

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

THIS IS THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP HELD VIA AUDIO-VIDEO CONFERENCING ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 6, 2022 FOLLOWING THE CONFERENCE MEETING.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Council President Tency A. Eason

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Councilmember Kerry J. Coley
Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert
Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross
Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson (arrived at 8:20)
Councilmember Adrienne Wooten
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
Gracia R. Montilus, City Attorney (Arrived at 7:57pm)
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
Margarette Homere, City Clerk's Office
Tamara Robinson, City Clerk's Office
Trisha Scipio, City Clerk's Office

ABSENT

Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III
Laquana Best, Planning Director
Adrian Mapp, Finance Director
Gabrielle Sims-Shelton, City Clerk's Office

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 the Record Transcript, published in the Star Ledger on June 16, 2022, posted on the Bulletin Board in City Hall and on 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.

MINUTES

There were no minutes to be approved.

REPORTS

DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REVENUE COLLECTION

The City Clerk's Office collected \$75 for the month of June 2022

The Historic Preservation Commission collected \$70 for the month of June 2022

CONSTABLE REPORT

There were no Constable Reports.

OPRA REPORTS

There were no OPRA Reports.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Council President directs Clerk to file reports.

The City Clerk stated one item on the agenda will be postponed, Resolution 313-2022 because there is no certification of funds. The Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk will give a presentation on the Parking Authority establishment.

Police Department

Police Chief Vincent Vitiello thanked Council President Tency A. Eason for bringing the Department of Motor Vehicles to St Matthew AME Church. There will be a Police Health Fair and JazzFest in Orange Park on Saturday, Police Officers and Bike Squad will be present. The Junior Police Academy, which the Police and Fire Departments are working hand in hand on, will be a great event. He gave accolades to Sam Treble, an ex-cop from Mountain Lakes. Mr. Treble was able to get the entire Junior League into the 9-11 Memorial for free, this would have been a \$1500 cost. There were Six Specials who have graduated from the Police Academy two weeks ago. They are being trained and you will see them walking the streets of the city. There are a couple of new hires that will be trained and ready for patrol in about four to six weeks. The Chief stated he wants to up our walking post and have more visibility. Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross inquired if there were any incidents on July 4th. Police Chief had a few complaints because of the fireworks but nothing major.

Fire Department

Fire Chief Derrick Brown wanted to piggy-backed on what Police Chief Vincent Vitello stated on the Junior League. JPSA Orientation for the families will be held this Friday at the Field House on Lincoln Avenue, Central Playground. The Academy begins on Monday. There are about twenty applicants and four interns from the High School. Last week there was training with the new apparatus behind the old YMCA. There will more training this week with cars that were donated by PD. There has been nothing major in the city on the fire side. Council President Tency A. Eason stated parents were happy to get their money back from the 9-11 Memorial visit.

Community Service

Director of Community Service, Wendy Sykes stated the Summer Food Program has started, it is in effect at every City Park. They are serving breakfast for any child 18 and under, Monday through Friday from 7:30-8:30AM and lunch from 11:30am-1:30pm. The Farmer's Market began last week, Main Street Military Park from 12-6pm. The JazzFest and Food Truck Festival is expecting a good turnout, Saturdays starting 12 noon – 6:00pm. The Food Pantry is still giving out emergency food bags, Mondays and Wednesdays from 10am – 2pm at 234 Lincoln Avenue and it will be Walk-Up only. Movies in the Park at Metcalf Park every Tuesday. Keith Pressey stated all of the parks and pools are open and the hours are Monday – Friday from 12 noon – 7:00pm and weekends from 12noon to 5pm. The Summer Camps are beginning Monday. The Skate Board Camp will be held at Colgate Park beginning Monday for children 6-15 years of age. The Soccer Camp starts Monday at College Park for children 6-14 years of age. The Track and Field program begins Monday at Bell Stadium for 4th – 8th graders. The Tennis Camp starts Monday at Central Playground for children 6-13 years of age. Friday is the first game for the Mayor's Summer Basketball League. There are two different levels, Middle School and High School. The City is offering free swim lessons and the schedule should be available next week. The camps are Monday – Friday from 9am – 12noon. Councilmember Adrienne Wooten inquired if there was an age limit on swim lessons and there is not an age limit, there will be lessons for adults as well. Councilmember Clifford R. Ross inquired why the Food pantry went from Drive-By to Walk-Up and do you anticipate parking issues. Director Sykes stated because of the lack of volunteers. If the drive-up line is too long, people would get two bags. They will observe the parking and adjust accordingly. Council President Tency A. Eason inquired when the Caribbean Family Festival will take place which

Councilwoman Adrienne Wooten stated this event was given by Assemblywoman Britnee Timberlake and Lady Ira, which was previously held in Weequahic Park and will be held on Sunday, July 10, 2022 at Orange Park. Keith Pressey stated the Caribbean Festival being sponsored by the city would be held in August. Director Wendy Sykes stated the flier will be posted. Councilwoman Adrienne Wooten stated she received notification from Nikki Amos the Festival being sponsored by the city would be on August 13, 2022. Council President Tency A. Eason stated we will work on a process so the City Clerk's Office will receive notification to keep the residents aware of the calendar of the events. She also asked how the city is handling people who are disposing of the food once they picked up food from the food pantry. Director Wendy Sykes stated they have moved from prepared bags to allowing people to choose what they would like to take.

Tax Assessor

Tax Assessor Chris Murray stated there was nothing new to report. The Department is working on the sales ratio and added assessments.

Department of Public Works

Director Marty Mayes stated this is the season for paving, numerous roads have been completed, and the season will end November 15th. Ward and William between Park and North Day Street are the next two streets on the schedule. Elm Street, Parkinson Terrace, and Glenwood Avenue which is a border Street. The department is up to about 60 roads out of 194 since 2012. Trying to improve the infrastructure. Park projects are on the way. Military Park has a new concept plan. The pool work taking place in Colgate Park. The department is working on some demolitions, the largest is 540 Mitchell Street which is in the Valley. The public has been asking for a place for a dog park, and he has been working with the Business Administrator on this. Valley Road has just completed instituting a four way stop, the new blinking signage. The Brining Equipment for snow was shipped today from South Dakota. We will have the ability to fight the snow and ice this coming winter. Central Playground and College Park turf fields were cleaned today. He met with residence on Laurel Street. DPW has been trying to add more flowers. The department ordered new score Board for Metcalf Park, some of the sidewalks were repaired and the fence was reviewed by a fencing contractor. Councilmember Adrienne Wooten inquired about the time line on when the lanterns and water fountain would be fixed in Colgate Park and Ropes Park. She also inquired if the turf and playground equipment would be cleaned in Metcalf Park. Director Marty Mayes stated Metcalf does not have turf, the surface there would soon be replaced as it is in poor condition. The lanterns have been reported and he is working with the Green Acres Program on this issue. Councilwoman Adrienne Wooten inquired about the trees that were topped on Rust Monica and Oakwood Avenue but there was no notification, Director Mayes will send out those notifications. Council President Tency A. Eason wanted confirmation that Ropes Park would get a full makeover and the Veterans have concerns about being left out and wants to have Veterans input on Military Park. Director Marty Mayes stated the plans to begin the work on Military Park this year and he will investigate the overgrown trees on Gist Place and the yellow curbing is on the schedule. Council President Tency A. Eason stated we have to deal with emergency cuts to the pavements making the companies return the roads to how they found them. Councilmember Adrienne Wooten inquired if someone could oversee keeping the flags intact, they should only be flown at night if there is a light. Director Marty Mayes stated there is a cost associated with taking flags down each night. Council President Tency A. Eason stated the American Flag should be flown alone. Director Marty Mayes stated the department is moving to tri-poles so that the American Flag is flown alone. Council Clifford R. Ross inquired about Ropes Park which the department is in preparation to begin the work and activity in this park is determined by the Recreation department. Children still come to the park but it is limited due to safety issues. Councilwoman Quantavia L. Hilbert inquired if Frankfort, South Centre, and Seven Oaks Way is on the schedule for paving. Even though Scotland Road overpass is a Count Road, there are a lot of potholes. Director Marty Mayes states this is being worked on. Council President Tency A. Eason stated this area is a part of DOT and Phil Alagia is working on this with the Business Administration. Councilwoman Quantavia L. Hilbert inquired if the water park at Central is functioning which it is not due to Hurricane Ida. The claim is in the works and FEMA came to visit for review. Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk stated if the insurance does not cover the repairs, the city will have to go out to bid for the project, which will delay the rehabilitation of the park considerably. FEMA dollars are reimbursement so the city would have to front the funds.

Tax Collector

Tax Collector, Paula Ferreira stated the estimated tax third quarter tax bills were mailed on Thursday, June 30th. The due date to pay is August 1st and August 10th is the deadline to pay without interest. Residents can pay online on the City's website. Councilmember Adrienne Wooten asked about the special notices and if they can be sent next quarter with the reconciled bill. Paula Ferreira stated they are sent with the fourth quarter tax bills, Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk stated the special notices can be sent with the next bill.

Finance

Chief Financial Officer Nile Clement stated the City's Budget was adopted tonight with Resolution 301-2022. This is a month ahead of schedule from where we were last year. We want to improve upon this timing for the 2023 Budget and have it done in the spring.

Planning Department

Chris Mobley stated the sidewalk sale is coming and hopefully by this Friday we can post to the city's website and do an e-mail blast.

Administration

Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk stated one of the pieces of legislation on the agenda tonight is the creation of a Parking Authority for the City of Orange. Under the statute, it would be comprised of seven Commissioners, five appointed by Council and two by the Mayor and they will serve staggered terms. The Commissioners would get together to hire, at an official meeting, an Executive Director and would be empowered to hire Enforcement Officers. There are certain Parking Lots as metered spaces that would come under their jurisdiction. In addition, the two new garages being built, one on Lincoln and one on Crane will also come under the Parking Authority jurisdiction. The Parking authority would be responsible for the enforcement of parking regulations, the first step would be to make recommendations to the City Council regarding amendments and or adoptions of new regulations, or amendments to new regulations. It will take some time to get up and running so we do not foresee a budgetary impact until 2023, in the meantime the Commissioners can lay the groundwork with the assistance of the City's Administration. There will be more details at the next meeting under matters of discussion. Council Vice President Council Clifford R. Ross inquired if there will still be meters on Main Street. The Business Administration stated once the Commissioner look at best practice he believes meters will remain instead of Parking Stations.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

The City Clerk announced we received communications from the New Jersey American Water Company, Inc. – Virtual Public Hearing on July 11, 2022. The Clerk's Office has the dates and times of each meeting.

Re: Distribution System Improvement Charge Foundation Filling

Additional details available on NJ American Water website:

<https://amwater.com/njaw/customer-service-billing/your-water-and-watsewater-rates>

Session 1 – 4:30 p.m., Call in Number: 1 (862) 294-2638, Meeting ID: 116 167 430 0#

Session 2 – 5:30 p.m., Call in Number: 1 (862) 294-2638, Meeting ID: 111 233 339 8#

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON GENERAL ISSUES/AGENDA ITEMS

The City Clerk announced a "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 though 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.

Daniel Joseph Wiley, Managing Director at The HUB 35-47 Cleveland Street – Mr. Wiley apologized for breaking contact with Council and hopes the invitation to continue conversations is still valid. He thanked Council for visiting the Board President to address concerns of the property behind them. The Environmental Commission, he hopes to re-activate it. Through his own assessment this is a matter of public health. There is a concern with the lack of tree coverage. There is a lot of rain run-off from the school next to his house that needs attention. Mr. Wiley wanted to encourage residents to participate with energy saving actions, encourage businesses to clean their property, and also agrees with anti-idling laws and hopes Administration and Council will want to continue conversation. Council Tency A. Eason, Code Enforcement, Director Mayes and Director Best will be on top of his concern about the water run-off on his property.

Aubrey Murdock of 540 Liberty Street – Ms. Murdock asked about the Reock Street Development as the Resolution stated changes were made surrounding Citizens comments and other evidence that came to the Planning Board. She asked if there was legal proceedings surrounding The Reock Redevelopment. Ms. Murdock also asked about the dumpster amendment, if it was involved with all that was proposed and if someone could explain further. Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk stated (concerning the Reock Redevelopment issue) the amendment was driven by a law suit and the effect of the amendment is to remove from the list of properties subject to condemnation a particular property that was subject to the lawsuit, as part of a settlement. Director Marty Mayes will speak to Ms. Murdock offline concerning the dumpster fee amendment and gave his number for her to contact him 973-885-1921. Councilmember Adrienne Wooten wanted to speak to Director Marty Mayes as well. Ms. Murdock asked if there could be a Community Meeting concerning the Dumpster fees as they are complicated and Business Administrator Stated they are not complicated but would consider a Community Meeting if there were still questions after the explanation was given. There is language in the Ordinance that needs to be adjusted.

Kweli Campbell of 552 Argyle Avenue – Ms. Campbell wanted to thank Chris Murray and Tamara Robinson for their professionalism and helping her with an issue. She wanted to know who she could speak to about the scooter ordinance and (973-666-1866) Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross will discuss with her offline. She spoke about the Pets in the Park signs that are posted and the legalities that surround it. She has reached out to the Law Department with no response. She wants to know what recourse does she have and City Attorney Garcia R. Montilus will send an e-mail by Friday (which he will cc the members of City Council) and if she needs more information she can call the Law Department. Ms. Campbell stated that the Federal Department of transportation has announced that they would have a billion dollars for cities who have been impacted by highways that have ripped through their neighborhoods. She is asking if the City of Orange is prepared to find out if the city qualifies for some of these grants and use for street scape projects or be creative as we want to with the grants. She asked who on the City level would be tasked with looking into this. Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk stated the Administration has been watching this portion of the Infrastructure Bill for months waiting for the application process to open up. There are a couple of hurdles that we will have to get through, one of which is that the applicant has to control the property and that is the subject of the application, much of which has to do with Freeway Drive and 280 overpass. They are not municipal roads but state roads so we must have conversation with the state. Council President Tency A. Eason stated we are also in conversations with Congressman Payne concerning Infrastructure funds for months and we have filled applications for

Michael Jean Baptiste of 353 Lincoln Ave. Apt 310 – Mr. Jean Baptiste inquired about the newly designed Stop Signs and could they be posted near the school zone. He feels the updated stop signs are easily identifiable. He stated that there have been complaints about poor lighting on Seven Oaks Way. Director Marty Mayes stated the lighting issue at Seven Oaks Way has been fixed for at least a week now. He stated the newly designed Stop Signs have been well received but school zone signage is different from local signage. The department is working on a safer orange in terms of infrastructure, signage and lighting. Mr. Jean Baptiste inquired about signage for Frankfort Street until the County does something. Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk stated the City is not able to add signage for County Roads. Director Marty Mayes stated the department is working with the County on a variety of issues.

Veronica Scott of 548 Argyle Avenue – Ms. Scott stated there was a pot hole on her block, she witnessed a DPW employee put gravel in the hole without going over the gravel with a machine while it was raining and just left. Director Marty Mayes will take a good look at it. Ms. Scott also asked about the deer sightings, and is there something that can be put down or can she call someone. Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk stated she can put down repellents but the city does not handle that. Ms. Scott asked if the Police Chief is open to have a meeting with updates and he agreed.

Richard Martha of 740 McLaughlin Place – Mr. Martha wanted to discuss the street light on Valley and McLaughlin and North bound on Valley, these lights do not work, they flicker. He wanted to know if he should reach out to PSE&G. There was an incident on this corner because it is very dark. Mr. Martha believes the apartment building across from me has parking but park on the street and these cars dump trash from their cars in front of his property and he suggests a trash can be put on this corner to eliminate the excess trash. Police Chief Vincent Vitellio stated he is sending a car to get the pole number so that the lights can be fixed. Director Marty Mayes stated Mr. Martha should report any concerns to him immediately. Council President Tency A. Eason also explained that there is a number on your PSE&G to report lights that are out and asked Director Mayes to get a quick response on getting a trash can in place.

Chantel Wilson of 765 Vose Ave - Ms. Wilson wanted to bring to light the Sustainable New Jersey Conferences as they have a wealth of information as well as range of grants and for municipalities. She asked if there are any updates. Planning Department Chris Mobley stated the city has completed the local government energy audit and now looking at the second phase which is called the ESIP. The ESIP is where they look at the potential savings that have been recommended as a result of the energy audit and look at perhaps going out to bid to identify contractors who could do the improvements. We have recently had a meeting with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities as well as the Board of Education. The Board of Utilities is suggesting the city may want to consider doing the second phase as a joint project with the Board of Education but they have not completed their energy audit. Chris Mobley has attended the Conference and has brought information back to the office where it is being put to good use. Ms. Wilson inquired if there were any initiatives or assistance to our residence surrounding Federal and State Funding for the replacement of led pipes. Business Administrator stated the city is undergoing an assessment of lines and we have to submit a report to the DEP. The initial report has been submitted of known led lines, we have two years to replace the led lines, and there is substantial grant money available through the environmental infrastructure trust. All of the accounts for the water and sewage department received notification, we will not address the funding aspect until we hear back from the Environmental Trust how we will pay for the residents side of the led line replacement. Council Tency A. Eason suggested that Ms. Wilson set up an appointment with the Business Administrator.

Received Citizen Comment

Jeffrey Feld, When will Orange receive and post its CY 2021 Audit? Based upon the two Bill List Req. 22-01243 Disputed Payments to Suez (\$45,216 and \$1,500,000), was the City's water/sewer utility self-liquidating in CY 2021? From what source of monies is Orange satisfying these outstanding obligations? Ord.28 and 29-2022. Is Orange using bond proceeds to pay ordinary water/sewer utility operating expenses? Who is the current city employee assigned to manage and to monitor Orange's water/sewer utility? Since July 1, 2012, who were the city employees assigned to manage and to manage Orange's water/sewer utility? Why the delay in retaining a professional after the fact to prepare supporting net benefits fiscal impact studies for all CY 2022 long term tax exemption agreements? Cf: Scotland Holdings RSBRM Urban Renewal LLC Long Term Tax Exemption Ord. 36-2022 How did fiduciaries of a public trust approve two Reock Street long-term tax exemptions and RAB Bonds while the project lacked ownership of all the required parcels? Does Orange still have fire and police directors? How many employees are currently employed in the City Clerk's Office? Why the sudden need for a parking authority? Is this an accounting artifice and device to shift certain expenses and revenues off Orange's balance sheet? Why is our CFO assuming the Qualified Purchasing Agent responsibilities and duties previously performed by Mr. Mapp? As of July 1, 2022, is Mr. Mapp still Orange's Finance Director? Under whose watch, did the events described in the proposed \$325,000 Pulyado federal district court litigation and settlement occur? When does Orange intend to adopt its amended CY 2022 Budget? Has Orange adopted a Best Practices Inclusionary

Zoning Ordinance? Is Orange exempted from enacting a Best Practices Inclusionary Zoning Ordinance? How many post August 1, 2016 deed restricted affordable housing units have been constructed in Orange? Has Orange adopted a Development Fee Ordinance requiring an affordable housing trust fund payment for all post CY 2016 non-inclusionary market rate housing projects? In connection with the latest proposed long term tax exemption ordinance, did Orange comply with the State's November 2020 long term tax exemption handbook and obtain a net benefits fiscal impact study for this latest project? Under this proposed all market rate housing long-term tax exemption project, will Orange receive an annual administrative fee? How many additional students are anticipated to enter the local school system as a result of this long-term tax exemption project providing no revenues to the local BOE? Why the 11 month delay in processing this long-term tax exemption application? When will Orange's "Official" public website be finally upgraded and operational? With respect to the bill list, what were the proceeds of the original \$7,200,000 rollover BAN used? When must Orange commence amortizing this \$7,200,000 BAN? With rising interest rates, when does Orange anticipate going into the municipal capital markets and issuing long-term indebtedness for this BAN project? As of May 31, 2022, how many CY 2021 OPRA requests remained open and outstanding? As of May 31, 2022, how many CY 2022 OPRA requests remained open and outstanding? Of the 31 pending and outstanding May 2022 OPRA requests, to whom are they due and from what departments are documents missing? How much long-term tax exemption net sale proceeds and net revenues has Orange abandoned, waived and relinquished from the pre-August 2016 sales and transfers of long-term tax-exempt properties to new owners?

A motion to close Citizens Comments was made by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross and seconded by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Kerry J. Coley stated he has an issue with garbage collection, as it is late. Is there a performance clause in the contract? Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk stated the contract expires and it is going out to bid. They have been speaking to the contractor about the ongoing issues. Their performance will be taken into consideration during the bidding process. The contractor has been put on notice.

Councilmember Adrienne Wooten stated she attended John R. Harris Sr. and Glen Arnold's Home Going Service. Councilwoman will have an event "Coffee and Conversation" with Dr. Teoni at the Inner City Café, 15 South Essex Avenue on Saturday starting at 9am. The topic of discussion will be gender equality. The Caribbean Family Day, July 10th at Orange Park sponsored by Assemblywoman Britnee Timberlake. She was excited to announce the Park Hop Community Meeting on August 6th. This is in recognition with activities for the youth while Parents discuss concerns. She is excited about the Parking Authority. She gave congratulations to the newly elected and re-elected Councilmembers who were recently sworn in.

Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross congratulated and welcomed Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert to the Council and extended his hand in help for if she is in need. Council Vice President Ross wanted to revisit the garbage collection issue as he noticed there was no garbage pick-up when he was on a visit to the Housing Authority, this is not the company we need to service our residents. Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk stated the contract for this vendor ends in September but will have to be extended to the end of the year to make sure the bidding process is done correctly. There was a set back with the website in the past two weeks based on a contract which would provide a platform for residents to file forms online and it should launch in September without that feature and build it in at a later time. Council Vice President Ross stated there will be a Food Truck and JazzFest on Saturday, July 9th in Orange Park. On Saturday, July 23rd from 1-5pm Council Vice President Ross will collaborate with Not for Orange, Inc., and Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III for the second Unity in the Community Event at Colgate Park. There will be food, fun for all, basketball games, skateboard competition, bouncy house, face painting, and community resources. Council Vice President Ross announced the passing of Laurence Gaunt the brother of former Councilmember April Gaunt Butler and son of the late former Councilmember Vivian Gaunt. He was a staunch advocate for the community. The Home Going services will be

held at July 18th on Oakwood Avenue in Orange. He congratulated Council President Tency A. Eason on the event bringing DMV to St Matthew AME Church.

Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert thanked Council colleagues for the congratulatory remarks on her being newly elected Councilmember. She has plans in the works to contribute to the City. She will be attending the upcoming Caribbean and JazzFest events. She gave congratulations to the other Councilmembers who were re-elected. She asked the City Clerk to share information from other Councilmembers so that she could attend and promote.

Councilmember Jamie B. Summers Johnson apologized for being late as she attended her son's game and they won. Councilmember Summers Johnson is pleased that City Attorney Gracia R. Montilus will respond to the Pet signs as it is a problem in Metcalf Park. Councilmember Summers Johnson has been swimming at the different pools this week (Central and Metcalf), her Aquatics Director has come on in light of the recent drownings in New Jersey, thank God not in Orange. She advises parents to invest life vest and pay attention to your children while in the pool. She encourages everyone to purchase a badge and keep them up to date as this keeps outsiders out of the pools. She is excited to be working with the new West Ward Councilmember and she also complimented Council President on the flow of the meeting.

Council President Tency A. Eason congratulated the Councilmembers who were re-elected and the newly elected West Ward Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert. She spoke about the event at St Matthew AME with DMV today and they will return on August 11th and October 10th. There were 40 people registered and some on standby. She has asked residents to register, and if you register please show up as not to hold up a spot. Councilmember Kerry J. Coley asked if DMV can do the vehicle inspections as well which she will check on. Councilmember Adrienne Wooten asked if they could come to the senior building so they can get ID cards. Council President Tency A. Eason said we can make arrangements for transportation for the seniors to come to Saint Matthew for the DMV Event.

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 postpone was made by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley and seconded by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross

YEA: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Clifford R. Ross,
Hon. Jamie B. Summers Johnson, Hon. Adrienne Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

NAY:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III,

Motion Adopted: Postponed

30-2022 An ordinance of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, amending the Reock Street Redevelopment Plan with Condemnation pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-7.

A motion to close Citizens Comments was made by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley and seconded by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross

A motion for final adoption was made by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross and seconded by Councilmember Jamie Summers Johnson

YEA: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Clifford R. Ross,
Hon. Jamie B. Summers Johnson, Hon. Adrienne Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

NAY:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III,

Motion Adopted

31-2022 An ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 200, entitled “Vehicles and Traffic”, Section 200-52-1, Handicapped Parking Spaces. (572 Lincoln Avenue)

A motion to close Citizens Comments was made by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross and seconded by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley

A motion for final adoption was made by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley and seconded by Councilmember Adrienne Wooten

YEA: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Clifford R. Ross,
Hon. Jamie B. Summers Johnson, Hon. Adrienne Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

NAY:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III,

Motion Adopted

32-2022 An ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 200, entitled “Vehicles and Traffic” Section 200-52-1 Handicapped Parking Spaces. (251 Ogden Street)

A motion to close Citizens Comments was made by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley and seconded by Councilmember Adrienne Wooten

A motion for final adoption was made by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley and seconded by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross

YEA: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Clifford R. Ross,
Hon. Jamie B. Summers Johnson, Hon. Adrienne Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

NAY:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III,

Motion Adopted

33-2022 An ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 200, entitled “Vehicles and Traffic” Section 200-52-1 Handicapped Parking Spaces. (28 N Jefferson Street)

A motion to close Citizens Comments was made by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross and seconded by Councilmember Adrienne Wooten

A motion for final adoption was made by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross and seconded by Councilmember Adrienne Wooten

YEA: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Clifford R. Ross,
Hon. Jamie B. Summers Johnson, Hon. Adrienne Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

NAY:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III,

Motion Adopted

34-2022 An ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 200, entitled “Vehicles and Traffic” Section 200-52-1 Handicapped Parking Spaces. (189 New Street)

A motion to close Citizens Comments was made by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross and seconded by Councilmember Adrienne Wooten

A motion for final adoption was made by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross and seconded by Council President Tency A. Eason

YEA: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Clifford R. Ross,
Hon. Jamie B. Summers Johnson, Hon. Adrienne Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

NAY:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III

Motion Adopted

37-2022 An ordinance to amend and supplement the Code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 93, entitled “Fire Prevention” to add additional regulations concerning the usage of portable cooking equipment. (Sponsored by Council Members Ross & Montague, III)

A motion to close Citizens Comments was made by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross and seconded by Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert

A motion for final adoption was made by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross and seconded by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley

YEA: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Clifford R. Ross,
Hon. Jamie B. Summers Johnson, Hon. Adrienne Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

NAY:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III,

Motion Adopted

ORDINANCES – INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING**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)**

A motion for adoption on first was made by Councilmember Adrienne Wooten and seconded by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross

YEA: Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Jamie B. Summers Johnson, and Hon. Adrienne Wooten

NAY: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Clifford R. Ross, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III,

Motion Does Not Pass

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.

A motion for adoption on first was made by Councilmember Adrienne Wooten and seconded by Councilmember Jamie B. Summers Johnson

YEA: Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Jamie B. Summers Johnson, Hon. Adrienne Wooten

NAY: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Clifford R. Ross, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III,

Motion Does Not Pass

40-2022 An ordinance to supplement the Code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 200, entitled “Vehicles and Traffic” to regulate the use of electric scooters. (Sponsored by Council Member Ross)

A motion for adoption on first was made by Councilmember Jamie B. Summers Johnson and seconded by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross

YEA: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Clifford R. Ross,

Hon. Jamie B. Summers Johnson, Hon. Adrienne Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

NAY:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III

Motion Adopted

Final Reading: August 3, 2022

41-2022 An ordinance to amend Article XVI, Chapter 156-26.1, Section 88 (Dumpster Fees) of the Code of the City of Orange Township.

A motion for adoption on first was made by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley and seconded by Councilmember Jamie B. Summers Johnson

YEA: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Clifford R. Ross,

Hon. Jamie B. Summers Johnson, Hon. Adrienne Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

NAY:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III

Motion Adopted

Final Reading: August 3, 2022

42-2022 An ordinance of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, creating a parking authority in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:11A-1 et seq.

A motion for adoption on first was made by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross and seconded by Councilmember Jamie B. Summers Johnson

Councilmember Kerry J. Coley would like a full presentation on this. Council President Tency A. Eason stated the Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk will give a presentation in the August meeting.

YEA: Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Clifford R. Ross, Hon. Jamie B. Summers Johnson,
Hon. Adrienne Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

NAY: Hon. Kerry J. Coley

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III,

Motion Adopted

Final Reading: August 3, 2022

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.

RESOLUTIONS NO. *302-2022 THROUGH *319-2022

***302-2022** A resolution to recognize National Hop-A-Park Day in the City of Orange Township. (Sponsored by Council Member Wooten)

***303-2022** A resolution authorizing the Tax Collector to refund Fig Cust NJ LLC for tax subsequent payments on redeemed certificate no. 19-00629 for Block 1206 Lot 12 also known as 224 Baldwin Terrance in the amount of \$14,898.57.

***304-2022** A resolution to cancel lien redemption on Warwick Avenue, rear lot, Block 6803 Lot 9 that was done in error on 1/11/22 and refund Meisels Properties LLC in the total amount of \$9,351.21.

***305-2022** A resolution appointing Christopher L. Murray as Tax Assessor for the City of Orange Township.

***306-2022** A resolution appointing Nile S. Clements as Qualified Purchasing Agent for the City of Orange Township.

***307-2022** A resolution awarding a contract to Firefighter One, LLC, 34 Wilson Drive, Sparta, New Jersey 07871 for fire apparatus maintenance and repair services in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 for the period starting July 7, 2022 through July 6, 2023.

***308-2022** A resolution authorizing and ratifying the award of a non-fair and open professional services agreement with Integra Realty Resources – Northern NJ, LLC, 301 South Livingston Avenue, Livingston, New Jersey for the preparation of market, feasibility, economic impact, valuation (appraisal) analysis, fiscal impact and payment in lieu of taxes (pilot) studies in connection with certain proposed development and proposed redevelopment projects within the City of Orange Township for a period from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00.

***309-2022** A resolution authorizing approval to submit a grant application and execute a grant agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the City of Orange Township Roadway Improvements for 2023 Various Streets Project.

***310-2022** A resolution authorizing the Division of Recreation in the Department of Community Services to accept a grant of \$5000 from the United States Tennis Association (USTA) for the purposes of retaining a certified USTA tennis coach, the procurement of tennis equipment and to host community tennis events for the City of Orange Division of Recreation 2022 Spring and Summer Tennis Programs.

***311-2022** A resolution authorizing settlement in the matter of Keith Butts v. ACHS Management Corp., 301 Main Street Associates, LLC and City of Orange Township, Docket No. ESX-L-7756-19-20, in the amount of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00).

***312-2022** A resolution authorizing settlement in the matter of Kyana D. Pulyado v. City of Orange, Pablo Cajica, Yolanda Holmes, Sergeant Aydil Olivera and Detective Sergeant Brian Mooney, Docket No. 2:17-CV-11304-KM-CLW, in the amount of three hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$325,000.00).

***314-2022** A resolution approving the Bill List for Council Meeting vote on July 06, 2022 dated June 29, 2022 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95. (Grand Total: \$6,406,837.53)

***319-2022** A resolution designating East Orange/Orange Record-Transcript, Star Ledger and Tap Into publication as the official newspapers for the City of Orange Township, New Jersey.

A motion to adopt the Consent Agenda was made by Councilmember Adrienne Wooten and seconded by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross

YEA: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Clifford R. Ross,
Hon. Jamie B. Summers Johnson, Hon. Adrienne Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

NAY:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III,

Motion Adopted

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

313-2022 A resolution renewing a professional service agreement with David C. Stanziale, LLC as special counsel to represent the City of Orange Township in the matter, Steven Campione and Amy Campione v. City of Orange, A Municipal Corporation of the State of New Jersey, Docket No. ESX-L-6795-18, in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00 for calendar year 2022.

A motion to postpone Resolution 313-2022 the was made by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross and seconded by Councilmember Tency A. Eason

YEA: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Clifford R. Ross,
Hon. Jamie B. Summers Johnson, Hon. Adrienne Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

NAY:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III,

Motion Adopted: Postponed

315-2022 A resolution re-appointing Cheryl Gayle, a resident of Orange, New Jersey, as a Regular Member to the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the City of Orange Township, New Jersey.

A motion to adopt Resolution 315-2022 was made by Council President Tency A. Eason and seconded by Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert

Councilmember Adrienne Wooten requested an audit of the Zoning Board Members to make sure that the alternates were properly moved. Council President Tency A. Eason stated one member passed away. The City Clerk stated that one member was removed by the board due to attendance.

YEA: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Clifford R. Ross,
Hon. Jamie B. Summers Johnson, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

NAY:

ABSTAIN: Hon. Adrienne Wooten

ABSENT: Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III

Motion Adopted

316-2022 A resolution appointing James Ward, III a resident of Orange, New Jersey, as a Regular Member to the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the City of Orange Township, New Jersey.

A motion to adopt Resolution 316-2022 was made by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross and seconded by Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert

YEA: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Clifford R. Ross,
Hon. Jamie B. Summers Johnson, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

NAY:

ABSTAIN: Hon. Adrienne Wooten

ABSENT: Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III,

Motion Adopted

317-2022 A resolution appointing Carl Fields, Jr. a resident of Orange, New Jersey, as a First Alternate Member to the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the City of Orange Township, New Jersey. Amended – Correction to name from Field, Jr. to Fields, Jr.

A motion to adopt Resolution 317-2022 the was made by Council President Tency A. Eason and seconded by Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert

YEA: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Clifford R. Ross,
Hon. Jamie B. Summers Johnson, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

NAY:

ABSTAIN: Hon. Adrienne Wooten

ABSENT: Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III,

Motion Adopted

***318-2022** A resolution appointing Erica Quartey, a resident of Orange, New Jersey, as a Second Alternate Member to the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the City of Orange Township, New Jersey.

A motion to adopt Resolution 318-2022 the was made by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley and seconded by Council President Tency A. Eason

YEA: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Clifford R. Ross,
Hon. Jamie B. Summers Johnson, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

NAY:

ABSTAIN: Hon. Adrienne Wooten

ABSENT: Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III

Motion Adopted

POSTPONED RESOLUTIONS

254-2022 A resolution of the City of Orange Township supporting and encouraging enforcement of idle free zones.

A motion to adopt Resolution 254-2022 was made by Council President Tency A. Eason and seconded by Councilmember Jamie B. Summers Johnson

YEA: Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Clifford R. Ross, Hon. Jamie B. Summers Johnson, Hon. Adrienne Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

NAY: Hon. Kerry J. Coley

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III,

Motion Adopted

NEW BUSINESS AND WALK-ON ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

A motion to have an Executive Closed Session to discuss a personnel matter for a potential Walk-On that will be heard after the Executive Closed Session was made by Councilmember Jamie B. Summers Johnson and seconded by Council President Tency A. Eason

YEA: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Clifford R. Ross, H Hon. Jamie B. Summers Johnson, Hon. Adrienne Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

NAY:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III

Motion Adopted

320-2022 A RESOLUTION TO HOLD AN EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONELL MATTERS.

A motion to adopt Resolution 320-2022 was made by Council President Tency A. Eason and seconded by Councilmember Jamie B. Summers Johnson

YEA: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Clifford R. Ross, Hon. Jamie B. Summers Johnson, Hon. Adrienne Wooten Hon. Tency A. Eason

NAY:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III

Motion Adopted

Council entered into an Executive Closed Session at 9:53pm

A motion to close Executive Closed Session was made by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross and seconded by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley.

The Executive Closed Session closed at 10:12pm.

ROLL CALL

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| PRESENT | Councilmember Kerry J. Coley
Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert
Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross
Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson
Councilmember Adrienne Wooten
Council President Tency A. Eason |
| ABSENT | Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III |

The Council entered back into Regular Session.

Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk explained the reason for going into Executive Closed Session was to discuss a personnel matter regarding an unfunded liability with respect to paid time off for the Police Chief. Administration has negotiated an agreement with him to cap our liability and get a discount on the paid time off that the Chief would be entitled to if he were to retire today.

321-2022WO A RESOLUTION OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH VINCENT VITIELLO.

A motion to Walk-On Resolution 321-2022(WO) was made by Councilmember Jamie B. Summers Johnson and seconded by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross

Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross inquired if the information discussed in the Executive Closed Session be attached to the Resolution. Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk stated the numbers will be attached.

YEA: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Clifford R. Ross,
Hon. Jamie B. Summers Johnson, Hon. Adrienne Wooten Hon. Tency A. Eason

NAY:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III,

Motion Adopted

A motion to Close Citizens Comments was made by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross and seconded by Council President Tency A. Eason

A motion to adopt Resolution 321-2022(WO) was made by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross and seconded by Councilmember Adrienne Wooten

YEA: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Clifford R. Ross,
Hon. Jamie B. Summers Johnson, Hon. Adrienne Wooten Hon. Tency A. Eason

NAY:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III,

Motion Adopted

OTHER PENDING BUSINESS

There was no other pending business.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross and seconded by Councilmember Jamie B. Summers Johnson

The meeting was adjourned at 10:21pm.


PUBLIC NOTICE

The next City Council Conference and Regular Meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 3, 2022 virtually at 7:00 p.m.

Approved: September 20, 2022



Joyce L. Lanier
City Clerk



Tency A. Eason
Council President