

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 MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2022 AT 7:03 P.M.

Roll Call:

Present: Councilmember Kerry J. Coley, East Ward (*Arrived at 7:05pm*)
Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert, West Ward
Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III, 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
Nile Clements, Chief Financial Officer
Vincent DeFilippo, Health Officer
Gracia R. Montilus, City Attorney
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

Absent: Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross, At-Large
Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, South Ward
Paula Ferreira, Tax Collector
Adrian Mapp, Finance Director
Marty Mayes, Public Works Director
Wendy M. Sykes, Director of Community Services
Gabrielle Sims-Shelton, City Clerk's Office

The City Clerk announced the Recognition of a Moment of Silence.

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

The City Clerk 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, the Council's Website (www.orangetwpnjcc.org), the City's Website (www.ci.orange.nj.us) and filed in the Office of the City Clerk.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION**COVID Update**

Health Officer Vincent DeFilippo stated the City of Orange is in the orange and we were in the red two weeks ago. There is a new variant. Essex County as a whole is only 9% vaccinated and the City of Orange is only 4% vaccinated, this is all four boosters. Between 65-80 years old is at 12% and everyone else is at 10%. There are 755 Monkey Pox in New Jersey and two weeks ago the state experienced the first death from Monkey Pox. Essex County will administer vaccinations in front of City Hall on Wednesday, November 16th from 2-6pm. The County will accept appointments during the winter months by calling 973-877-8456. Mondays & Tuesdays at Market Street in Newark, Wednesdays at Union Avenue in Irvington, there are other locations and you can inquire by calling the number listed. There has been an influx of influenza. Orange is averaging about 15-20 cases a day. Do not let your guard down as there has been 200 reported tick diseases already and 400 are expected to by end of year Councilmember Tency A. Eason wanted the Health Director to confirm it should be two shots and two boosters for Covid-19 vaccines.

PSE&G Presentation

Public Affairs Liaison for PSE&G, Joseph McQueen. Mr. McQueen is the liaison for the City of Orange Township and he stated that he is aware there are many questions surrounding street lights. PSE&G works with each city to make repairs. Anyone can report street light outages, the lead time for repairs are typically three business days. If excavating is needed it may take more time. Gas leak repairs are prioritized. Councilmember Kerry J. Coley is concerned about the turnaround time as it is more than the three days in the City of Orange and inquired how many complaints have come from urban communities. Mr. McQueen pushed back on the narrative, he stated there is no priority or deference given to any community. There is more lead time in areas where there is more underground infrastructure. There have been complaints but not to the extent that Councilmember Coley is referencing. Residents can make reports at www.PSEG.com.

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

Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk stated that there are a number of Resolutions on tonight's Agenda to authorize 2023 contracts. It is the City's effort to be proactive. These resolution are subject to appropriation in the budget.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 pm.

Approved: December 6, 2022



Joyce L. Lanier,
City Clerk



Tency A. Eason,
Council President