

MINUTES CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP
NEW JERSEY

THIS IS A CONFERENCE 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, AUGUST 4, 2021 AT 7:05 P.M.

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
Gerard Long, Fire Chief
Adrian Mapp, Finance Director
Marty Mayes, Public Works Director
Avram White, Deputy City Attorney
Vincent Vitiello, Police Chief
Nile Clements, Chief Financial Officer
Paula Ferreira, Tax Collector
Marlin G. Townes, Legislative Research Officer
Margarette Homere, City Clerk's Office
Tamara Robinson, City Clerk's Office

The City Clerk asked everyone to recognize a moment of silence.

The City Clerk announced the "SPECIAL NOTICE: Please be apprised anyone wishing to discuss Agenda or General Items shall sign one (1) book. Each person signing the book will be allowed to speak for a maximum of five (5) minutes.

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), the City's website (www.ci.orange.nj.us) and files in the Office of the City Clerk.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

Timothy Walker, Director of Risk Management for Essex County provided the following updates regarding Orange Park's cleanliness concerns:

- The four (4) portable toilets in the Park are serviced three (3) times per week
- The Park's Staff is scheduled to clean debris and trash six (6) times per week; there are seventy-five (75) trash cans throughout the park that are changed five (5) times per week
- The landscape improvements project began last month with new plants and flowers
 - Councilwoman Summers-Johnson asked if the fence was in the process of being replaced. Director Walker says he mentioned the matter during his recent Cabinet meeting and it is an ongoing discussion matter.
 - Councilman Ross mentioned that due to fallen trees, there a lot of limbs and branches that may cause a safety issue; suggested pruning of trees as well.
 - Councilman Montague, III would like an update regarding the traffic light.
 - Council Vice President Eason asked update as to when the lights on Park Avenue will be turned on and activated.
 - Councilwoman Wooten asked if the City and the County can come together to discuss the County roads that run through Orange and their street sweeper schedule. Some of the roads have parking allowed which makes it difficult for the sweeper to clean.

Vincent DeFilippo, Health Officer discussed the following updates regarding COVID-19:

- About 53 % of Orange residents have been vaccinated (2% of Asian population, 55% of Black population, 28% of Latino population, 6% of White population, 9% Unknown/Other population)
 - One (1) case of West Nile virus detected in Essex County
 - Ages 12-17 – 0.90% Vaccinated
 - Ages 18-29 – 48% Vaccinated
 - Ages 30-49 – 56% Vaccinated
 - Ages 50-64 – 76% Vaccinated
 - Ages 65-79 – 90% Vaccinated
 - Ages 80 and older – 80% Vaccinated
- Cautioned citizens about the Delta variant and that booster vaccine doses may be necessary
- Pools are open for the summer.
- Warned about encounters with neighborhood/unknown dogs; bites have been reported but none with a rabies diagnosis.
 - Councilwoman Summers-Johnson asked what the process was to get vaccinated. Officer DeFilippo confirmed that for the pop-up sites, no appointment is necessary.
 - Councilman Ross mentioned deer sightings in the Southward; growing concerns for lice and Lyme disease; Officer DeFilippo confirmed that no cases have been reported.
 - Council President Coley asked how can citizens replace a lost vaccine card; Officer DeFilippo suggested requesting replacement card through NJISS. Vaccines are registered with primary care physicians.

Business Administrator Hartwyk explained the three walk-on legislation being presented during tonight's meeting:

Resolution #379-2021(WO) A resolution appropriating \$495,000 in excess bond proceeds from bond ordinance number 52-2019 finally adopted November 18, 2019 to provide for the purchase of body worn cameras for use by the Police Department of the City of Orange Township, in the county of Essex, State of New Jersey.

Resolution #380-2021(WO) A resolution supporting an application to, and acceptance of, award from the NJDCA Neighborhood Preservation Program (NPP).

Ordinance #44-2021 (WO) A capital ordinance appropriating \$28,100 from the capital improvement fund to pay for equipment for the Department of Public Works of the City of Orange Township, in the County of Essex, state of New Jersey.


The City Clerk announced that the resolutions and ordinance to be presented at tonight's meeting are listed on the attached Regular Meeting Agenda. If any Council Member wishes to discuss any resolution or ordinance, it may be discussed at this time.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Vice President Eason, second by Councilman Johnson, Jr. The meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote at 7:29 p.m.

Approved:



Joyce L. Lanier
City Clerk



Kerry J. Coley
Council President