

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

**THIS IS A CONFERENCE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP HELD VIA AUDIO-VIDEO CONFERENCING TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2022 AT 7:08 P.M.**

**Roll Call:**

**Present:** Councilmember Kerry J. Coley, East Ward (*Arrived at 7:09pm*)  
Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert, West Ward  
Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III, At-Large  
Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross, At-Large  
Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, South Ward  
Councilmember Adrienne Wooten, At-Large (*Arrived at 7:11pm*)  
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  
Adrian Mapp, Finance Director  
Marty Mayes, Public Works Director  
Aaron Mizrahi, Law Department  
Gracia R. Montilus, City Attorney (*Arrived at 7:38pm*)  
Chris Murray, Tax Assessor  
Marlin G. Townes, Legislative Research Office  
Vincent Vitiello, Police Chief  
Avram White, Law Department  
Margarette Homere, City Clerk's Office  
Tamara Robinson, City Clerk's Office  
Trisha Scipio, City Clerk's Office  
Gabrielle Sims-Shelton, City Clerk's Office

**Absent:** Wendy M. Sykes, Director of Community Services

The City Clerk announced the Recognition of a Moment of Silence

The City Clerk announced the "SPECIAL NOTICE: Please be apprised anyone wishing to discuss Agenda or General Items shall email their statements or questions to [citizencomments@orangenj.gov](mailto:citizencomments@orangenj.gov) no later than 7:00 p.m. the day prior to the scheduled public meeting. The City Council reserves the right to respond or not respond during the meeting to any citizen's submission."

The City Clerk announced 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 July 13, 2022, posted on the Bulletin Board in City Hall and on the Council's website ([www.orangetwpnjcc.org](http://www.orangetwpnjcc.org)), the City's website ([www.ci.orange.nj.us](http://www.ci.orange.nj.us)) and filed in the Office of the City Clerk.

**MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION****COVID Update**

Health Director Vincent DeFilippo stated that in the beginning of August we were in the Orange which is considered high, and now in September we are in the Yellow and the numbers for Covid-19 cases have been low. We have had one death due to Covid-19 in the month of August. The Governor declared a health emergency alert concerning Monkey Pox. New Jersey had 647 cases the City of Orange 238, globally there are 61,000. As of October 29<sup>th</sup> the County will be closing all sites for vaccines. The mobile units is still giving vaccines (Moderna and Pfizer) between 2:30 –6:30 you must wait two months between shots. The new vaccines are being administered. The statistics for vaccines administered in Orange are: Ages 3-4, 2%; Ages 5 75%; Age 12, 80%; Age 18, 81%; Age 65, 90%. There are over 200 cases of Lime Diseases in New Jersey. Be mindful of walking around in shorts. Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross asked about what is being done about salons employing non licensed employees. The Health Director stated over \$12,000 in fines and citations have been issued for salons who are not posting employee licenses, which is required. Consumers should pay attention to this as they visit salons. Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III inquired about the lantern flies and if there will be a concern during the winter. The Health Director stated the cold weather may cause them to hibernate. Council Tency A. Eason inquired if any measures were being taken to prevent the spread of the lantern flies. The Health Director stated they have not received any information from the County as requested. Council President also inquired when FLU shots will be available which the City has not begun, we are working in conjunction with a local physician which will hopefully begin in October.

Council President Tency A. Eason apologized to the public, the meeting from September 6th was postponed until today.

**ORDINANCES**

**47-2022** will be postponed until the October 1, 2022 Meeting

**48-2022** Councilmember Kerry J. Coley inquired if the Clerk's office would facilitate this. Councilmember Adrienne Wooten stated the Clerk's Office may not be staffed well enough to facilitate this. Notifications should be going out with the Tax Bill. This would be specifically for Orange Residents. Councilmember Tency A. Eason inquired if it could be amended to include a definition of Special Needs and it could not be used for campaign purposes. The City Attorney needs to address this cannot be requested through OPRA. We will pull and bring this back in October.

**49-2022** will be amended on the floor. Councilmember Kerry J. Coley inquired if DPW was a part of the process and they were with code enforcement. The plan is to create an educational service fro residents.

**50 2022, 51-2022, 52-2022, and 53-2022** Council President Tency A. Eason inquired about the dates. Deputy City Attorney, Aaron Mizrahi stated, if Council could disregard the 28<sup>th</sup> that is typed there. This is the first reading of this Ordinance which allows us to then refer this to the Planning Board. The idea is the Planning Board would consider this at the meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> but that hasn't occurred yet. We would leave that blank until the second reading when we could fill this in. Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross stated the Planning Board has not had this meeting yet and wanted to know why it is before Council for approval. Aaron Mizrahi stated the legal process is the Council first proposes the actual change, which is the first reading. The typed date (the 28<sup>th</sup>) was typed there accidentally. Changes are made after the first reading. It would be introduced to Council first, then it is referred to the Planning Board to consider and it is returned to Council with comments on Second Reading. Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert inquired about the amendment regarding the expansion and parking. On the second page referencing the dimensions means congestion in her opinion. There were question marks left with open range of how many stories can be built. Aaron Mizrahi stated parking is something that needs to be taken back to the developer as 1.4 spaces are allotted.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**368-2022** will be postponed until the October 1, 2022 Meeting

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**352-2022** Councilmember Quantavia Hilbert expressed concerns about the rendering and if there has been any adjustments to the size and how close it will be to current residents. Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk stated the building has been redesigned and reduced to five stories. There has been additional considerations that have been made, camera connected to the Police Station, 20% minority hiring, and the tax revenue on the project is currently \$200,000. There were community meetings about this project and have been considered.

**360-2022** Councilmember Adrienne Wooten stated she understands this is property that needs to come down, she is requesting a list of all the city’s liens that have been attached to properties that are being demolished, or lots being cleaned. This will be helpful when letting helping the residents understand that it is charged to the lien when the City cleans the lot. Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert requested the list as well. Council President Tency A. Eason suggested calling the police when someone is aware of dumping so that fines can be issued and loiters can be caught.

**363-2022** Councilmember Adrienne Wooten requested an audit list of traffic signs being replaced. She wanted to know the method for getting for signs being replaced in the valley. Director Marty Mayes stated this is for the new school zone.

**377-2022** Councilmember Adrienne Wooten stated residents are not in favor of this Resolution so she will not support it. The signatures in the back up are from 2021 and the survey should be more current. Councilmember Kerry J. Coley stated he received different information from residents.

**366-2022, 374-2022 and 392-2022** Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk explained one was for a prior year and the other for this year. There is a certification of funds is being sent. CFO Nile Clements stated all three resolutions weren’t needed. One is ratifying the work and has the certification of funds already attached. 366-2022 for work done in the calendar year 2022. 392-2022 is specifically paying for work done from Escrow. He retracted and stated all three needed.


**385-2022** Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert inquired how the grant would be used if won. She would like to see more done than a red car on the Library’s lawn. Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk stated this is a yearly grant that normally the city collaborates with other entities for educational programs, prevention of alcohol and drug abuse and administered through a member of the Administration. Councilmember Adrienne Wooten wanted to speak to previous alliances. Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III spoke to the subject as well as we need to bring awareness to the residents. **394-2022** Council President Tency A. Eason inquired if there would be an Executive Session. Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk stated the Executive Session will discuss Resolutions 368-2022, 369-2022, and 370-2022 which are being held. It will not take long and documents will be sent to Council next week. There will no action taken.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04pm

Approved: November 14, 2022

  
 Joyce L. Lanier,  
 City Clerk

  
 Tency A. Eason,  
 Council President