

# MINUTES CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP

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**THIS IS A CONFERENCE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP HELD VIA AUDIO-VIDEO CONFERENCING TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2022 AT 7:02 P.M.**

## ROLL CALL

### PRESENT

Councilmember Kerry J. Coley  
Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert  
Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III  
Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross  
Council President Tency A. Eason

### 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  
Aaron Mizrahi, Esq., Deputy City Attorney  
Marlin G. Townes, Legislative Research Officer  
Vincent Vitiello, Police Chief

### ABSENT

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  
Councilmember Jamie B. Summers B. Johnson  
Councilmember Adrienne Wooten  
Gracia R. Montilus, Esq. City Attorney  
Chris Murray, Tax Assessor  
Wendy Sykes, Director of Community Services

The City Clerk announced 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, 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 there is a Mobile unit from the County that comes to City Hall every Wednesday from 2:30 – 7:00pm to administer Covid-19 Vaccines. Children over 12 years of age can take Pfizer or Moderna. Residents should be aware there is a new variant. The City of Orange is in the yellow and the next step up is green. The city is averaging about four people a day testing positive for Covid-19. Variants include the Delta B16172 and Omicron BA2. 39% of Essex County residents have received one dose of the vaccine for the Delta variant. There has been reports of a spike in Europe and we anticipate a spike in the United States in the next six weeks. There are reports of lingering symptoms when people contract the virus. On October 29<sup>th</sup> the county will close the Sears site in Livingston. Essex County has 121 cases of Monkey Pox. Two thousand people in Essex County have been vaccinated for Monkey Pox.

City of Orange Township City Council's Website – <https://orangetwpnjcc.org>

Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III inquired about peddling which the Director stated they need a license and the Police Chief will be informed. Council President Tency A. Eason requested that Legislative Research Officer Marlin Townes review the legislation of peddling. She inquired if the Mobile Unit administers the Flu shot which they do not. Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert wanted to know how long the Unit would be available and it will be every Wednesday weather permitting.

A motion to suspend the rules to allow the Kean University representative to present was made by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley and seconded by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross

**Kean University**

Senior Vice President for Entrepreneurial Education Initiatives, Sancha K. Grey, Ed.D. wanted to speak about a collaboration and partnership between Kean University, the City of Orange Township, Orange Public Schools, Oiada International. Kean University is a Hispanic and Minority serving institution which has been named the first Urban Research University in New Jersey. The President of the University wanted to create a relationship with K-12 engaging Global Citizenry. The programming will be designed to bring awareness to the needs around literacy, civic engagement, and to ensure that students see themselves more as Global Citizens. There are several programs being introduced: Project Adelante, Upward Bound, and High School Partnerships. Eric Jones, CEO of Oiada did an overview of the organization and a presentation showing the students experience in the program. There were members of the organization in Ghana that spoke about the land from climate to cuisine. The presentations showed rich history. Ms. Grey is hopeful that this program permeates beyond the classrooms into the homes. Executive Director and Assistant to Kean University President, Jason Lester stated the Kean Scholar Academy is currently in the Orange Public Schools and the University wishes to expand.

**ORDINANCES FOR DISCUSSION**

49-2022 An ordinance to amend Chapter 107 “Garbage, Rubbish and Refuse” to the City of Orange Township Municipal Code.

Council President Eason stated this will be postponed until the amendments can be made.

50-2022 An ordinance of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, amending the Central Valley Redevelopment Plan pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-7.

Council President Eason stated this voted down and replaced with 56-2022.

**RESOLUTIONS FOR DISCUSSION**

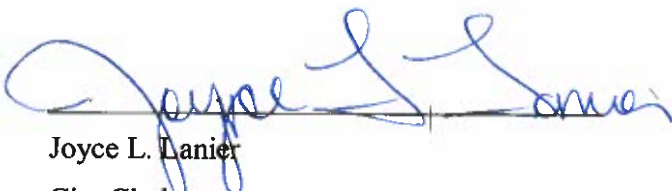
\*401-2022 A resolution appointing Tyrone J. Tarver as a Citizen Member of the Budget and Finance Committee of the City of Orange Township. (Sponsored by Council Member Kerry J. Coley.)

Councilmember Kerry J. Coley requested this be voted down

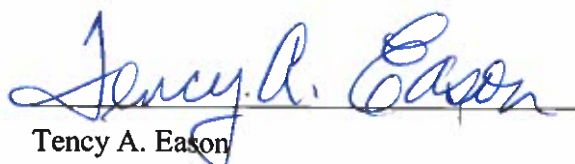
A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley and seconded by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42pm.

Approved: January 17, 2023



Joyce L. Lanier  
City Clerk



Tency A. Eason  
Council President