

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, AUGUST 3, 2022 FOLLOWING THE CONFERENCE MEETING.

Council President Tency A. Eason led all assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call:

Present: Councilmember Kerry J. Coley, East Ward
Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert, West Ward
Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III, At-Large
Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross, At-Large
Councilmember Adrienne Wooten, At-Large
Council President Tency A. Eason, North Ward

Also Present: Joyce L. Lanier, City Clerk
Chris M. Hartwyk, Business Administrator
Laquana Best, Planning Director
Derrick Brown, Fire Chief
Alex Cirrco, Law Department
Nile Clements, Chief Financial Officer
Vincent DeFilippo, Health Officer
Paula Ferreira, Tax Collector
Marty Mayes, Public Works Director
Aaron Mizrahi, Law Department
Gracia R. Montilus, City Attorney
Chris Murray, Tax Assessor
Keith Pressey, Supervisor of Recreation
Wendy M. Sykes, Director of Community Services
Marlin G. Townes, Legislative Research Office
Vincent Vitiello, Police Chief
Margaret Homere, City Clerk's Office
Tamara Robinson, City Clerk's Office
Trisha Scipio, City Clerk's Office

Absent: Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, South Ward
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 September 2, 2021, 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.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**January 4, 2022 Conference & Regular Meeting Minutes**

A motion to adopt the January 4, 2022 Conference & Regular Meeting Minutes was made by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross and seconded by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Clifford R. Ross, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: None

Abstain: Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, and Hon. Adrienne Wooten

Absent: Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson

Motion Adopted

June 8, 2022 Conference & Regular Meeting Minutes

A motion to adopt the June 8, 2022, Conference & Regular Meeting Minutes was made by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross and seconded by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Clifford R. Ross, Hon. Adrienne Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: None

Abstain: Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert and Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III

Absent: Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson

Motion Adopted

REPORTS**DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REVENUE COLLECTION:**

The City Clerk's Office collected \$75 for the month July 2022.

The Historic Preservation Commission collected \$70 for the month July 2022.

CONSTABLE REPORTS

There were no Constable Reports.

OPRA REPORTS

There were 85 OPRA requests received, 62 completed and 23 remaining for the month of June 2022.

COUNCIL REPORTS - Council President directs Clerk to file reports.

The City Clerk announced the following: Ordinance 40-2022 – This Ordinance is on second reading, the age restriction is listed as 18 which will be amended to 17. Resolutions 313-2022 and 340-2022 are the same. After the Executive Closed Session a decision will be made as to which one will be voted on. Minor revisions were made to Certification of Funds on some Resolutions.

Finance**Planning Board**

Director Laquana Best stated that one of the part time inspectors, Robert lost his daughter and we should keep the family in prayer. There is a resolution to accept, Community Energy Funding in the amount of \$25,000. We are continuing to work on the final submission for the renewal for the Sustainable Jersey program. The Wawa project is moving along wonderfully, the framework has been completed and the gas tanks are installed. The completion is anticipated by November. Leasing has begun for the Reock Street project, there are five already leased. If you would like information on leasing on the Reock or project or 209 Mt Vernon, please contact the Clerk's Office. There will be a ribbon cutting being planned for the end of the month. Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross

stated the Wawa project is moving along nicely. He asked if he and Council Colleagues can arrange a walk-through of the project. Councilmember Adrienne Wooten wished the director a Happy belated birthday. She has posted on her social media the updates on Wawa as she is very excited about it. She asked about Berwyn Street project, can covers be put up on the Oakwood Street side. Director Best will make the call tomorrow to get it covered and have the grass handled. There should be an update on the Berwyn Street project during the next meeting. Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III asked for an update on the Recreation Center. They are still talking to the developer for review and put on the Planning Board agenda in the next few months. Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk stated they are in process of negotiating the operating, redevelopment, and pilot agreements. Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross asked if the entire building for the Recreation Center would be demolished which the entire corner will be demolished

Fire Department

Fire Chief Derrick Brown stated the National Night Out was very good with Fire and Police visiting all the stops. This is the last week for Junior Public Safety Academy (JPSA) and Friday they will have graduation ceremony at the Fire Station, 409 Central Ave. at 11:00am. All that are available are welcome to attend. There has been no incidents last month or this month. Council President Tency A. Eason asked about how many students are in the JPSA Program. Fire Director Derrick Brown stated there are down to about 30 students. They anticipate more next year with the six week program. The instructors from the Fire, Police and ROTC did a great job.

Police Department

Police Chief, Vincent Vitiello wanted to reiterate what Fire Chief Derrick Brown stated about the collaboration with Police and Fire with the JPSA. He gave accolades to Chief Derrick Brown for an amazing job. Chief Vitello sent a packet with a detailed report of the JPSA for review. Chief Vitiello reported there were 46 guns recovered without incident and only three assault with a weapons. For the month of July the department issued 3008 parking tickets and 515 moving violations. Last week the department attended Councilwoman Hilbert's Community meeting, it was a pleasure and the department is always willing to attend. Council President Tency A. Eason asked the Chief to elaborate on safety. The Chief stated residents should secure their property not giving criminals easy access to steal property. Councilmember Adrienne Wooten asked the Chief to speak to cones used for saving parking spaces. The Chief confirmed you cannot use cones or cans to reserve a parking space. The Police Department will generally give a warning before handing out any admonishments. Self Defense Instructor Mickey Freson passed away a day ago. Council President Tency A. Eason asked for the arrangements for the services be sent to the Clerk's Office. Councilmember Adrienne Wooten inquired about the missing youth posted on the Police Department social media. The department is making headway.

Finance

Chief Financial Officer Nile Clements stated the County certified our 2022 tax rate at 3.466% so the final tax bills will be going out soon. He apologized in advanced for having a Walk-On Resolution that involves grants coming in.

Tax Collector

Paula Ferreira stated the third quarter estimated bills are due August 1, 2022 and residents have until August 10, 2022 to pay without interest.

Tax Assessor

Chris Murray stated we are working on our permits, processing sales for state sales ration and defending tax appeals.

Public Works

Director Marty Mayes stated projects are ongoing. The Spray Park claim was accepted by our insurance company so the department will begin making the improvements, but it may not be up and running this season. Colgate Pool

is going through a complete renovation at the end of the season. The gas tank installation at Brook Alley Garage is in the final stages and they are troubleshooting the equipment. The cameras and license plate reader were installed today and it should be up and running in the next week or two. The curb painting, sidewalk and paving of Ward Street will begin on Monday. The department will be working on Central Playground as the equipment has been delivered and the Vendor has called for a mark out. Ropes Park has an additional \$588,000 in funds which Green Acres will allow to use with a fifty-fifty match. He thanked Council President Tency A. Eason for connecting the department with the various Veterans Group for a conversation on Military Park which received \$1.2 million. There will be a bid in early September so the work can begin. The demolition of 540 Mitchell Street is waiting for one piece of information, the soil erosion letter. The department took bids for Parkinson Terrace, Elm Street and Glenwood Avenue, these streets will be done before November 15th, which is the end of the paving system. Director Mayes has been working with the various Mark-Out Entities. The first notification came from Emergency Mark Out. The department is working on the particulars. Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III stated he reached out to Tim Walker about complaints of the condition on the Scotland Road Bridge. Director Mayes stated the only one who wants to take ownership of the issue is the state. He is in the process of setting up a meeting with the State. The City will step in and give a temporary fix. Council President Tency A. Eason stated she spoke with Phil Alagia and Phil Hillman concerning this issue. According to the County, it has to be repaired by DOT. Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert stated that it is a sore point for her, if it's supposed to be done by DOT does that mean the city can't provide the temporary fix. Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross inquired about William Street which will be completed in a two week time frame. Director Mayes stated that sketches are being created for Colgate Park and Metcalf Park. The department is also working on a solution to have drinking water in the parks. Keith Pressey and Director Sykes is looking for grants for the water coolers. Councilmember Adrienne Wooten inquired about tennis courts which are on the agenda. Council President Tency A. Eason stated the work with the Veterans should be a priority as was want our veterans to know how we feel that we appreciate their service to the country.

Community Service

Director Wendy M. Sykes gave accolades to Councilwoman Hilbert's Community Meeting. The department participated in National Night Out distributing fliers for upcoming events and collecting contact information from Veterans and Senior Citizens. She gave congratulations to the JPSA who performed in front of City Hall yesterday. The department works with them through the summer food program and we received a notoriety award from the State Department of Agriculture who finances the summer food program. The cooling centers for residents are located at: City Hall, 29 North Day Street, fourth floor (Council Chambers) from 9am – 7pm, Our Lady of the Valley Church, 510 Valley Street from 8am – 3pm, St. Matthew AME Church, 336 Oakwood Avenue until August 5th from 9am – 4pm then they will reopen on August 6th from 9am-5pm, The Lower Field House at Central Playground Park, 371 Central Avenue from 12noon-6pm, Metcalf Field House at Metcalf Park from 12noon to 6pm, and the Fire Station on Lincoln Avenue until 8pm. The Caribbean Heritage Festival on August 13th, Monte Irvin Park 12-8pm (for more information call 973-952-6100 ext. 6116, 6120, or 6118). The Back to School Event will be held on Saturday, August 27th, Central Avenue between Lincoln and Carteret Place, there will be food, games, music, book bags and vaccines. There will be booths for the Essex County Surrogates Department, Fire Dept. Police Dept. The Veterans are assisting with food. You must register by August 19th, call 973-952-6733 for information on how to register. The Annual Mayor's Senior Picnic on August 24th with a rain date of August 25th at the West Orange Pavilion 11am-3pm. Latino Festival will be held on August 27th and 28th from 12-8pm at Monte Irvin Park (for more information call 973-952-6100 ext. 6116). The Farmers Market is every Wednesday until September 14th at Military Park from 12-6pm and it includes live music. The department is ongoing with the Senior Shopping. There is a bus ride on August 22nd to the Jersey Gardens Mall, The Wind Creek Casino in Bethlehem PA on August 26th from 10am-2pm and reservations are needed. The Flea Market in August 18th, Dinner and a Movie on August 30th. There is free transportation and no fee, call 973-592-8147 to register and attend the Senior Events. The department is updating the data base and would like anyone interested in the programs, they should visit the city's website and give their information. The department is seeking organizations that provide services to the community. Council President Tency A. Eason requested information be dropped off at the Seniors Buildings

and send out mailings. Keith Pressey added the Aquatic program is doing very well and all three pools have been open.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

NJ TRANSIT intends to apply for federal financial assistance for the Fiscal Years 2019 – 2022. Comments and requests for a public hearing regarding this matter can be submitted to the following address, no later than August 15, 2022: Rocio Munoz, OPRA Manager, NJ TRANSIT, One Penn Plaza East, Newark, NJ 07105-2246

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON GENERAL ISSUES/AGENDA ITEMS

“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 the Managing Director of the HUB located at 35-47 Cleveland Street announce the Covid-19 vaccination program is still running until December 1st. He inquired about Code Enforcement as he had a concern for a tenant at 311 Reynolds Terrace. He inquired if public notice would go out to residents concerning the “Scattered Sites” in which Council President Tency A. Eason asked Director Best to share her contact information and get the information to Mr. Wiley tomorrow. Director Best gave her number 973-592-8506, and stated there will be information sent through the mail.

Aubrey Murdock of 540 Liberty Street – Ms. Murdock thanked Councilmembers Coley, Hilbert, and Montague, III for their questions on the Scattered Sites Survey. There are people on the list that do not want to be on this list and there is no clear process how to be removed from the list. The study – There has been meetings where The Nishuane Group stated they have reviewed properties and have not. The City is paying for their services and they should do “do diligence.”

William Hathaway stated he was speaking on behalf of the West and wanted to thank Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert, members of the Administration, Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk, Mayor Dwayne Warren, Councilmember Adrienne Wooten, the Police Department, and for coming to the Community Meeting. He also thanked Council President Tency A. Eason, Council Clifford R. Ross, Council member Weldon M. Montague, III, Council member Quantavia L. Hilbert, Councilmember Adrienne Wooten, Council member Kerry J. Coley, Council member Jamie B. Summers Johnson, and District Leader Stacey Martin. The Police and Fire Departments for addressing issues with the community. He thanked Marty Mays for his work on the roads.

Kweli Campbell stated the Parking Commission was mentioned, and Police Chief Vitiello mentioned over 3000 tickets. She wondered if a Parking Authority is needed since the Police Department is doing a good job. Do we need a Parking Authority? There is a need for a comprehensive plan for Social Services. We know that Orange is a food desert and has a low income population. Has the leadership thought about doing a full plan that address the issues and needs of the residents? Responsive government – she has held meetings with several Councilmembers concerning government and they are not responsive. We are functioning in a level of mediocrity that is unacceptable. She should not have to go through someone to get to you. She is still waiting to hear about the Open Space Committee Meetings. There is a lack of symmetry between and the administration and the Committees and Boards. She is curious about how funds are being allocated when it comes to the parks. Council President Tency A. Eason stated the Boards and Committees are being revamped at this time. Keith Pressey wanted to address the issue of the YMCA renting out Metcalf Pool – those funds go to the Aquatic trust fund.

Received Citizen Comments

Samantha Crockett scrockett@kippteamandfamily.org - Is Resolution 334-2022 a 6-month agreement to support with any emergencies that take place during this time or are they working on something specific to fix? Additionally, which line will this money for come from in the budget?

Jeffrey Feld hardwaredad@aol.com - When will Orange receive and post its CY 2021 Audit? How much has Orange and its JIF insurer expended defending the Carey, Cooper and Campione matters? Do any of these matters relate to or arise from the mismanagement of the City's water/sewer utility system? In light of the still ongoing federal investigation of Orange and the guilty pleas entered therein, why is the Nishuane Group still retained by Orange with an outrageous monthly retainer of \$20,833.33? Why the sudden emergent need to adopt a Scattered Sites with Condemnation Powers redevelopment plan? Who failed to pick up the current PEEK Development related error and omission that must be cured by after-the-fact municipal legislation? How much long term tax exemption revenues does Orange still owe the County? As of July 28, 2022, how many CY 2021 OPRA requests remained open and outstanding? As of July 28, 2022, how many CY 2022 OPRA requests remained open and outstanding? Of the 23 pending and outstanding June 2022 OPRA requests, to whom are they due and from what departments are documents missing? What is the current status of the former Bank of America/Rossi Paints CY 2019 Feld XIX (ESX-L-0028-19) "flip" transaction? Has Orange begun to amortize these financed costs of acquisitions? In connection with this CY 2019 transaction, did Orange receive a false, erroneous and misleading closing documents and affidavits from the former Bank of America property owner? What are adverse consequences of an action being filed within a 20 days bond ordinance estoppel period? What are the Warren Administration's ties and connections to the Camden Empowerment Zone Corporation bad faith dismissed bankruptcy case? 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 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 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? With rising interest rates, when does Orange anticipate going into the municipal capital markets and issuing long term indebtedness for this BAN project? 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 Citizen Comments was made by Councilmember Adrienne Wooten and seconded by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember-At-Large Adrienne Wooten wanted to let everyone know she would be holding the second "Conversations and Coffee" on Saturday August 6th from 9-10am at the Inner City Café located on Essex Avenue. There is a Save the Date flier posted to the website for the "Purple Tree Lighting", Domestic Awareness Month. Councilwoman Wooten met with Access Family Services last week to discuss Domestic Violence. She stated there has been someone burning something (perhaps trash) and hopes that they are listening tonight and would cease the burning. Fire Director Derrick Brown stated due to the City Ordinance, there is no outside burning, if you smell any burning, please call 911 so the Fire Department can deal with the incident.

Councilmember-At-Large Weldon M. Montague, III, stated he had a great time at National Night Out. He respectfully deferred to his Council colleagues due to time.

Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert, July has been a phenomenal month since she is newly elected. She gave thanks to the Administration, Fire, Police, Office of Emergency Management, and Community Services. She has been working with the Community and wanted to list the events. July 23rd she attended the event sponsored by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross and Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III, a Pop-Up Shop event at Inner City Café for Entrepreneurs. She is grateful for the support at the Community Event that she sponsored and thanked those who attended and Captain Cummings. She attended the Orange High School Farmers Market and purchased produce from the Orange High Garden. If you need further information about the school's Garden Contest, you can visit her website or reach out to the HUBB. National Night Out - was a long night but she enjoyed it.

Councilmember Kerry J. Coley, yielded his comments due to the late hour.

Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross, inquired if the solar bench that is located in front of City Hall at 29 North Day Street would it remain in this location. There is a message sign board already in front of City Hall, what is the purpose of having two there. Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk stated the solar bench will be tested there for six months as a pilot, there is another one located at the train station. This solar bench is more than a message board, it has reception and residents can power up devices as well. Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross stated National Night Out was a great success. He took the opportunity to speak to resident and hear their concerns. A big concern is the trash, we have to get the trash issues under control as soon as possible. He wished everyone well and to urged them to enjoy the rest of the summer and be safe.

Council President Tency A. Eason, stated August 4th at 10am, St. Matthew AME Church will be cutting a ribbon for Lava Love, a mobile hygiene truck which will provide a lot of services for our displaced and homeless population. They will also hot the DMV on August 11th. They have reached the quota but you can come and be on stand-by as a walk-up. Council President asked Councilmembers to reach out to the Clerk's Office to make sure they have filled their appointments for each Committee and Board. Please appoint residents who are committed to the cause.

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 Ordinance 24-2022 was made by Council President Tency A. Eason and seconded by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Clifford R. Ross, Hon. Adrienne Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson,

Motion Adopted: Postponed

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)

Ordinance 40-2022 will be amended to change the age from 18 to 17. Citizens Comments will be extended to the next meeting after this is re-advertised. Kweli Campbell asked what was transpiring with this. Council President stated it would be amended and brought back the next meeting.

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 to close Citizens Comments was made by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross and seconded by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III

A motion to adopt Ordinance 41-2022 on final was made by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross and seconded by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Clifford R. Ross, Hon. Adrienne Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson

Motion Adopted

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.

Received Citizen Comment

Jeffrey Feld hardwaredad@aol.com - Why the sudden need for a parking authority? Is this an accounting artifice and device to shift expenses?

A motion for to close Citizens Comments was made by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III and seconded by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross

A motion to adopt Ordinance 42-2022 on final was made by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross and seconded by Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Clifford R. Ross, Hon. Adrienne Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson

Motion Adopted

ORDINANCES – INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING

43-2022 An ordinance of the City of Orange Township, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, granting an easement affecting Block 2102, Lot 11.01, to PEEK Cleveland I Owner Urban Renewal LLC for construction and maintenance of a water meter vault.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 43-2022 was made by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III and seconded by Councilmember Adrienne Wooten

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Clifford R. Ross, Hon. Adrienne Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson

Motion Adopted

Final Reading: September 6, 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. *322-2022 THROUGH *347-2022

- *322-2022** A resolution re-appointing Victoria Gray to the Affirmative Action Commission of the City of Orange Township. (Sponsored by Councilmember Summers-Johnson)
- *323-2022** A resolution appointing Fabien Ortiz-Pena to the Affirmative Action Commission of the City of Orange Township. (Sponsored by Councilmember Hilbert)
- *324-2022** A resolution appointing Council Member Tency A. Eason as the Liaison to the 2nd River Joint Meeting on behalf of the City of Orange Township.
- *325-2022** A resolution to rescind Resolution No. 296-2021 entitled “A resolution re-appointing Hamza A. Agwedichman to the Affirmative Action Commission of the City of Orange Township” and to appoint Patricia Cuttino to the remaining unexpired term. (Sponsored by Councilmember Montague, III)
- *326-2022** A resolution recognizing domestic violence as a public health crisis and October 2022 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. (Sponsored by Councilmember Wooten & the Orange Municipal Council)
- *327-2022** A resolution recognizing ACCESS Family Services as a formidable domestic violence service provider in the community. (Sponsored by Councilmember Wooten & the Orange Municipal Council)
- *328-2022** A resolution honoring the life and service of Mr. John R. Harris, Sr. to the City of Orange Township. (Sponsored by Councilmember Wooten & the Orange Municipal Council)
- *329-2022** A resolution authorizing a refund of seventy seven dollars and seventy six cents (\$77.76) paid by Jameelah S. Martin for Alvin Alley Dance Theatre show at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center, Friday, May 6, 2022.

- *330-2022** A resolution authorizing a refund of one hundred dollars paid by Raquel Miller, 615C Thomas Street, Orange, NJ 07050 for a money order payment made in error to the Junior Public Safety Academy.
- *331-2022** A resolution authorizing a refund of one hundred dollars paid by Meztizo Zulemma, Orange, NJ 07050 for a money order payment made in error to the Junior Public Safety Academy.
- *332-2022** A resolution to accept funds from the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities Community Energy Plan Grant Program in the amount of \$25,000.00.
- *334-2022** 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 July 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00. (Amended) Removed last sentence in 4th whereas paragraph - ~~contingent upon Council approval and inclusion of said item in the Temporary Budget and adopted 2022, there will be sufficient funds to contract MTB Electric, LLC~~
- *335-2022** A resolution authorizing a contract to Magic Touch Construction Co., Inc., 59 West Front Street, Keyport, New Jersey 07735 to provide emergency plumbing services to all city owned properties under the ESCNJ Co-Op #20/21-18 commencing July 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00.
- *341-2022** A resolution approving the Bill List for Council meeting vote on August 03, 2022 dated July 27, 2022 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95. (Grand Total: \$10,729,158.09)
- *342-2022** A resolution appointing Council Member Tency A. Eason as member of the Planning Board of the City of Orange Township.
- *343-2022** A resolution appointing Carol Perkins as a Citizen Member of the Budget and Finance Committee of the City of Orange Township. (Sponsored by Council Member Hilbert)
- *344-2022** A resolution appointing Charles H. Pryor, II as a Citizen Member of the Budget and Finance Committee of the City of Orange Township. (Sponsored by Council Member Summers-Johnson)
- *345-2022** A resolution re-appointing Rosanna Rodriguez as a Citizen Member to the Public Works Committee of the City of Orange Township. (Sponsored by Council Member Summers-Johnson)
- *346-2022** A resolution re-appointing Lorien Malone as a Citizen Member to the Public Works Committee of the City of Orange Township. (Sponsored by Council Member Ross)
- *347-2022** A resolution re-appointing Carl Fields, Jr. as a Citizen Member to the Public Works Committee of the City of Orange Township. (Sponsored by Council Member Eason)

A motion to adopt the Consent Agenda was made by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III and seconded by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Clifford R. Ross, Hon. Adrienne Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson

Motion Adopted

- 333-2022** A resolution authorizing the Planning Board of the City of Orange Township to conduct an investigation pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-6 for designation of certain parcels known as “Scattered Site Study Area” as an area in need of redevelopment without condemnation and/or an area in need of rehabilitation, and further directing the Planning Board to hold the Public Hearing, report to City Council and prepare a redevelopment plan for any areas so designated.

A motion to adopt was made by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III and seconded by Councilmember Adrienne Wooten

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Clifford R. Ross, Hon. Adrienne Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III

Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson

Motion Does Not Pass

City Clerk, Joyce Lanier stated during the Executive Closed Session when discussing Resolution 336-2022, the position can be discussed but not the employee as a Rice Notice was not sent.

A motion to suspend the rules to go out of order on the Agenda was made by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley and Seconded by Councilmember Adrienne Wooten

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Clifford R. Ross, Hon. Adrienne Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson

NEW BUSINESS AND WALK-ON ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

- 348-2022(W/O)** A resolution recognizing August as National Black Business Month. (Sponsored by Council Member Hilbert)

- 349-2022(W/O)** A resolution authorizing approval to amend the CY 2022 Municipal Budget by inserting items of revenue and appropriations totaling \$2,232,571.55 in additional grant funding.

A motion to walk on Resolutions 348-2022(W/O) and 349-2022(W/O), onto the agenda was made by Councilmember Adrienne Wooten and seconded by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Clifford R. Ross, Hon. Adrienne Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson

Motion Adopted

A motion to close Citizens Comments was made by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III and seconded by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley

348-2022(W/O) A resolution recognizing August as National Black Business Month. (Sponsored by Council Member Hilbert)

A motion to adopt was made by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III and seconded by Councilmember Adrienne Wooten

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Clifford R. Ross, Hon. Adrienne Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson

Motion Adopted

349-2022(W/O) A resolution authorizing approval to amend the CY 2022 Municipal Budget by inserting items of revenue and appropriations totaling \$2,232,571.55 in additional grant funding.

A motion to adopt was made by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley and seconded by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Clifford R. Ross, Hon. Adrienne Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson

Motion Adopted

350-2022 A resolution to hold an Executive (Closed) Session to discuss litigation matters.

A motion to adopt Resolution 350-2022 was made by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross and seconded by Councilmember Adrienne Wooten

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Clifford R. Ross, Hon. Adrienne Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson

Motion Adopted

The purpose of entering Executive (Closed) Session is to discuss litigation matters and personnel matters.

A motion to enter Executive (Closed) Session was made by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III and seconded by Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Clifford R. Ross, Hon. Adrienne Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson

Motion Adopted

A motion to extend the meeting was made by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III and seconded by Kerry J. Coley

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Clifford R. Ross, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: None

Abstain: Hon. Adrienne Wooten

Absent: Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson

Motion Adopted

The meeting was extended.

Executive Closed Session began at 10:23pm.

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

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Clifford R. Ross, Hon. Adrienne Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson

Motion Adopted

Regular Meeting reconvened at 11:14pm

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

336-2022 A resolution authoring the appointment of Tamara Robinson as the Deputy Municipal Clerk for the City of Orange Township.

A motion to postpone Resolution 336-2022 was made by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross and seconded by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Clifford R. Ross, Hon. Adrienne Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson

Motion Adopted: Postponed

337-2022 A resolution amending Resolution No. 71-2022 to authorize additional attorney fees for Michael A. Armstrong & Associates, LLC, to represent the City of Orange Township in the matter, "Anthony Carey v. City of Orange Township, et al." Docket No. ESX-L-002475-20 in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00.

A motion to adopt Resolution 337-2022 was made by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross and seconded by Councilmember Adrienne Wooten

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Clifford R. Ross, Hon. Adrienne Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: Hon. Kerry J. Coley

Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson

Motion Adopted

338-2022 A resolution amending Resolution No. 462-2021 to authorize additional attorney fees for Lamb Kretzer, LLC, as special counsel in Calendar year 2022 with regard to “Tyshammie L. Cooper v. City of Orange Township, Mayor Dwayne D. Warren and Louis Copeland” Docket No. ESX-L-006733-21 in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00.

A motion to adopt Resolution 338-2022 was made by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross and seconded by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Clifford R. Ross, Hon. Adrienne Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: Hon. Kerry J. Coley

Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson

Motion Adopted

339-2022 A resolution amending Resolution No. 463-2021 to authorize additional attorney fees for David C. Stanziale, LLC, as special counsel in Calendar Year 2022 with regard to “Tyshammie L. Cooper v. City of Orange Township, Mayor Dwayne D. Warren and Louis Copeland” Docket No. ESX-L-006733-21 in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00.

A motion to adopt Resolution 339-2022 was made by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross and seconded by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Clifford R. Ross, Hon. Adrienne Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: Hon. Kerry J. Coley

Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson

Motion Adopted

340-2022 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 \$25,000.00 for Calendar Year 2022.

A motion to adopt Resolution 340-2022 was made by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross and seconded by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Clifford R. Ross, Hon. Adrienne Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson

Motion Adopted

POSTPONED RESOLUTIONS

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

Roll Call:

Yeas:

Nays: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Clifford R. Ross, Hon. Adrienne Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson

Motion does not pass

OTHER PENDING BUSINESS

There was no pending business.


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


The meeting was adjourned at 11:24pm

PUBLIC NOTICE

The next City Council Conference and Regular Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 6, 2022 virtually at 7:00 p.m.

Approved: September 20, 2022


Joyce L. Lanier
City Clerk


Tency A. Eason
Council President