

CITIZENS COMMENTS
MAY 17, 2022 COUNCIL MEETING

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1. I noticed that the sidewalk has been painted yellow on the corners of Highland Avenue and Lincoln Avenue before the construction of the new apartment building is completed. It took me 2 years, from the time I first send a letter and was basically given the run around regarding sidewalk painting BEFORE MY SIDEWALK WAS PAINTED. There are a lot of places that need the sidewalk painted, the corner of Highland Avenue and Highland Terrace for instance, yet I don't see or hear of plans to paint them. And how often will this be repainted?
2. I was wondering whether or not taxes will be paid for the apartment building that is being built on Highland and Lincoln and near the Orange train station? If so how much will the City receive in taxes?

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1. Does the local governing body have the authority to shift the nonpartisan municipal elections to a November election cycle, thereby increasing voter turnout?
2. Does the local governing body have the authority to require the nonpartisan municipal elections to be decided by a majority and not plurality of votes and with the possibility of runoff elections?
3. Was consideration of certain May 17, 2022 agenda items delayed until after the contested May 10, 2022 non-partisan ward elections? CY 2022 Budget Introduction Res. 235-2022; \$70,418 Public Website Update Extension Res. 241-2022; Water/Sewer Utility Violations Administrative Compliance Order Res. 243-2022; Orange Commons SG
4. Prior to the introduction of the CY 2022 Budget, will there be a short preliminary presentation of the CY 2022 Budget explaining certain high and low lights of this proposed introduced budget?
5. What is the projected CY 2022 municipal tax levy and tax rate?
6. What is the status of Orange's explanatory CY 2022 User Friendly Budget?
7. Must Orange obtain State Local Finance Board public approval prior to adoption of its CY 2022 Budget?
8. When does Orange anticipate holding the CY 2022 Public Budget Hearing and adopting the CY 2022 Budget?
9. Although submitted to the Local Finance Board, why weren't certain supplemental debt statements and LFB applications posted on Orange's public websites?
10. How much long term tax exemption revenues does Orange owe the County?
11. In light of certain federal indictments and guilty pleas, the re-noticing of the Main Street Redevelopment Plan and the proposed Orange Commons SG LLC settlement and amending Reock Non-Condemnation Powers Redevelopment Plan, why hasn't Orange taken steps to sever its relationship with the Nishuane Group?
12. How much does Orange pay the Nishuane Group each month for professional planning services?
13. Who was the acting planning board attorney during the period when the amending Reock With Condemnation Powers Redevelopment Plan was approved?

14. When will Orange's "Official" public website be finally upgraded and operational?
15. Who is responsible for monitoring the work product and annual retention caps of all retained professionals? See, Res. 215-2022
16. How much has Orange paid its outside labor counsel in CY 2016, CY 2017, CY 2018, CY 2019, CY 2020 and CY 2021?
17. Under whose municipal attorney watch did the Township of Irvington recently attempt to restrict, restrain, alter and abridge a resident's right to obtain documents pursuant to the Open Public Records Act?
18. Must all full time municipal employees obtain written permission before he or she accepts full or part time competing concurrent employment in another municipal entity? See, Township of Hillside Municipal Attorney Website Page
19. How many Feld related actions remain pending against Orange? Res. 244-2022
20. Is Judith S. Feld a plaintiff in any of these pending actions against Orange?
21. Whose form and legality approval signature appears on all May 17, 2022 agenda action items?
22. As of April 30, 2021, how many CY 2021 OPRA requests remained open and outstanding?
23. As of April 30, 2022, 2022, how many CY 2022 OPRA requests remained open and outstanding?
24. Of the 28 pending and outstanding April 2022 OPRA requests, to whom are they due and from what departments are documents missing?
25. Must Orange commence a search for a new Finance Director, effective on or about July 1, 2022?
26. How much long term tax exemption net sale proceeds and net revenues has Orange abandoned, waived and relinquished from the pre-August 2016 sales and transfers of long term tax exempt properties to new owners?