

**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, DECEMBER 6, 2022 AT 7:05 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  
Councilmember Adrienne Wooten, At-Large (*Arrived at 7:06*)  
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  
Marty Mayes, Public Works Director  
Aaron Mizrahi, Law Department  
Chris Murray, Tax Assessor  
Marlin G. Townes, Legislative Research Office  
Vincent Vitiello, Police Chief  
Avram White, Law Department (*Arrived at 7:06pm*)  
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:** Paula Ferreira, Tax Collector  
Adrian Mapp, Finance Director  
Gracia R. Montilus, City Attorney  
Wendy M. Sykes, Director of Community Services

The Deputy City Clerk announced the Recognition of a Moment of Silence. Council President Tency A, Eason dedicated the moment of silence to Arthur Wright. Mr. Wright who passed away today was former City Clerk and Freeholder.

The Deputy 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](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 Deputy 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 Officer Vincent DeFilippo stated the City of Orange Township was in the yellow three weeks ago and now in the red. To date there have been 10,000 cases and 176 deaths. Residents should continue to wear masks. There have been 305 new cases in the past five days. There has been an influx of influenza.

**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)*

The Ordinance will remain postponed.

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 therefor (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 bonds or notes of the City to finance the cost thereof.

Councilmember Adrienne Wooten stated residents have concerns about this resolution, they support the project. The Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk stated this is left over grant money that had to be reprogrammed and the state asked for proof that we had the matching funds. The state will reimburse the city and that amount of the bond will be reduced. This project is in the conceptual phase and there was community input. The project must be complete by August of 2023. Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert asked if there was any input from Open Space Recreation and Historic Preservation which they will have meeting tomorrow. She also asked if the committee was connected with Green Acres which it is not.

63-2022 An ordinance to amend Chapter 211, entitled Special Needs Registry Section 211-5 of the City of Orange Township Municipal Code. (Submitted by Councilmember-at-Large Adrienne Wooten)

The Ordinance needs to include that that it is confidential and not subject to OPRA and it will reside and be managed in the Clerk's office.

**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)*

This Ordinance will be postponed and amended to include a recommendations from the Engineer.

65-2022 An ordinance amending Chapter 142, entitled Parking Lots, 142-3 Metered Parking; Permit Parking; Free Parking; Designated Parking, (3) exceptions. (Sponsored by Councilmember Wooten)

This Ordinance will be withdrawn.

**RESOLUTIONS**


**476-2022** A resolution of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township authorizing a release of a performance bond totaling \$78,039.55, provided by Peek Reock I Owner Urban Renewal LLC in connection with construction of a multi-unit residential development at Block 2804, Lots 1, 2, 9, 10 and 11, commonly known as 258-276 Reock Street, Orange, New Jersey.

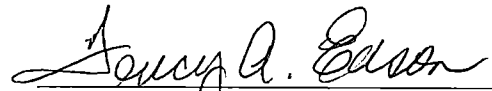
There was a correction to this Resolution which was sent to the Councilmembers via e-mail.

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 7:22 pm.

Approved: December 20, 2022

  
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Joyce L. Lanier,  
City Clerk

  
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Tency A. Eason,  
Council President