

**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 CONFERRING ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2023 FOLLOWING THE CONFERENCE MEETING.**

Council President Tency A. Eason 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  
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  
Paula Ferreira, Tax Collector  
Kenneth Goodman, Legislative Research Officer  
Adrian Mapp, Finance Director  
Marty Mayes, Public Works Director  
Aaron Mizrahi, Deputy City Attorney  
Chris Murray, Tax Assessor  
Avram White, Deputy City Attorney  
Vincent Vitiello, Police Chief  
Tim Walker, Essex County Liaison  
Tamara Robinson, Deputy City Clerk  
Margaret Homere, City Clerk's Office  
Trisha Scipio, City Clerk's Office  
Gabrielle Sims-Shelton, City Clerk's Office

**Absent:** Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, South Ward  
Councilmember Adrienne Wooten, At-Large  
Gracia R. Montilus, Esq., City Attorney  
Wendy M. Sykes, Director of Community Services  
Marlin G. Townes, Legislative Research Officer

The Clerk announce 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 ([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.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

**January 17, 2023 Conference Meeting Minutes**

A motion to adopt the January 17, 2023 Conference Meeting Minutes was made by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross and seconded by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III

**Motion Adopted**

**January 17, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes**

A motion to adopt the January 17, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes was made by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross and seconded by Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert

**Motion Adopted****REPORTS****DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REVENUE COLLECTION****The Month of December**

The Department of Planning & Economic Development collected \$231,585.00

The City Clerk's Office collected \$100.55

The Historic Preservation Commission collected \$70.00

**CONSTABLE REPORTS**

Richard Noizy reported volunteer services for January 8, 2023 and January 29, 2023

**OPRA REPORTS**

There were no OPRA Reports.

**COUNCIL REPORTS**

Council President directs Clerk to file reports.

**Finance Committee**

Council President Tency A. Eason reported Finance during the Conference Meeting.

**Police Department**

Vincent Vitiello inquired if Council received their monthly reports. The City is down in crime do to specialized units. Cases are being solved. The tip line is 973-666-0097. Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross stated the department is doing well. He wanted to bring attention to Freeway Drive and North Center Street, there should be man assigned there because of the illegal left turn. Captain Mooney attended a Press Conference with Councilwoman Adrienne Wooten and Assemblywoman Britnee Timberlake to do a survey to reconstruct Freeway Drive as there has been many accidents and even a death in that area. Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross inquired about Central Avenue loitering which will be addressed when there is a solution. Councilman Kerry J. Coley inquired if the department considered using the Station as a safe zone for platforms like Facebook Marketplace. This is something that can be posted on the website. Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert has a concern about South Essex from the 280 exit to Memorial as the Police Chief is looking to bring back substations. Councilmember Hilbert stated the cold weather will cause more squatters. There can be some warming stations - the Police Station, the Library and the Field House. She asked about street closure in particular the one in the West Ward to film a movie. There were signs posted and it was posted on the website.

**Fire Department**

Fire Chief Derrick Brown stated University EMS has been doing a great job since they began at the beginning of the year. Everything is safe on the fire side. Council Tency A. Eason inquired about the defibrillators which the department will set up CPR training for City employees, give training in the use of the equipment and he will check with the School District to make sure they are following through on the check up on the equipment. Councilmember Kerry J. Coley inquired about fire hydrant repairs especially with winter coming. Suez is checking, repairing and replacing hydrants. Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III and Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross also inquired about the hydrants. Chief Brown explained the process and there is a plan to replace some of the older hydrants. CPR Training for the residents is requested by Council President Tency A. Eason.

**Essex County Liaison**

Tim Walker stated he spoke with DPW and there are no additional paving plans or pothole repairs in the City of Orange. Paving will commence in March. He attended the New Jersey Film and TV Commission Webinar and if the town is interested in any additional revenue generated, there were funds awarded in contracts to New Jersey vendors. Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross inquired about the traffic lights on Oakwood and Central. Mr. Walker stated the best course of action is to continue to track what is happening with the sign and setting up a traffic evaluation which will take some time. Council Vice President would like to set up a meeting on this corner and the geese in Orange Park has exploded. Mr. Walker stated the geese are protected but he will raise the issue in the cabinet meeting. He raised the issue about the Community Center and they are in discussions about it but not in the budget for this year but possibly 2024. Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III inquired if there are plans to do the sidewalks on High Street as they are in disrepair after the roads were repaired. Small Business' that are submitted are added to the database. The City of Orange would like more summer jobs for the youth. Council President Tency A. Eason asked for the Commission Meeting Schedule.

**Public Works**

Director Marty Mayes stated the gas pumps has been filled and passed inspection. There will be a soft opening sometime next week. 306 Day Street looks cluttered and Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III will call Director Mayes offline. The property is being billed when DPW does any cleaning. Councilmember Kerry J. Coley inquired about shredding day which will come in the spring. Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross stated the handicapped resident at 263 Mount Vernon no longer resides there and the sign should be removed. Director Mayes stated the signs on Church Street have been posted. The Engineer is looking into the curb on South Essex.

**Planning Department**

Director of Planning Laquana Best stated the Essex County Home Improvement Workshop for Orange residents will be held on Wednesday, April 5, 2023 at City Hall, 29 North Day Street, in Council Chambers on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor from 6-8pm and Saturday, April 8, 2023 from 10am - 12noon. The information is on the website. The signs for the Highland Avenue Project will be in next week. Councilmember Kerry J. Coley address the lack of 24 hour security at two senior buildings which this is not addressed in her department. Business Administrator stated the buildings have been informed and one is in the middle of a sale. Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert inquired about Code Inspectors and how many are on staff which is four. They rotate every six months, Corbitt is South, Ruth is West, Omar is North, and East is divided. Overtime needs to be discussed.

**Finance Department**

Chief Financial Officer Nile Clements stated the 2022 City Annual Debt statement was submitted to the State of New Jersey and the department is working on the Annual Financial Statements to prepare the City's Budget. Once they are complete which are due March 3, 2023, then the Budget has to be submitted to Council by the end of March 31st. Director Adrian Mapp added there will be a Resolution on the next agenda awarding contract for auditing services.

**Tax Collector**

Director Paula Ferreira stated the total tax received in January was \$3,581,235.71, total water revenue was \$2,175,171.36. There was a total of 197 tax payments made online in the amount of \$674,583.80. First quarter taxes are due and the last day is February 10, 2023.

**Tax Assessor**

Director Chris Murray stated there was nothing new to report just business as usual. Working on State Sale Ratio and reviewing sales and processing permits. Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross asked how the Appeal process is coming which it has not begun yet. It begins April 1<sup>st</sup> which is also the last date you can file.

**COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS**

The City of Orange Planning Board will hold a virtual public hearing on a development application for the Cross & Crown Christian Church, located at 520 Thomas Boulevard. A copy of the complete application is available for public inspection by appointment by contacting Planning Board Secretary Alexandra Reyes at (973) 952-6069 or [areyes@orangenj.gov](mailto:areyes@orangenj.gov).

Meeting Date & Time: Wednesday, February 15, 2023 at 7:30 PM

ZOOM Meeting ID: 817 5658 0470

Passcode: 408641

**CITIZEN COMMENTS ON GENERAL ISSUES/AGENDA ITEMS**

The City Clerk announced that a "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.

**James H. Ward, III of 743 Hauxton Avenue** stated he sent two e-mails with no response. One is a request for a curb cut for handicap citizen and the resident has a permit. The garbage schedule is confusing and we need the schedule updated. The paving schedule has not been updated. The Historic Preservation Commission is needed and the notification issue needs to be resolved.

**Aisha Samuel of 401 Highland Terrace** stated thanked the Police Department for addressing her concerns are with her driveway being blocked. She inquired about Central Pool repair and when highland terrace being resurfaced.

**Racquel English of 235 Duane Street** asked how the alternate side street parking situation be addressed. A lot of times it's difficult to find parking when people with driveways are not utilizing them and others not belonging to the street are taking up available parking. It is unfair to those without driveways or alternate parking availability. She asked about flashing lights back at Park Avenue School. There is a light there and Director Mayes will check to see if it is working. Council President Tency A. Eason stated this is a County Road. Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III should have a meeting with the school about the teacher parking. Councilmember Montague, III gave his number 973-476-8384

**Veronica of 548 Argyle Avenue** stated that Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III is doing good community work. She was saddened by the interaction between Kweli Campbell and Councilmember Jamie B. Summers Johnson. There should be more done to draw residents into Council Meetings.

**Danielle McMillian-Bennett of 458 Tremont Place** stated the Historic Preservation Commission Board is needed to preserve the history of the city. She wanted to know how the development creates more opportunity in the city. She also commented on signage, safety, and rumble strips in school zones. The Lincoln Avenue Development needs to address traffic with the increase in residents.

**Kweli Campbel of 552 Argyle Ave** spoke about the stats from the Police Department and when that would be available. She spoke about the Open Space Recreation Historic Preservation Advisory Board and wondered if boards should share reports of their meetings. She states she is passionate person. Police Chief Vitiello stated the reports will be posted on the website. Council President Tency A. Eason stated Boards have meetings from the meetings and they will be posted on the website and everyone's voice is their vote.

**Tisa Singleton of 467 Fairview Avenue** stated the meetings are recorded and ask if the video can be shared which they can be shared on the new website. The meetings are public records.

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

**Motion Adopted**

## **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

**Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross** stated the first Council meeting in January he stated he would be consistent in following up with Administration about the garbage plan, being timely with adopting a timely budget, economic development, and the Parking Authority. He spoke about the complaints with the parking issues on Main Street and the loss of revenue. There is a Tax Abatement and Economic Development Seminar being hosted by him and Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III at Bella Italia on February 22, 2023 from 6:30-9:00pm. He thanked Council President Tency A. Eason for inviting the Historic Preservation Commission to come for a presentation at the Conference Meeting. It was very informative and he looks forward to working with the Commission to keep our history preserved.

**Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert** stated she has been visiting with residents throughout the city. She hopes there are more presentations for the residents to get more information. There are resources to help keep residents informed of the Council Meetings. She took a tour with DPW and will advocate for the department through the budget season. She took a visit to the local pantry and gave accolades to Ms. Stacey Martin. The Library will host a Black History Month Celebration on February 23, 2023 from 4-7pm with various topics of concerns. Ms. Flood the Director of the Library is running a book campaign. The community needs to be mindful of the Spanish and Haitian population and looks to collaborate with other Councilmembers to address their concerns in a Town Hall.

**Councilmember Kerry J. Coley** wanted to address the comments made by resident Danielle McMillian Bennett, and stated a vast majority of the redevelopment is done by the administration and not Council. On Friday at 7:00pm in conjunction with Black History Month, Bethel Baptist Church located at 229 Wallace Street will have a screening of the film Till. It is free admission. And then Friday, February 17, 2023 at 7:00pm they will screen Woman King.

**Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III** stated every ward has a Councilmember and then there are three Councilmembers At Large. He gave his number for residents to reach him 973-476-8384. He spoke about the event on February 23<sup>rd</sup> Join the South Ward Neighborhood Alliance, The Friends of Metcalf, Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III. Police Chief Vitiello – How can we be safer in our community. This is a virtual event. There will be a job readiness program coming.

**Council President Tency A. Eason** thanked the residents for their comments and attending the Council Meetings. She recognized Black History Month and Heart History Month. There will be a stamp unveiling in honor of African American author, Ernest Gaines on February 28<sup>th</sup>, 9am at Park Avenue School, 231 Park Avenue. March 3, 2023 they will also have a stamp unveiling at Rosa Parks School located at 369 Main Street once at 9am and then at 11am. The Post Office will be present. When you purchase stamps, make sure you purchase stamps in honor of African Americans. Councilmembers should have questions answered before the Council meetings so that issues are resolved before hand and the Council Meetings can move along smoothly.

**ORDINANCES – SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING**

- 1-2023** An ordinance to amend and supplement the Code of the City of Orange Township Chapter 220, entitled “Vehicles and Traffic” to update handicapped parking regulations.  
(Sponsored by Councilmember Eason)

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 1-2023 on final was made by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross and seconded by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley

**Roll Call:**

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

**Nays:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson and Hon. Adrienne Wooten

**Motion Adopted**

**ORDINANCES – INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING**

- 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*)

A motion to adopt Ordinance 66-2022 on first was made by Councilmember Montague, III and seconded by Councilmember Tency A. Eason

**Roll Call:**

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

**Nays:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson and Hon. Adrienne Wooten

**Motion Adopted: *Final Reading on February 21, 2023***

- 3-2023** An ordinance to amend and supplement the Code of the City of Orange Township Chapter 200 entitled “Vehicles and Traffic” to update handicapped parking regulations.  
(Sponsored by Councilmember Eason)

A motion to adopt Ordinance 3-2023 on first was made by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross and seconded by Councilmember Montague, III

**Roll Call:**

**Yeas:** None

**Nays:** 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:** Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson and Hon. Adrienne Wooten,

**Motion Failed**

**4-2023 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 adopt Ordinance 4-2023 on first was made by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III and seconded by Councilmember Vice President Clifford R. Ross

**Roll Call:**

**Yeas:** Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Clifford R. Ross, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

**Nays:** None

**Abstain:** Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert

**Absent:** Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson and Hon. Adrienne Wooten

**Motion Adopted:** *Final Reading on March 7, 2023*

**5-2023 An ordinance of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, approving and authorizing a 30-year tax exemption and authorizing the execution of a financial agreement between the City and PEEK Cleveland I Owner Urban Renewal, LLC.**

A motion to table Ordinance 5-2023 until the March 7, 2023 Council Meeting was made by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross and seconded by Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert

**Roll Call:**

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

**Nays:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson and Hon. Adrienne Wooten

**Motion Adopted:** *Postponed*

**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 \* 50-2023 THROUGH \*84-2023**

\*50-2023, \*51-2023,\*52-2023,\*53-2023,\*54-2023,\*55-2023,\*56-2023,\*57-2023,\*58-2023,\*59-2023, \*60-2023, \*61-2023, \*62-2023, \*63-2023, \*64-2023, \*65-2023, \*66-2023, \*67-2023, \*68-2023, \*69-2023, \*70-2023, \*71-2023, \*72-2023, \*73-2023, \*74-2023, \*75-2023, \*77-2023, \*78-2023, \*79-2023, \*81-2023, \*82-2023, \*83-2023, \*84-2023

A motion to adopt the Consent Agenda was made by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III and seconded by Councilmember President Tency A. Eason

**Roll Call:**

**Yeas:** Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Clifford R. Ross, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

**Nays:** Hon. Kerry J. Coley

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, Hon. Adrienne Wooten

**Motion Adopted**

A motion to rescind the previous motion to adopt the Consent Agenda was made by Councilmember Weldon Montague, III and seconded by Council President Tency A. Eason.

**Roll Call:**

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

**Nays:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson and Hon. Adrienne Wooten

**RESOLUTIONS NO \* 50-2023 THROUGH \*84-2023**

- \*50-2023 A resolution rescinding Resolution No. 297-2021 entitled “A resolution appointing Genora Spates to the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Advisory Board” and to appoint Tracey Higgins. (Sponsored by Councilmember Ross)
- \*51-2023 A resolution recognizing February 2023 as Orange Heart Month in the City of Orange Township. (Sponsored by Councilmember Wooten)
- \*52-2023 A resolution authorizing the purchase of mineral rock salt for the Department of Public Works through Essex County Co-Operative Purchasing #22-021 for the winter season 2023-2024 from Morton Salt, 444 West Lake Street, Suite 3000, Chicago, Illinois 60606 in the amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 over the term of the agreement.
- \*53-2023 A resolution awarding a contract to Reliable Wood Products, LLC, 1106 Millstone River Road, Hillsborough, New Jersey 08844, for yard waste disposal services for one (1) year commencing January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 in the amount not to exceed \$112,312.50.
- \*54-2023 A resolution awarding a contract to Newark Asphalt Corp., Foot of Passaic Street, Newark, New Jersey 07104, for supplying asphalt pavement and stone dust for one (1) year commencing January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 in the amount not to exceed \$30,000.00.
- \*55-2023 A resolution authorizing Remington & Vernick Engineers, 2059 Springdale Road, Cherry Hill, New Jersey 08003 to provide professional engineers services as a Municipal Engineer for one (1) year commencing January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$120,000.00.
- \*56-2023 A resolution authorizing the purchase of hardware materials and supplies for the Department of Public Works through the Somerset County Co-Operative Pricing Council Contract #CC-0122-22 from Continental Hardware, Inc., 400 Delancy Street, Newark, New Jersey 07105 commencing January 1, 2023 through October 12, 2023 in the amount not to exceed \$20,000.00.
- \*57-2023 A resolution authorizing an addendum to Resolution #66-2022 to increase the contract amount for fence repairs with Rosando Fence Co., Fox Fence Enterprises, Inc., 417 Crooks Avenue, Clifton, New Jersey 07011 in an amount not to exceed \$10,209.00.
- \*58-2023 A resolution for the approval to acquire the renewing of the services to maintain the electronic document management for police policies within the Orange Police Department from PowerDMS located at 101 South Garland Avenue Suite 300, Orlando, Florida 32801 from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$8,179.17.
- \*59-2023 A resolution amending Resolution 267-2022 entitled “A resolution authorizing the award of a contract for the CDBG’20 Colgate Park Pool Improvements Phase II to All State Technology, Inc., 10 Lark Lane, Oak Ridge, New Jersey 07438 in the amount not to exceed \$347,275.00” for the purpose of reallocating the funds available for the project to proper accounts.
- \*60-2023 A resolution amending Resolution 136-2022 entitled “A resolution authorizing Matrix New World Engineering, 26 Columbia Turnpike, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Florham Park, New Jersey 07932 to provide professional engineering and construction administrative services for the CDBG’20 Colgate Park Pool Improvements Phase II in an amount not to exceed \$68,000.00” for reallocating the funds available for the project to proper accounts.
- \*61-2023 A resolution authorizing the services of John H. Watson, Jr., Esq. as Workers’ Compensation Counsel for the City of Orange Township for an amount not to exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) for the Calendar Year 2023.



- \*62-2023 A resolution authorizing the services of Lamb Kretzer, LLC, as Workers' Compensation Counsel for the City of Orange Township for an amount not to exceed thirty five thousand dollars (\$35,000.00) for the Calendar Year 2023.
- \*63-2023 A resolution for the transfer of appropriation reserves.
- \*64-2023 A resolution authorizing the City of Orange Township to submit application for the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs 2023 Local Recreation Improvement Grant Program.
- \*65-2023 A resolution to accept grant funds from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs in the amount of \$42,000.00 for firefighter turnout gear.
- \*66-2023 A resolution authorizing the purchase of traffic signage materials and accessories for the Department of Public Works through the Somerset County Cooperative Pricing System BID#2-SOCCP, Contract #CC-0099-22 from Garden State Highway Products, Inc., 31 Riverside Drive, Millville, New Jersey 08332 commencing January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 in the amount not to exceed \$50,000.00.
- \*67-2023 A resolution awarding a contract to Associated Humane Societies, 124 Evergreen Avenue, Newark, New Jersey 07114 in the amount of \$74,500 to provide animal shelter and other veterinary services for the City of Orange Township for the period of January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023.
- \*68-2023 A resolution approving the bill list for Council meeting vote on February 07, 2023, dated February 1, 2023 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95 (Grand Total: \$5,889,493.72).
- \*69-2023 A resolution authorizing the services of Wilentz, Goldman and Spitzer, P.A. as bond counsel for the City of Orange Township for an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00 for Calendar Year 2023.
- \*70-2023 A resolution awarding a contract to KC's Car Wash, 360 Thomas Boulevard, Orange, New Jersey 07050 for car washing services to all city owned vehicles for one (1) year commencing January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 in the amount not to exceed \$10,000.00.
- \*71-2023 A resolution renewing a professional service agreement with Ruderman & Roth, LL, as special counsel to represent the City of Orange Township in the matter "Keri Payne v. City of Orange Township et al" Docket No. ESX-L-8869-20 in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 for Calendar Year 2023.
- \*72-2023 A resolution renewing a professional service agreement with the Law Offices of Michael A. Armstrong & Associates, LLC to represent the City of Orange Township in the matter, "Anthony Carey v. The City of Orange Township, et al." Docket No. ESX-L-002475-20, in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00 for Calendar Year 2023.
- \*73-2023 A resolution authorizing the services of David C. Stanziale, LLC to represent the City of Orange Township in the matter, "Marie Edmond Saint Jean v. Orange Fire Department, City of Orange, et al." Docket No. ESX-L6431-22 in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 for Calendar Year 2023.
- \*74-2023 A resolution authorizing and ratifying payment between the City of Orange Township and Antonelli Kantor Rivera, PC for services rendered for the period of December 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$495.00.
- \*75-2023 A resolution authorizing the retention of Jeanette Calderon-Arnold, Esq., to serve as tax counsel for the City of Orange Township in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 for Calendar Year 2023.
- \*77-2023 A resolution authorizing the services of Marco Di Stefano, LLC to represent the City of Orange Township in the matter, "Jane Doe v. City of Orange, et al." Docket No. 2:22-CV-06875 in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 for Calendar Year 2023.
- \*78-2023 A resolution authorizing execution of an agreement with Foundation Risk Partners Corp. d/b/a Fairview Insurance Agency Associates to renew risk management services for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 with an option for an additional year.
- \*79-2023 A resolution authorizing a contract to Millennium Consultants, LLC 60 Columbia Road, Morristown, New Jersey 07960 in the amount not to exceed \$55,200.00 for 2023 professional grant writing services.

- \*81-2023 A resolution authorizing a contract with Enterprise FM Trust, 1550 Route 23 North, Suite 101, Wayne, New Jersey 07470 to lease vehicles in an amount not to exceed five hundred seventy five thousand dollars (\$575,000) over a term of three (3) years from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2025.
- \*82-2023 A resolution authorizing the purchase of technology supplies, services and accessories from CDW-G through SHI International under state contract #081419 commencing January 1, 2023 until December 31, 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$20,429.10.
- \*84-2023 A resolution for emergency temporary appropriations #3 to the Calendar Year 2023 Budget.

A motion to adopt the Consent Agenda was made by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley 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, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

**Nays:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson and Hon. Adrienne Wooten

**Motion Adopted**

**ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

- 76-2023 A resolution authorizing the extension of a professional services agreement with Nishuane Group LLC to provide professional planning consultant services to the City of Orange Township and its Land Use Boards for a period beginning January 1, 2023 and continuing through December 31, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.00.

A motion to postpone Resolution 76-2023 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, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

**Nays:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson and Hon. Adrienne Wooten

**Motion Adopted: *Postponed***

- 80-2023 A resolution of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, designating PEEK Cleveland I Owner Urban Renewal LLC as the redeveloper for the property located at Block 2102, Lots 11, 12, 13 and 24, commonly known as 76 Cleveland Street and 69 North Essex Avenue and approving and authorizing the execution of a redevelopment agreement with PEEK Cleveland I Owner Urban Renewal LLC for the redevelopment of this property.

A motion to table Resolution 80-2023 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, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

**Nays:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson and Hon. Adrienne Wooten

**Motion Adopted: *Tabled to February 21, 2023 Meeting***

83-2023 A resolution of intent for the City of Orange Township to form the Metropolitan Health Insurance Fund with the Township of Bloomfield, 1 Municipal Plaza, Bloomfield, New Jersey 07003 and the Plainfield Public School District, 1200 Myrtle Avenue, Plainfield, New Jersey 07063

A motion to adopt Resolution 83-2023 was made by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III and seconded by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross

**Roll Call:**

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

**Nays:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson and Hon. Adrienne Wooten

**Motion Adopted**

**POSTPONED RESOLUTIONS**

20-2023 A resolution of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township amending Resolution No. 276-2022 to authorize additional funds to Szaferman LaKind, P.C. for legal counseling to the Orange Historic Preservation Commission of the City of Orange Township in the amount of \$3,564.00 for a total amount not to exceed \$8,564.00.

A motion to postpone Resolution 20-2023 was made by Councilmember Tency A. Eason and seconded by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross

**Roll Call:**

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

**Nays:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson and Hon. Adrienne Wooten

**Motion Adopted: *Postponed***

21-2023 A resolution authorizing the award of a professional service contract to Szaferman LaKind, P.C. to provide legal counseling to the Orange Historic Preservation Commission of the City of Orange Township in matters as they relate to the Historic Preservation Commission in an amount not to exceed \$7,500.00 for the calendar year 2023.

A motion to postpone Resolution 21-2023 was made by Councilmember Tency A. Eason 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, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

**Nays:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson and Hon. Adrienne Wooten

**Motion Adopted: *Postponed***

**28-2023** A resolution authorizing the award of a professional services contract to Gail Mitchell, Esq. of Schwartz, Barkin and Mitchell LLC to provide legal services to the Orange Municipal Zoning Board of Adjustment of the City of Orange Township in matters relating to zoning and land use in an amount not to exceed \$7,500.00 for the calendar year 2023.

A motion to postpone Resolution 28-2023 was made by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley and seconded by Councilmember Tency A. Eason

**Roll Call:**

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

**Nays:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson and Hon. Adrienne Wooten

**Motion Adopted:** *Postponed*

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

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

**OTHER PENDING BUSINESS**

There was no Pending Business.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**


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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:21pm.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The next City Council Conference and Regular Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 21, 2023 virtually at 7:00 p.m.

Approved: February 21, 2023

  
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Joyce L. Lanier  
City Clerk

  
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Tency A. Eason  
Council President