# 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, DECEMBER 6, 2022 FOLLOWING THE CONFERENCE MEETING.

Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III led all assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

#### **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
	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
	Gracia R. Montilus, City Attorney (Arrived at 8:38pm)
	Chris Murray, Tax Assessor (Arrived at 8:18pm)
	Wendy M. Sykes, Director of Community Services (Arrived at 8:21pm)
	Marlin G. Townes, Legislative Research Office
	Vincent Vitiello, Police Chief
	Avram White, 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:	Paula Ferreira, Tax Collector
	Adrian Mapp, Finance Director

The City Clerk announced that 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 (<u>www.orangetwpnjcc.org</u>), the City's website (<u>www.ci.orange.nj.us</u>) and filed in the Office of the City Clerk.

### **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

### November 14, 2022 Conference & Regular Meeting Minutes

(Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross & Councilmember Jamie B. Summers Johnson were not present and should abstain)

A motion to accept the November 14, 2022 Conference & Regular Meeting Minutes was made by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley and seconded by Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert

# **Roll Call:**

Yeas: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Adrienne Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason
Nays: None
Abstain: Hon. Clifford R. Ross and Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson
Absent: None
Motion Adopted

REPORTS

**Department Monthly Revenue Collections for the month of November** The City Clerk's Office collected \$500.00 The Historic Preservation Commission collected \$350.00 The Department of Planning & Economic Development collected \$78,081.67

### **CONSTABLE REPORTS**

There were no constable reports for the month of November.

### **OPRA REPORTS**

There were no OPRA reports for the Month of November.

### **COUNCIL REPORTS**

Council President directs Clerk to file reports.

There was an amendment on Resolution 476-2022 and the amendment was e-mailed to Councilmembers. The data spoke of in the Resolution will managed and will be held in the City Clerk's Office. This would be sent out with the tax bill. This item will not be subject to OPRA for privacy. There was also a discussion about how the city should communicate with residents concerning street closings and there is discussions between the Department of Public Works and the Police Department to determine the best course of action. It was suggested the city use Robo Calls.

### **Police Department**

Police Chief Vincent Vitello stated the Police Department will meet with DPW concerning street closings. He thanked Fire Chief Derrick Brown, Council President Tency A. Eason and Councilmember Adrienne Wooten for inviting the Police Department to the Celebration for Mr. Thomas', the first African American to retire the Fire Department. The grand opening of Wawa will be on Thursday at 8:30am. The Police Department will hold a Toy Give Away in collaboration with the City and Fire Department at the Police Department (Second Floor) on December 22, 2022 from 4pm-7pm. The monthly report was e-mailed, and in this report there was an honor to Veterans and a mention of the Canine and SRT team. Councilmember Clifford R. Ross alerted the residents to be safe during this season. Chief Vincent Vitello gave safety tips and a Tip hotline number to report concerns, 973-666-0097, if you see something, say something. Council President Tency A. Eason stated we should look out for each other.

# **Fire Department**

Fire Chief Derrick Brown stated there were no major fire incidents this month. Rudolph Thomas known as "Fella" was the first African American Fire Fighter to retire and there was a celebration in his honor. He thanked Councilmember Adrienne Wooten, Council President Tency A. Eason and the OPD. Congratulations to both Fire Fighter Spinks and Captain Canon who recently welcomed baby boys to their families. There was a service for Captain Rothenberger and the department was there to support the family. The department is accepting toy donations for the Toy Drive on December 22<sup>nd</sup>. There are two new recruits, probationary Fire Fighters Thomas Williams and Joseph Labrashio who graduated from the Academy with honors. We want to wish them well. If there are any Departments who need the Fire Departments help, do not hesitate to call on us. Council President Tency A. Eason requested that death announcements and notifications be sent to the City Clerk's Office so that

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Councilmembers could support and it not be announced after the services are over. Chief Derrick Brown stated residents should be careful and prevent fires by keeping Christmas trees watered. Use a dedicated plug just for Christmas lights and do not fall asleep while cooking.

#### **Planning Department**

Director Laquana Best stated the Wawa grand opening will be held on Thursday December 8th at 8:00am the ceremony will begin at 9am. Mayor Dwayne Warren, Esq will make remarks. There was a flier distributed. The Orange House Café will have a grand opening, date to be announced. The Holiday mixer will be held on Thursday from 6-8pm at the Carewell Hospital on Central Avenue in East Orange, NJ, seats are limited. The Mayor will attend the Champions for Change Event being held tomorrow and she thanked the Orange Police Department for their support. Ms. Best also thanked the Clerk's Office for the being helpful and supportive. She wished all attendees Happy Holidays. Councilmember Adrienne Wooten inquired if Wally the Goose would attend the Wawa Grand Opening, which he is scheduled to attend.

Council President Tency A. Eason requested Wendy Sykes, Director of Recreation be available to speak about the 6-9 Program for Matters of Discussion at the next Conference Meeting. Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross requested the Library Representative also present at the next Conference Meeting

#### **Finance Department**

Chief Financial Officer Nile Clements opened the floor for questions but there were none.

#### **Department of Public Works**

Director Marty Mayes stated the department is prepping for spring projects and the snow season. Park Place, Ridge Court, and a street in the West Ward will be one of the first streets being paved when the weather breaks which includes curbs sidewalks and paving. Councilmember Kerry J. Coley requested that the companies putting down fiber optics replace the streets when they are complete, wash the street down and get rid of the debris. Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert wanted to ensure the department does not forget about Waverly when it comes to paving. There was also some fencing cut down on Waverly in order to do repairs on a house and the Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk and the Planning Department has this issue in discussion. Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert inquired about outings of the antique poles which the department will investigate and replace if necessary. Director Mayes stated there are new holiday decorations being hung and they should be lit tomorrow. Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross inquired where the next location would be for the fiber optics to be installed. This is a direct tie into to Newark and will go straight down Central Avenue and the road will be repaved once the work is complete. The completion date is in 2023.

#### **Tax Collector**

Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk reported for the Tax Collector in her absence. For the month of November, the department collected \$6,809,737.56, there were 465 delinquent accounts. The total amount of delinquent taxes is \$2.2 million. The Water and Sewer collected a little over \$1,200,000, and the department is working diligently preparing for the tax sale on December 22nd. The website should be up and running at the end of the week after adding a page for the Library and Water Department.

### **COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS**

PSE&G is applying for an extension of the Statewide Freshwater Wetlands general permits and the Flood Hazard Area individual permits to New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. Comments concerning the proposed development can be submitted to:

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Division of Land Resource Protection P.O. Box 420, Code 501-02A Trenton, New Jersey 08625 Attention: Municipal Supervisor

# 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 though 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.

William Hathaway of Vice President of the Orange Democratic Municipal Committee he announced they will be hosting their Annual Toy and Coat Drive at Appian Way 619 Langley Street, December 21<sup>st</sup> from 6-9pm and they are asking residents to support. Merry Christmas and Happy New year

**Zonasha Ward of Hauxton** asked when the trash and recycle schedule would be available. Is it possible for the holiday schedule to be reviewed? She requested a review of speed bumps on Heywood Avenue especially near the School. Director Marty Mayes stated the recycle schedule is being reviewed and he will review Berkeley and Heywood Avenue for the spring, especially in front of the school. The changes will come in the Spring. There is a new Trash and Recycle Schedule coming for 2023.

**Ronald D. Scott, Jr. of 548 Argyle Ave.** Mr. Scott thanked Director Marty Mayes for clarification on the Fiber Optic installation on Central Avenue and inquired about paving on Valley Street which will be on the schedule for 2023. He inquired about Ordinance 59-2022, which \$1.2 million will go into Ropes Park and he believes that amount seems excessive amount for one park. Director Mayes stated this is not an excessive amount for a complete overhaul of the park. Mr. Scott inquired about the grants for Parks, and why Metcalf was not included in this list. Director Mayes stated the rules for applying for grants has changed.

Aisha Samuel of 401 Highland Terrace stated the communications can be done through the Mayor's phone calls. She thanked the Department of Public Works for the stop signs near Forrest Street School but more is needed. There are people are still blocking her driveway. She does not want to be yelled at when she contacts someone concerning this issue. Council President Tency A. Eason stated legislation needs to be modified to include fines for driveway blocking. Police Chief Vitiello stated every complaint that come to the police department is handled. Director Mayes stated he has been working with the City of West Orange to fix South Valley Road.

Allie Laurore of 620 Lincoln Avenue stated there has been accidents near Heywood Avenue due to speeding. She hopes for a study in the area. Ms. Laurore asked about Ord 59-2022. Director Mayes stated the project is in the conceptual stage and the completion deadline is August. Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk stated The Green Acres Funds are a reimbursement.

Michael Jean Baptiste wanted to speak to resident Aisha Samuel driveway issue.

Jamar Young of 678 Hauxton Avenue stated there has been a lot of turnover in the City of Orange and he speculates this is due to the increase in taxes. Tremont and South Center Street intersection needs a green left arrow signal. Director Mayes gave Mr. Young his number (973-885-1921) so that he could follow up on the traffic signal.

**Pleasance Rhette of 157 Ward Street** stated she is a new resident and homeowner to the City of Orange and has a concern about the rodent problem which is a public health issue. She had concerns about permit parking and curbing dog signs. Police Chief Vitiello 973-727-0736, gave his number for Ms. Rhette to call when she had problems. Health Officer Vincent DeFillippo will address the rodent issue and have the traps abated and Director Mayes will address her parking concerns.

Antoinett Hall of 241 Duane Street has been having issues with sanitation as they have ruin her cans and she wants the company to replace them. She also has concerns about parking as well. Director Mayes will address her concerns with the sanitation company.

# Citizens Comments Received but were not read

**Pleasance Rhette at** <u>prhett30@gmail.com</u> – Hello, I have a few questions as a new resident/homeowner in the City of Orange. 1. There is a major rodent issue that is plaguing the streets of Orange. This is a major concern as well as a public health issue. What are the city's plans to address said issue? 2. There is "Permit Parking" signage on many blocks throughout Orange, but it is not enforced. Who can I speak to ensure that Permit Parking is indeed enforced and residents who rightfully live and own on said blocks are able to park on the respective blocks? Thank you and I look forward to receiving some answers. Best, P Rhett

A motion to close Citizen Comments was made by Councilmember Jamie B. Summers Johnson and seconded by Councilmember Adrienne Wooten

A motion to suspend the rules to allow Department Heads Chris Murray and Wendy Sykes to make comments was made by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III and seconded Councilmember Jamie B. Summers Johnson **Roll Call:** 

Yeas: 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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

**Motion Adopted** 

# Tax Assessor

Chris Murray stated the department is working on sales analysis and building permits.

### Recreation

Director Wendy Sykes stated the tree lighting will be held tomorrow in front of the Library starting at 4pm. Call 973-952-6121 for more information. The 6-9 program has begun and will continue until April of 2023. The Safe Haven program has started which is directly after school from 3-6pm. The information is on the website and residents can call her office at 973-952-6121.

# **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

**Councilmember Adrienne Wooten** stated the Tree Lighting Ceremony will be held tomorrow from 5pm-7pm in front of the Library. There will be seating for the seniors. Several Orange Public Schools will participate. The Annual Grandchildren's Give Away that is limited to two grandchildren between the ages of 0-10 and residents can register with the Older Adult Department. The Annual Hanukkah Menorah Lighting will take place in front of City Hall on December 18<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. The candles will be lite at sundown.

**Councilmember Kerry J. Coley** inquired about the Snow Plan and would like to see the numbers from the DPW which the Director will have for him before the next meeting.

**Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert** thanked the Health Department for helping a senior resident with a dog issue. She enjoyed her Thanksgiving Giveaway at the Field House and thanked all involved. Councilmembers should look into more collaborations as some events have time conflicts.

**Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III** stated there will be an event on December 17<sup>th</sup>, 1pm-4pm at 234 Lincoln Ave Field House with Parents Engaging Parents. There will be Santa Claus, Coat giveaway, food and music. This is a collaboration with Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross. On Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2pm-4pm at Southern Comfort Bar and Grill, 501 Central Ave, he Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross and People

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over Politics will host and event. Residents can come get toys, light refreshments and music. If you are unable to attend Councilmember Montague, III will drop off toys.

**Councilmember Jamie B. Summers Johnson** thanked the Department Public Works and Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk for always being available when she calls. She stated Heywood Avenue has challenging traffic issues. Residents should check on neighbors through the holiday season to help prevent crime. Everyone should also check on their health. Councilmember Jamie B. Summers Johnson showed interest in doing more with seniors in the community.

**Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross** shared how heartwarming it is to hear of all of the events to help the residents through the holidays. He wished all Happy Holidays.

**Council President Tency A. Eason** told residents to be aware of their surroundings in the holiday season as this is also a high crime season. Look out for your neighbors, if you see something say something. Director Mayes stated the gas is running and the pumps and gates work at Brook Alley. An official kick-off will be scheduled soon. Council President Eason is happy about the updates to Ropes Playground and hopes everyone will support it. We should show love because it is a blessing to be here.

### **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 Ordinance 24-2021 was made by Council President Tency A. Eason and seconded by Councilmember Adrienne Wooten

**Roll Call:** 

Yeas: 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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

**Motion Adopted: 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.

A motion to close Citizens Comments was made by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross and seconded by Councilmember Adrienne Wooten

A motion for final adoption was made by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross and seconded by Councilmember Adrienne Wooten

On the motion Councilmember Kerry J. Coley stated he is excited about the works for Ropes Park.

### **Roll Call:**

Yeas: 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

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: None Motion Adopted

# 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)

A motion to close Citizens Comments was made by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III and seconded by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross

A motion for final adoption was made by Council Vice Clifford R. Ross and seconded by Councilmember Adrienne Wooten

On the motion Councilmember Adrienne Wooten asked her Council Colleagues to support this Ordinance.

### **Roll Call:**

Yeas: 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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

**Motion Adopted** 

# **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*)

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

**Roll Call:** 

Yeas: 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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

**Motion Adopted: Postponed** 

64-2022 An ordinance of the City of Orange Township, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey (The "City") providing for a Special Emergency Appropriation in the amount of \$600,000 to fund contractually required Severance Liabilities resulting from the retirement of employees in the city.

A motion to adopt on first was made by Councilmember Clifford R. Ross and seconded by Councilmember Jamie B. Summers Johnson

**Roll Call:** 

Yeas: 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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion Adopted

Final Reading: December 20, 2022

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)

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

Roll Call:

Yeas: 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
 Nays: None

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

# Motion Adopted: Withdrawn

### 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 \* 460-2022 THROUGH \*486-2022**

- \*460-2022 A resolution authorizing the execution of a professional services contract with the Spyglass Group, Inc. to audit the City of Orange Township's voice, data, internet and telecommunication service accounts for cost recovery and reduction.
- \*461-2022 A resolution celebrating Bethel Baptist Church on its 105<sup>th</sup> anniversary in the City of Orange Township. (Sponsored by Councilmembers Wooten & Coley)
- \*462-2022 A resolution for the transfer of appropriations #2.
- \*463-2022 A resolution of the City of Orange Township, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey, cancelling capital ordinance #44-2022, finally adopted on October 18, 2022, and the \$225,000 capital improvement fund appropriation authorized therein.
- \*464-2022 A resolution to cancel 2022 current fund budget appropriation balances.
- \*465-2022 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 and authorizing the issuance of emergency notes pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A4:51. (Police & Fire S&W)

- \*466-2022 A resolution of the City of Orange Township authorizing an emergency appropriation pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-465 and N.J.S.A. 40A:4-48 and authorizing the issuance of emergency notes pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A4:51. (PBA Judgement)
- \*467-2022 A resolution authorizing Change Order No. 1-Final from DLS Contracting, Inc., 36 Montesano Road, Fairfield, New Jersey 07004 for a decrease to the project known as the Ward Street Resurfacing Project to adjust the contract quantities to meet final as-built conditions in the amount of \$21,986.40.
- \*468-2022 A resolution authorizing Change Order No. 1-Final from Schifano Construction Corp., 1 Smalley Avenue, Middlesex, New Jersey 08846 for a decrease to the project known as the 2018 NJIB Roadway Improvements Project to adjust the contract quantities to meet final as-build conditions in the amount of \$272,025.30.
- \*469-2022 A resolution authorizing Whirl Construction, Inc., 194 Main Street, P.O. Box 110, Port Monmouth, New Jersey 07758 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 Educations Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ) Co-Op contract #20/21-02 in an amount not to exceed \$54,053.60.
- \*470-2022 A resolution authorizing the acceptance of Community Development Block grant funds for the program year 2022.
- \*471-2022 A resolution authorizing an addendum to Resolution 289-2022 to Remington & Vernick Engineers, 2059 Springdale Road, Cherry Hill, New Jersey 08003 to provide additional contract administration and construction observation services for the CDBG 2021 Ward Street Resurfacing in the amount not to exceed \$5,070.00.
- \*472-2022 A resolution qualifying vendors in fair and open manner for legislative research officer services on as needed basis for a period of one (1) year from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.
- \*473-2022 A resolution authorizing a list of law firms to represent the City of Orange Township in regards to special conflict counsel matters on an as needed basis for a period of one (1) year from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.
- \*474-2022 A resolution authorizing a list of appraisers/consultants to represent the City of Orange Township in regards to appraisal and valuation on real property on an as needed basis for a period of one (1) year from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.
- \*475-2022 A resolution authorizing a list of law firms to represent the City of Orange Township in regards to tax appeal matters on an as needed basis for a period of one (1) year from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.
- \*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.
- \*477-2022 A resolution of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, authorizing hiring of police officers through the Alternative Route option established under the Civil Service Act, N.J.S.A. 11A:1-1 et seq.
- \*478-2022 A resolution approving the Bill List for Council meeting vote on December 06, 2022 dated November 30, 2022 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95. (Grand Total: \$8,119,470.93)
- \*479-2022 A resolution re-appointing Gerard John Schubert, a resident of Orange, New Jersey, as a Regular member to the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the City of Orange Township, New Jersey.
- \*480-2022 A resolution approving and authorizing the execution of a contract for Emergency Medical Services in the City of Orange Township with University Hospital for three (3) years commencing January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2025, at no cost to the City of Orange Township.

- \*481-2022 A resolution appointing Janicea Jones-Vance as a Member to the Citizen's Budget Advisory Committee for Calendar Year 2023 Municipal Budget Process. (Sponsored by Council Member Weldon M. Montague, III)
- \*482-2022 A resolution appointing Carl Fields, Jr. as a Member to the Citizen's Budget Advisory Committee for Calendar Year 2023 Municipal Budget Process. (Sponsored by Council Member Tency A. Eason)
- \*483-2022 A resolution appointing Charles H. Pryor as a Member to the Citizen's Budget Advisory Committee for Calendar Year 2023 Municipal Budget Process. (Sponsored by Council Member Clifford R. Ross)
- \*484-2022 A resolution appointing Zonasha Ward as a Member to the Citizen's Budget Advisory Committee for Calendar Year 2023 Municipal Budget Process. (Sponsored by Council Member Weldon M. Montague, III)
- \*485-2022 A resolution appointing Antoinett Hall as a Member to the Citizen's Budget Advisory Committee for Calendar Year 2023 Municipal Budget Process. (Sponsored by Council Member Kerry J. Coley)
- \*486-2022 A resolution appointing Marsha Escalliere as a member to the Citizen's Budget Advisory Committee for Calendar Year 2023 Municipal Budget Process. (Sponsored by Council Member Kerry J. Coley)

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

### Roll Call:

Yeas: 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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

**Motion Adopted** 

### **POSTPONED RESOLUTIONS**

There were no postponed Resolutions.

### NEW BUSINESS AND WALK-ON ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

There was no New Business, Walk-On Ordinances or Walk-On Resolutions.

### **OTHER PENDING BUSINESS**

Council President Tency A. Eason requested Councilmembers and Department Heads follow-up on any requests that were made at tonight's meeting so that we can be proactive instead of reactive.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:16pm.

### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

The next City Council Conference and Regular Meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 20, 2022 virtually at 7:00 p.m.

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Approved: December 20, 2022

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