

**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 MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2022 FOLLOWING THE CONFERENCE MEETING.**

Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III 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  
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  
Margaret 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 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 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.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

**September 20, 2022 Conference & Regular Meeting Minutes**

A motion to accept the September 20, 2022 Conference & Regular Meeting Minutes was made by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III and seconded by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley

**Motion Adopted**

**REPORTS****Department Monthly Revenue Collections for the month of October**

The City Clerk's Office collected \$12.75

The Historic Preservation Commission collected \$350.00

The Planning Department collected \$280,855.00

**CONSTABLE REPORTS**

There were no constable reports for the month of October.

**OPRA REPORTS**

For the Month of October 2022 there were 57 OPRA requests received, 41 completed and 16 remaining.

**COUNCIL REPORTS**

Council President directs Clerk to file reports.

Council President Tency A. Eason stated there was discussions in the Finance Meeting about being proactive in appointing Law Firms. Ordinance 24-2021 and 61-2022 will remained postponed. Ordinance 59-2022 will be held until the next meeting, the amount of the grant should be \$555,850.80.

**Police Department**

Police Chief Vincent Vitello stated there was nothing major to report. The Junior ROTC program had there Naval Event at the Appian Way and he expressed his pride in the students. The students were also in attendance at the Veteran's Day parade on Sunday. There was car reported missing from in front of the Daycare on Scotland and Joyce, and there was a child in the rear seat. An Amber alert was issued and the child was found in good health with no incident or harm.

**Fire Department**

Fire Chief Derrick Brown congratulated the young ROTC Cadets on their event and their participation in the Veteran's Day parade. He also thanked the Orange Police Department for their participation. The Department received a \$42,000 grant to purchase more gear for fire personnel. The department will serve Thanksgiving Day meals at the Field House on Thanksgiving from 11am-2pm. You can contact the Fire Department for more details if you want to come, help serve, or donate a dish.

**Finance Department**

Chief Financial Officer Nile Clements stated there is a resolution on the agenda that needs a 2/3 vote for a transfer of appropriations. The department anticipates more transfers at the upcoming meetings.

**Law Department**

City Attorney Gracia Montilus stated Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross requested an update concerning expenses which he will completed after his week's conference.

**Tax Assessor**

Tax Assessor Chris Murray stated there was nothing new to report. The department is working on state sales and processing sales for our state sales ratio.

**Planning Department**

Director Laquana Best stated there is Ribbon Cutting scheduled for next Tuesday, November 22, 2022 at 11am for 205 Mt Vernon Plaza and the Grand Opening for Wawa is tentatively scheduled for December 9<sup>th</sup>.

Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk confirmed there will be a Turkey Give-Away and he will confirm the details by the end of the meeting.

**COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS**

There were no communications or petitions for the month of October

**CITIZEN COMMENTS ON GENERAL ISSUES/AGENDA ITEMS**

The City Clerk announced the "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.

**Valerie McClain of 355 Thomas Blvd** stated two years ago there were no parking signs on the block. There is a problem near her and she wants to have a ten minute time limit sign posted. There is a parking lot for residents. Council President Tency A. Eason stated the street is narrow and suggested the resident speak to the Building Management to reserve a spot for ten minute drop-off parking. Councilmember Kerry J. Coley asked for Ms. McClain's number to speak about this issue offline. Her number is 443-306-5679.

**Tyrone Tarver of 258 Odgen Street** stated he wanted to speak on Resolution 441-2022 which is regards to facilities use request with the Orange Public School System. He does not see any numbers attached to this Resolution. During the October Meeting, the Orange School Board passed a Resolution for the request use of facilities from City Hall, they negotiated an amount for all of the events being held from now through April, and the amount was for \$50,000. He inquired if the Resolution on tonight's agenda was in reference to this front her Orange Public School System. Council President Tency A. Eason stated the Resolutions were passed by the Library Board and Council will satisfy their portion of it. She instructed him to inquire with the Board of Education and bring further questions to next meeting. Mr. Tarver continued and stating City Hall should pay more for the use of the facilities because the School District is stressing financially.

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

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

**Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert** thanked the administration for the Veteran's Day Parade. Residents of the Lincoln and Highland Parking area are still confused about drop off – She is requesting a conversation with the Business Administrator on this topic.

**Councilmember Kerry J. Coley** yielded his time to his Council colleagues.

**Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III** thanked the Veterans and Councilmember Kerry Coley for their service. He inquired of Chief of Police Vincent Vitiello about Park Avenue School's Drop off Zone, and requested a Police Car. Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk stated a conversation needs to be had with the School's Administration on the resources used for the outside. Police Chief Vitiello stated he would have put the school on the rotating list.

**Councilmember Adrienne Wooten** wished all Veterans a happy belated Veteran's Day. She asked for support on Resolution 452-2022, encouraging officers at their discretion to apply the severest form of punishment for those driving ATV's. She gave congratulations to the Bengals and their Cheerleaders. She thanked Keith Pressey and the Recreation Department for investing in our youth.

**Council President Tency A. Eason** gave congratulations to all the veterans for Veteran's Day and asked for continued prayers for those who are grieving over a lost one who was a veteran. We should also keep First Responders in our prayers as well. Council President wished all a Happy Thanksgiving as there will not be a meeting before the holiday. She requested that the City Clerk assign one of the members of Clerk's Office be assigned to touch each entity in the City to find out what is happening so the members of Council can attend these functions. Starting with the Board of Education

**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 24-2021 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. Adrienne Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

**Nays:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** Hon. Clifford R. Ross and Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson

**Motion Adopted:** Postponed

**49-2022** An ordinance to amend Chapter 107 "Garbage, Rubbish and Refuse" to the City of Orange Township Municipal Code (Amended). *(Postponed at the 10/18/2022 Council Meeting)*

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

A motion for final adoption 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. Adrienne Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

**Nays:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** Hon. Clifford R. Ross and Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson

**Motion Adopted**

**56-2022 An ordinance of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township, Essex County, New Jersey, amending the Central Valley Redevelopment Plan 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 President Tency A. Eason

A motion for final adoption 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. Adrienne Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

**Nays:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** Hon. Clifford R. Ross and Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson

**Motion Adopted**

**57-2022 An ordinance of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township, Essex County, New Jersey, to amend Chapter 122 of the Code of the City of Orange Township, entitled “Laundries and Dry-Cleaning Establishments”. (Sponsored by Council Member Eason)**

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

A motion for final adoption 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. Adrienne Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

**Nays:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** Hon. Clifford R. Ross and Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson

**Motion Adopted**

**58-2022 An ordinance of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township, Essex County, New Jersey to supplement the Code of the City of Orange Township to create Chapter 167 entitled “Retail Establishments”. (Sponsored by Council Member Eason)**

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 Adrienne Wooten and seconded by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley

**Roll Call:**

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

**Nays:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** Hon. Clifford R. Ross and Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson

**Motion Adopted**

**59-2022** A bond ordinance providing for various improvements to the Ropes Playground, by and in the City of Orange Township, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey, appropriating \$1,150,000.00 therefore (including a grant received or expected to be received for the New Jersey Green Acres Program in the amount of \$555,850.80) and authorizing the issuance of \$1,150,000.00 bonds or notes of the City to finance the cost thereof.

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

Councilmember Kerry J. Coley rescinded his motion and Councilmember Adrienne Wooten rescinded her second.

A motion to keep Citizens Comments open was made by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III and seconded by Councilmember Adrienne Wooten

**Motion Adopted**

### **ORDINANCES – INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING**

**61-2022** 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. (352 Mechanic St.) *(Postponed at the 11/01/2022 Council Meeting)*

A motion to postpone 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. Adrienne Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

**Nays:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** Hon. Clifford R. Ross and Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson

**Motion Adopted: Postponed**

### **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. \*439-2022 THROUGH \*459-2022**

**\*439-2022** A resolution authorizing Lewis Consulting Group, Inc., 2604 Atlantic Avenue, Suite 600, Wall, New Jersey 07719 to provide professional preliminary assessment report (PAR) services for Ropes Playground in an amount not to exceed \$3,500.00.

**\*440-2022** A resolution authorizing the extension of the award of a non-fair and open contract with Bright View Engineering, LLC, 5 Pitcairn Drive, Roseland, New Jersey 07068 to provide professional engineering construction administration services for the Highland Avenue Train Station Rehabilitation project in the amount not to exceed \$25,066.25.

**\*441-2022** A resolution to execute a hold harmless and indemnification agreement with the Orange Board of Education Public School District, 451 Lincoln Avenue, Orange, N.J. 07050 to allow the City to use school facilities for after school programs, recreation programs and summer programs until June 30<sup>th</sup> 2023.

- \*442-2022** A resolution to execute a hold harmless and indemnification agreement with the Orange Board of Education Public School District, 451 Lincoln Avenue, Orange, N.J. 07050 to allow the City to use the parking lots at the Board facilities as a temporary snow emergency parking until June 30<sup>th</sup> 2023.
- \*443-2022** A resolution accepting a grant from the Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund public program through the New Jersey Economic Development Authority and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.
- \*444-2022** A resolution authorizing the extension of the award of a non-fair and open contract with Neighborhood Planning and Architectural Design, Inc. (NPAD), 132 South Harrison Street, East Orange, New Jersey 07018 to provide project management professional services to comply with federal and state guidelines for the Highland Avenue Train Station Improvements in an amount not to exceed \$24,000.00.
- \*445-2022** A resolution authorizing the services of Lamb Kretzer, LLC, to represent the City of Orange Township in the matter, “51 South Day Street, LLC; Exit 11 Gentlemen’s Club, LLC v. Peek Reock II Owner Urban Renewal, LLC, et al” Docket No. ESX-L-9682-21 in an amount not to exceed \$1,500.00 for Calendar Year 2022.
- \*446-2022** A resolution authorizing a list of firms to represent the City of Orange Township in regard to bond matters on an as needed basis for a period of one (1) year from January 1, 2023 through December 1, 2023.
- \*447-2022** A resolution authorizing a list of law firms to represent the City of Orange Township in regards to Workers’ Compensation matters on an as needed basis for a period of one (1) year from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.
- \*448-2022** A resolution authorizing a list of law firms to represent the City of Orange Township in regards to labor matters on an as needed basis for a period of one (1) year from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.
- \*449-2022** A resolution authorizing a list of law firms to represent the City of Orange Township in regards to redevelopment matters on an as needed basis for a period of one (1) year from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.
- \*450-2022** A resolution authorizing a list of law firms to represent the City of Orange Township in regards to litigation matters on an as needed basis for a period of one (1) year from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.
- \*451-2022** A resolution honoring the Orange Bengals undefeated game winning streak of 9 and 0 as they vie for the North Jersey Pop Warner Championship. (Sponsored by Councilmembers Wooten, Summers-Johnson and the Orange Municipal Council)
- \*452-2022** A resolution supporting New Jersey Statue 39:3C-35 to encourage the City of Orange Township Police Department to exercise their discretion to exact the severest penalty under law. (Sponsored by Councilmember Wooten)
- \*453-2022** A resolution authorizing Change Order No. 1 – Final from Reivax Contracting Corp., 68 Finderne Avenue, Bridgewater, New Jersey 08807 for a decrease to the project known as the 2021 Full Reconstruction Project to adjust the contract quantities to meet final as-built conditions in the amount of \$15,818.58.
- \*454-2022** A resolution authorizing Change Order No. 4 – Final from Cifelli & Son General Contracting, Inc., 81 Franklin Avenue, Nutley, New Jersey 07110 for a decrease to the project known as the 2018 NJIB Roadway to adjust the contract quantities to meet final as-built conditions in the amount of \$2,823,578.06.
- \*455-2022** A resolution authorizing amending and ratifying with the New Jersey Department of Transpiration, 1035 Parkway Avenue, Trenton, New Jersey 08625 for the Highland Avenue Train Station Rehabilitation in the amount of \$1,213,030.83.
- \*456-2022** A resolution approving the Bill List for Council Meeting vote on November 14, 2022 dated November 9, 2022 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95. (Grand Total: \$4,682,466.40)
- \*457-2022** A resolution for the transfer of appropriations #1.

- \*458-2022 A resolution amending Resolution 158-2021 to authorize additional attorney fees for Szaferman Lakind, P.C. to provide legal counseling to The Orange Historic Preservation Commission of the City of Orange Township in matters as they relate to the Historic Preservation Commission in an amount not to exceed \$2,283.00.
- \*459-2022 A resolution ratifying the Labor Memorandum of Agreement of the negotiations between the City of Orange Township and Orange Municipal Employees Benevolent Association/Office of Professional Employees International Union Local 32 for the duration January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2024.

A motion to adopt the consent agenda 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. Adrienne Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

**Nays:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** Hon. Clifford R. Ross and Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson

**Motion Adopted**

**POSTPONED RESOLUTIONS**

There were no postponed Resolutions.

**NEW BUSINESS AND WALK-ON ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS**

There was no New Business, Walk-On Ordinances or Walk-On Resolutions.

**OTHER PENDING BUSINESS**

There was no pending business.

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 8:17pm.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

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

Approved: December 6, 2022



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 Joyce L. Lanier,  
 City Clerk



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 Tency A. Eason,  
 Council President