

**MINUTES CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP
NEW JERSEY**

THIS IS THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP HELD VIA AUDIO-VIDEO CONFERENCING ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2022 FOLLOWING THE CONFERENCE MEETING.

Council President Tency A. Eason requested the moment of silence be dedicated to men and women in blue, calm and peace in the City of Newark in light of the recent shootings. Councilmember Kerry J. Coley asked to recognize Civil Rights leader Rev. Butts in the moment of Silence.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Council President Tency A. Eason.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Councilmember Kerry J. Coley
Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert
Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III
Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross
Councilmember Jamie B. Summers Johnson
Councilmember Adrienne Wooten
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
Gracia R. Montilus, Esq., City Attorney
Chris Murray, Tax Assessor
Avram White, 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 Sims-Shelton, City Clerk's Office

ABSENT

Gracia R. Montilus, City Attorney
Wendy Sykes, Director of Community Services
Tamara Robinson, City Clerk's Office

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 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.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

There were no minutes to approve.

REPORTS**DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REVENUE COLLECTION**

There were no department revenue collections reported.

CONSTABLE REPORTS

There were no Constable reports.

OPRA REPORTS

For the month of September 2022, there were 64 OPRA requests received, 50 completed and 14 are still outstanding.

COUNCIL REPORTS

The Council President directs Clerk to file reports.

Police Department

Police Chief Vincent Vitiello wanted to mention the two Police Officers who were shot in Newark as they are in surgery. Officers are in the city of Newark to assist with the gun violence this evening. There was a Trunk and Treat this weekend for the children of the city. He has sent the report to put on file.

Fire Department

Fire Chief Derrick Brown stated the community has been safe. He also reported on the Trunk or Treat for the residents in the city. Chief Brown gave suggestions in light of the cold weather season approaching, telling residents not use your ovens to heat you homes as carbon monoxide can kill. Residents should update your fire detectors and carbon dioxide detectors. When cooking your turkey make sure they are dry and not frozen. Keep your home clear of clutter and use space heaters safely and keep clear four feet of anything. Smoke detectors are available and were provided by the Red Cross. If you come to the Fire House and residents can make an appointment to get it installed. Council President Tency A. Eason requested a list of abandoned houses to make sure there are no squatters so that the properties can be boarded and be visited Council President and the Mayor.

Tax Collector

Tax Collector, Paula Ferreira stated fourth quarters taxed are due today. Residents have until November 10th to pay them without interest. All tax and water delinquencies as of November 11th are eligible for Tax Sale on December 2nd.

Planning Department

Planning Director, Laquana Best stated there were no specific updates. This is the season for the heating hotline which began October 1st. The complaint number during the weekdays is 201-259-3690. There will be a ribbon cutting the third week in November for 205 Mount Vernon.

Department of Public Works

Director Marty Mayes thanked all that came to the shredding event which was around 70 residents attended. The goal is to get over 100 resident. With the winter coming, he asked the residents to listen to the Robo calls. There is a new weapon to fight the snow which is a brine solution. The brine will be spread before the snow begins. There are 13 streets in the que to repair when the season begins in the spring. Colgate Park Pool is being refurbished which received \$117,000 in additional funds provided by the County. Council Tency A. Eason asked if we could recycle computers and paint. Electronic day is already in place on the First Friday. Director Mayes is looking into the paint. Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross inquired about the resolutions involving Playground equipment. The work out area will be rehabilitated and new equipment installed. There is a permanent fencing to enclose the workout area. 52 Ridge Street has a handicap sign which needs to be removed as the residents no longer lives there. Councilmember Kerry J. Coley asked if the equipment being removed from the park will be recycled and that decision has not yet been made.

Finance

Chief Financial Officer Nile Clement stated there was an e-mail sent out in preparation for the 2023 Calendar Year Budget with a cheat sheet and spreadsheet on how to enter budget requests in the Edmunds system. The Audit Draft for 2021 Calendar Year has been received and will be sent to the Clerk's Office once it has been reviewed.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

There were no Communications or Petitions.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON GENERAL ISSUES/AGENDA ITEMS

The City Clerk announced the "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 through 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.

There were no Citizens Comments

A motion to close Citizens Comments was made by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross and seconded by Councilmember Jamie B. Summers Johnson

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Jamie B. Summers Johnson stated there are students who would like to participate in the Veteran's Day Parade. She will participate in the Heywood Avenue Walk beginning at 8:00am. This is to teach how to walk to school and the proper way to drop off your students. She was happy for the events done for Breast Cancer Awareness but hopes everyone has gone for a mammogram.

Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross asked all to make sure they go out and vote on November 8, 2022. There is a drop box in front of City Hall for mail in voters. Next week is Daylight Savings time and he is told this will be the last one. He asked for a presentation from the Orange Public Library during the next Conference Meeting.

Councilmember Kerry J. Coley stated there is a street light that has been out for a few months and PSE&G is not attending to these concerns as they are in neighboring towns and they are racially targeting our city. We need to have a representative to attend out meetings. Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk stated there is a master list of lights that are out and they will follow up with PSE&G.

Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert stated she enjoyed Trunk or Treat. Next week on November 10th at noon the Chamber of Commerce will have a meeting at Sandwiches Unlimited. For more information reach out to her or Director Laquana Best.

Councilmember Adrienne Wooten congratulated Priscilla Webb on her retirement from the Health Department. The Health Fair in Military Park was a success with the vaccinations, healthy food preparations, and Salsa lessons. She thanked Assemblywoman Britnee Timberlake for the information concerning Valor of the Bravest. The Junior League will give out food on November 8th at the Board Education and volunteers are needed. For those who celebrate the day of the dead today – Happy Day of the Dead. Congratulations to Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross for being honored by the Orange Housing Authority. Council President Tency A. Eason and Councilmembers joined in to wish her a Happy Birthday.

Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III was pleased with the Halloween Celebrations. Saturday November 5th at 10am between the McDonalds parking lot and Hillyer Street, the 2nd Annual Community Wellness and Resource Day. The event will provide different resources, health information, and free food from 10am and 3pm. He and the Council

Vice President Clifford R. Ross are sponsoring this event. He will distribute coats and Thanksgiving baskets. Call him at 973-476-8384, the distribution will be held at 153 William Street at Ebenezer Baptist Church

Council President Tency A. Eason stated this was a great weekend, there were no incidents thanks to the Police and Fire Chief. As we move into holiday season please be aware of your surroundings. If you see something say something.

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 to postpone was made by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III and seconded by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley

YEA: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Clifford R. Ross, Hon. Jamie B. Summers Johnson, Hon. Adrienne Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion Adopted: 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)*

The City Clerk read the amendment into the record. Section 107-9B, Violators of this section shall be liable for fines up to \$2,000 based on property type. Residential properties, or properties that have one to two family homes. Commercial properties or any properties that have three or more family dwellings and commercial space. Residential properties shall receive a warning for their first offense, for a second offense they shall be fine \$250, for a third offense they shall be fine \$500, for a fourth offense they shall be fined \$1,000. First conviction thereof, be liable to a fine up to one thousand dollars (\$1,000.) or imprisonment for a period not to exceed ninety (90) days. Two thousand five hundred five hundred dollars (\$2,500) or imprisonment for a period not to exceed six (6) months for any subsequent offenses. The fines in this section may be assessed on a continuing per day basis for each day the violation continues.

A motion to keep the Public Hearing open was made by Councilmember Weldon Montague, III and seconded by Councilmember Adrienne Wooten

54-2022 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.
(60 South Jefferson Street)

A motion to close Citizens Comments was made by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross and seconded by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley

A motion for final adoption was made by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross and seconded by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III

YEA: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Clifford R. Ross, Hon. Jamie B. Summers Johnson, Hon. Adrienne Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion Adopted

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)

A motion to close Citizens Comments was made by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III and seconded by Councilmember Adrienne Wooten

A motion for final adoption was made by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross and seconded by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III

YEA: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Clifford R. Ross, Hon. Jamie B. Summers Johnson, Hon. Adrienne Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion Adopted

ORDINANCES – INTRODUCTION/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)

A motion to vote down was made by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III and seconded by Councilmember Adrienne Wooten

YEA: None

NAY: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Clifford R. Ross, Hon. Jamie B. Summers Johnson, Hon. Adrienne Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion Failed

A motion to rescind his motion was made by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III and seconded by Councilmember Adrienne Wooten

YEA: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Clifford R. Ross, Hon. Jamie B. Summers Johnson, Hon. Adrienne Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion Adopted

A motion to adopt on first was made by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III and seconded by Councilmember Adrienne Wooten

YEA: None

NAY: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Clifford R. Ross, Hon. Jamie B. Summers Johnson, Hon. Adrienne Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion Failed

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.)

A motion to adopt on first was made by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III and seconded by Councilmember Jamie B. Summers Johnson

YEA: None

NAY: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Clifford R. Ross, Hon. Jamie B. Summers Johnson, Hon. Adrienne Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion Failed

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.)

A motion to postpone on first reading was made by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III and seconded by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross

YEA: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Clifford R. Ross, Hon. Jamie B. Summers Johnson, Hon. Adrienne Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion Adopted: Postponed

62-2022 An ordinance to amend the Chapter 152 Article II entitled Canvassers and Solicitors of the City of Orange Township Municipal Code. (Sponsored by Council Member Wooten)

A motion to adopt on first reading was made by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III and seconded by Councilmember Jamie B. Summers Johnson

YEA: Hon. Jamie B. Summers Johnson, Hon. Adrienne Wooten,

NAY: Hon. Kerry J. Coley Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Clifford R. Ross, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion Failed

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)

A motion to adopt on first reading was made by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III and seconded by Councilmember Jamie B. Summers Johnson

YEA: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Clifford R. Ross, Hon. Jamie B. Summers Johnson, Hon. Adrienne Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

NAY: Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion Adopted

Final Reading: December 6, 2022

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. *418-2022 THROUGH *437-2022

- *418-2022 A resolution recognizing autistic citizens in the City of Orange Township and honoring Autistics Speaking Day on November 1, 2022.
(Sponsored by Council Members Wooten and Summers-Johnson)
- *419-2022 A resolution requesting a leave of absence for Tamara Robinson from the Civil Service position of Clerk 2 for one year.
- *420-2022 A resolution authorizing the cancellation of lien redemption of Certificate No. 19-00808 on Block 7001 Lot 1, also known as 638 Argyle Avenue in addition to issuing a refund to Option One Group, LLC in the amount of \$46,825.42.
- *421-2022 A resolution authorizing the Tax Collector to refund overpayment of real estate taxes paid for 2022 in the amount of \$3,256.65 and to cancel any future tax billings for the premises located at Block 1203 Lot 11 also known as 478 Alden Street for a 100% totally disabled veteran.
- *422-2022 A resolution authorizing the Tax Collector to refund Engie Insight Services Inc. for overpayment of water/sewer made on Block 2903 Lot 1, also known as 164 Main Street in the amount of \$26,694.26.
- *423-2022 A resolution authorizing the acceptance of mattresses from the Vision of Orange Foundation for the City of Orange Fire Department.
- *424-2022 A resolution authorizing approval to amend the CY 2022 Municipal Budget by inserting items of revenue and appropriations totaling \$599,030.83 in additional grant funding.
- *425-2022 A resolution of the City of Orange Township authorizing an emergency appropriation pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-46 and N.J.S.A. 40A:4-48 for emergency repairs to boilers, heating pipes and HVAC units and authorizing the issuance of emergency notes pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-51.
- *426-2022 A resolution of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, amending Resolution No. 103-2022 to authorize additional funds for psychological evaluations for the City of Orange Township Police Department from The Institute for Psychology, 5 Fir Court, Suite 2, Oakland, New Jersey 07436, in the amount of \$12,500.00 for a total amount not to exceed \$30,000.00.
- *427-2022 A resolution authorizing the awarding of a contract for language translation services to Language Line Services, One Lower Ragsdale Drive, Monterey, California 93940-5747 in an amount not to exceed \$14,000.00.
- *428-2022 A resolution authorizing Bright View Engineering to provide engineering design and construction administration related to the traffic signal design services on Scotland Road (CR 638) & Highland Avenue in an amount not to exceed \$69,500.00.
- *429-2022 A resolution authorizing the awarding of a contract for the 2022 NJDOT LTPF Roadway Improvements to Cifelli & Son General Construction, Inc., 4 Coppola Street, Nutley, New Jersey 07110 in the amount not to exceed \$1,196,975.35.
- *430-2022 A resolution authorizing the awarding of a contract for the Military Park Rehabilitation Project to S. Batata Construction, Inc., 238 Ernston Road, Suite 1R, Parlin, New Jersey 08859 in the amount not to exceed \$1,004,944.00.
- *431-2022 A resolution approving the bill list for Council meeting vote on November 01, 2022 dated October 26, 2022 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95 (Grand Total: \$4,176,189.83).
- *432-2022 A resolution appointing Shara Morrow, from Orange, New Jersey as a Member of the Housing Authority of the City of Orange Township, New Jersey for a term of (5) years.

- *433-2022 A resolution authorizing the purchase and installation of fitness equipment from Ben Shaffer Recreation, Inc., P.O. Box 844, Lake Hopatcong, New Jersey 07849 for the Central Playground improvements Phase II under the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ) Co-Op Contract #21/22-10 in an amount not to exceed \$57,223.28.
- *434-2022 A resolution authorizing the purchase of playground equipment (Merry Musical) from MRC, Inc., 2130 Route 35, Building B, Suite 222, Sea Girt, New Jersey 08750 for the Central Playground improvements Phase II under State Contract #16 FLEET 00121/T0103 in an amount not to exceed \$6,311.82.
- *435-2022 A resolution authorizing Whirl Contraction, 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 an amount not to exceed \$54,053.60.
- *436-2022 A resolution authorizing the extension of the contract between the City of Orange Township and Sysnet Solution Inc., 746 Route 18, Suite 2B, East Brunswick, New Jersey 08816, for no more than 90 days.
- *437-2022 A resolution ratifying the Labor Memorandum of Agreement of the negotiations between the City of Orange Township and the Superior Officers Association Local 89 for the duration January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2024.

A motion to adopt the consent agenda was made by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III and seconded by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley

YEA: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Clifford R. Ross, Hon. Jamie B. Summers Johnson, Hon. Adrienne Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion Adopted

POSTPONED RESOLUTIONS

There were no postponed resolutions.

NEW BUSINESS AND WALK-ON ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

Councilmember Kerry J. Coley inquired if there will be a report sent ahead of tomorrow's Special Meeting. Avram D. White, Esq stated he will distribute the information. Council President Tency A. Eason requested a listed of the cases that will be presented. Councilmember Jamie B. Summers Johnson will not be in attendance as she has a funeral. The City Clerk did a roll call for Councilmembers who will be in attendance and Councilmember Jamie B. Summers Johnson will not be in attendance and Councilmember Adrienne Wooten may not be in attendance. Council President Tency A. Eason thanked her Council colleagues for working together to keep the meeting moving. The meeting will be held virtually via zoom at 7:00pm.

OTHER PENDING BUSINESS

There was no other pending business.

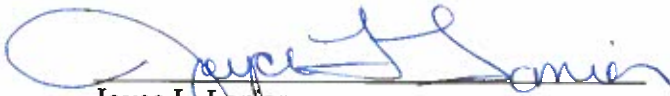
A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III and seconded by Councilmember Adrienne Wooten

The meeting was adjourned at 8:53pm.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The next City Council Conference and Regular Meeting will be held on Monday, November 14, 2022 virtually at 7:00 p.m.

Approved: January 17, 2023



Joyce L. Lanier
City Clerk



Tency A. Eason
Council President