

**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 VIA AUDIO-VIDEO CONFERENCING ON TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2022 AT 7:09 P.M.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Council Vice President Tency A. Eason
Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III
Councilmember Clifford R. Ross
Councilmember Adrienne Wooten
Council President Kerry J. Coley

ALSO PRESENT

Joyce L. Lanier, City Clerk
Chris M. Hartwyk, Business Administrator
Laquana Best, Planning Director
Nile Clements, Chief Financial Officer
Vincent DeFilippo, Health Officer
Paula Ferreira, Tax Collector
Derrick Brown, Fire Chief
Adrian Mapp, Finance Director
Marty Mayes, Public Works Director
Gracia R. Montilus, City Attorney
Chris Murray, Tax Assessor
Wendy Sykes, Director of Community Services
Marlin G. Townes, Legislative Research Officer
Vincent Vitiello, Police Chief
Margarette Homere, City Clerk's Office
Tamara Robinson, City Clerk's Office
Trisha Scipio, City Clerk's Office
Gabrielle Sims-Shelton, City Clerk's Office

ABSENT

Councilmember Harold J. Johnson, Jr.
Councilmember Jamie Summers-Johnson
Stephanie Flood, Library Director

The City Clerk called for a moment of silence

The City Clerk announced "SPECIAL NOTICE: Please be apprised anyone wishing to discuss Agenda or General Items shall email their statements or questions to citizencomments@orangenj.gov no later than 7:00 p.m. the day prior to the scheduled public meeting. The City Council reserves the right to respond or not respond during the meeting to any citizen's submission."

The City Clerk announced 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, the Council's Website (www.orangetwpnjcc.org), the City's Website (www.ci.orange.nj.us) and filed in the Office of the City Clerk.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION**Safety Update - Essex County Prosecutor Theodore Stephens, II**

Essex County Prosecutor Theodore N. Stephens, II was not present at this time. Vice-President Tency A. Eason suggested to reschedule

COVID-19 Update – Health Director, Vincent DeFilippo

Health Officer, Vincent DeFilippo stated The City of Orange is in the “green”, and at 83% rate of vaccination. There is now a 4th dose available for ages 50 and over, and those with compromised health conditions. There should be at least 4 months between vaccinations. The Omicron Strand is out there which represents about 45% of the cases so continue to use precautions. The symptom include dizziness and fatigue. Pfizer has released a pill form which must be taken 5 days of infection. CDC did a studies on masks and the results were released two weeks ago. It was determined that the cloth are 56% effective, surgical masks were about 66% effective, and the N-95 | K-95 is at 85% effective. The City of Orange vaccination rate: ages 5-11 – 76%, 12-17 – 87%, 18-24 – 82%, 65+ 95%. The breakdown by race: Asian Americans 14%, African Americans 6% Hispanic Latinos 39%, White Americans 22%, Unknown 13%. The City of Orange has had 168 Covid-19 related deaths, 3500 positive cases. The Covid-19 sites are extended to be open until April 16th, Hours of operation are: Tues – Fri from 2pm – 7pm and Sat from 8am-2pm for vaccinations at West Orange (the old K-Mart) and Newark locations. The City of Orange will have programs at 400 Oakwood for Lime Disease and Rabies. There were 15,000 cases of Lime Disease and 3,000 wildlife cases of Rabies reported. If you see a cat do not attempt to touch it.

Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III stated there will be an event at 400 Oakwood Avenue a collaboration with himself, Councilmember Clifford R. Ross, the Health Department, Urban League, and the HUB where vaccines will be administered and they will distribute phones, computers, food and goodie bags.

Councilmember Clifford R. Ross inquired about ticks and lime disease – deer are very present, is there anything that can be done about it. Wolf hair seemed to help for a while. Health Director, Vincent DeFilippo stated we have to be careful of making them run because we could be liable and he suggests “Deer away”.

Council President Kerry Coley stated we are dealing with wild life and there is a chance the deer may attack and inquired about any suggestions to help. Councilmember Weldon Montague, III stated Rosedale is a place they are attracted to. Council Vice President Tency A. Eason asked for the Health Director Vincent DeFilippo to repeat the wait time between vaccines and inquired if seniors will be canvassed for the forth dose.

The City Clerk announced the resolutions and ordinances 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.

Council President Kerry J. Coley stated at the request of the Administration, he would like to pull Resolutions 4-2022, 84-2022, 19-2022. He would also like to pull 192-2022, and at some point he would like to bring the firm in for a close session update as soon as possible. To see if any additional funds will be needed. These will be returned to Administration.

Chris M. Hartwyk, Business Administrator stated Resolution 184-2022, on the attached list of properties that would have included the tax certificate assignments, the first five properties listed on Hickory Street – 263, 267, 269, 271 and the second lot of 263. He would like to pull these from that resolution as an amendment and he will bring them back in a couple of weeks. We have to sort out a numbers dispute in regards to what is owed. This Resolution will be amended.


CONFERENCE MINUTES

APRIL 5, 2022


A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilmember Weldon Montague, III and seconded by Councilmember Clifford R. Ross.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:29pm

Approved: April 19, 2022



Joyce L. Lanier
City Clerk



Kerry J. Coley
Council President