

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 19, 2022 FOLLOWING THE CONFERENCE MEETING.

Council Vice President Tency A. Eason led all assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call:

Present: Council Vice-President Tency A. Eason, North Ward
Councilmember Harold J. Johnson, Jr.
Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III, At-Large
Councilmember Clifford R. Ross, At-Large
Councilmember Jamie Summers-Johnson, South Ward
Councilmember Adrienne Wooten, At-Large
Council President Kerry J. Coley, East Ward (arrived 9:39)

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
Marty Mayes, Public Works Director
Gracia R. Montilus, City Attorney
Chris Murray, Tax Assessor
Wendy Sykes, Director of Community Services
Keith Pressey, Supervisor of Recreation
Marlin G. Townes, Legislative Research Office
Vincent Vitiello, Police Chief
Tamara Robinson, City Clerk's Office
Trisha Scipio, City Clerk's Office
Gabrielle Sims-Shelton, City Clerk's Office

Absent: Adrian Mapp, Finance Director

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.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

A motion to adopt the April 5, 2022 Conference Meeting Minutes was made by Councilmember Weldon Montague, III and seconded by Council Vice President Tency A. Eason. *(Councilmembers Harold J. Johnson, Jr. and Jamie Summers-Johnson were absent and should abstain from voting)*

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

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

Absent: Hon. Kerry J. Coley

Motion Adopted

A motion to adopt the April 5, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes was made by Councilmember Weldon Montague, III and seconded by Council Vice President Tency A. Eason (*Councilmembers Harold J. Johnson, Jr. and Jamie Summers-Johnson was absent and should abstain from voting*)

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

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

Absent: Hon. Kerry J. Coley

Motion Adopted**DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REVENUE COLLECTION**

The City Clerk reported the following Revenue Collection:

The Department of Community Service collected \$17,787.00 for March 2022.

The Department of Planning & Economic Development collected \$74,425.00 for February 2022

The Department of Planning & Economic Development collected \$250,897.00 for March 2022

CONSTABLE REPORTS

The City Clerk announced that Richard Noizy volunteered services on March 5th, 6th, 19th, 26th & 27th 2022

OPRA REPORTS

There were no OPRA Reports.

COUNCIL REPORTS - Council President directs Clerk to file reports.

Chief, Vincent Vitiello

Chief Vitiello stated the officers have been very proactive in getting guns off the streets. A Special Officer, (retired Police Officer), Sam Trumbell, took nine of the ROTC students to a Marine Corp Ball which raises money for fallen Marines and scholarships. Captain Cummings is being honored as Member of the Year. The Community Service Committee will be adding another Officer. Council Vice President Tency A. Eason asked the Police Chief to explain a "Ghost Gun". Chief Vitiello explained a "Ghost Gun" is when an individual purchase a gun by each individual part through the mail. This can be done with no background check or license." Councilmember Clifford A. Ross asked about the fatal case last month and has there been no arrest.

Fire Chief, Derrick Brown

Chief Brown stated that Acting Fire Director, Gerard Long announced some awards: Fire Fighter of the Year (Fire Fighter Moore), Captain of the Year (Captain Antwon), and Community Relations of the Year (Chief Brown). Yesterday there was a dispatch to 551 Lincoln Place near Tremont for a fire. The fire was a three alarm fire and the building collapsed during the fire. The building was unoccupied but neighbors reported that there were squatters on site. One firefighter sustained an injury and the Police Department was on hand to assist in crowd control. At 5:19 am this morning, April 19, 2022 a call came in at Yummy-Yo Deli reporting a fire at 235 Main Street. It was a three alarm structure fire at this site. Fire fighters had to force entry into the building. The structure was collapsing including interior walls and floors. This building is a historic building, the Masonic Lodge. There was fire assistance from surrounding towns. Chief Brown thanked the Police Department and Department of Public Works for all of their assistance. Councilmember Clifford R. Ross complimented Chief Brown and his team for a great job and asked if they knew the cause of the fire. Councilmember Weldon Montague, III inquired if the Fire Department has apparatuses to gain entry into gates. Chief Brown explained there are some concerns when there is a change of ownership or change in locks and the Knox Box no longer works. Council Vice President Tency A. Eason inquired if the Historical Building is salvageable and requested the Structural Engineer send report to the Historical Preservation Committee, and also commended Public Works for working alongside the Fire Department. Chief Brown deferred to Business Administrator, Chris Hartwyk and Public Works Director, Marty Mayes which will send the Structural Engineer to evaluate the structural integrity of the building.

Planning Director, Laquana Best

Director Best also thanked the Fire and Police Department for the hard work on these fires. The Planning Department is working with the other departments to determine if the property at 235 Main Street is salvageable especially since it is a historic building. There were questions concerning Wawa development. The construction will begin shortly and should be complete ten months. Councilmember Weldon Montague, III inquired about the project and if there will be groundbreaking on the Recreation project of the YMCA. The project should be complete in a few months. Chris Hartwyk stated we have arrangements with Rossi and the restaurant.

Tax Collector, Paula Ferreira

Paula Ferreira gave a reminder that the second quarter taxes are due on May 1st. She encourages residents to take advantage of the online system in place as it is easy, safe and convenient. Residents would go to the city's website, home page, property taxes and follow the prompts and it is a 2.9% fee for credit card payments. Councilmember Clifford R. Ross requested a meter report which comes from the Tax Collectors Department. Business Administrator, Chris Hartwyk has sent the report but has not had an opportunity to review it. Chief Financial Officer (CFO), Nile Clements stated there are a few items in transit with this report but are forth coming.

Chief Financial Officer, Nile Clements

Nile Clements apologized for the Walk-On Resolution (220-2022) being presented this evening for the Suez bills. We are working on the budget hoping to have it ready for the May 3rd City Council meeting. He also talked about the Emergency Temporary Budget on tonight's meeting.

Public Works Director, Marty Mayes,

Marty Mayes announce there will be a Shredding Event on Saturday, April 23rd from 9am-12noon in the back of City Hall (in the parking lot). Please make sure there are no staples, paperclips, or rubber bands in your items. There will be staff to assist the Senior Citizens.

Tax Assessor, Chris Murray

Chris Murray wanted to remind residents that the appeal to challenge their assessment deadline is on or before May 1st. Councilmember Adrienne Wooten asked if he could explain how the tax rate is determined. Chris Murray explained the county strikes the rate, it is the local budget, the county budget and school budget.

City Attorney, Gracia R. Montilus

Gracia R. Montilus stated that he normally does not give updates because the updates usually deal with litigation and are dealt with in closed session. Generally speaking there has been an uptake in request in respect to new Executive Orders that come from the Governor's Office as well as the re-evaluation of property taxes. The Law Department is currently undergoing measures that deal with the cost of litigation. Councilmember Adrienne Wooten inquired how we would deal with the new mask mandate. Business Administrator, Chris Hartwyk stated the Administration is currently making decisions on how Orange Township will move forward, and Business Owners can keep their own rules. City Attorney, Gracia R. Montilus added that the Health Director can make an order according to the current state of the City.

Director of Community Services, Wendy Sykes

Wendy Sykes stated the Food Pantry still has distributions every Monday and Wednesday from 10am-2pm. There are some changes in how the food is distributed to avoid waste. This may cause longer lines.

Recreation Supervisor, Keith Pressey

Keith Pressey stated the Spring Season has arrived and the programs have begun. Basketball, Baseball, Soccer, Skateboard, Gymnastics and Track. There are After School Programs - open gyms which have about 80 registered children. This past April 9th there was Iced Aged Hockey and we service about 70 kids. The Lifeguard program is going well and we can expect to have 8-10 new lifeguards. Councilmember Clifford A. Ross inquired about the

summer jobs for the youth which will be determined when the budget is complete and it will begin in May. He also inquired about the renovations at Metcalf Park. Marty Mayes stated there are Resolutions on tonight's meeting that will jump start those renovations. Council Vice President also inquired requested that Ropes Park be functional this summer as well.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

There were no Communications or Petitions

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON GENERAL ISSUES/AGENDA ITEMS

The City Clerk announced that a "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 through 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.

Aisha Samuel of 401 Highland Terrace. – Ms. Samuel stated she is still having the same parking issue. Also stated that there are cars that have notes stating that they "Can't move car" when this is false information. How is this being dealt with? Police Chief, Vincent Vitiello stated this is up the Officer's discretion but the new policy coming would alleviate some these concerns. Ms. Samuel stated the Police Department has been helpful to her and she is appreciative. She asked if the Street Cleaning is working. Marty Mayes stated the Street Cleaners are working and if she found that not to be so, to send him a text. He would also be coming out with the Engineer for another concern from Ms. Samuel.

Fatima Turner of 2 Russ Monica Court – Ms. Turner asked Marty Mayes if she could get the street paving schedule in the East Ward and when Hillyer Street and Oakwood Avenue would be paved. Marty Mayes said a small portion of Hillyer Street between Ward Street and Elm Street would be done in a couple of weeks. Marty Mayes will get Ms. Turner a printed schedule and he gave his number for her to contact him if she needed to (973-85-1921). She asked how the department determines which streets makes the pavement list. Director Mayes responded that it depends solely on the condition of the street.

Kweil Campbell of 552 Argyle Avenue – Last week the city put up signs on the outside parameters of Orange, NJ Parks which says "No Pets Allowed" essentially banning animals | pets from entering City Parks. Ms. Campbell went on to read the City Ordinance pertaining to pets in parks. She stated this posting of signs does not coincide with what the community wants. There must be an allowance for pet owners and their animals in the parks. Educate pet families. There should be a discussion and the signs should be removed until there is some resolution. The Administration sent to Law Department. The City Attorney Gracia Montilus stated the Law Department will a report early next week and this discussion should cease until such report is made available

Jocelyn White of 345 Bradford Street – Ms. White had a follow up question concerning the Fire House contaminated soil. She thanked Fire Chief Brown for the work that he and his team is doing. Fire Chief Brown stated he wants the Washington Street Station to be open but there is a process so he deferred to the Business Administrator. Business Administrator, Hartwyk stated the Environmental Remediation has commenced. But we won't know if this can be used as a Fire House until the evaluation is complete. With regards to the City Finances, she wanted to know if there were any Financial Strategies being put in to place to make things more efficient. CFO, Nile Clements explained procedures being put into place i.e. training, worksheets, etc. to make things more efficient.

Zonasha Ward of 743 Hauxton Avenue – Ms. Ward gave congratulations to the Fire Chief Brown. She further stated that city water has been coming in dark in color and appears muddy. Business Administrator, Chris Hartwyk stated this often happens when there is a fire. Chief Brown stated that several fire hydrants were used that haven't

been used in a very long time. The system was used heavily in the last two days causing a strain on the system which caused the water to come out dark. She asked to have a message sent to residents if this happens again. She stated that City phone numbers are not working properly. Business Administrator, Chris Hartwyk asked Ms. Ward to submit a list of City employees who has a full mailbox.

James H. Ward, III of 743 Hauxton Avenue – Mr. Ward reiterating concerns for a disabled resident. This is a reminder that he gives every year on the anniversary of ADA which is in July. The Americans with Disabilities Act (this will be 32 years). There is a young wheel bound resident, Jamal Williams who lives on Austin Place off Forrest Avenue. His home is not handicap accessible. His home should be put on the street pavement schedule to give him a curb cut. We are not in compliance with concerns of ADA. Business Administrator, Chris Hartwyk stated he cannot discuss the details but it is being addressed.

Ronald Scott of 548 Argyle Avenue – Mr. Scott wanted to discuss Ordinance 204-2022 concerning the budget on the remodel of Metcalf Park. Marty Mayes stated the City accepted a \$75,000, resurfacing of the tennis and basketball courts, repair to the asphalt, a path, expansion of the pool, and rehabilitation of the pavilion area. Mr. Scott would like to see a portion of those funds redirected for more pressing concerns such as lighting, security, sidewalks, and repairing the gates. Marty Mayes stated the work on the gates is scheduled and will begin soon.

Karen Wells of 288 Highland Avenue - Ms. Wells stated she was contacted concerning Washington Street Fire House and the contaminated, she contacted EPA as this is an environmental concern. Business Administrator, Chris Hartwyk stated this is NJ Department of Environmental jurisdiction. From what she understands, the Fire House is slated to be torn down for redevelopment which Business Administrator, Chris Hartwyk stated that is not in the plan. Ms. Wells also inquired if there was a timeline for the budget to be completed. Business Administrator, Chris Hartwyk stated if the budget is introduced on May 3rd the budget then becomes the Council's budget, the CBAC will receive copies, Council will convene hearings that will take a few weeks. The budget will have to be submitted to and approved by the Department of Community Affairs at the Division of Local Government before the Local Finance Board which will probably be in June possibly July and the budget will be adopted thereafter. Ms. Wells stated in terms of Economics the budget should come out in October for review and approve it by January – this lateness is costing us a fortune.

Jeffrey Feld – hardwaread@aol.com

What is the status of Orange's CY 2022 Budget and CY 2021 Unaudited Financial Statement? Must Orange obtain State Local Finance Board approval prior to adoption of its CY 2022 Budget? Based upon statements made by the Chair during the April 13, 2022 Local Finance Board Meeting, who within City Hall is responsible for monitoring all long term tax exemption agreements, ensuring receipt of payments and appropriate payments to the County? What adverse consequences can arise if a municipality misuses trust fund monies and fails to pay certain statutory and contractual long term tax exemption obligations for two consecutive years? When will the supporting supplemental debt statements for Bond Ord 28- and 29-2022 be posted on a public website? Upon adoption of the two new proposed bond ordinances, how much qualified bond ordinance cap will remain available for the City? What are the projected real property debt service increases for these two water sewer utility related bond ordinances? What is responsible for monitoring the work product and annual retention caps of all retained professionals? See, Res. 215-2022, How much has Orange paid its outside labor counsel in CY 2016, CY 2017, CY 2018, CY 2019, CY 2020 and CY 2021? Under whose municipal attorney watch did the Township of Irvington recently attempt to restrict, retain, alter and abridge a resident's right to obtain documents pursuant to the Open Public Records Act? With respect to the CY 2022 Budget #7 Emergency Appropriation Budget, how does Orange seek to fund via either encumbered or reserved monies the \$1,700,000 2022 Local Transportation Project? Does Orange have sufficient monies to make its CY 2022 \$1,105,829.85 PERS payment? See Bill List Res. 217-2022, Does Orange have sufficient monies to make its CY 2022 \$6,441,622.66 PFRS payment? See Bill List Res. 217-2022, Does Orange have any outstanding PERS and PFRS obligations? In CY 2021 and CY 2022, how much will Orange pay out in medical and dental premiums for retired and current employees? See Bill List Res. 217-2022- Who currently owns and controls the vacant former Orange Memorial Hospital site? Did Orange issue debt to acquire the vacant former Orange Memorial Hospital? 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 Did Orange waive and release all of its Feld X related professional negligence claims and causes of actions against all outside retained professionals? Had the Remanded Feld X court plaintiffs' request to depose BA Hartwyk under oath and penalty of perjury, would BA Hartwyk have confirmed plaintiffs' factual and legal allegations and the amount of long term tax exemption monies left on the table by others? Whose form and legality approval signature appears on all April 19, 2022 agenda action items? Who in City Hall is responsible for posting and reviewing the local housing authority's March 31, 2022 annual "negative balance" audit? Who delayed the Star Ledger publication of the local housing authority audit summary and the notice of the April 26, 2022 Special Closed Executive Session until the April 16, 2022 Saturday during the Passover/Easter Holiday Weekend when most residents are distracted and not paying close attention?

A motion to close Citizen Comments was made by Councilmember Clifford R. Ross and seconded by Council Vice President Tency A. Eason

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Harold J. Johnson, Jr. – He apologized for missing the last meeting he was on vacation. He is now ready to get to work with the Administration on the Budget. He gave accolades to the Fire Department on the hard work for the recent fires.

Councilmember Adrienne Wooten – She would like the support of her Council colleagues on Ordinance 27-2022. She attended the South Ward Easter Egg Hunt Event where there were over 300 kids in attendance.

Councilmember Clifford R. Ross – He stated Orange Park is a wreck. He sent pictures to Ted Ross who will attend the next Council meeting with a report and also take a look at the traffic light on Oakwood and Central. Councilmember Ross requested that Marty Mayes inform him when the handicap parking sign approved at the February meeting was installed and the curb paintings were complete. He attended the 109th NAACP Oranges & Maplewood Branch Freedom Fund Gala where two of our own were being honored. Not Orange, Inc. Sharon Bagley received the Civic Award, and Ernest Williams received the Labor & Industry Award. He also reminded his colleagues to complete the Financial Disclosure Statement.

Councilmember Jamie Summers-Johnson – To the Valley residents, there are four Ordinances on tonight's meeting that will help keep our residents safe. She wanted to congratulate South Ward Resident, Janet Mateo as the newest Library Board Member, she has a lot of plans to bring to the library. The South Ward Easter Egg Hunt was held this weekend at Metcalf Park, she thanked District Leaders Stacy Martin, Jeff Wingfield, Dave Armstrong, and William Hathaway. She also thanked the Police Department who made sure every child left with a toy and brought the McGruff Dog. She thanked the Fire Department for bringing the DJ and Sparky the dog. She also thanked Councilmember Wooten for attending. Councilmember Summers Johnson announced there will be a Mother's Day Celebration on May 3rd from 11am – 1pm at Bella Italia, call 973-592-8147 to register.

Councilmember Weldon Montague, III – He has been receiving calls from the Seniors Citizens on 133 Central Place about street lights being out. Marty Mayes stated he would get the request submitted tomorrow. Councilmember Montague, III stated he will be working through Blessed Ministries with Dr. Fitzhugh and Ms. Alevara to place IEP Students 15-18 years old in Summer Jobs paying \$17 per hour. If interested text the Councilman at 973-476-8384. He was appreciative to DPW for the work they have done to the baseball fields. Because of the parks conditions, there is a schedule conflict with the baseball fields. Keith Pressey is working on a solution.

Council Vice President Tency A. Eason – She gave congratulations to Dr. Fitzhugh on the Blue Ribbon Status. The Stem School is the number one school in the County. She has put forth a challenge for everyone to adopt a "Senior" as there are a lot of Senior Citizens who are lonely and need assistance. Cut there grass, pull in the trash cans and lend a hand.

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 until the June meeting was made by Councilmember Harold J. Johnson, Jr. and seconded by Councilmember Adrienne Wooten.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Kerry J. Coley

Postponed

9-2022 An ordinance to amend and supplement the Code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 4, Section 4-11 entitled “Agendas”.

A motion to close Citizens Comments was made by Councilmember Clifford R. Ross and seconded by Councilmember Adrienne Wooten.

Motion Adopted

A motion for final adoption was made by Councilmember Adrienne Wooten and seconded by Councilmember Jamie Summers Johnson.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Kerry J. Coley

Motion Adopted

10-2022 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. (146 Spring Street)

A motion to close Citizens Comments was made by Councilmember Clifford R. Ross and seconded by Councilmember Weldon Montague, III.

Motion Adopted

A motion for final adoption was made by Councilmember Clifford R. Ross and seconded by 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, and Hon. Adrienne Wooten

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Kerry J. Coley

Motion Adopted

- 11-2022 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. (164 Hickory Street)**

A motion to close Citizens Comments was made by Councilmember Clifford R. Ross and seconded by Councilmember Weldon Montague, III.

Motion Adopted

A motion for final adoption was made by Councilmember Clifford R. Ross and seconded by 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, and Hon. Kerry J. Coley

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion Adopted

- 12-2022 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. (613 – C Thomas Street)**

A motion to close Citizens Comments was made by Councilmember Clifford R. Ross and seconded by Council Vice President Tency A. Eason.

Motion Adopted

A motion for final adoption was made by Councilmember Clifford R. Ross and seconded by Council Vice President 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, and Hon. Kerry J. Coley

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion Adopted

- 13-2022 A refunding bond ordinance authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$3,320,000 aggregate principal amount of refunding bonds and/or refunding notes by the City of Orange Township, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey, for the purpose of funding an emergency temporary appropriation to fund an emergency contract for the operation and maintenance of the City’s water and sewer systems. (Being replaced by Ordinance 28-2022)**

Citizen Comments

Jeffrey Feld - What is the status of the \$3,320,000 Water Sewer Utility Bond Ord. 13-2022 Local Finance Board Application? Is \$3,320,000 Water Sewer Utility Ord. 28-2022 replacing and superseding \$3,320,000 Water Sewer Utility Bond Ord. 13-2022? If so, why the need for this replacement and substitution?

A motion to close Citizen Comments was made by Councilmember Clifford R. Ross and seconded by Councilmember Weldon Montague, III.

Motion Adopted

A motion to adopt for final was made by Councilmember Weldon Montague, III and seconded by Councilmember Jamie Summers Johnson

Roll Call:

Yeas: None

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

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion Not Passed

ORDINANCES – INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING

21-2022 An ordinance to amend the code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 200, entitled “Vehicles and Traffic”, Section 200-40, Schedule IX: Stop Intersections (4-way stop) (Valley Street and Freeman Street)
(Sponsored by Councilmember Summers-Johnson)

A motion to adopt on first reading was made by Councilmember Weldon Montague, III and seconded by Councilmember Jamie Summers Johnson

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, and Hon. Kerry J. Coley

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion Adopted on First Reading

Final Reading on May 17, 2022

22-2022 An ordinance to amend the code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 200, entitled “Vehicles and Traffic”, Section 200-40, Schedule IX: Stop Intersections (4-way stop) (Valley Street and Forest Street)
(Sponsored by Councilmember Summers-Johnson)

A motion to adopt on first reading was made by Councilmember Adrienne Wooten and seconded by 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, and Hon. Kerry J. Coley

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion Adopted on First Reading

Final Reading on May 17, 2022

- 23-2022 An ordinance to amend the code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 200, entitled “Vehicles and Traffic”, Section 200-40, Schedule IX: Stop Intersections (4-way stop) (Valley Street and McChesney Street)
(Sponsored by Councilmember Summers-Johnson)**

A motion to adopt on first reading was made by Councilmember Adrienne Wooten and seconded by 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, and Hon. Kerry J. Coley

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion Adopted on First Reading

Final Reading on May 17. 2022

- 24-2022 An ordinance to amend the code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 200, entitled “Vehicles and Traffic”, Section 200-40, Schedule IX: Stop Intersections (4-way stop) (Valley Street and Nassau Street)
(Sponsored by Councilmember Summers-Johnson)**

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

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, and Hon. Kerry J. Coley

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion Adopted on First Reading

Final Reading on May 17. 2022

- 25-2022 An ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 200, entitled “Vehicles and Traffic” to amend through streets.**

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

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, and Hon. Kerry J. Coley

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion Adopted on First Reading

Final Reading on May 17. 2022

26-2022 An ordinance to amend the code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 200, entitled “Vehicles and Traffic”, Section No Parking & Prohibited Parking During Certain Hours (Sponsored by Councilmember Coley)

A motion to adopt on first reading was made by Councilmember Weldon Montague, III and seconded by Councilmember Jamie Summers Johnson

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, and Hon. Kerry J. Coley

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion Adopted on First Reading

Final Reading on May 17, 2022

27-2022 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 Jamie Summers Johnson

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, and Hon. Kerry J. Coley

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion Adopted on First Reading

Final Reading on May 17, 2022

28-2022 A bond ordinance providing for various acquisitions and improvements to the City’s water and sewer systems, by and in the City of Orange Township, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey; appropriating \$3,320,000 therefor and authorizing the issuance of \$3,320,000 bonds or notes of the water and sewer utility of the City to finance costs thereof. (requires a 2/3 vote)

A motion to adopt on first reading was made by Councilmember Adrienne Wooten and seconded by 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, and Hon. Kerry J. Coley

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion Adopted on First Reading

Final Reading on May 17, 2022

- 29-2022** A bond ordinance providing for Phase I of the PFAS treatment at the Chestnut Street Pump Station, by and in the City of Orange Township, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey; appropriating \$7,000,000 therefor and authorizing the issuance of \$7,000,000 bonds or notes to finance the cost thereof. (requires a 2/3 vote)

A motion to table until the next meeting was made by Councilmember Weldon Montague, III and seconded by Councilmember Adrienne Wooten.

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, and Hon. Kerry J. Coley

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion Tabled

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. *195-2022 THROUGH *219-2022

- *195-2022** A resolution recognizing our older citizens in the City of Orange Township during National Older Americans Month 2022. (Sponsored by Councilmembers Wooten & Summers-Johnson)
- *196-2022** A resolution authorizing the Tax Collector to refund Joseph Wynter for overpayment of water/sewer made on Block 3601, Lot 8 also known as 236 Henry Street in the amount of \$26,144.91.
- *197-2022** A resolution authorizing the Tax Collector to refund Peek Highland 1 Owner Urban Renewal LLC for overpayment of water/sewer made on Block 5202, Lot 7 also known as 406 Highland Avenue in the amount of \$641.98.
- *198-2022** A resolution authorizing the Tax Collector to refund Peek Highland 1 Owner Urban Renewal LLC for overpayment of water/sewer made on Block 5202, Lot 9 also known as 386 Highland Ave. in the amount of \$61.79.
- *199-2022** A resolution authorizing the Tax Collector to refund Loraine Smart-Armstrong for overpayment of water/sewer made on Block 4902, Lot 16 also known as 407 Highland Ave. in the amount of \$152.29.
- *200-2022** A resolution authorizing the Tax Collector to refund Issac Montissol for overpayment of water/sewer made on Block 3202, Lot 21 also known as 61 Hampton Terrace in the amount of \$1,448.81.
- *201-2022** A resolution authorizing Change Order No. 1 to modify the contract for project known as the NJDOT 2019 Roadway Improvements for additional concrete sidewalk construction and striping, in the amount not to exceed \$37,494.05.

- *202-2022** A resolution amending Resolution 152-2022 authorizing a refund of one thousand four hundred one dollars and sixty-six cents (\$1,401.66) to Mark Larsen for overpayments of his contribution for medical and dental coverage for an additional amount not to exceed \$155.74.
- *203-2022** A resolution authorizing an addendum to Resolution #15-2022 to increase the contract amount for additional emergency plumbing services to city owned building from Magic Touch Construction Co., Inc., 59 W. Front Street, Keyport, New Jersey 07735 in the amount not to exceed \$8,000.00.
- *204-2022** A resolution authorizing Remington & Vernick Engineers, 2059 Springdale Road, Cherry Hill, New Jersey 08003 to provide professional services of the Metcalf Park Improvements in an amount not to exceed \$66,000.00.
- *205-2022** A resolution authorizing Remington & Vernick Engineers, 2059 Springdale Road, Cherry Hill, New Jersey 08003 to provide professional services of the Colgate Park Improvements in an amount not to exceed \$43,020.00.
- *206-2022** A resolution authorizing American Forensic Engineering (AFE), 7 Hilltop Road, Kinnelon, New Jersey 07405-2059 to provide professional engineering, design, architectural, construction/ inspection services for the NJDOT'22 Safe Streets to Transit Improvements in an amount not to exceed \$78,900.00.
- *207-2022** A resolution authorizing Mott MacDonald, 111 Wood Avenue South, Iselin, New Jersey 08830 to provide professional engineering services to support the water utility commencing January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00.
- *208-2022** A resolution authorizing a contract with 1AMG Communications, Inc., dba 7AMG Payment Solutions, 60 Market Street, Gaithersburg, MD 20878 to provide parking meter merchant processing services under the National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance (NCPA) Contract #11-46 commencing April 1, 2022 through August 31, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$1,000.00 per year.
- *209-2022** A resolution authorizing a contract to IPS Group, 7737 Kenamar Court, San Diego, CA 92121 to purchase parking meters, parts, materials, supplies and provide parking management services under the National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance (NCPA) commencing January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00 per year.
- *210-2022** A resolution authorizing the City of Orange Township to submit certain project applications for inclusion within the County of Essex Reprogramming Community Development Block Grant 2022.
- *211-2022** A resolution declaring an emergency and ratifying a contract between the City of Orange Township and C&L Towing, 38 Deforest Ave., P.O. Box 341, East Hanover, New Jersey 07936 for emergency towing services due to Tropical Storm Ida in the amount not to exceed \$1,000.00.
- *212-2022** A resolution authorizing the City of Orange Township Police Department to participate in the Defense Logistics Agency, Law Enforcement Support Office, 1033 Program to enable the City of Orange Police Department to request and acquire excess department of defense equipment.

- *213-2022** A resolution to enter into contract with Nevin Curtin of Nevin's Farm, 10 Fence Road, Warwick, New York to provide locally sourced fruit and vegetable services for Orange Farmer's Markets from June 29, 2022 to September 14, 2022.
- *214-2022** A resolution to enter into contract with Gregory Burrus, aka Gregory Burrus Around Town to provide music in the form of multiple live bands for 2022 Orange Farmers Market from June 29 2022 through September 14, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$6,000.00.
- *217-2022** A resolution approving the bill list for council meeting vote on April 19, 2022 dated April 12, 2022 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95 (Grand Total: \$11,501,836.48).
- *218-2022** A resolution of the City of Orange Township, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey authorizing the submission of an application to the Local Finance Board requesting approval of (i) a bond ordinance of the City under the provisions of the Municipal Qualified Bond Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:3-1 et seq., (the "Act"), (ii) the issuance of qualified bonds under the provisions of the Act, and (iii) the issuance of Qualified Bonds through the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 58:11B-9(a).
- *219-2022** A resolution of the City of Orange Township, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey authorizing the submission of an application of the Local Finance Board requesting approval of (i) a bond ordinance of the City under the provisions of the Municipal Qualified Bond Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:3-1 et seq., (the "Act") and (ii) the issuance of qualified bonds under the provisions of the Act.

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. Harold J. Johnson, Jr., Hon. Weldon Montague, III, Hon. Clifford R. Ross, Hon. Jamie Summers-Johnson, Hon. Adrienne Wooten, and Hon. Kerry J. Coley

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion Adopted

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

- 215-2022** A resolution authorizing payment of legal fees to Scarinci & Hollenbeck, LLP as labor counsel for an amount not to exceed \$35,000.00 for services rendered in prior years.

A motion to postpone to the May 3, 2022 meeting was made by Councilmember Weldon Montague, III and seconded by Councilmember Adrienne Wooten.

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, and Hon. Kerry J. Coley

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion to postpone

**216-2022 A resolution for emergency temporary appropriations #7 to the calendar year 2022 budget.
(Requires ⅓ vote)**

A motion to adopt was made by Councilmember Clifford R. Ross and seconded by Council Vice President 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, and Hon. Kerry J. Coley

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion Adopted

NEW BUSINESS AND WALK-ON ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

**220-2022 (WO) A Resolution approving the Suez bill list for Council meeting vote on April 19, 2022 dated April 19, 2022 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95.
(Grand Total: \$2,500,000.00)**

A motion to Walk-On Resolution 220-2022 was made by Council Vice President Tency A. Eason and seconded by Councilmember Adrienne Wooten.

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Tency A. Eason, Hon. Harold J. Johnson, Jr., Hon. Weldon Montague, III, Hon. Jamie Summers-Johnson, Hon. Adrienne Wooten, and Hon. Kerry J. Coley

Nays: Hon. Clifford R. Ross

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion Adopted

A motion to close Citizens Comments was made by Councilmember Adrienne Wooten and seconded by Councilmember Jamie-Summers Johnson.

Motion Adopted

A motion to adopt Walk-On Resolution 220-2022 was made by Council Vice President Tency A. Eason and seconded by Councilmember Jamie Summers Johnson.

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Tency A. Eason, Hon. Harold J. Johnson, Jr., Hon. Weldon Montague, III, Hon. Jamie Summers-Johnson, Hon. Adrienne Wooten, and Hon. Kerry J. Coley

Nays: Hon. Clifford R. Ross

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion Adopted

OTHER PENDING BUSINESS

There was no other pending business.

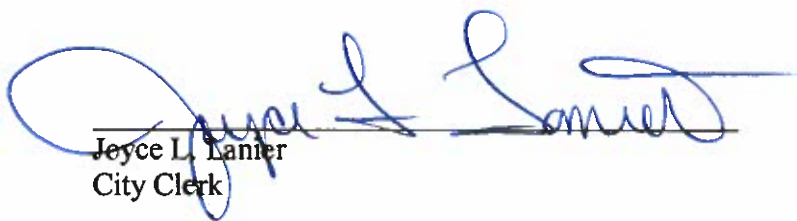
A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilmember Jamie Summers Johnson and seconded by Councilmember Weldon Montague, III.

The meeting adjourned at 10:03 p.m.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The next City Council Conference and Regular Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 3rd, 2022 virtually at 7:00 p.m.

Approved: May 3, 2022



Joyce L. Lanier
City Clerk



Kerry J. Coley
Council President