

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, APRIL 5, 2022 FOLLOWING THE CONFERENCE MEETING.

Council President Kerry J. Coley led all assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call:

Present: Council Vice-President Tency A. Eason, North Ward
Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III, At-Large
Councilmember Clifford R. Ross, At-Large
Councilmember Adrienne Wooten, At-Large
Council President Kerry J. Coley, East Ward

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 Office
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, South Ward
Vincent Vitiello, Police Chief

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

A motion to change the order of the agenda was made by Councilmember Clifford R. Ross and seconded by Council Vice President Tency A. Eason.

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Tency A. Eason, Hon. Weldon Montague, III, Hon. Clifford R. Ross, Hon. Adrienne Wooten, and Hon. Kerry J. Coley

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Harold J. Johnson, Jr., and Hon. Jamie Summers-Johnson

Motion Adopted

189-2022 A resolution for emergency temporary appropriations #6 to the Calendar Year 2022 Budget.

A motion to adopt resolution 189-2022 was made by Councilmember Clifford R. Ross and seconded by Councilmember Weldon Montague, III.

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Tency A. Eason, Hon. Weldon Montague, III, Hon. Clifford R. Ross, Hon. Adrienne Wooten, and Hon. Kerry J. Coley

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Harold J. Johnson, Jr., and Hon. Jamie Summers-Johnson

Motion Adopted

A motion to adopt the March 15, 2022 Conference & Regular Meeting Minutes was made by Councilmember Weldon Montague, III and seconded by Councilmember Tency A. Eason. *(Councilmember Adrienne Wooten was absent and should abstain from voting)*

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Tency A. Eason, Hon. Weldon Montague, III, and Hon. Kerry J. Coley

Nays: None

Abstain: Hon. Adrienne Wooten

Absent: Hon. Harold J. Johnson, Jr., Hon. Clifford R. Ross, and Hon. Jamie Summers-Johnson

Motion Adopted**REPORTS:**

The City Clerk announces the monthly revenue collection by department.

The Department of Community Service collected \$16,152.00 for the month of February 2022.

The City Clerk's Office collected \$40 in the month of March 2022.

The Historic Preservation Commission collected \$210 in the month of March 2022.

CONSTABLE REPORTS:

The City Clerk announced there were no constable reports.

OPRA REPORTS:

The City Clerk announced for the month of March 2022, there were 61 OPRA requests received, 27 OPRA's completed and 34 OPRA's remaining.

COUNCIL REPORTS - Council President directs Clerk to file reports.

Fire Department, Chief Derrick Brown – The Community Services Division and Police Department – The JPSA are all gathering together to have their meetings to prepare for it in July. There is a training coming for the firefighters who work in leadership, doing live burns in Morristown. Moving forward with Police Department and Community Service with Easter Brunch on Friday. The department is healthy and strong.

Public Works Director, Marty Mayes, Public Works Director – The Orange Shredding event will be held on April 23rd from 9-12 noon at City Hall. Make sure there are no paperclips, staples or rubber bands. The County wide Waste Event will be held on Saturday May 7th from 8:30 4:00 pm at 99 Bradford Avenue, Cedar Grove Sat 21 from 9-3pm. If you need to dispose of Computers and Electronics you will need an appointment by calling the Public Works Department – the first Friday of the month. The street paving schedule includes: North Day Street, Meryl Court, Hickory, Hillyer, William, Willow, Ogden, Elm,

Parkison, and Glenwood. The park projects begin this this spring. Councilmember Adrienne Wooten inquired about mattresses disposal which should be put out on bulk day and should be wrapped in plastic. When disposing of glass storm doors it is best to remove the glass.

Planning Director, Laquana Best – The projects are moving along as planned. The project at 754 Vose stalled and going through permit process to get the project back on track. Councilmember Weldon Montague, III attended the Vose Avenue groundbreaking will start back up in two weeks once the permit process is complete. There are 3 projects that should be completed by the end of spring. Councilmember Adrienne Wooten inquired about the Bergen Street project. There are internal issues but the discussions should be on the move in the next few months. The Wawa project had water issues but moving forward in the next month. Council President Kerry J. Coley has concerns about Bergen Street being environmentally friendly, the parking is an issue with a 100 plus people moving in it will be a traffic nightmare forever. When developer bringing in massive units this will cause more problems and more rats. Director Laquana Best stated the Council President’s concerns are heard, parking is a concern in the talks and a part of the delays. Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk agreed.

Director of Community Services, Wendy M. Sykes – In conjunction with the Police and Fire Department there will be two Senior Easter Brunch on Friday, April 8th at the Central Playground Upper Fieldhouse, one begins at 10am the other at 2pm. On April 9th from 10am – 1pm at Central Playground on Lincoln Avenue there will be an Easter Egg Hunt. Every week there is the Food Pantry. The distribution is on Monday and Wednesday from 10am-2pm. There is an e-mail and phone blast sent to Orange residents- they should bring proof of residency. Keith Pressy had death in family and was not present to report about the sports. There is a multi-sports clinic for ages 2-6 beginning May 4th - June 8th every Wednesday at Central Playground. The Youth Basketball Skills and Drills for 4th – 6th graders held on Saturdays at Orange Preparatory School. Visit the city website for more information about the 2022 sports and recreation information. Summer projects are being worked on and will be reported at the next meeting. Councilmember Weldon Montague, III asked about Metcalf Field conditions. Marty Mayes is working on the field. Wendy Sykes the 6-9 after school program is supposed to be up and working. Wendy Sykes did get approval summer food service and a resolution will come at the next council meeting.

Chief Financial Officer, Nile Clements - We rolled over some bond anticipation notes recently, we have \$5 million in bands related to our water wells, \$2.8 million related to the Rossi - Main Street redevelopment project, \$6.8 million bands related to Covid-19, \$5.0 million related to current fund budget, and \$1.8 million related to the water utility. Councilmember Adrienne Wooten inquired about “rolled over note” Nile Clement explained a note is instrument of temporary financing, you can only roll over in a year. It deals with the debt ratio. Councilmember Weldon Montague, III asked what the estimate time of budget hearings and does the emergency appropriations effect the budget. The budget hearings are anticipated to be introduce at the May 3 and the emergency appropriation does effect the budget.

Tax Collector, Paula Ferreira – Eligible taxpayers have their homestead credits applied to their make order and the bills were mailed out last week. If there are any questions, residents should call 888-238-1233.

Tax Assessor, Chris Murray – The appeal deadline to challenge property assessments is May 1, 2022. They must file a petition with the Essex County Tax Court on or before May 1st.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

We received communications from the New Jersey American Water Company, Inc. regarding a virtual public hearing on April 6, 2022. The hearing is for a petition for approval of increase water and waste water service. The notification is in Clerk's Office and the link is on agenda

Virtual Public Hearing – April 6, 2022

New Jersey American Water Company, Inc.

Re: Petition for Approval of Increased Tariff Rates and Charges for Water and Wastewater Service and Other Tariff Modifications

Two (2) Sessions – Same Meeting ID and Password for both sessions

Additional details and further instructions for dialing in to the meeting are posted on the NJ American Water website: <https://amwater.com/njaw/customer-service-billing/your-water-and-wastewater-rates>

- a. Session 1 – 4:30 p.m.
- b. Session 2 – 5:30 p.m.
 - i. Call in Number: 1 (646) 828-7666
 - ii. Meeting ID: 161 537 5156
 - iii. Password: 899852

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON GENERAL ISSUES/AGENDA ITEMS

The City Clerk announced the “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.

1. **Sarah Thompson 354 Cleveland Street sarah.joan4@gmail.com** – Sarah is executor of the Estate of her late father, Welton Thompson, current owner of 160 Taylor Street (Block 3402 Lot 23). The Estate of Welton Thompson will pay off the total balance of past due taxes and completely rehabilitate the property by June 2023. The Estate just paid off one lien on this property in Sept 2021 for \$60,000 (Certificate #12-00101). Please take this as a show of good faith that the Estate will completely settle the outstanding debt and beautify this property back to living standards. Due to extenuating circumstances including fire, foreclosures, death, and a pandemic this property fell into its current state. But please expressly note that again the family is asking for the time and opportunity to save this asset. She was made aware his tax lien would be discussed in this meeting being assigned to an LLC, and she is asking for grace in paying this. She is a resident and has paid one of the debts hoping it will show good faith that the family would pay and just needs some more time. Law Department, Avram D. White, Esq. clarified if council takes action of assigning the lien, this does not impact her ability to pay on the lien, and he advised Ms. Thompson to consult with an attorney to get comprehensive advise, speak to him and the tax collector as well.
2. **Obioma Onyema, 259 High Street** – Mr. Onyema stated it would have been helpful for Councilmembers to have their names in there zoom box to help identify who they are to new comers. The City website looks bad and outdated, Business Administrator, Chris Hartwyk says on June 1, 2022, the website will be update. Mr. Onyema stated the city property taxes have been historically high compared to surrounding towns, he knows the properties have been recently reassessed, but he doesn't see the new tax rate and when can he expect to see the budget be complete. He wanted to know what could be done about the high taxes. Tax Assessor, Christopher Murray, stated the

estimated tax rate of \$3.36 and the Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk stated the budget will be introduced at the first meeting in May and it then goes to Council and Citizens budget Advisory Committee for hearings and then approved by Trenton. He anticipated the budget being adopted sometime late July. Finance Director, Adrian Mapp added there will be a tax rate based on the budget that is introduced in May. Business Administrator, Chris Hartwyk stated the tax burden is based on the county, the school and the municipality. The municipality's budget largest expenses are personnel, benefits and pension which constitutes 68%. The balance is operating expense, which has been cut significantly over the past years and salaries have increased. There is an opportunity to stabilize the taxes but unlikely that the tax rate will decline. Mr. Onyema stated residents of Orange does not get a return on their high taxes equivalent to like surrounding towns. Council President Kerry Coley instated Mr. Onyema to call the Business Administrator off line at 973-280-2587, which brought up the phone numbers being updated.

3. **Aisha Samuel, 401 Highland Terrace** – Ms. Samuel agreed the website is bad, nothing is of service and she could not get link for tonight's meeting. She is tired of parking issues. When will Highland Terrace be repaved? Public Works Director, Marty Mayes is aware of the issues and it will be on the next list. The do not block driveway – this is now an enforcement issues. What can she do to add another sign – Marty Mayes will come out and look at it in a weeks' time. The website needs to be updated.
4. **James H. Ward, III, 743 Hauxton Ave** – The intersection of Valley and Friedman Street is very dangerous and had a bad accident last night. There is a stop sign but should be a four way stop or a light. Same thing at Highland and Berkley. On Tremont and Mosswood and Heywood and Mosswood - we need to do more to keep our children and residents safe. Reiterate the school zones need signs stating it's a school zone and speed bumps. The City and school board should be working together. Tickets are not enough for safety and Hauxton Ave hasn't been paved in over 50 years.
5. **Quantavia Hilbert, 353 Lincoln Avenue** - Ms. Hilbert is doing a follow-up on parking issues in West Ward. It has been mentioned there should be no payment for parking and residents have reported to her that they are being charged. What will the city do to help residents – Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk stated the resolution has been distributed to enforcement. The copy can be given to Ms. Hilbert from the Business Administrator's Office. Last year there was a presentation to update cameras in city. The Business Administrator, Chris Hartwyk stated the contract has been awarded to Johnson Communications.
6. **Sharief Williams, 491 Linden Place** – Mr. Williams inquired about the status of Cleveland Street School and the Washington Street project. Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk stated the project is on-going and under the control of Board of Education and State School Authority. Council Vice President Tency A. Eason stated the school has been at stand still, the project has to be rebid and select another contractor, about October/November. The Washington Street is moving the sides will go up on the fence soon it will be housing on that site. It hasn't going through the approval process with the Planning Board yet. Public discussions and hearings to work out details. Public meeting will be called when closer to the design phase.
7. **A. Manuel O. Poirier, 152 Heywood Avenue** – Mr. Poirier stated summer is approaching, our Councilmembers Jamie Summers Johnson and Adrienne Wooten pushed forward a noise ordinance and now need signage that designates the hours of the quiet zone in order for the police to reinforce the ordinance. Everyone is entitled to the quality of life that the surrounding towns receive. We need all to work together as everyone deserves this. The silence has been deafening and we need people to come on to speak up.

8. **Friends of Metcalf Park Volunteers - friendsofmetcalf@gmail.com**

The Friends of Metcalf Park are excited to hear about the renovations to the basketball courts. We are curious as to the amount that will be donated and whether it will cover full renovation and resurfacing of the courts. We'd like the council to ensure that the renovations are done with consultation/collaboration with the Friends of Metcalf Park.

9. Jeffrey Feld - hardwaredad@aol.com

APRIL 5, 2022 AGENDA QUESTIONS

- a. Who is responsible for monitoring the work product of all retained professionals?
- b. Since his appointment on or about July 1, 2018, how many times and for how long has Orange’s city attorney met in person or virtually with Attorney Feld to discuss Remanded Feld X (HUD-L-1038-19/ESX-L-4978-13), Feld XVIII (ESX-L-6887-18), Feld XIX (ESX-L-0028-19) and Feld XX (ESX-L-0220-19) and other repetitive issues of public importance?
- c. According to the April 5, 2022 Agenda, how many employees work in the municipal clerk’s office?
- d. According to the CY 2021 Adopted Amended Budget, how many municipal clerk employee positions were approved by the local governing body?
- e. Who is the current acting deputy municipal clerk?
- f. Since CY 2010, how much has Orange paid Lerch Vinci to provide non-outside budget consulting related finance training and consulting services? Res. 188-2022
- g. How much of this additional \$130,000 CY 2022 non-outside budget consulting related financial work should have been handled in-house?
- h. Does there come a point in time when a municipality should sever its relationship with a long time serving outside budget consultant/financial trainer and obtain a new fresh set of eyes?
- i. Did McManimon Scotland & Baumann seek to shift a portion of its Remanded Feld X per se disqualifying conflict of interest long term tax exemption liability and exposure to Dieter Lerch?
- j. Why is no Schedule A attached to proposed KHH Invest LLC tax lien assignment resolution 184-2022?
- k. What is the amount of consideration in this transaction?
- l. Why the delay in selling and assigning these particular tax liens?
- m. Since January 1, 2017, how much has Orange paid special outside defense to respond and to defend federal grand jury subpoenas relating to events that occurred under the watch of Willis Edwards III? Res 192-2022
- n. How much has Orange expended or reserved to defend or to prosecute the two separation of powers lawsuits between the executive and legislative branches? ESX-L6949-21; ESX-L-5312-21
- o. How much special emergency and BAN “rollover” principal and interest is included in the April 5, 2022 Bill List?

<i>Investors Bank</i>	\$1,000,000 special emergency
	\$43,000
	\$4,000,000
	\$1,440,000
	\$360,000
	\$15,480
<i>Depository Trust</i>	\$5,000,000
<i>Amboy Bank</i>	\$4,571.20
	\$2,814,849
	\$42,151
- p. When will Orange commence amortizing and paying off this “rolled over” BAN indebtedness?
- q. Does Orange anticipate paying off this “rolled over” BAN indebtedness via grants or federal COVID 19 monies?
- r. When was the \$3,300,000 water/sewer utility supplemental debt statement and Local Finance Board Application posted on a public website prior to the Local Finance Board Meeting?
- s. When will Orange file its CY 2021 unaudited financial statement?
- t. When will Orange introduce its CY 2022 Budget?

- u. As of Dec. 31, 2021, how many CY 2021 OPRA requests remained open and outstanding?
- v. As of March 31, 2022, how many CY 2022 OPRA requests remained open and outstanding?
- w. Of the 31 pending and outstanding March 2022 OPRA requests, to whom are they due and from what departments are documents missing?
- x. Why is Mark P. Williams Sr. having difficulty contacting and notifying former Councilmember Donna Williams Devose?
- y. Did David Wildstein amend and correct his March 30, 2022 posted article about retiring Livingston Mayor Fernandez and the current status of the five Essex County Democratic Mayors and County Executive who endorsed Gov. Christie for reelection?

A motion to close Citizen Comments was made by Councilmember Weldon Montague, III and seconded by Council President Kerry J. Coley

Motion adopted

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III, - There is an event distributing Covid-19 Vaccines. Seniors interested in part-time work should come to 400 Oakwood Avenue tomorrow morning at 10:00 am. We all need to work together to cut the budget.

Councilmember Adrienne Wooten asked about decibel reader, Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk will look in to it to see if it has been purchased or if it is still on back order. There has been Soup Saturdays during the month of March, One was cancelled due to inclement weather. Thanks to Angel project and Orange students for volunteering. Thanks to Health Department for the event with EOGH to speak to Covid-19. Met with administration and police about parking permits, signage and Marty Mayes was in the conversation. There were conversations about the school drop off zones and Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk stated some of the schools are in progress. Colgate Park Fish Fry Friday before Easter. She attended League of Municipality and CFO Nile Clements was available to answer questions while she was attending the class. This class would be great for the Citizens Budget Advisory Committee. Looking at breaking news with former President Obama with President Biden spoke about the things politicians miss out on because something that politically has to be taken care of.

Council Vice-President Tency A. Eason, expressed apologies for Prosecutor Ted Stephens not being attendance but he will reschedule as there was a police involved shooting that he had to see after. Last Saturday she attended an affair at Appian Way honoring African American Women. We must support one another as she strives to be a blessing to someone every day. She Asked Marty Mayes about the Dunkin Donuts Posters and Bradford painting, which should come within the next week

Council President Kerry J. Coley, Apologized for not acknowledging the passing of former East Orange Mayor, The Honorable Robert Bowser. He asked Public Works Director Marty Mayes about the guard rails which will be finalize next couple of weeks. He asked the Business Administrator, Chris Hartwyk about the lease agreement with the county which is sitting on the Business Administrators desk. Council President Kerry J. Coley would like to have a session to be in tune with the plans of the Administration. He asked Public Works Director, Marty Mayes and the Clerk, Joyce Lanier to schedule a site visit County Representative and County Engineer at Central and Oakwood to put the matter to bed regarding the three way traffic signal. The Park Place and Elm Street is on the list to be repaved and Marty Mayes said Park Place was just approved and on tonight's agenda, will be complete Spring to November. Council President Kerry Coley asked Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk and Financial Director,

Adrian Mapp to address Resolution 188-2022 , is this the last go around for this type of support? Chris Hartwyk stated it is a year by year analysis. Council President Kerry J. Coley has serious concerns – we have additional support – when can he step up? The CFO, Nile Clements stated the wording in the Resolution may be misleading, but there are some things are that are out sourced for the finance department. There use to have 8 people in the Finance Department and now there are 4. Council President Kerry J. Coley inquired about the water wells. BA – We are ready to begin construction on well 5 which is the most critical and by next fall it will be back online and in service if we follow the construction schedule. Well 8 is being evaluated to see if the production or anticipated production it is worth bringing back online, it is located in a county park.

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)

A motion to postpone was by Councilmember Tency A. Eason and seconded by Councilmember Weldon Montague, III

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Tency A. Eason, Hon. Weldon Montague, III, Hon. Adrienne Wooten, and Hon. Kerry J. Coley

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Harold J. Johnson, Jr. Hon. Clifford R. Ross, Hon. Jamie Summers-Johnson,

Postponed

- 5-2022 An ordinance of the City of Orange Township authorizing the acceptance by the City of Orange Township a donation of capital improvements sponsored by the JEHH Memorial Fund to refurbish the Colgate Park basketball court(s) including but not limited to the erection of court side seating and court resurfacing, pursuant to and in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1, et seq.**

A motion to close Citizens Comments was made by Councilmember Adrian Wooten and seconded by Councilmember Weldon Montague, III

A motion for final adoption was made by Councilmember Montague, III and seconded by Councilmember Tency A. Eason

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Tency A. Eason, Hon. Weldon Montague, III, Hon. Adrienne Wooten, and Hon. Kerry J. Coley

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Harold J. Johnson, Jr., Hon. Clifford R. Ross, Hon. Jamie Summers-Johnson,

Motion Adopted

6-2022 An ordinance of the City of Orange Township authorizing the acceptance by the City of Orange Township a donation of capital improvements sponsored by Omar Sharife Cooper, The Lifestyle Sports Agency, and ADIDAS AG., to refurbish the Metcalf Park basketball court(s) including but not limited to the repair and/or erection of court side seating and court resurfacing, pursuant to and in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1, et seq.

A motion to close Citizens Comments was made by Councilmember Weldon Montague, III- and seconded by Councilmember Adrienne Wooten. Councilmembers Montague, III and Wooten both rescinded their motion.

James H. Ward, III inquired if the plans for Metcalf Park are incorporated in the budget plans and can some of the funds be used for other plans. Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk stated donations will pay for improvements.

A motion to close Citizens Comments was made by Councilmember Weldon Montague, III and seconded by Councilmember Adrienne Wooten

A motion to adopt on final was made by Councilmember Tency A. Eason and seconded by Councilmember Adrienne Wooten.

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Tency A. Eason, Hon. Weldon Montague, III, Hon. Adrienne Wooten, and Hon. Kerry J. Coley

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Harold J. Johnson, Jr., Hon. Clifford R. Ross, Hon. Jamie Summers-Johnson,

Motion Adopted

7-2022 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. (363 Bradford Street) (Sponsored by Council Member Eason)

A motion to close Citizens Comments was made by Councilmember Adrienne Wooten and seconded by Councilmember Weldon Montague, III.

A motion for final adoption was by Councilmember Tency A. Eason and seconded by Councilmember Adrienne Wooten.

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Tency A. Eason, Hon. Weldon Montague, III, Hon. Adrienne Wooten, and Hon. Kerry J. Coley

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Harold J. Johnson, Jr., Hon. Clifford R. Ross, Hon. Jamie Summers-Johnson

Motion Adopted

8-2022 An ordinance to exceed the municipal budget appropriation limits and to establish a CAP bank in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14 for the calendar year 2022.

A motion to close Citizens Comments was made by Councilmember Adrienne Wooten and seconded by Councilmember Weldon Montague, III

A motion for final adoption was by Councilmember Tency A. Eason and seconded by Councilmember Adrienne Wooten

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Tency A. Eason, Hon. Weldon Montague, III, Hon. Adrienne Wooten, and Hon. Kerry J. Coley

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Harold J. Johnson, Jr. Hon. Clifford R. Ross, Hon. Jamie Summers-Johnson,

Motion Adopted

10) POSTPONED ORDINANCE

4-2022 An ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 4 Article XIV entitled, Administration of Government, Boards, Commissions and Committees to establish the City of Orange Township Human Relations Commission. (Sponsored by Council Members Wooten & Summers-Johnson)

A motion to close Citizens Comments was made by Councilmember Weldon Montague, III and seconded by Councilmember Adrienne Wooten

A motion to return to administration was made by Councilmember Adrienne Wooten and seconded by Councilmember Weldon Montague, III

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Tency A. Eason, Hon. Weldon Montague, III, Hon. Adrienne Wooten, and Hon. Kerry J. Coley

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Harold J. Johnson, Jr., Hon. Clifford R. Ross, Hon. Jamie Summers-Johnson,

Return to administration

ORDINANCES – INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING

14-2022 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 to remove a handicapped parking space. (94 Park Street – East Side)

A motion to adopt on first reading was made by Councilmember Weldon Montague, III and seconded by Councilmember Tency A. Eason.

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Tency A. Eason, Hon. Weldon Montague, III, Hon. Adrienne Wooten, and Hon. Kerry J. Coley

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Harold J. Johnson, Jr. Hon. Clifford R. Ross, Hon. Jamie Summers-Johnson

Motion Adopted | Final Reading on May 3, 2022

**15-2022 An ordinance amending Chapter 51, “Alcoholic Beverages”, Article I, “Regulations and Licensing”, Section 51-4, “Sales to Certain Persons Restricted”.
(Sponsored by Councilmember Wooten)**

A motion to adopt on first reading was made by Councilmember Weldon Montague, III and seconded by Councilmember Adrienne Wooten

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Weldon Montague, III, and Hon. Adrienne Wooten

Nays: Hon. Tency A. Eason and Hon. Kerry J. Coley

Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Harold J. Johnson, Jr., Hon. Clifford R. Ross, Hon. Jamie Summers-Johnson

Motion does not pass

16-2022 An ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 200, entitled “Vehicles and Traffic” Section 200-10.2, Residential Permit. (Central Avenue)

A motion to adopt on first reading was made by Councilmember Weldon Montague, III and seconded by Councilmember Tency A. Eason

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Tency A. Eason, Hon. Weldon Montague, III, Hon. Adrienne Wooten, and Hon. Kerry J. Coley

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Harold J. Johnson, Jr., Hon. Clifford R. Ross, Hon. Jamie Summers-Johnson

Motion Adopted | Final Reading on May 3, 2022

17-2022 An ordinance to amend the Municipal Code of the City of the Orange Township, Chapter 200 “Vehicles and Traffic” Section 200-10.6 Overnight Parking for guests of residents in residential permit parking zones. (Sponsored by Councilmembers Wooten and Summers-Johnson)

A motion for final adoption was made by Councilmember Weldon Montague, III and seconded by Councilmember Adrienne Wooten

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Weldon Montague, III, and Hon. Adrienne Wooten,

Nays: Hon. Tency A. Eason, and Hon. Kerry J. Coley

Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Harold J. Johnson, Jr., Hon. Clifford R. Ross, Hon. Jamie Summers-Johnson,

Motion does not pass

18-2022 An ordinance to amend the Code of the City of the Orange Township, Chapter 200 “Vehicles and Traffic” Section 200-52-1 Handicapped Parking Spaces. (640 Union Street)

A motion for final adoption was by Councilmember Weldon M, III and seconded by Councilmember Adrienne Wooten

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Tency A. Eason, Hon. Weldon Montague, III, Hon. Adrienne Wooten, and Hon. Kerry J. Coley

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Harold J. Johnson, Jr., Hon. Clifford R. Ross, Hon. Jamie Summers-Johnson,

Motion adopted | Final Reading on May 3, 2022

- 19-2022 An ordinance to amend the Code of the City of the Orange Township, Chapter 200 “Vehicles and Traffic” Section No Parking & Prohibited Parking During Certain Hours. (Sponsored by Councilmember Coley) (Amended) Amendment: Change to Section (b) location**

A motion to return to administration was by Councilmember Weldon Montague, III and seconded by Council President Kerry J. Coley

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Tency A. Eason, Hon. Weldon Montague, III, Hon. Adrienne Wooten, and Hon. Kerry J. Coley

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Harold J. Johnson, Jr. Hon. Clifford R. Ross, Hon. Jamie Summers-Johnson,

Returned to administration

- 20-2022 An ordinance to amend Article XVI, Chapter 156-26.1, Section 88 (Dumpster Fees) of the Code of the City of Orange Township.**

A motion to adopt on first reading was made by Councilmember Weldon Montague, III and seconded by Councilmember Tency A. Eason

The Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk explained this is a fee for dumpsters in a parking space.

Councilmember Tency A. Eason explained there was no time restriction included in the Resolution.

Roll Call:

Yeas: None

Nays: Hon. Tency A. Eason, Hon. Weldon Montague, III, Hon. Adrienne Wooten, and Hon. Kerry J. Coley

Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Harold J. Johnson, Jr., Hon. Clifford R. Ross, Hon. Jamie Summers-Johnson,

Motion does not pass

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. *165-2022 THROUGH *194-2022

- *165-2022 A resolution appointing Keane Cyrus as a member to the Citizen’s Budget Advisory Committee for Calendar Year 2022 Municipal Budget process. (Sponsored by Council Member Coley)**
- *166-2022 A resolution authorizing the issuance of a raffle license for Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church.**
- *167-2022 A resolution awarding a professional services contract with the Law Firm of Stevens & Lee, P.C. to serve as special litigation counsel to represent the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township in the matter captioned, City of Orange Township and Dwayne D. Warren v. Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township, et al., Docket No. ESX-L-006949-21.**

- *168-2022** A resolution awarding a professional service contract with the Law Firm of Stevens & Lee, P.C. to service as special litigation counsel to represent the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township in the matter captioned City of Orange Township and Dwayne D. Warren v. Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township, Docket No. ESX-L-005312-21 for the Calendar Year 2022.
- *169-2022** A resolution recognizing Ramadan in the City of Orange Township and wishing every Muslim a Happy Ramadan. (Sponsored by Councilmembers Wooten and Summers-Johnson) Amended - Change dates to April 2, 2022 through May 2, 2022.
- *170-2022** A resolution authorizing a refund of eight hundred dollars paid by Stanley Reichel for two credit card online payments made in error to the Building Department.
- *171-2022** A resolution authorizing the cancellation of tax sale certificate No. 21-00270 on Block 5005 Lot 26 also known as 653 Nassau Street in addition to issuing a refund for all accrued interest, premium and penalties to Evolve Bank & Trust in the amount of \$29,243.50.
- *172-2022** A resolution authorizing the acceptance of Local Recreation Improvement Grant Program also known as the 2021 Urban Parks Grant – Metcalf Park Improvements in the amount of \$75,000.00.
- *173-2022** A resolution authorizing the acceptance of New Jersey Department of Transportation Local Transportation Projects Fund (LTPF) Grant for the City of Orange Township for 2022 Local Transportation Project Grant Fund – Various Streets in the amount of \$1,7000,000.00.
- *174-2022** A resolution authorizing an addendum to Resolution #171-2021 to increase the contract amount to provide HVAC repairs at the Freddie Polhill Law & Justice Complex under the Sourcewell Cooperative Pricing Council Contract #030817-CAR Carrier Corporation, 9 Farms Spring Road, Farmington, CT 06032-2569 (Northern New Jersey Branch located at 100 Delawanna Avenue, Suite 401, Clifton, New Jersey 07014) commencing January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2023 in the amount not to exceed \$40,000.00 per year.
- *175-2022** A resolution authorizing an addendum to Resolution #413-2021 to increase the contract amount for additional emergency HVAC system maintenance & repairs at the Freddie Polhill Law and Justice Complex from Carrier Corp., 13995 Pasteur Blvd, Palm Beach Garden, FL 33418 (Northern New Jersey Branch located at 100 Delawanna Avenue, Suite 401, Clifton, New Jersey 07014) in the amount not to exceed \$2,848.43.
- *176-2022** A resolution authorizing an extension of the contract with Weatherproofing Technologies, Inc., 3735 Green Road, Beachwood, OH 44122-5705 (Northern New Jersey Branch located at 8 Main Street, Flemington, New Jersey 08822) to provide roof repair services to all Municipal owned properties under the ESCNJ Co-Op Contract #ESCNJ/APEA21-D commencing March 1, 2022 through February 28, 2023 in the amount not exceed \$50,000.00.

- *177-2022 A resolution authorizing Remington & Vernick Engineers, 2059 Springdale Road, Cherry Hill, New Jersey 08003 to provide air sampling of the Central Avenue Firehouse in an amount not exceed \$3,360.00.**
- *178-2022 A resolution authorizing Mott Macdonald, 111 Wood Avenue Southern Iselin, New Jersey 08830 to provide professional engineering services to prepare lead service line inventory to comply with state water utilities requirements Phase I – II in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00.**
- *179-2022 A resolution authorizing Change Order No. 1 – Final from Reivax Contracting Corp., 68 Finderne Avenue, Bridgewater, New Jersey 08807 for a decrease to the project known as the 2021 Full Reconstruction Project to adjust the contract quantities to meet final as-built conditions in the amount of \$15,718.58.**
- *180-2022 A resolution amending Resolution 370-2021 entitled “A resolution authorizing the awarding of a contract for the 2020 NJDOT Roadway Improvements to Cifelli & Son General Contracting, 81 Franklin Avenue, Nutley, New Jersey 07110 in the amount not to exceed \$521,308.89” making the new amount not exceed \$519,882.39.**
- *181-2022 A resolution for the approval to purchase ammunition/weapons/body armor/holsters and police duty gear under the New Jersey State Contract #17-FLEET-00732 and 17-FLEET-00787 for the City of Orange Township Police Department from Atlantic Tactical 763 Corporate Circle, New Cumberland, PA 17070 in an amount not to exceed \$185,000.00.**
- *182-2022 A resolution authorizing a contract between the City of Orange Township and Hendricks Appraisal Company, LLC., Real Estate Appraisals Research & Consulting, Seven Hutton Avenue, West Orange, New Jersey 07052 for real estate appraisal services from a period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 in amount not to exceed \$30,000.00.**
- *183-2022 A resolution authorizing a contract with Civil Solutions to update tax maps of the City of Orange Township commencing January 1st 2022 until December 31st 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00.**
- *185-2022 A resolution of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, amending Resolution No. 125-2022 to authorize the City of Orange Township Fire Department located at 419 Central Avenue, Orange, New Jersey to decommission and dispose of fire trucks no longer in use by the Department.**
- *186-2022 A resolution for the approval to acquire the service to maintain the electronic document management for fire policies within the Orange Fire Department under the New Jersey State Contract #20-TELE-01511 for the City of Orange Township Fire Department from PowerDMS located at 101 South Garland Avenue, Suite 300, Orlando, Florida 32801 from April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$8,413.60.**
- *187-2022 A resolution accepting a grant from the Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund Public Entity program through the New Jersey Economic Development Authority and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.**

- *188-2022** A resolution to appoint Lerch, Vinci & Huggins, LLP of 17-17 Route 208, Fairlawn, New Jersey 07410 to provide finance training and consulting services to the City of Orange Township's Finance Department and Administration for an amount not to exceed \$130,000.00. Amended - Change account number
- *190-2022** A resolution reappointing Michael Hackett as judge of the Orange Municipal Court.
- *191-2022** A resolution authorizing Joseph Wenzel Esq. to provide legal service to the Orange Municipal Planning Board of the City of Orange and land use in an amount not to exceed \$7,500.00 for the Calendar Year 2022.
- *192-2022** A resolution authorizing additional attorney's fees to be paid to Critchley, Kinum & Denoia, LLC in connection with matters pertaining to governmental inquiries and investigations regarding the City of Orange Township and its employees in an amount not to exceed fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00) for Calendar Year 2022.
- *193-2022** A resolution authorizing settlement in the matter of Tianah Goodman v. Township of Orange, et al., Docket No. ESX-L-002836-20 in the amount of twenty-seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$27,500.00).
- *194-2022** A resolution approving the bill list of the Council meeting vote on April 05, 2022 dated March 30, 2022 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95. (Grand Total: \$20,108,369.57).

A motion to adopt the consent agenda was made by Councilmember Weldon Montague, III and seconded by Councilmember Adrienne Wooten

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Tency A. Eason, Hon. Weldon Montague, III, Hon. Adrienne Wooten, and Hon. Kerry J. Coley

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Harold J. Johnson, Jr. Hon. Clifford R. Ross, Hon. Jamie Summers-Johnson,

Motion Adopted

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

- 184-2022** A resolution authorizing the assignment of tax sale certification by the City of Orange Township to KHH Invest LLC and the entrance of the City into an assignment agreement with regard to same.

The City Clerk announced the following items will be removed from this resolution: Block 4302 Lot 11 263 Hickory Street, Block 4302 Lot 13 267 Hickory Street, Block 4302 Lot 14 269 Hickory Street, Block 4302 Lot 15 271 Hickory Street, Block 4302 Lot 10263 Hickory Street

A motion to adopt as amended was made by Councilmember Weldon Montague, III and seconded by Councilmember Adrienne Wooten

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Weldon Montague, III, Hon. Adrienne Wooten, and Hon. Kerry J. Coley

Nays: None

Abstain: Hon. Tency A. Eason

Absent: Hon. Harold J. Johnson, Jr., Hon. Clifford R. Ross, Hon. Jamie Summers-Johnson

Motion Adopted

POSTPONED RESOLUTION

84-2022 A resolution authorizing the creation of a “Special Committee” on city infrastructure projects under the American Jobs Plan” to develop and recommend strategies for implementing leveraging and ensuring inclusion in city infrastructure projects funded under the American Jobs Plans. (Sponsored by Councilmembers Wooten & Summers-Johnson)

A motion to return to administration was made by Councilmember Adrienne Wooten and seconded by Councilmember Weldon Montague, III

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Tency A. Eason, Hon. Weldon Montague, III, Hon. Adrienne Wooten, and Hon. Kerry J. Coley

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Harold J. Johnson, Jr., Hon. Clifford R. Ross, Hon. Jamie Summers-Johnson

Motion to return to administration

NEW BUSINESS AND WALK-ON ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

There was no new business or walk-on ordinances | resolutions.

OTHER PENDING BUSINESS

There was no pending business.


A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilmember Weldon Montague, III and seconded by Councilmember Tency A. Eason

The Meeting was adjourned at 9:36PM

PUBLIC NOTICE

The next City Council Conference and Regular Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 19, 2022 virtually at 7:00 p.m.

Approved: April 19, 2022



Joyce L. Lanier
City Clerk



Kerry J. Coley
Council President