

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, JANUARY 3, 2023 AT 7:02 P.M.

Roll Call:

Present: Councilmember Kerry J. Coley, East Ward
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 (*Arrived at 7:05pm*)
Councilmember Adrienne Wooten, At-Large
Council President Tency A. Eason, North Ward

Also Present: Joyce L. Lanier, City Clerk
Chris M. Hartwyk, Business Administrator
Derrick Brown, Fire Chief
Nile Clements, Chief Financial Officer
Vincent DeFilippo, Health Officer
Paula Ferreira, Tax Collector
Marty Mayes, Public Works Director (*Arrived at 7:06pm*)
Marlin G. Townes, Legislative Research Office
Avram D. White, Esq., 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: Laquana Best, Planning Director
Adrian Mapp, Finance Director
Gracia R. Montilus, Esq., City Attorney
Wendy M. Sykes, Director of Community Services
Vincent Vitiello, Police Chief

Council President Tency A. Eason called for a Recognition of a Moment of Silence. Council President Tency A. Eason dedicated this moment of silence in memory of former Councilmember Donald Page. Council Vice President Clifford Ross dedicated this moment to Finance Director Adrian Mapp's father and Fire Director Gerard Long's grandmother.

The City 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 as of Sunday the City of Orange was in the red but now in the yellow. There are about 7-8 Covid cases reported daily. Influenza cases have been increasing reporting about 20 per day. Wash your hands cover your mouth and stay vigilante wearing a mask. There have been approximately 1,864 cases and 22 deaths in New Jersey. There is a new Omicron variant XBB1.5 affecting Northern New Jersey about 75% and 40% of the US. There has been one in every five kids who have contracted the flu. Councilmember Kerry J. Coley asked if the baiting traps were set and they were completed on both sides of the street the day after requested. Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross inquired about the wolf sightings and the Health Officer DeFilippo was not aware of this and asked the Councilman to forward the pictures that he received.

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.

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)*
 This ordinance will remain postponed

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 Street) *(Postponed at the 11/01/2022 Council Meeting)*
 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) *(Postponed at the 12/20/2022 Council Meeting)*
 These ordinances will remain postponed.


RESOLUTIONS NO * 1-2023 THROUGH *15-2023


*11-2023 A resolution designating a representative and an alternate to the Essex County Community Development Block Grant Committee for the Year 2023.
 Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross wanted to discuss this resolution and choose a Council representative.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross and seconded by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III

The meeting was adjourned at 7:14pm.

Approved: January 17, 2023


 Joyce L. Lanier
 City Clerk


 Tency A. Eason
 Council President