

**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 WEDNESDAY, JULY 6, 2022 AT 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Councilmember Kerry J. Coley
Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert
Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross
Councilmember Adrienne Wooten (Arrived at 7:06pm)
Council President Tency A. Eason

ALSO PRESENT

Joyce L. Lanier, City Clerk
Chris M. Hartwyk, Business Administrator
Derrick Brown, Fire Chief
Nile Clements, Chief Financial Officer
Vincent DeFilippo, Health Officer
Paula Ferreira, Tax Collector
Marty Mayes, Public Works Director
Christopher Mobley, Planning Department (Arrived at 7:05pm)
Aaron Mizrahi, Law Department
Chris Murray, Tax Assessor
Keith Pressey, Director of Recreation
Wendy Sykes, Director of Community Services
Marlin G. Townes, Legislative Research Officer
Vincent Vitiello, Police Chief
Margaret Homere, City Clerk's Office
Tamara Robinson, City Clerk's Office
Trisha Scipio, City Clerk's Office

ABSENT

Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III
Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson
Laquana Best, Planning Director
Adrian Mapp, Finance Director
Gracia R. Montilus, City Attorney
Gabrielle Sims-Shelton, City Clerk's Office

The City Clerk announced a Moment of Silence. Council President Tency A. Eason dedicated this moment to the Calderone family. Mr. Calderone was a City of Orange Township employee and his wife was our Tax Appeals attorney. The services were held today.

The City Clerk's Office 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 Office 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, 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 Update

Health Director, Vincent DeFilippo stated two weeks ago we were in the red, as of the beginning of this week we are in the yellow which is a lot better. Two weeks ago on June 21st, the CDC passed the vaccines being administered to six months to five years old. On June 21st the city vaccinated over 250 kids, which is a good showing. The Omicron sister virus, the BA4 and the BA5 accounts for 45% of positive cases. Covid-19 is mutating and there is a new Omicron variant, there are five in total. Statistics for the City of Orange Township: Ages 5-11 are 75% vaccinated, 12-17 are 80% vaccinated, 18-24 are 81% vaccinated, and 65 and older are at 95% vaccinated. Asians are 2% vaccinated, Afro-Americans are 65% vaccinated, Hispanics are 27% vaccinated, Whites are 4% vaccinated, others at 2% vaccinated, and missing or unknown are at 10%. The monkey pox has over 10 cases in New Jersey and four of them are in Essex County. If contracted, you must take the first dose within 24 hours and the second within 28 hours. It is susceptible to pets, cats and dogs. Council President Tency A. Eason asked if there will be a third booster available in November. Director Vincent DeFilippo has not gotten word on this new booster. Because of the new variants, they are constantly working on boosters.

NJ Wildlife Action Plan

Chris Mobley from the Planning Board stated the Planning Department invited a guest from NJDEP but they were unable to attend.

Idle Free Zones

Chris Mobley from the Planning Department stated that in 2006 the College of New Jersey was funded by the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation to create a sustainable leadership network. The network was then tasked with supporting municipal progress toward sustainable development by identifying best practices, facilitating peer to peer learning, developing metrics to judge performance and providing direct technical support and training. Around that same time, a group of Mayors joined together at the League of Municipalities, and came together to support similar activities. Concurrently, the New Jersey Department of Protection and the New Jersey Board of Utilities were also working on sustainable community related initiatives. These four parties agreed to come together in 2011 and form what is now called Sustainable Jersey, a 501 c3 Organization Not-for-Profit Organization. It works with municipalities school districts. The City of Orange Township became a member of Sustainable New Jersey in 2011 and has received technical support, grants and most recently a \$25,000 Energy Grant. Every three years, all participating municipalities must re-certify their membership. While there is no direct financial cost, municipalities are required to complete a certain number of projects, which are awarded a certain number of points. We need fifty points to recertify and the Anti-Idling Initiative worth ten points toward our recertification. Ann Arnold, Senior Manager of Department of Environmental Protection stated transportation is the single most source of climate pollution in New Jersey at 42%. For the idling program, vehicles are only given three minutes of idling time. We want to focus on education campaign and make people proud of saving the environment. We are trying to find alternate wait "Wait Clean". Pollution caused by vehicles cause many illness. Some of the statistics that they typically give: the average American spends over 16 minutes a day idling their vehicles, all of that idling puts about 40,000 tons on carbon monoxide into the air we breathe which is three times as heavy as the Brooklyn Bridge. Children are particularly at risk since they inhale more air per pound of body weight, their lungs are still developing, and they are usually at a lower height, closer to a tail pipe of a vehicle. Idling is illegal for more than four minutes but there are some exceptions such as emergency vehicles and vehicles used for refrigeration. To report idling call 1-877-warndep. Vehicles technology has changed, warming up your vehicle is no longer necessary. If you are idling more than 10 seconds you are wasting more gas than restarting the vehicle, idling more than two minutes is equal to one mile. She has promotional materials to educate the public, which can be requested through the website www.stopthesoot.org. Police Chief Vincent Vitiello stated this title 39 violation has been on the book since 2012. It will be enforced on an individual bases under the officers discretion. This opens us up to future grants by supporting this. Councilmember Quantavia Hilbert asked about the 150 points needed to recertify, is there something that Councilmember can do to help meet this requirement. Chris Mobley stated there is a grant team which includes some Councilmembers, he will share the information with Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert. Chris Mobley and the Planning Department has projects in the plans earn the remaining 140 points. Council President Tency A. Eason thanked Chris Mobley and Ms. Arnold for the information presented.

The resolutions and ordinances to be presented at tonight's meeting are listed on the attached Regular Meeting Agenda. If any Council Member wishes to discuss any resolution or ordinance, it may be discussed at this time.

ORDINANCES

38-2022 An ordinance amending Chapter 142, entitled Parking Lots, 142-3 Metered Parking; Permit Parking; Free Parking; Designated Parking, (3) exceptions.
(Sponsored by Council Member Wooten)

Council President Tency A. Eason stated this Ordinance will move to Introduction First Reading instead of Second Reading.


39-2022 An ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 4 Article XIV entitled, Administration of Government, Board, Commissions and Committees to establish the City of Orange Township Human Relations Commission.


Council President Tency A. Eason stated this Ordinance will move to Introduction First Reading instead of Second Reading.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross and seconded by Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert

The meeting was adjourned at 7:23pm.

Approved: **September 20, 2022**



Joyce L. Danie
City Clerk

Tency A. Eason
Council President