

**MINUTES CITY COUNCIL**  
**CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP**  
**NEW JERSEY**

**A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE CALENDAR YEAR 2022 LOCAL MUNICIPAL BUDGET OF THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP HELD VIA AUDIO-VIDEO CONFERENCING ON TUESDAY, JUNE 21, 2022 AT 6:08 P.M.**

**Roll Call:**

**Present:** Council Vice-President Tency A. Eason, North Ward  
Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III, At-Large  
Councilmember Clifford R. Ross, At-Large  
Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, South Ward  
Council President Kerry J. Coley, East Ward

**Also Present:** Joyce L. Lanier, City Clerk  
Chris M. Hartwyk, Business Administrator (Arrived at 6:10pm)  
Laquana Best, Planning Director  
Nile Clements, Chief Financial Officer  
Aaron Mizrahi, Law Department  
Gracia R. Montilus, City Attorney  
Marlin G. Townes, Legislative Research Office  
Margarette Homere, City Clerk's Office  
Tamara Robinson, City Clerk's Office  
Trisha Scipio, City Clerk's Office  
Gabrielle Sims-Shelton, City Clerk's Office  
Blair Landolfi, Budget Consultant  
Carl Fields, Jr., CBAC  
Quantavia Hilbert, CBAC  
Carol Perkins, CBAC  
Charles Pryor, II, CBAC  
Zonasha Ward, CBAC  
Christopher Wells, CBAC  
Lenor Young, CBAC

**Absent:** Councilmember Harold J. Johnson, Jr.  
Councilmember Adrienne Wooten, At-Large

The City Clerk announced a recognition of a moment of silence.

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 both the Record Transcript and Star Ledger and published on June 9, 2022, posted on the Council's website ([www.orangetwpnjcc.org](http://www.orangetwpnjcc.org)), the City's website ([www.ci.orange.nj.us](http://www.ci.orange.nj.us)) and filed in the Office of the City Clerk.

**Resolution No. 279A-2022 A resolution to read the budget by title for the Calendar Year 2022.**

A motion to adopt was made by Council Vice President Tency A. Eason and seconded by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III

**Roll Call**

**Yea:** Hon. Tency A. Eason, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Clifford R. Ross,  
Hon. Jamie B. Summers Johnson, Hon. Kerry J. Coley

**Nay:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** Hon. Harold J. Johnson, Jr. and Hon Adrienne Wooten

**Motion Adopted**

**THIS IS THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2022 LOCAL MUNICIPAL BUDGET.**

A motion to open the Public Hearing on the Calendar Year 2022 Budget for the City of Orange Township was made by Council Vice President Tency A. Eason and seconded by Councilmember Jamie B. Summers Johnson

The City Clerk announced that this is an advertised Public Hearing on the Calendar Year 2022 Municipal Budget. Copies have been made available to the public on the Council's website ([www.orangetwpnjcc.org](http://www.orangetwpnjcc.org)) and the City's website ([www.ci.orange.nj.us](http://www.ci.orange.nj.us)).

The City Clerk announced that before opening this hearing, I wish to outline the procedure. All Citizens will be allowed to comment through the "Raise Hand" feature during the Public Hearing. Citizens that wish to speak should remain on mute until acknowledged by the Council President to speak. Citizens shall be allotted up to five (5) minutes each to participate. In addition, all questions or comments with the commenter's name and address submitted by email to [citizencomments@orangenj.gov](mailto:citizencomments@orangenj.gov) on or before June 20, 2022 by 7:00 p.m. will be posted on the City's websites. All public comments submitted through electronic mail or written letter before the remote public meeting shall be read aloud and addressed during the remote public meeting in a manner audible to all meeting participants and the public listening. The City Council may pass over duplicative written comments; however, each duplicative comment shall be noted for the record with the content summarized. *The City Council reserves the right to respond or not respond during the meeting to any citizen's submission.*

The City Clerk announced she now declared the Public Hearing on the Local Municipal Budget for the Calendar Year 2022 open.

The Budget Consultant did not have any remarks.

There were no Citizens comments.

A motion to close Citizens comments was made by Councilmember Clifford R. Ross and seconded by Councilmember Jamie B. Summers Johnson

**CITIZEN BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CBAC)**

Carl Fields stated the CBAC report will be made available to the City Clerk's Office for dissemination to both the Council and to the public as they request it. Lenor Young will presented on behalf of the CBAC. Ms. Young stated the Citizens Budget Advisory Committee met a total of six times to review the 2022 Calendar Mayor recommended Budget of which we have ten members who participated. The members were Carl Fields, Jr., Carol Perkins, Zonasha Ward, Lenor Young, Christopher Wells, Quantavia Hilbert, Janicea Jones-Vance, Keane Cyrus, and Charles Pryor, II. They expressed the challenges as they received the binders so late and it caused undo an amount of burden to review and give consideration on each department. There recommendations was focused more on the process as opposed to specific numbers in each department. They complimented the members of the City Council who asked specific line questions which made it a rewarding process for the committee. The most pertinent question to each department was where they could cut from their budget to alleviate the burden on the citizens. The first recommendation is for CBAC to become a permanent standing committee. In addition the budget process should include CBAC at the onset so that the oversight and the input can be made on behalf of the City Council. The Business City of Orange Township City Council's Website – <https://orangetwpnjcc.org> Page - 2 -


Administrator should require that the following information be furnished by each department as it relates to grants received: 1. The source of the funds 2. The amount of the grants 3. The list of the projects funds are designated for 4. The person responsible for management of the specific projects 5. Provide a projected date of completion 6. Provide the information that outlines the benefits expected from the project. Project reports should be made at least quarterly to the City Council and made available to the CBAC. In addition, in 2020, the Finance Committee discussed an Efficiency Committee to review the budgets of the City's largest departments. The following year, City Councilmembers of the Finance Committee discussed appointing members if the Council to serve on this group. CBAC is asking Council what is the status of the Efficiency Group, when will and efficacy scan of each department's budget be examined to analyze expenditures, and lastly how does each department's budget connect to and align to the City's strategic plan? They also recommend that each department should reduce its respective budget by 10%. There should be contract transparency with employees should be established during the negotiations so the impact on the citizen's tax rates can be better understood and it is imperative that this information is made public as soon as possible. Revenue projections must be included in the budgetary process so citizen's benefits can be ascertained. Alphabetizing employee names for ease. Each department should be required to present the budget request in a manner that is easily read by all concerned. Power point presentations should be disseminated beforehand. Lastly, using whatever leverage the Council has on the Board of the Library should be used to push to use its organizational imperatives to get repairs to the structure. In closing, Ms. Young stated giving the lack of the cost savings for the benefit of the citizens of Orange, the members of CBAC cannot in good faith recommend the adoption of the 2022 Budget submitted by the Mayor.


Councilmember Clifford R. Ross inquired if the CBAC report will include line by line deductions which they will not, just a recommendation of a 10% cut across the board. Council President Kerry J. Coley thanked the CBAC and Ms. Young for their time and professionalism.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilmember Clifford R. Ross and seconded by Council Vice President Tency A. Eason

The meeting was adjourned at 6:22pm

Approved: September 20, 2022

  
Joyce L. Lanier  
City Clerk

  
Tency A. Eason  
Council President