

MINUTES CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP

NEW JERSEY

THIS IS A CONFERENCE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP HELD VIA AUDIO-VIDEO CONFERENCING ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2022 AT 7:05 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Present: Council Vice President Tency A. Eason, North Ward
Councilman Hon. Harold J. Johnson, Jr., West Ward
Councilman Weldon M. Montague, III, At-Large
Councilman Clifford R. Ross, At-Large
Councilwoman Jamie Summers-Johnson, South Ward
Councilwoman Adrienne Wooten, At-Large
Council President Kerry J. Coley, East Ward

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

The City Clerk asked everyone to recognize a moment of silence

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

The City Clerk announced the requirements of N.J.S.A. 10:4-9 et. seq., "Sunshine Law" has been met. A notice of this meeting was sent to the Record Transcript, published in the Star Ledger on September 2, 2021, posted on the Bulletin Board in City Hall, the Council's Website (www.orangetwpnjcc.org), the City's Website (www.ci.orange.nj.us) and filed in the Office of the City Clerk.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

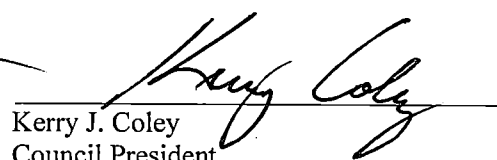
- COVID-19 Update - Vincent DeFilippo, Health Officer stated that 90% of NJ residents who have contracted Covid-19 were not been vaccinated, 75% of Orange residents have been vaccinated and 36% have boosters. Vaccinated by age range: 5-11 – 60%, 12-17 – 70%, 18-29 – 70% and 50-80 – 90%. Orange has had 7900 cases and 163 deaths, numbers have dropped drastically. FDA pulled the pee-wee booster. On March 7th mandatory masks will stop except when riding the bus. The Livingston testing center is closed on Sundays & Monday, open Tues.– Fri. 2-7pm and Sat. 8-2pm. Orange to administer vaccines at Presbyterian Church of Ghana, 510 Linden Place, on Feb. 24th. NJ has two schools closed in the southern region. Still dispensing “Mandatory mask” signs to retail stores. School masks will be determined by the Board of Education and Retail stores determine what their on policy. All paper straws will be required. The administration has indicated mask are still required. Councilman Montague, III and Ross will collaborate on 2/23 at 340 Thomas Blvd where vaccines will be administered and tablets with life time internet will be distributed to seniors. On 2/28 from 12-3pm, Councilmen Montague, III, Coley and Ross will be at Wendy’s on Main St., where vaccines will be administered and \$50 gift certificate for first time vaccine. Councilman Johnson, Jr. stated there is Free PCR testing at St. Matthews AME Church 336 Oakwood Ave., 2/15 & 2/22 from 3-6pm.
- County Liaison, Tim Walker stated he would like to connect Councilman Montague, III with a Minority Cyber firm, hoping it will get free wifi for residents. He also spoke about the issue with the three way lights. He would like to meet with Marty Mayes and any Council members who would like to join to get this issue figured out. He stated that the porta-potty has been cleaned and is done three times a week. Councilwoman Wooten asked that speed bump sign on Central Ave. be moved from side of the road to the center of the road.
- Resolutions and Ordinances to be presented on the Regular Meeting. –
 - Gracia Montilus requested closed session during Regular Meeting to discuss items 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 113, 117, & on the postponed items 71-75.
 - Councilman Johnson, Jr. asked directly to Councilwomen Summers-Johnson & Wooten about Resolution 84-2022. Councilwoman Wooten stated that the resolution spoke to accessing funds for our community and that the resolution can be revised. This legislative is asking for Administration and Business Administrator to create a committee to make a plan of attack. Councilwoman Summers-Johnson added that this Committee would be good for our city. Councilman Johnson, Jr. stated that there is a piece missing like the Efficiency Committee. The discussion to change and postpone until the March meeting. Councilman Ross added that there is also a group that is onboard that does the work that this legislative will do.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45pm was made by Councilman Clifford R. Ross and seconded by Council Harold Johnson, Jr.

Approved:



Joyce L. Danier,
City Clerk



Kerry J. Coley
Council President