

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL AGENDA

THIS IS THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP HELD VIA AUDIO-VIDEO CONFERENCING ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2022 FOLLOWING THE CONFERENCE MEETING.

1) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

2) ROLL CALL

	PRESENT	ABSENT
Hon. Kerry J. Coley (East-Ward)	_____	_____
Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert (West-Ward)	_____	_____
Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III (At-Large)	_____	_____
Hon. Clifford R. Ross, Council Vice President (At-Large)	_____	_____
Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson (South-Ward)	_____	_____
Hon. Adrienne Wooten (At-Large)	_____	_____
Hon. Tency A. Eason, Council President (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	_____	_____
Paula Ferreira, Tax Collector	_____	_____
Adrian Mapp, Finance Director	_____	_____
Marty Mayes, Public Works Director	_____	_____
Gracia R. Montilus, City Attorney	_____	_____
Chris Murray, Tax Assessor	_____	_____
Wendy Sykes, Director of Community Services	_____	_____
Marlin G. Townes, Legislative Research Officer	_____	_____
Vincent Vitiello, Police Chief	_____	_____
Margaret Homere, City Clerk’s Office	_____	_____
Tamara Robinson, Deputy City Clerk	_____	_____
Trisha Scipio, City Clerk’s Office	_____	_____
Gabrielle Sims-Shelton, City Clerk’s Office	_____	_____

3) 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), the City’s website (www.ci.orange.nj.us) and filed in the Office of the City Clerk.

4) APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

- December 6, 2022 Conference & Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion to adopt:

Second:

5) REPORTS: DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REVENUE COLLECTION:

Department of Community Service Revenue: November 2022 - \$7,297.00

CONSTABLE REPORTS:

Richard Noizy – Volunteer Services on November 13th & 27th 2022

OPRA REPORTS:

Month of November 2022: 58 OPRA requests received, 46 completed, 12 remaining.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Council President directs Clerk to file reports.

6) COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

The City of Orange Township Planning Board will hold a special virtual public meeting on December 21, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. to review and take formal action upon an application for bulk variance, preliminary and final major site plan approvals with respect to 53 North Essex Avenue & 56-68 Central Avenue:

Meeting ID: 830 5222 5493

Passcode: 309601

Dial In – (646) 931-3860

Zoom Link: (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83052225493?pwd=QzMrS3NIaFppaHhPbnlsYjc1alZWZz09>)

Members of the public interested in participating in the public hearing can reach out to Board Secretary Alexandra Reyes in advance by sending an email to areyes@orangenj.gov or by calling (862) 400-3019.

7) 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.

Motion to Close Citizen Comments:

Second:

8) COUNCIL COMMENTS

9) 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 for Final adoption:

Second:

64-2022 An ordinance of the City of Orange Township, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey (The “City”) providing for a Special Emergency Appropriation in the amount of \$600,000 to fund contractually required Severance Liabilities resulting from the retirement of employees in the City.

a) Motion to close Citizen Comments:

Second:

b) Motion for Final Adoption:

Second:

10) 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 adopt on First Reading: Second:
b) Final Reading: January 17, 2023

66-2022 An ordinance of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township, Essex County, New Jersey, to amend and supplement Chapter 200 of the Code of the City of Orange Township entitled “Vehicles and Traffic”. (Sponsored by Councilmember Eason)

- a) Motion to adopt on First Reading: Second:
b) Final Reading: January 17, 2023

11) 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 * 487-2022 THROUGH *509-2022

- *487-2022** A resolution appointing Carol Perkins as member to the Citizen’s Budget Advisory Committee for Calendar Year 2023 Municipal Budget process. (Sponsored by Councilmember Hilbert)
- *488-2022** A resolution appointing Jonathan A. Beckford as a member to the Citizen’s Budget Advisory Committee for Calendar Year 2023 Municipal Budget process. (Sponsored by Councilmember Hilbert)
- *489-2022** A resolution appointing Sharief Williams as a member of the Citizens Budget Advisory Committee. (Sponsored by Councilmember Wooten)
- *490-2022** A resolution appointing Jashlyn Wingfield as a member of the Citizens Budget Advisory Committee. (Sponsored by Councilmember Wooten)
- *491-2022** A resolution to recognize and congratulate the efforts of Bris Avrohom, for placing over 140 menorahs throughout the State of New Jersey. (Sponsored by Councilmember Wooten and the Orange Municipal Council)
- *492-2022** A resolution recognizing December 18, 2022 to December 26, 2022 as Chanukah in the City of Orange Township and urge all citizens to take cognizance of this event and participating fittingly in its observance. (Sponsored by Councilmember Wooten and the Orange Municipal Council)
- *493-2022** A resolution recognizing December 26, 2022 to January 1, 2023 as Kwanzaa in the City of Orange Township and urge all citizens to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance. (Sponsored Councilmembers Wooten, Summers-Johnson and the Orange Municipal Council)

- *494-2022** A resolution authorizing the Tax Collector to lien properties and bill property owners and collect reimbursement of expenditures made by the City of Orange Township for the abatement of code violations to bring the property in compliance with the property maintenance code.
- *495-2022** A resolution amending Resolution #174-2021 authorizing the acceptance of community development block grant funds of the program year 2020.
- *496-2022** A resolution amending Resolution #435-2022 entitled “A resolution authorizing Whirl Construction, Inc., 194 Main Street, P.O. Box 110, Port Monmouth, New Jersey 07758 for the Central Playground Improvements Phase II (mobilization, supply/install safety surface around fitness area and merry go musical and supply/install fencing materials) under the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ) Co-Op contract #20/21-02 in the amount not to exceed \$54,053.60” making the new amount not to exceed \$59,774.00.
- *497-2022** A resolution authorizing the City of Orange Township Police Department to participate in the Defense Logistics Agency, Law Enforcement Support Office, 1033 Program to enable the City of Orange Police Department to request and acquire excess Department of Defense equipment.
- *498-2022** A resolution authorizing an addendum to Resolution #518-2021 to increase the contract amount for car washing services with KC Car Wash, 360 Thomas Blvd, Orange, New Jersey 07050 in an amount not to exceed \$4,000.00.
- *499-2022** A resolution authorizing the extension of the agreement for the removal of solid waste and recycling services with Joseph Smentkowski, Inc., 160 James Avenue, Jersey City, New Jersey 07306 for an additional ninety day (90) period commencing January 1, 2023 through March 31, 2023 in the amount not to exceed \$345,000.00.
- *500-2022** A resolution of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township authorizing a release of a performance bond totaling \$24,524.79, provided by FTGRE 205 Mt. Vernon LLC in connection with construction of a multi-unit residential development at Block 1201, lot 28, commonly known as 205 Mount Vernon Avenue, Orange, New Jersey.
- *501-2022** A resolution amending Resolution #105-2022 to authorize additional attorney fees to be paid to Scarinci & Hollenbeck, LLP as special counsel with regard to various legal matters and litigation regarding the City of Orange Township.
- *502-2022** A resolution approving a final payment of \$37,000.00 to Williams Scotsman Inc. and settlement agreement and release by and between the City of Orange Township and Williams Scotsman Inc. in order to settle the Williams Scotsman Inc. vendor account and prophylactically prevent collection activity, litigation and possible legal exposure to the City of Orange Township.
- *503-2022** A resolution of the City of Orange Township, the County of Essex, State of New Jersey, providing for the issuance of special emergency notes in an amount not to exceed \$600,000 to fund contractually required severance liabilities resulting from the retirement of employees in the City.
- *504-2022** A resolution authorizing Remington & Vernick Engineers, 2059 Springdale Road, Cherry Hill, New Jersey 08003 to provide professional engineering services of the Ropes Playground improvements in an amount not to exceed \$106,840.00.
- *505-2022** A resolution authorizing an agreement with several firms for the purpose of investigating and assessing potential claims arising out of the presence of contaminants in water supply wells

affecting the City’s water systems; and to provide representation of City in any civil action that may be filed in the Superior Court of New Jersey and/or United States District Court and any proceeding by writ or appeal related to that action filed on behalf of City’s.

- *506-2022 A resolution approving the Bill List for Council meeting vote on December 20, 2022 dated December 14, 2022 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95. (Grand Total: \$17,327,606.90)
- *507-2022 A resolution to approve the Corrective Action Plan for Calendar Year 2021.
- *508-2022 A resolution approving Qualified Consultant Engineers to provide consulting engineering on an “as needed” basis for one (1) year commencing January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.
- *509-2022 A resolution rescinding Resolution 469-2022 entitled “A resolution authorizing Whirl Construction, Inc., 194 Main Street, P.O. Box 110, Port Monmouth, New Jersey 07758 the Central Playground Improvements Phase II (mobilization, supply/install safety surface around fitness areas and merry go musical and supply/install fencing materials) under the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ) Co-Op contract #20-21-02 in an amount not to exceed \$54,053.60”.

MOTION TO ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA:

Second:

12) POSTPONED RESOLUTIONS None.

13) NEW BUSINESS AND WALK-ON ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

14) OTHER PENDING BUSINESS

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Second:

Adjournment Time: _____

PUBLIC NOTICE

The next City Council Conference and Regular Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 3, 2023 virtually at 7:00 p.m.