled and the sight they had looked at for the Fire Department is not a good location.

**ORDINANCES-SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING**

**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 Council Member Coley) *(Postponed since the 06/1/2021 Council Meeting)*

Motion to postpone: Councilmember Weldon Montague, III Second: Councilmember Tency A. Eason

**Roll Call:**

**Yeas** Hon. Tency A. Eason, Hon. Harold J. Johnson, Jr., Hon. Weldon Montague, III, Hon. Clifford R. Ross, Hon. Jamie Summers-Johnson, Hon. Adrienne Wooten, Hon. Kerry J. Coley

**Nays:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Postponed**

**1-2022** 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. (490 Tremont Avenue)

Motion to close Citizen Comments: Councilmember Clifford R. Ross

Second: Councilmember Weldon Montague, III

Motion for final adoption: Councilmember Harold J. Johnson, Jr. Second: Councilmember Clifford R. Ross

**Roll Call:**

**Yeas** Hon. Tency A. Eason, Hon. Harold J. Johnson, Jr., Hon. Weldon Montague, III, Hon. Clifford R. Ross, Hon. Jamie Summers-Johnson, Hon. Adrienne Wooten, Hon. Kerry J. Coley

**Nays:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Adopted**

**ORDINANCES-INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING**

**2-2022** 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. (483 Codner Street) (Sponsored by Council Member Ross)

Motion to adopt on First Reading: Councilmember Weldon Montague, III

Second: Councilmember Clifford R. Ross

**Roll Call:**

**Yeas** Hon. Tency A. Eason, Hon. Harold J. Johnson, Jr., Hon. Weldon Montague, III, Hon. Clifford R. Ross, Hon. Jamie Summers-Johnson, Hon. Adrienne Wooten, Hon. Kerry J. Coley

**Nays:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Adopted**

**Final Reading: March 1, 2022**



**3-2022** An ordinance of the City of Orange Township to approve a tax exemption for a thirty (30) year period and to authorize the thirty (30) year exemption and authorizing the execution of a financial agreement between the City and Freeman Orange Holdings Urban Renewal LLC

Motion to adopt on First Reading: Councilmember Clifford R. Ross

Second: Councilmember Harold J. Johnson, Jr.

**Roll Call:**

**Yeas** Hon. Tency A. Eason, Hon. Harold J. Johnson, Jr., Hon. Weldon Montague, III, Hon. Clifford R. Ross, Hon. Jamie Summers-Johnson, Hon. Adrienne Wooten, Hon. Kerry J. Coley

**Nays:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Adopted**

**Final Reading: March 1, 2022**

**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. \*54-2022 THROUGH 58-2022, 60-2022 THROUGH 70-2022, 76-2022 THROUGH 77-2022**

- \*54-2022** A resolution appointing Leonor Young as a member to the Citizen’s Budget Advisory Committee for Calendar Year 2022 Municipal budget process. (Sponsored by Council Member Ross)
- \*55-2022** A resolution appointing Coram J. Rimes as a member to the Citizen’s Budget Advisory Committee for Calendar Year 2022 Municipal budget process. (Sponsored by Council Member Ross)
- \*56-2022** A resolution appointing Christopher Wells as a member to the Citizen’s Budget Advisory Committee for Calendar Year 2022 Municipal budget process. (Sponsored by Council Member Eason)
- \*57-2022** A resolution recognizing February 2022 as Teen Dating Violence Awareness month in the City of Orange Township (Submitted by Councilmembers Wooten and Summers-Johnson)
- \*58-2022** A resolution recognizing February 2022 as National Black History month in the City of Orange Township. (Sponsored by Councilmembers Wooten and Summers-Johnson)
- \*60-2022** A resolution to approve the Corrective Action Plan for calendar year 2020.

- \*61-2022 A resolution authorizing a refund of eight hundred dollars (\$800.00) paid by Stanley Reichel, 14 Belvedere Drive, Livingston, NJ 07039 for a credit card online payment made in error to the Building Department.
- \*62-2022 A resolution of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, amending Resolution No. 407-2020 entitled "A Resolution authorizing the awarding of a contract for cloud hosting of all servers, backup, maintenance, management solutions and technical support to Sysnet Solutions, 746 Route 18, Suite 2B, East Brunswick, New Jersey 08816 for two (2) years in an amount not to exceed \$94,201.32 per year" to authorize an increased total amount not to exceed \$119,586.32 for the remainder of 2021.
- \*63-2022 A resolution authorizing the awarding of a contract to Denville Painting, Inc., 2 Green Pond Road, Rockaway, New Jersey 07866 through the Morris County Co-operative Pricing Council, Contract #36 for traffic striping on roadways commencing January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00.
- \*64-2022 A resolution authorizing Remington & Vernick Engineers, 2059 Springdale Road, Cherry Hill, New Jersey 08003 to provide professional engineering services as a municipal engineer for one (1) year commencing January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$105,000.00.
- \*65-2022 A resolution authorizing a contract to New Jersey Door Works, LLC, 689 Ramsey Ave., Hillside, New Jersey 07205 to provide emergency overhead doors to all city owned properties under the HCESC-CAT/SER-21-03 commencing January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00.
- \*66-2022 A resolution authorizing a contract to Rosando Fence Company, Inc., doing business as Fox Fence, 411 Crooks Ave., Clifton, New Jersey 07011 to provide emergency fence repairs to all city owned properties under the ESCNJ 20/21-37 Co-op commencing January 1, 2022 through November 9, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00.
- \*67-2022 A resolution authorizing the purchase of traffic signage materials and accessories for the Department of Public Works through the Somerset County Cooperative Pricing System Bid #2-SOCCP, Contract #CC-0099021 from Garden State Highway Products, Inc., 31 Riverside Drive, Millville, New Jersey 08332 commencing January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 in the amount not to exceed \$35,000.00.
- \*68-2022 A resolution awarding a contract to W.E. Timmerman Co., Inc., 3554 Route 22 West, Whitehouse, New Jersey 08888 for parts and repairs to two (2) Elgin Sweepers for two (2) years commencing January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2023 in the amount not to exceed \$40,000.00 per year.
- \*69-2022 A resolution designating Freeman Orange Holdings Urban Renewal, LLC as redeveloper for the property located at 606 Freeman Street identified on the city tax map as Block 5002, Lot 3.01 (formerly lots 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7) and approving and authorizing the execution of a redevelopment agreement with Freeman Orange Holdings Urban Renewal LLC for the redevelopment of this property.

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- \*70-2022 A resolution authorizing the awarding of a contract for language translation services to Language Line Services, One Lower Ragsdale Drive, Monterey, California 93940-5747 in an amount not to exceed \$14,000.00.
- \*76-2022 A resolution awarding a contract to Reliance Graphics, Inc., 80 Pompton Avenue, Verona, New Jersey 07044 to provide local printing services for the local municipal election to be held on May 10, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$20,190.00.
- \*77-2022 A resolution approving the bill list for council meeting vote on February 1, 2022 dated January 26, 2022 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95. (Grand Total: \$5,023,888.21)

**MOTION TO ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA:** Councilmember Clifford R. Ross Second: Councilmember Weldon Montague, III

**Roll Call:**

**Yeas** Hon. Tency A. Eason, Hon. Harold J. Johnson, Jr., Hon. Weldon Montague, III, Hon. Clifford R. Ross, Hon. Jamie Summers-Johnson, Hon. Adrienne Wooten, Hon. Kerry J. Coley

**Nays:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Adopted**

- \*59-2022 A resolution for emergency temporary appropriation #2 to the Calendar Year 2022 Budget

**MOTION TO ADOPT:** Councilmember Clifford R. Ross Seconded: Councilmember Harold J. Johnson, Jr.

**Roll Call:**

**Yeas** Hon. Tency A. Eason, Hon. Harold J. Johnson, Jr., Hon. Weldon Montague, III, Hon. Clifford R. Ross, Hon. Kerry J. Coley

**Nays:** Hon. Jamie Summers-Johnson, Hon. Adrienne Wooten

**Abstain:** None

**Adopted**

- \*71-2022 A resolution renewing a professional service agreement with the law offices of Michael A. Armstrong & Associates to represent the City of Orange Township in the matter "Anthony Carey v. City of Orange Township, et al.", Docket No. ESX-L-002475-20 in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 for calendar year 2022.

**MOTION TO POSTPONE:** Councilmember Harold J. Johnson, Jr. Seconded: Councilmember Weldon Montague, III

**Roll Call:**

**Yeas** Hon. Tency A. Eason, Hon. Harold J. Johnson, Jr., Hon. Weldon Montague, III, Hon. Clifford R. Ross, Hon. Jamie Summers-Johnson, Hon. Adrienne Wooten, Hon. Kerry J. Coley

**Nays:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Postponed**

Regular Meeting Minutes

February 1, 2022

**\*72-2022** A resolution renewing a professional service agreement with the law offices of Childress & Jackson, LLC to represent the City of Orange Township in the matter "Kason Scruggs, Jr. and infant by his G/A/L Salena West and Salena West, individually v. the City of Orange Township", Docket No. EXL-1742-20, in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00 for calendar year 2022.

**MOTION TO POSTPONE:** Councilmember Harold J. Johnson, Jr. Seconded: Councilmember Weldon Montague, III

**Roll Call:**

**Yeas** Hon. Tency A. Eason, Hon. Harold J. Johnson, Jr., Hon. Weldon Montague, III, Hon. Clifford R. Ross, Hon. Jamie Summers-Johnson, Hon. Adrienne Wooten, Hon. Kerry J. Coley

**Nays:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Postponed**

**\*73-2022** A resolution amending Resolution No. 116-2021 to authorize additional attorney fees for Chasan Lamparello Mallon & Cappuzzo, LLC, as special counsel in calendar year 2022 with regard to "Kyyana D. Pulyado v. Township of Orange, Pablo Cajica, Yolanda Holmes, Sergeant Aydily Olivera, Detective Sergeant Brian Mooney, John Doe, Police Officers and John Doe Sgts/Chiefs and Supervisors", Docket No. 2:17-CV-11304-KM in with regard to "Louis D. Dessources v. Dennis Manning, et al, Docket No. 2:18-CV-09324-SD-LDW in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00.

**MOTION TO POSTPONE:** Councilmember Clifford R Ross Seconded: Councilmember Weldon Montague, III

**Roll Call:**

**Yeas** Hon. Tency A. Eason, Hon. Harold J. Johnson, Jr., Hon. Weldon Montague, III, Hon. Clifford R. Ross, Hon. Jamie Summers-Johnson, Hon. Adrienne Wooten, Hon. Kerry J. Coley

**Nays:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Postponed**

**\*74-2022** A resolution amending Resolution No. 116-2021 to authorize additional attorney fees for Chasan Lamparello Mallon & Cappuzzo, LLC, as special counsel in calendar year 2022 with regard to "Louis D. Dessources v. Dennis Manning, et al.," Docket No. 2:18-CV-09324-SD-LDW in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00.

**MOTION TO POSTPONE:** Councilmember Clifford R Ross Seconded: Councilmember Harold J. Johnson, Jr.

**Roll Call:**

**Yeas** Hon. Tency A. Eason, Hon. Harold J. Johnson, Jr., Hon. Weldon Montague, III, Hon. Clifford R. Ross, Hon. Jamie Summers-Johnson, Hon. Adrienne Wooten, Hon. Kerry J. Coley

**Nays:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Postponed**

**\*75-2022** A resolution amending Resolution No. 186-2021 to authorize additional attorney fees for Ruderman & Roth, LLC as Special Counsel in calendar year 2022 with regard to “Keri Payne v. City of Orange Township, et al.”, Docket No. ESX-L-8869-20 in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00.

MOTION TO POSTPONE: Councilmember Clifford R. Ross Seconded: Councilmember Weldon Montague, III

**Roll Call:**

**Yeas** Hon. Tency A. Eason, Hon. Harold J. Johnson, Jr., Hon. Weldon Montague, III, Hon. Clifford R. Ross, Hon. Jamie Summers-Johnson, Hon. Adrienne Wooten, Hon. Kerry J. Coley

**Nays:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Postponed**

**\*78-2022** A resolution for the transfer of appropriations reserves – 1

MOTION TO ADOPT: Councilmember Harold J. Johnson, Jr. Seconded: Councilmember Tency A. Eason

**Roll Call:**

**Yeas** Hon. Tency A. Eason, Hon. Harold J. Johnson, Jr., Hon. Weldon Montague, III, Hon. Clifford R. Ross, Hon. Jamie Summers-Johnson, Hon. Adrienne Wooten, Hon. Kerry J. Coley

**Nays:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Adopted**

**POSTPONED RESOLUTIONS**

**\*480-2021** A resolution of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, authorizing a cooperative purchasing agreement for services with Johnston Communications Inc. to provide telephone services for the City of Orange Township Police Department from January 1, 2022 until December 31, 2025 in an amount not to exceed \$2,598,397.35.

MOTION TO ADOPT: Councilmember Weldon Montague, III Seconded: Councilmember Tency A. Eason

**Roll Call:**

**Yeas** Hon. Tency A. Eason, Hon. Harold J. Johnson, Jr., Hon. Weldon Montague, III, Hon. Clifford R. Ross, Hon. Jamie Summers-Johnson, Hon. Adrienne Wooten, Hon. Kerry J. Coley

**Nays:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Adopted**

**\*21-2022** A resolution amending Resolution 64-2019 for the contract award authorizing T&M Associates, 11 Tindall Road, Middletown, New Jersey 07748 to provide licensed site remediation professional services for the Chestnut Street Pump Station located at 632 Chestnut Street, Orange, New Jersey for an additional amount not to exceed \$18,122.14.

MOTION TO ADOPT: Councilmember Clifford R. Ross Seconded: Councilmember Weldon Montague, III

**Roll Call:**

**Yeas** Hon. Tency A. Eason, Hon. Harold J. Johnson, Jr., Hon. Weldon Montague, III, Hon. Clifford R. Ross, Hon. Jamie Summers-Johnson, Hon. Adrienne Wooten, Hon. Kerry J. Coley

**Nays:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Adopted**

\*52-2022 A resolution authorizing a professional services contract with Lerch, Vinci & Higgins, LLP, located at 17-17 Route 208, Fairlawn, New Jersey 07410 for assistance with preparation of the annual budget commencing on January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00.

MOTION TO ADOPT: Councilmember Weldon Montague, III Seconded: Councilmember Clifford R. Ross

**Roll Call:**

**Yeas** Hon. Tency A. Eason, Hon. Harold J. Johnson, Jr., Hon. Weldon Montague, III, Hon. Clifford R. Ross, Hon. Jamie Summers-Johnson, Hon. Adrienne Wooten, Hon. Kerry J. Coley

**Nays:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Adopted**

There was no new business.

There was no walk-on Ordinances or resolutions.

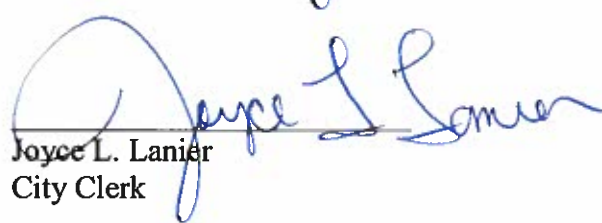
There was no pending business.

There was a motion to adjourn by Councilmember Clifford Ross and seconded by Councilmember Jamie Summers Johnson.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35pm

The next City Council Conference and Regular Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 15, 2022 virtually at 7:00 p.m.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Joyce L. Lanier  
City Clerk

  
Kerry J. Coley  
Council President