

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, NOVEMBER 1, 2022 AT 7:04 P.M.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Councilmember Kerry J. Coley (*Arrived at 7:05pm*)
Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert
Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III
Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross
Councilmember Jamie B. Summers Johnson (*Arrived at 7:21pm*)
Councilmember Adrienne Wooten
Council President Tency A. Eason

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
Chris Murray, Tax Assessor
Avram White, Esq., Law Department
Marlin G. Townes, Legislative Research Officer
Vincent Vitiello, Police Chief
Margaret Homere, City Clerk's Office
Trisha Scipio, City Clerk's Office
Gabrielle Sim-Shelton, City Clerk's Office
ABSENT
Laquana Best, Planning Director
Adrian Mapp, Finance Director
Gracia R. Montilus, Esq. City Attorney
Wendy Sykes, Director of Community Services
Tamara Robinson, City Clerk's Office

The City Clerk's office 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 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's office 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 Township is at high risk in the Red. The Vaccine Site at Sears in Livingston has been closed as of October 29th. The mobile Unit will still be coming to Orange in from of City Hall on Wednesdays from 2:30pm – 7:00pm. There may be other parked locations such as Newark Veteran's Field, Wake Wake Park, and Turtle Back Zoo but this has not been confirmed. Vaccine rates for the City of Orange: Ages 3-4 are less than 10%, 5yrs are 80%, 12 years old are 84%, 18 years old are 86%, and 65 and older are 90%. Essex County has a little over 40% rate of vaccination with one dose. For those being vaccinated try and get the new vaccine geared toward the Delta, Omicron, B1617, and BA2 variants. There is a 350% increase in influenza cases. There are over 750 cases of Monkey Pox in New Jersey and there have been cases in the city of Orange. The city of Orange has been doing a great job of vaccinating residents.

Affordable Housing Presentation

Dr. Walter McNeil, Director of the Orange Housing Authority shared his screen. There are definitely issues with affordable housing across the nation. The issue with affordable housing is supply. He discussed the reasons why the community should make affordable housing. It provides employment in the community. He went into great detail about the supply and demand and how it affects pricing and the fair market rent. Dr. McNeil gave facts on the Orange Housing Authority and the process for Section 8. There is a limited supply of affordable housing in our community. All 300 of the Section 8 vouchers were distributed in August and they are having trouble finding units. To reach Dr. McNeil, call 973-677-4577 or e-mail wmcneil@haconj.org

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.

ORDINANCE ON SECOND READING

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)

Will remain 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)*

Council President stated this will be amended. It will be moved to the next meeting.

55-2022 An ordinance amending Chapter 150, "Peace and Good Order", Article 1, "Disorderly Conduct Generally", Section 150-1 "Unoccupied Buildings to be Locked; Enforcement" and 150-9 "Indecent Exposure; Obscene Literature or Plays".

(Sponsored by Council Member Wooten and the Orange Municipal Council)

Councilwoman Adrienne Wooten stated the language was changed.

ORDINANCES FIRST READING

48-2022 An ordinance to amend Chapter 211, entitled Special Needs Registry Section 211-5 of the City of Orange Township Municipal Code. (Sponsored by Council Member Wooten)
(Postponed at the 10/18/2022 Council Meeting)

Councilwoman Adrienne Wooten stated this Ordinance will be pulled as 63-2022 is the amended version

60-2022 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. (26 North Jefferson St.)

Council President stated this will be voted down or postponed until Jefferson is reviewed

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.)

Councilman Clifford R. Ross stated this address has driveway parking so this item should be voted down.

63-2022 An ordinance to amend Chapter 211, entitled Special Needs Registry Section 211-5 of the City of Orange Township Municipal Code. (Sponsored by Council Member Wooten)

Councilwoman Adrienne Wooten explained the amendments that were made after speaking with the Administration and the public. You can register with the State as well as the city.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross and seconded by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.

Approved: January 17, 2023


 Joyce L. Lanier
 City Clerk


 Tency A. Eason
 Council President