

MINUTES CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP

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THIS IS THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP HELD VIA AUDIO-VIDEO CONFERENCING ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2022 FOLLOWING THE CONFERENCE MEETING.

Council President Kerry J. Coley led the assembled in a Salute to the American Flag.

ROLL CALL

Present: Council Vice President Tency A. Eason, North Ward
Councilman Harold J. Johnson, Jr., West Ward
Councilman Weldon M. Montague, III, At-Large
Councilman Clifford R. Ross, At-Large
Councilmember Jamie Summers-Johnson, South Ward
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
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
Margaret Homere, City Clerk's Office
Tamara Robinson, City Clerk's Office
Gabrielle Sims-Shelton, City Clerk's Office
Trisha Scipio, City Clerk's Office

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.

There were no minutes to approve

REPORTS

- The City Clerk reported that the City Clerk's office collected \$625.00 in December 2021 and \$60 in January 2022. She also stated the Historic Preservation Commission collected \$70.00 in December 2021 and 140.00 in January 2022: \$140.00.
- There were no Constable reports.
- The Clerk reported there were 132 OPRA requests received, 85 completed and 47 pending for the month of January 2022.
- COUNCIL REPORTS - Council President directs Clerk to file reports.

- Vincent Vitiello, Police Chief stated that there was another officer hired by the Construction Company and cones placed on Crane Street due to former complaints. Officers have been directed to take notes during their shift if they notice street lights out so DPW can be notified. There was an arrest of 7 known gang members, confiscated two guns and drugs on Central Place. ICAT, LGBGT, SEEK and Jewish Orthodox training has been given to the force. Councilman Montague, III raised traffic concerns near Park Avenue School. Chris Hartwyk stated a survey has been taken and the results should roll out soon.
- Fire Chief, Gerard Long, stated that smoke detector installations are on-going and residents can make an appointment by calling 973-518-1703. There are two trucks in need of repair, we still assist surrounding towns, three fire fighters have completed CPR training, and the OHS JR. ROTC will be taking CPR training as they shadow fire fighters. He also stated there are 3CR Instructors, the goal is to have 7. Councilman Montague, III requested CPR training for coaches.
- Public Works Director, Marty Mayes stated we want to keep the snow machinery up and operating. DPW is setting up road and park projects when the weather breaks and fencing of all the parks is on that agenda. College Park will be open for the spring. Planning substantial work in Colgate Park even though it is a challenge because there is some unknown vandalism. Planning a complete make over for Ropes Park late spring and applying for Green Acres funding. Council President Coley requested a written overview to follow the progress report. Council Vice President asked to add “park is closed” signs up and no trespassing signs. Councilman Johnson, Jr. asked about the grant which is earmarked and infrastructure on sidewalk and curbs. The Dwayne Street update is forth coming. Chris Hartwyk gave an update on the roof repair and reported the gas will be purchased between wholesale and retail price. Marty Mayes gave an update on the completion of the fuel station, the last step is an IT stage installing cameras and chips to prevent theft.
- Planning Director, Laquana Best reported all redevelopment projects are moving as scheduled. The Orange Chamber of Commerce will hold its second Community Commercial and Residential Seminar in collaboration with East Orange & Irvington on March 10th, 6-8pm at Sandwiches Unlimited and the tickets are \$10. She thanked all who supported the PSE&G event. Councilwoman Summers-Johnson asked the Director to give clarification for the residents about how projects are approved. Chris Hartwyk stated the project for the new recreation center is honing on the design. Director Best stated the Wawa would be complete late summer – early fall they are dealing with water connection issues. The area study has a list of properties set for condemnation which will be discussed at the Planning Board meeting on next Wednesday.
- Tax Collector, Paula Ferreira stated that 1st quarter tax collection letters have been mailed, and letters for payments due on March 1st will be mailed this week. Councilwoman Summers Johnson requested publishing the new phone list to residents. Councilman Ross commended the Tax Collector for the rate of tax collection. Councilman Johnson, Jr. inquired about enrollment in to the Tax Freeze which is through the state.
- Tax Assessor, Christopher Murray gave an update on the rebound which is in the final stages and residents will receive notification within the week. Councilwoman Summers-Johnson shared complaints about PPA keeping appointments. Councilwoman Wooten gave a message from a resident.
- Chief Financial Officer, Nile Clements stated that the Annual Debt Statement has been filed with the state. The Max is 3.5% and Orange is at 2.604% down from 2.999% in 2020. Councilman Montague, III inquired about the Budget Meeting which will be April.

There were no communications and petitions.

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The City Clerk announced “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.

James H. Ward, III of 743 Haxtun Ave. expressed how pleased he was to hear about the advancements in fixing the embankments at Orange schools. He also called for a pause on the PSE&G sub-station project to have proper community review.

Gloria Fisher, 254 Ellen Drive shared concerns about Animal Control and being able to contact someone in the department. Chris Hartwyk told her to contact him tomorrow to connect her. Vincent DeFilippo also gave her a number to call and to contact him the next day to get a direct connection.

Kweli Campbell, 552 Argyle Ave inquired about the Open Tax Committee as she has been placed on this committee. The City Clerk directed her to call the Clerk’s office to be connected to Keith Pressey.

The City Clerk read comments from Aubrey Murdock, 540 Liberty St. she wrote in response to Council replies on Citizens comments and petition last week regarding new development in Orange.

Karen Wells expressed concerns about PSE&G and why didn’t this come before the Historic Preservation Commission. She also wanted to understand why the tax assessment re-evaluation is being done eight years versus ten years. Chris Murray and Chris Hartwyk addressed the process the department is following.

Jamar Young, 678 Haxtun Ave, expressed concerns about tax assessment and the goal behind the tax re-evaluation and what we expect to come from this. Christopher Murray responded to how it would benefit the city.

William Hathaway, District Leader for West 3 was opposed the Ordinance 84-2022, American Jobs Plan. He recommended that the Administration, Councilwomen Summers-Johnson and Wooten consider when this Ordinance returns there is Community input. Funds should be directed to the roads, infrastructure of the trains. There should be more awareness for more jobs and small businesses.

Quantavia Hilbert, 353 Lincoln Ave, Addressed DPW Marty Mayes, Chief Vincent Vitiello and Tim Walker and requested more safety, Crossing Guards, road markings, and engineers to revisit for more traffic re-enforcement on Scotland Rd, between Main St. and Central Ave., as there are multiple schools in this area. The overpass makes it more dangerous.

The City Clerk read a statement from Jeffrey Feld that asked are We the People and not the mayor, certain redevelopers and the local housing authority the ultimate clients and constituents of the City Attorney and local governing body? When will the CY 2020 Audit and the “as of Dec. 31, 2021” annual debt statement be posted on a public website? How many non-tax appeal

matters are pending against the municipality? Under what categories do the other litigation retention matters listed on the Feb. 15, 2022 agenda fall? Joseph Cruz Jr- ESX-L-0013-22; Alice Lang-ESX-L-5170-18; Kason Scruggs ESX-L-1742- 20; Kyanna Pulard-2:17-CV-11304-KM, Louis DeSources-2:18-CV-09324- Sd; Kerri PayneESX-L-8869-20 5. How does Orange intend to stop and to mitigate the public trust fund cash bleeding related to its in-house legal department and litigation? 6. Has the City reserved any monies for all the litigation matters listed on the Feb. 15, 2022 Agenda? 7. Does the local governing body receive monthly or quarterly outstanding litigation update reports? 8. How does the local governing body monitor and review the professional work product of these cases? 9. In 2017, did Attorney Feld, BA Hartwyk and City Attorney Pennington negotiate a global Feld related settlement that the mayor rejected upon the advice of special outside defense counsel? 10. In 2013, when the local governing body approved the contested Feld X Walter G. Alexander Phase III long term tax exemption agreement, who were the chairs of the Housing Authority of the City of Orange (Cliff Ross) and the Orange Housing Development Corp. (Avram White)? . Does the Feb. 15, 2011 sworn testimony of the City's then outside redevelopment consultant (Thomas Banker) undermine and contradict the City's Remanded Feld X contention that the Long Term Tax Exemption Law does not contain a 10% of revenues minimum floor on all non-Redevelopment Area Bond transactions?

A motion to close Citizens Comments was made by Councilmember Summers-Johnson and seconded by Councilman Montague, III.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilwoman Jamie Summers-Johnson reported she conducted a vaccine event that administered Covid-19 boosters, Vaccines and testing where they also gave 40 bags of food, clothes and toys to residents. She also had South Ward Rental Assistance Association to give residents information that could help them. There will be a meeting on February 23 at 7pm a community policing event.

Councilman Weldon Montague, III spoke about an event where Covid-19 vaccines will be administered. He would also be distributing new clothes on Monday. Give any information for churches or any entity which will take the donations for distribution.

Councilman Adrienne Wooten suggested that everyone get their yearly check-up especially since it is National Hear Month. She and Councilwoman Summers-Johnson will collaborate with Valley Arts. Upcoming events including: March 17th Women's History Month Proclamation Event, March 19th Team Girl Empowerment (Teen dating), March 24th Teen Mental Health and March 25th Senior Forum. Every Saturday in March at the Field House will be Soup Saturday's, food bags and PPE will be distributed. Looking forward to working on Resolution 84-2022. Register your pet at City Hall tomorrow. She requested a follow-up for people given tenure.

Councilman Clifford R. Ross requested an update from the administration when a new project is in its infancy stages. He requested the City Developer address the city development plans. He also requested a Committee be formed consisting of Administration and three Councilmembers to discuss: 1. Affordable housing 2. Conversatio0ns with developers to discuss contributions to our Fire Department, Police Department, Library Water Well, and Schools 3. Request the developer contribute to Fire and Police personnel. Chris Hartwyk stated we need to get legal clarification for items we can ask of developers. Councilman Ross stated there is a program with 18 slots for Lifeguard training.

Councilman Harold Johnson, Jr. yielded his time

Council Vice President Tency Eason also stated in essence of time she wanted to ask all to stay prayed up for our city during this difficult time of the pandemic. She thanked the BA and Fire Department and offered her support.

Council President Kerry Coley stated he would follow up with the BA off line concerning the parking situation on Park Place.

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 06/01/2021 Council Meeting)

A motion to table Ordinance 24-2021 was made by Council Vice President Tency Eason and seconded by Councilmember Weldon Montague, III

Yeas: Council Vice President Eason, Councilman Johnson, Jr., Councilman Montague, III, Councilman Ross,

Councilmember Summers-Johnson, Councilmember Wooten, Council President Coley

Nays: None

Abstains: None

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.

*79-2022 A resolution appointing CP Professional Services, 35 Sparta Avenue, Sparta, New Jersey 07871 to provide professional engineering services for CY 2021 January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 pursuant to the escrow schedule, not to exceed \$50,000 per Board specifically for the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment that will be paid by escrow funds only.

*80-2022 A resolution certifying compliance with the Directive of the Division of Local Government Services, regarding the Annual Audit for the Calendar Year 2020.

*82-2022 A resolution re-appointing Ashanti Connor, a resident of Orange, New Jersey as a regular member to the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the City of Orange Township, New Jersey.

*83-2022 A resolution recognizing Self Injury Awareness Day in the City of Orange Township. (Sponsored by Councilmembers Wooten & Summers-Johnson)

*85-2022 A resolution recognizing National Women's History Month in the City of Orange Township. (Sponsored by Councilmembers Wooten & Summers-Johnson)

- *86-2022 A resolution recognizing World Teen Mental Wellness Day in the City of Orange Township. (Sponsored by Councilmembers Wooten & Summers-Johnson)
- *87-2022 A resolution for the transfer of appropriation reserves #2
- *88-2022 A resolution authorizing the City of Orange Township Police Department to accept grant funds from the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety Office of the Attorney General SFY21 Body-Worn Camera Grant program.
- *89-2022 A resolution authorizing the acceptance of New Jersey Department of Transportation Grant funds for the City of Orange Township for 2022 Transit Village Improvements in the amount of \$100,000.00.
- *90-2022 A resolution authorizing a contract to Millennium Consulting, LLC 60 Columbia Road, Morristown, New Jersey 07960 in the amount not to exceed \$55,200.00 for 2022 professional grant writing services.
- *91-2022 A resolution authorizing the City of Orange Township, NJ to accept a subgrant award of the federal fiscal year 2021 of Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) and Emergency Management Agency Assistance (EMAA)
- *92-2022 A resolution amending Resolution 10-2022 authorizing the Tax Collector to refund Trystone Capital Assets, LLC for overpayment of water/sewer made on Block 7004 Lot 4 also known as 751 Vose Avenue in the amount of \$2,083.13. The refund in the amount of \$2,083.13 should be refunded to 751 Vose Avenue Urban Renewal LLC bit Trystone Capital Assets LLC.
- *93-2022 A resolution authorizing the Tax Collector to cancel 2017 and 2018 billing on 475 South Jefferson Street a/k/a Berg Hat Factory Condominiums for a total amount of \$21,252.20.
- *94-2022 A resolution authorizing Remington & Vernick Engineers, 2059 Springdale Road, Cherry Hill, New Jersey 08003 to provide professional engineering services Phases I – III for the CDBG'21 Ward Street Repaving (between Park Street to Hillyer Street) in an amount not to exceed \$18,960.00.
- *95-2022 A resolution for member participation by the City of Orange Township in the Passaic County Cooperative Pricing System ID#38PCCP and to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement.
- *96-2022 A resolution authorizing a contract to MTB Electric, LLC, 366 Fairview Avenue, Long Valley, New Jersey 07853 to provide emergency electrical services to all City owned properties under the ESCNJ 18/19-77 commencing January 1, 2022 through June 30, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$35,000.00.
- *97-2022 A resolution authorizing Matrix New World Engineering, 26 Columbia Turnpike, 2nd Floor, Florham Park, New Jersey 07932 to provide professional engineering and construction administrative services for the CDBG'20 Central Playground Improvements Phase II in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00.
- *98-2022 A resolution authorizing an addendum to Resolution #312-2021 to increase the contract amount for additional emergency plumbing services to City owned building from

Magic Touch Construction Co., Inc., 59 West Front Street, Keyport, New Jersey 07735 in the amount not to exceed \$4,428.38.

*99-2022 A resolution authorizing an addendum to Resolution #419-201 to increase the contract amount for two (2) Elgin Street sweepers from W.E. Timmerman Co., 3554 Route 22 West, P.O. Box 71, Whitehouse, New Jersey 08888, in an amount not to exceed \$4,179.09.

*100-2022 A resolution authorizing the purchase of one (1) 2022 Ford E-450 16 passenger mini bus with two (2) wheelchairs for the Department of Community Services under the HCESC Co-Op Contract HCESC-VEH-21-10; to H.A. DeHart & Son, Inc., 311 Crown Point Road, Thorofare, New Jersey 08086 in the amount not to exceed \$81,211.00

*101-2022 A resolution authorizing the awarding of a contract for the NJDOT Roadway Improvements to ADG Contracting Corp, DBA Crossroads Paving, 386 South Street, Suite 169, Newark, New Jersey 07105 in the amount not to exceed \$550,873.50.

*102-2022 A resolution authorizing a contract to purchase uniforms with Galls Uniforms, 1015 Broad Street, Newark, New Jersey 07102 under State Contract #20-FOOD-00801 until December 31, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$135,000.00.

*103-2022 A resolution for the approval to procure the services for psychological evaluations for the City of Orange Township Police Department from the Institute for Forensic Psychology, 5 Fir Court, Suite 2, Oakland, NJ 07436 commencing on January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$17,500.00.

*104-2022 A resolution rescinding Resolution 16-2022 authorizing a contract with Generations Technologies, Inc., to provide emergency electrical services to all City owned properties under the HCESC-SER-21B commencing January 1, 2022 through November 2, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$70,000.00 per year.

*112-2022 A resolution authorizing the retention of Jeanette Calderon-Arnold, Esq., to serve as tax counsel for the City of Orange Township in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 for Calendar Year 2022.

*114-2022 A resolution for the approval to acquire the renewing of the services to maintain the electronic document management for police policies within the Orange Police Department from Power DMS located at 101 S. Garland Avenue, Suite 300, Orlando, Florida 32801 from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$7,679.68.

*115-2022 A resolution for the approval to acquire the service to maintain the lights and radios for the police vehicles under the New Jersey State Contract #83898 for the City of Orange Township Police Department from Northeast Communications, 244 East Union Turnpike, Wharton, New Jersey 07885 in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00.

*116-2022 A resolution approving the Bill List for Council Meeting vote on February 15, 2022 dated February 09, 2022 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95. (Grand Total: \$7,690,886.01).

*119-2022 A resolution ratifying and authorizing the award of an emergency contract for HVAC repairs to Millennium Mechanical LLC, P.O. Box 1020, Little Falls, New Jersey 07424 and the City of Orange Township, in an amount not to exceed \$9,455.00.

There was a motion to adopt the consent agenda made by Councilmember Weldon Montague, III and seconded by Councilmember Clifford R. Ross

Yeas: Council Vice President Eason, Councilman Johnson, Jr., Councilman Montague, III, Councilman Ross,

Councilmember Summers-Johnson, Councilmember Wooten, Council President Coley

Nays: None

Abstains: None

Motion passed

81-2022 A resolution celebrating the life of Gail Myra Williams Velox. (Sponsored by Councilmember Eason)

A motion by Councilmember Weldon Montague, III and seconded by Councilmember Adrienne Wooten

Yeas: Council Vice President Eason, Councilman Johnson, Jr., Councilman Montague, III, Councilman Ross,

Councilmember Summers-Johnson, Councilmember Wooten, Council President Coley

Nays: None

Abstains: None

Motion passed

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)

Motioned to postponed resolution 84-2022 by Councilmember Adrienne Wooten and seconded by Councilmember Weldon Montague, III

Yeas: Council Vice President Eason, Councilman Johnson, Jr., Councilman Montague, III, Councilman Ross,

Councilmember Summers-Johnson, Councilmember Wooten, Council President Coley

Nays: None

Abstains: None

Postponed

118-2022 A resolution of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township, Essex County, New Jersey appointing Paula Ferreira as Municipal Tax Collector for the City of Orange Township.

Motioned was made by Councilman Clifford R. Ross and seconded by Councilman Weldon Montague, III

Yeas: Council Vice President Eason, Councilman Johnson, Jr., Councilman Montague, III, Councilman Ross,

Councilmember Summers-Johnson, Councilmember Wooten, Council President Coley

Nays: None

Abstains: None

Motion passed

A motion to enter into Executive Session made by Councilman Clifford R. Ross and seconded by Councilman Harold Johnson, Jr.

Motioned was made by Councilman Clifford R. Ross and seconded by Councilman Weldon Montague, III

Yeas: Council Vice President Eason, Councilman Johnson, Jr., Councilman Montague, III, Councilman Ross,

Councilmember Summers-Johnson, Councilmember Wooten, Council President Coley

Nays: None

Abstains: None

Motion passed

On Resolution 120-2022 – A Resolution to enter into Executive Session to discuss litigation matters which will be discussed once out of Executive Session.

Motioned was made by Councilman Clifford R. Ross and seconded by Councilman Weldon Montague, III

Yeas: Council Vice President Eason, Councilman Johnson, Jr., Councilman Montague, III, Councilman Ross,

Councilmember Summers-Johnson, Councilmember Wooten, Council President Coley

Nays: None

Abstains: None

Motion passed

Entered into Executive Session at 9:43 pm

Returned from Executive Session at 10:04pm

Present	Council Vice President Tency A. Eason, North Ward
	Councilman Harold J. Johnson, Jr., West Ward
	Councilman Weldon M. Montague, III, At-Large
	Councilman Clifford R. Ross, At-Large
	Councilmember Jamie Summers-Johnson, South Ward
	Councilmember Adrienne Wooten, At-Large
	Council President Kerry J. Coley, East Ward
	Joyce L. Lanier, City Clerk's Office
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	Trisha Scipio, City Clerk's Office

Councilman Harold Johnson, Jr. made a statement that he would vote in the affirmative for resolution 117-2022 but voting in the negative for the remaining resolutions discussed in executive session.

105-2022 A resolution retaining Scarinci & Hollenbeck, LLC as special counsel with regard to various legal matters and litigation regarding the City of Orange Township in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 for Calendar Year 2022.

A motion to postpone Resolution 105-2022 was made by Councilmember Clifford R. Ross and seconded by Councilmember Weldon Montague, III

Yeas: Councilmember Wooten,

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Nays: Council Vice President Eason, Councilman Johnson, Jr., Councilman Montague, III, Councilman Ross,

Councilmember Summers-Johnson, Councilmember Wooten, Council President Coley

Abstains: None

Postponed

The Business Administrator made a statement on remaining resolutions concerning litigations be postponed until the next meeting. Councilmember Harold Johnson, Jr. requested colleagues rescind motion on 105-2022.

Councilman Clifford Ross rescinded his motion for resolution 105-2022 and Councilman Weldon Montague, III rescinded his second to the motion.

A motion to postpone Resolution 105-2022 was made by Councilmember Harold Johnson, Jr. and seconded by Councilman Clifford R. Ross

Yeas: Council Vice President Eason, Councilman Johnson, Jr., Councilman Montague, III, Councilman Ross,

Councilmember Summers-Johnson, Council President Coley

Nays: None

Abstains: Councilmember Wooten

Postponed

106-2022 A resolution authorizing the services of The David C. Stanziale, LLC, to represent the City of Orange Township and Orange Police Department in the matter "Joseph M. Cruz, Jr. v. City of Orange Township and Orange Township Police Department" Docket No. ESX-L-000013-22 in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 for Calendar Year 2022.

A motion to postpone resolution 106-2022 was made by Councilmember Weldon Montague, III and seconded by Councilmember Harold Johnson, Jr.

Yeas: Council Vice President Eason, Councilman Johnson, Jr., Councilman Montague, III, Councilman Ross,

Councilmember Summers-Johnson, Councilmember Wooten, Council President Coley

Nays: None

Abstains: None

Postponed

107-2022 A resolution renewing a professional service agreement with the Law Office of David C. Stanziale, LLC to represent the City of Orange Township in the matter, "Alice Lang v. The City of Orange Township" Docket No. EXL-1-5170-18, in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 for Calendar Year 2022.

A motion to postpone resolution 107-2022 was made by Councilmember Weldon Montague, III and seconded by Councilmember Harold Johnson, Jr. Council Vice President Tency Eason made a note that this resolution needed to be returned for modifications. Councilmember Weldon Montague, III rescinded his motion and Councilmember Harold Johnson, Jr. rescinded his second.

A motion to return Resolution 107-2022 to administration was made by Councilman Weldon Montague, III and seconded by Councilman Clifford R. Ross

Yeas: Council Vice President Eason, Councilman Johnson, Jr., Councilman Montague, III, Councilman Ross,

Councilmember Summers-Johnson, Councilmember Wooten, Council President Coley

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Nays: None

Abstains: None

Returned to Administration

108-2022 A resolution renewing a professional service agreement with Michael Armstrong & Associates, LLC as special counsel to represent the City of Orange Township in the matter, "Anthony Carey v. The City of Orange Township" Docket No. EXL-1742-20, in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00 for Calendar Year 2022.

A motion to return Resolution 108-2022 to administration was made by Councilmember Weldon Montague, III and seconded by Council Vice President Tency Eason

Yeas: Council Vice President Eason, Councilman Johnson, Jr., Councilman Montague, III, Councilman Ross,

Councilmember Summers-Johnson, Councilmember Wooten, Council President Coley

Nays: None

Abstains: None

Returned to Administration

109-2022 A resolution authorizing the services of The Antoine Law Firm, LLC, to represent the City of Orange Township in the matter, "Hillman Consulting, LLC v. City of Orange Township" Docket No. ESX-L-005658-21 in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 for Calendar Year 2022.

A motion to postpone Resolution 109-2022 was made by Councilmember Weldon Montague, III and seconded by Council Vice President Tency Eason

Yeas: Council Vice President Eason, Councilman Johnson, Jr., Councilman Montague, III, Councilman Ross,

Councilmember Summers-Johnson, Councilmember Wooten, Council President Coley

Nays: None

Abstains: None

Postponed

110-2022 A resolution authorizing the services of The Antoine Law Firm, LLC to represent the City of Orange Township in the matter, "Katalin Gordon v. City of Orange Township" Docket No. A-001449-20T1 in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 for Calendar Year 2022.

A motion to postpone Resolution 110-2022 was made by Councilmember Weldon Montague, III and seconded by Councilmember Harold Johnson, Jr.

Yeas: Council Vice President Eason, Councilman Johnson, Jr., Councilman Montague, III, Councilman Ross,

Councilmember Summers-Johnson, Councilmember Wooten, Council President Coley

Nays: None

Abstains: None

Postponed

111-2022 A resolution authorizing the retention of Florio Kenny Raval, LLP, to serve as tax counsel for the City of Orange Township, in the amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 for Calendar Year 2022.

A motion to postpone Resolution 111-2022 was made by Councilmember Weldon Montague, III and seconded by Councilmember Clifford R. Ross.

Yeas: Council Vice President Eason, Councilman Johnson, Jr., Councilman Montague, III, Councilman Ross,

Councilmember Summers-Johnson, Councilmember Wooten, Council President Coley

Nays: None

Abstains: None

Postponed

113-2022 A resolution authorizing a contract for professional legal counsel services to represent Councilperson Adrienne Wooten and Councilperson Jamie Summers-Johnson in the matter of City of Orange Township and Dwayne D. Warren, in his official capacity as Mayor vs. Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township, et al, bearing Docket No. ESX-L-006949-21 in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00.

A motion to postpone Resolution 113-2022 was made by Councilman Weldon Montague, III and seconded by Councilmember Clifford R. Ross.

Councilmember Adrienne Wooten stated this Resolution was to obtain council for herself and Councilwoman Summers Johnson

Councilman Weldon Montague, III rescinded his motion and Councilman Clifford R. Ross rescinded his second

A motion for Resolution 113-2022 was made by Councilmember Weldon Montague, III and seconded by Councilmember Summers-Johnson

Yeas: Council Vice President Eason, Councilman Johnson, Jr., Councilman Montague, III, Councilman Ross,

Councilmember Summers-Johnson, Councilmember Wooten, Council President Coley

Nays: None

Abstains: None

Approved

117-2022 A resolution approving a settlement agreement and release between the City of Orange Township and Constellation New Energy Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$225,000.00.

A motion for Resolution 117-2022 was made by Councilmember Weldon Montague, III and seconded by Councilmember Clifford R. Ross

Yeas: Council Vice President Eason, Councilman Johnson, Jr., Councilman Montague, III, Councilman Ross,

Councilmember Summers-Johnson, Councilmember Wooten, Council President Coley

Nays: None

Abstains: None

Approved

71-2022 A resolution renewing a professional service agreement with the Law Offices of Michael A.

Armstrong & Associates, LLC to represent the City of Orange Township in the matter, "Anthony Carey

v. The City of Orange Township, et al., Docket No. EXL-002475-20 in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00

for Calendar Year 2022.

A motion to postpone Resolution 71-2022 was made by Councilmember Harold Johnson, Jr. and seconded by Councilmember Clifford R. Ross

Yeas: Council Vice President Eason, Councilman Johnson, Jr., Councilman Montague, III, Councilman Ross,

Councilmember Summers-Johnson, Councilmember Wooten, Council President Coley

Nays: None

Abstains: None

Postponed

72-2022 A resolution renewing a professional service agreement with the Law Offices of Childress & Jackson, LLC to represent the City of Orange Township in the matter, "Kason Scruggs, Jr. and infant by his G/A/L Salena West and Salena West, individually v. The City of Orange Township" Docket No. EXL-1742-20, in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00 for Calendar Year 2022.

A motion to postpone Resolution 72-2022 was made by Councilmember Harold Johnson, Jr. and seconded by Councilmember Weldon Montague, III

Yeas: Council Vice President Eason, Councilman Johnson, Jr., Councilman Montague, III, Councilman Ross,

Councilmember Summers-Johnson, Councilmember Wooten, Council President Coley

Nays: None

Abstains: None

Postponed

73-2022 A resolution amending Resolution No. 116-2021 to authorize additional attorney fees for Chasan Lamparello Mallon & Cappuzzo, LLC, as special counsel in Calendar Year 2022 with regard to "Kyvana D. Pulyado v. Township of Orange, Pablo Cajica, Yolanda Holmes, Sergeant Aydily Olivera, Detective Sergeant Brian Mooney, John Doe Police Officers and John Doe Sgts/Chiefs and Supervisors," Docket No. 2:17-CV-11304-KM-CLW in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00.

A motion to postpone Resolution 73-2022 was made by Councilmember Weldon Montague, III Council Vice President Tency Eason made a point of order that this resolution would be revised

Councilmember Weldon Montague, III rescinded his motion to postpone Resolution 73-2022

A motion to return Resolution 73-2022 to administration was made by Councilmember Weldon Montague, III and seconded by Council Vice President Tency Eason

Yeas: Council Vice President Eason, Councilman Johnson, Jr., Councilman Montague, III, Councilman Ross,

Councilmember Summers-Johnson, Councilmember Wooten, Council President Coley

Nays: None

Abstains: None

Returned to Administration

A motion to extend the meeting was made by Councilmember Clifford E. Ross and seconded by Councilmember Harold Johnson, Jr.

Yeas: Council Vice President Eason, Councilman Johnson, Jr., Councilman Montague, III, Councilman Ross,

Councilmember Summers-Johnson, Councilmember Wooten, Council President Coley

Nays: None

Abstains: None

74-2022 A resolution amending Resolution No. 116-2021 to authorize additional attorney fees for Chasan Lamparello Mallon & Cappuzzo, LLC as special counsel in Calendar Year 2022 with regard to Louis D. Dessources v. Dennis Manning, et al., Docket No. 2:18-CV-09324-SD-LDW in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00.

A motion to return Resolution 74-2022 to administration was made by Council Vice President Tency Eason and seconded by Councilmember Weldon Montague, III

Yeas: Council Vice President Eason, Councilman Johnson, Jr., Councilman Montague, III, Councilman Ross,

Councilmember Summers-Johnson, Councilmember Wooten, Council President Coley

Nays: None

Abstains: None

Returned to Administration

75-2022 A resolution amending Resolution No. 186-2021 to authorize additional attorney fees for Ruderman & Roth, LLC, as special counsel in Calendar Year 2022 with regard to "Keri Payne v. City of Orange Township, et al." Docket No. ESX-L-8869-20 in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00.

A motion to postponed Resolution 75-2022 to was made by Councilmember Weldon Montague, III and seconded by Councilmember Clifford R. Ross

Yeas: Council Vice President Eason, Councilman Johnson, Jr., Councilman Montague, III, Councilman Ross,

Councilmember Summers-Johnson, Councilmember Wooten, Council President Coley

Nays: None

Abstains: None

Postponed

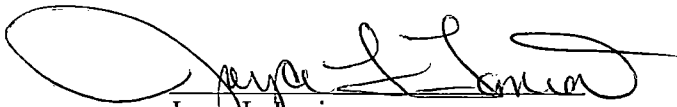
There was no New Business, Walk-On Ordinances, Walk-On Resolutions or Pending Business.


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

The meeting adjourned at 10:30pm

(The next City Council Conference and Regular Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 1, 2022 virtually at 7:00 p.m.)

Approved:


Joyce L. Danier,
City Clerk


Kerry J. Coley
Council President