

MINUTES CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP
NEW JERSEY

**THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP INAUGURATION CEREMONY
HELD VIA AUDIO-VIDEO CONFERENCING ON FRIDAY, JULY 1, 2022.**

The City Clerk, Joyce L. Lanier acknowledged the City of Orange Township Mayor, Dwayne D. Warren, Esq. and invited him to give welcome remarks.

Mayor Dwayne D. Warren, Esq. welcomed everyone and gave congratulations to the incumbent Councilmembers and the newest Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert who is soon to be sworn in. Mayor Warren stated this is a great undertaking and stated he was sure that Councilmember Elect would do well in serving the masses of Orange residents. Mayor Warren welcomed the Council as a whole as they start on another journey to serve the people. He thanked the community members who have been a partner to him and the members of Council. He thanked St. Matthew AME Church for stepping up during difficult times in the city. He also gave thanks to employees, board members and volunteers to help make Orange successful. Let's make this a day of re devotion.

The City Clerk acknowledge the presence of Business Administrator, Chris Hartwyk, Gracia R. Montilus, City Attorney, Paula Ferreira, Tax Collector, Derrick Brown, Fire Chief, and Rev. Melvin E. Wilson of St. Matthew AME Church.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Council President Kerry J. Coley.

The Invocation was led by Rev. Melvin E. Wilson of St Matthew AME Church, Orange, NJ.

The City Clerk announced, I Joyce L. Lanier, City Clerk of the City of Orange Township, New Jersey do hereby certify that a Municipal Election for Ward Councilmembers was held in the City of Orange Township, on May 10, 2022. As a result of that election, voters of the City of Orange Township elected the Honorable Kerry J. Coley East Ward Councilmember, the Honorable Tency A. Eason North Ward Councilmember, the Honorable Quantavia L. Hilbert West Ward Councilmember, and the Honorable Jamie B. Summers Johnson South Ward Councilmember. I therefore, in accordance with the statues provided, declare the Honorable Kerry J. Coley East Ward Councilmember, the Honorable Tency A. Eason North Ward Councilmember, the Honorable Quantavia L. Hilbert West Ward Councilmember, and the Honorable Jamie B. Summers Johnson South Ward Councilmember.

The City Clerk, Joyce L. Lanier administered the Oath of Office to the Honorable Kerry J. Coley, East Ward Councilmember who was accompanied by his daughter, Crystal Coley and other family members. I, **Kerry J. Coley**, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of New Jersey, and that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same and to the Governments established in the United States and in this State, under the Authority of the people, and that I will faithfully, impartially and justly perform all the duties of the office of **East Ward Councilmember in the City of Orange Township, New Jersey**, according to the best of my ability and understanding. So help me God.

The Honorable Judge Michael Hackett, Chief Judge of the Orange Municipal Court administered the Oath of Office to the Honorable Tency A. Eason who was accompanied by her sister, Jessie Mozelle and other family members. I, **Tency A. Eason**, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of New Jersey, and that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same and to the Governments established in the United States and in this State, under the Authority of the people, and that I will faithfully, impartially and justly perform all the duties of the office of **North Ward Councilmember in the City of Orange Township, New Jersey**, according to the best of my ability and understanding. So help me God.

The City Clerk, Joyce L. Lanier administered the Oath of Office to the Honorable Quantavia L. Hilbert who was accompanied by her mother, Dr. Madeline Richie Hilbert; Michael Jean Baptist; and other family members. I, **Quantavia L. Hilbert**, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of New Jersey, and that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same and to the Governments established in the United States and in this State, under the Authority of the people, and that I will faithfully, impartially and justly perform all the duties of the office of **West Ward Councilmember in the City of Orange Township, New Jersey**, according to the best of my ability and understanding. So help me God.

The City Clerk, Joyce L. Lanier administered the Oath of Office to the Honorable Jamie B. Johnson Summers who was accompanied by her husband, Isaac Johnson; her mother, Elizabeth Summers; her father, James Summers; her sons, Isaac Johnson, Jr., and Mitchell Johnson; and other family members. I, **Jamie B. Summers-Johnson**, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of New Jersey, and that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same and to the Governments established in the United States and in this State, under the Authority of the people, and that I will faithfully, impartially and justly perform all the duties of the office of **South Ward Councilmember in the City of Orange Township, New Jersey**, according to the best of my ability and understanding. So help me God.

After being sworn in, each Councilmember gave words of thanks to The Father, their families, the Mayor, immediate past Councilman Harold J. Johnson, Jr., the residents, supporters, Pastors, the City Clerk's Office, the Administration, and colleagues. They spoke of the work they have done and the work that is ahead. They pledged to do work that will advance the City of Orange, New Jersey Township. It was stated we must do better in getting residents to register and to come out and vote.


The City Clerk, Joyce L. Lanier gave congratulations to each Councilmember.

Rev. Melvin E. Wilson gave a prayer, blessings of endeavors and benediction.


A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III and seconded by Councilmember Harold J. Johnson, Jr.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11pm

Approved: **September 20, 2022**



Joyce L. Lanier
City Clerk



Tency A. Eason
Council President