

**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, MARCH 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
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
Paula Ferreira, Tax Collector
Marty Mayes, Public Works Director
Aaron Mizrahi, Esq., Deputy City Attorney
Gracia R. Montilus, Esq., City Attorney
Wendy M. Sykes, Director of Community Services (*Arrived at 8:24pm*)
Marlin G. Townes, Legislative Research Officer
Vincent Vitiello, Police Chief
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: Adrian Mapp, Finance Director
Chris Murray, Tax Assessor
Avram White, Esq., Deputy City Clerk

The City 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), the City's website (www.orangenj.gov) and filed in the Office of the City Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

February 21, 2023 Conference and Regular Meeting Minutes

A motion to adopt the February 21, 2023 Conference and Regular Meeting Minutes was made by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross and seconded by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley

Motion Adopted

February 21, 2023 Special Public Hearing Meeting Minutes

A motion to adopt the February 21, 2023 Special Public Hearing Meeting Minutes 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, Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, Hon. Adrienne Wooten and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion Adopted

REPORTS**DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REVENUE COLLECTION**

There were no Monthly Department Revenue Collections.

CONSTABLE REPORTS

Richard Noizy volunteered services on February 5, 2023 and February 19, 2023.

OPRA REPORTS

There were no OPRA Reports.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Council President directs Clerk to file reports.

Police Department

Police Chief Vincent Vitiello stated everything is status quo and there is a lot of mental health training going on. The department will continue to serve the community. Council President Tency A. Eason asked if the Crossing Guards are required to use Stop Signs which they are, and we need to get back to using them. Councilmember Adrienne Wooten stated a resident inquired about driveway blocking on Main Street. Police Chief stated residents should call the Police and he instructed Councilmember Adrienne Wooten to have the resident call him directly. Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III also had the same complaint. Police Chief stated there will be three new Meter Readers and Store Owners do not have parking passes. Councilmember Quantavia Hilbert received a noticed about recruitment and asked how many recruits the City of Orange looking for. The City does not have a particular number of recruits they are looking for. Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross inquired about the Officer per Resident ratio which is 1 to 48.

Fire Department

Fire Chief Derrick Brown stated the first CPR class was held with the Nurse on staff from the Health Department and they will continue to get the employees certified. Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III want to recertify all coaches. The Fire Department is in conversation with the Recreation Department to make sure this happens. Council President Tency A. Eason wants to incorporate education on lithium batteries.

County Liaison

Tim Walker spoke about CPR training in the County. There are two separate bills before the Assembly and the Senate that will require CPR Training and AED's available for any youth sporting activity. Council Weldon M. Montague, III inquired about the full renovation of baseball fields which it is not in the budget but would be considered next year. Mr. Walker will raise the concern of more grass cutting. Councilmember Clifford R. Ross saw a train link across the entrance of the park and inquired what will be done moving forward. Tim Walker's recommendation was to go back to the light that was there 20 years ago – a three way light and Council needs to make a formal request. Council President Tency A. Eason is awaiting a meeting with County Executive Joe DiVincenzo. Councilmember Adrienne Wooten requested any engineering study reports which he does not think there were any but will inquire. Council President Tency A. Eason raised concerns about the geese and he will

raise it in an email after this meeting. Councilmember Jamie B. Summers Johnson has a concern about the chain link and this resolution would not be done in towns like Livingston. There are meetings after meetings with no results. Councilmember Kerry J. Coley agreed with Councilmember Jamie B. Summers Johnson and also asked about the entrance and why it is always closed. Councilmember Quantavia Hilbert brought up the dangerous crossing on Scotland Road heading from Mechanic to Highland Avenue. She requested a deterrent be added. Tim Walker raised it and will raise again. Tim Walker requested a copy of a video that Councilmember Quantavia Hilbert mentioned with proof of dangerous intersection. Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross asked for more positive results for our next meeting. Council President Tency A. Eason asked Councilmembers to attend the County meetings.

Public Works

Director of Public Works Marty Mayes stated a date has been set for the Shredding Event. Saturday, April 15, 2023, in the Orange City Hall Parking lot from 9am – 12noon. The County will have a hazardous waste and e-event coming soon and an e-waste event as well. The City's e-waste is done the first Friday of the month by calling the city to schedule. Councilmember Adrienne Wooten asked for the County to come to Orange to collect paint and he will inquire. The Gas tank installed cameras and it should be operational in the next two weeks. Tonight there is funds being moved around to begin using the briner. The city will purchase the brine and it will be put down for the entire city 24 hours before a storm starting next winter. Councilmember Clifford R. Ross asked for an update on the garbage plan roll out and the Business Administrator stated the bids are out and during this month there will be Ward meetings to show changes to the residents which will be distributed before the end of the month. Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross stated dog poop is all over the place and he is urging people to get people to clean up after their dogs. The optic fiber tubing – this is not fiber it is PSE&G, and they should secure equipment at the end of each work day. The train station project is in the final stages. 263 Mount Vernon handicapped parking sign needs to be removed. The department is open to a beautification plan. Councilmember Kerry J. Coley thanked Director Mayes for setting up the meeting with the engineer at Thomas Blvd. He inquired about the intersection of Hickory and South Main Street and having it properly addressed.

Planning Department

Director of Planning Laquana Best stated Orange Chamber of Commerce is in the planning stages of the third Annual Development Seminar. Redevelopment projects continue to progress. The City has an extension for the Sustainable Jersey Bonds Recertification and the application will be submitted by May 12, 2023. Councilmember Kerry J. Coley asked about the senior buildings and the 24 hour security. Code enforcement did visit and under the direction of the Police Chief will check to make sure it is being enforced. The Police Chief is waiting on approval and now they are setting up a Security Task Force.

Tax Collector

Paula Ferreira stated the February Tax Revenue collected was \$15,631,618.00 and there were 537 delinquent accounts with a total of \$1,249,755.00. Water and Sewer Revenue collected \$1,186,485.00 and there were 2,782 delinquent accounts totaling \$2,225,094. There were 444 online payments in the amount of 1,474,454.00. She will send the report to the Clerk's Office. Councilmember Kerry J. Coley asked what the tax collection rate is and it is 98%. The water delinquent notice comes from Veola.

Finance Department

Chief Financial Officer Nile Clements stated Resolution 121-2023 notes will be posted tomorrow, March 8th and go to bid on the March 15th. Departments have turned in their worksheets and the budget process will be introduced on April 4th.

Community

Director Wendy Sykes stated the upcoming events from recreation and the summer recreation projects coming. Residents should reach out to the recreation department for more details. Council President Tency A. Eason requested the information be posted to the website.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

There were no Communications and Petitions.

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 wanted to commend the contents of Ordinance 5-2023. He also suggests this be done for Scotland Road as well. We need to add to the walkable streetscapes. The Military Park plans seemed haphazard and inadequate. The Planning Board did not approve anything at the last meeting stated Council President Tency A. Eason.

Kweli Campbell 552 Argyle Avenue attended the Tax Abatement event, and Mr. Klein from PEEK mentioned there was a project that exists for newer projects. The City needs to do a better job on Community Outreach. Council President Tency A. Eason stated the Business Administrator will discuss some of this later in the meeting.

Aubrey Murdock 540 Liberty Street the amendment to 5-2023 was great to hear about. She would like to see some community outreach concerning this. With all of the redevelopments she wants to see rent control and affordable units. She would like the recycling schedule which it is on the new city website and should call Director Marty Mayes at 973-885-1921 for more information.

Daniel Joseph Wiley of The Hubb 35 Cleveland Street stated echoed what the other residents stated about Ordinance 5-2023. There is more that can be done and the city should include the residents and stakeholders. There should be more police presence in the school zone.

Ronald D. Scott, Jr of 548 Argyle Avenue stated he was pleased to hear of the amendment on Ordinance 5-2023. He thanked Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III and Police Chief for the seminar as it was very informative. He echoed the sentiments of Mr. Ward for a bandstand in Orange Park.

William Hathaway the Democratic District Leader stated he is opposed to having Orange Park being roped off as the appearance is a disgrace. There will be a petition drive to open Orange Park. There will be a community meeting tomorrow March 8th in Essex County, Room 506 at 5:00pm and March 29th at 5:00pm. Other city's parks are clean and ours are a wreck.

Maggie Filocsaint asked if there is a building for low income families which the Business Administrator is working on. Council President Tency A. Eason asked if she applied for the low income program, which she had not. She also advised her to call the Clerk's O

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

Motion Adopted

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Adrienne Wooten paid tribute to Women's History Month. We have famous people, but everyday people should be recognized as well. She spoke of an event she attended on Saturday with the Women of New Jersey | Women of Essex a nonprofit that recognize and honor students with documented learning differences. She acknowledged the Founder, Lady Trisha Scipio and the sisterhood that was felt at the event. Councilwoman Wooten held a successful Coffee and Conversations this past Saturday. There was diverse topics from garbage to how much taxes the Mayor pays. Foreclosures was one of the topics that came up so Councilwoman will schedule an In-person | Webinar that will address these questions and concerns. She and Councilmember Jamie B. Summers Johnson co-hosted an event that addressed dangerous intersections and she would like a follow-up from the Business Administrator to give the findings to the residents. She and Councilwoman Jamie B. Summers Johnson will co-sponsor an event titled "Holistically You" on Friday from 9:30am-2:00pm at City Hall, 29 North Day Street. They will honor women in the City of Orange, addressing Women's Health, Breast Cancer, and Domestic Violence. There are a few surprise guest. She wished all a Happy Women's History Month.

Councilmember Kerry J. Coley asked about a Task Force for the old hospital site and getting Code Enforcement to issue violations. The Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk stated there are over 100 tickets in the system and a Task Force has been assembled. Councilmember Coley inquired if we are able to legislate on VRBO and Air BnB's. The Law Department is investigating this issue. Councilmember Coley would like Tax Abatement for private homeowners. Council President Tency A. Eason stated Air BnB's are illegal in the City of Orange as we have not legislated them and should be reported.

Councilmember Jamie B. Summers Johnson stated there was activity in the South Ward with a camera crew. In the spirit of Women's History Month, she and Councilmember Adrienne Wooten will bring together a group of 7-12th graders trying to reach out to get them to use their voice. She hopes there could be some activities in Central Park students during the school closures. There will be a South Ward Meeting on March 30th from 6-7:30pm at 650 Nassau. She requests South Ward businesses to attend. She can be reached at 862-272-1155 and she gave the Police Hotline number, 973-666-0097.

Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert stated thanked Lincoln Avenue Elementary School as she attended Read across America where Dr. Suess attended. She is working with Administration and the schools to address immigration issues. She is open to a collaboration. She will have a West Ward Community brunch at Southern Komfort - 501 Central Avenue and asks the Police Chief to not ticket. They will discuss community inclusion. Tax Abatement needs to be discussed to find out what is best for the community.

Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III stated fifteen years instead of thirty years for the Ordinance on tonight's agenda is very good for the City.

Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross wished the ladies a Happy Women's History Month especially his wife and daughters. He thanked those who attended the Tax Abatement Seminar hosted by he and Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III. They hope to do more open forums like this to give residents information. The Acting Prosecutor Ted Stephens has an internship program from July 5th to August 4th and the deadline for the application is March 16th. For more information call him at 862-233-5612 or contact the Court Coordinator Nicole Graves Watson at Nicole.graves@njecpo.org. Don't forget to turn your clocks back for Daylight Savings Time.

Council President Tency A. Eason stated that on March 23rd from 7-9pm, at Libretti's there will be a Women's Celebration for the City of Orange. Essex County will also celebrate on Women's History Month on March 23rd, 6:00pm at the Hall of Records. On April 8th, St Matthew AME Church will celebrate their 80th Anniversary at the Richfield Regency in Verona and tickets are \$100. She thanked Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross and Councilmember Weldon Montague, III for hosting the Tax Abatement Seminar. The hospital site will be very costly to develop. Support Ernest Gaines stamps when you purchase from the Post Office.

Law Department

Attorney Gracia R. Montilus stated there are memos issued concerning the AED's - NJSA40-41A. This memo will be distributed to Councilmembers.

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING

24-2021 An ordinance to amend the City Code of the City of the 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 6/01/2021 Council Meeting*)

A motion to postpone Ordinance 24-2021 was made by Council President 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, Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: Hon. Adrienne Wooten

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion Adopted: *Postponed*

4-2023 An ordinance amending Chapter 142, entitled Parking Lots, 142-3 Metered Parking; Permit Parking; Free Parking; Designated Parking, (3) Exceptions. (Sponsored by Council Member Wooten)

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

Motion Adopted

A motion for Final Adoption of Ordinance 4-2023 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, 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

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 15-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 adopt Ordinance 5-2023 as amended was made by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III and seconded by Councilmember Adrienne Wooten

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Clifford R. Ross, Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, Hon. Adrienne Wooten and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: Hon. Kerry J. Coley and Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion Adopted: Final Reading April 4, 2023

6-2023 An ordinance of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township, Essex County, New Jersey, to amend Ordinance Number 5-2022 and state the correct park to be refurbished.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 6-2023 was made by Councilmember Adrienne Wooten 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: Final Reading April 4, 2023

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 * 113-2023 THROUGH *133-2023

- *113-2023 A resolution authorizing the City of Orange Township to accept a sub grant award of the federal fiscal year 2022 of emergency management performance grant and emergency management agency assistance.
- *114-2023 A resolution recognizing Emirlene Philemon as a Phenomenal Women during Women's History Month in the City of Orange Township. (Sponsored by Councilmembers Wooten & Summers-Johnson)
- *115-2023 A resolution recognizing and celebrating National Women's History Month, and commitment to promoting gender equality, uplifting women's voices and ensuring that all women have access to the opportunities and resources they need to succeed. (Sponsored by Councilmembers Wooten & Summers-Johnson)
- *116-2023 A resolution authorizing a refund of three hundred dollars paid by Jean Louine for a credit card payment online in error to the Building Department.
- *117-2023 A resolution authorizing a refund of one hundred two dollars paid by Jessica Herrera for a credit card payment online in error to the Building Department.
- *118-2023 A resolution authorizing the Tax Collector to refund Efrain Calderon for overpayment of water/sewer made on Block 3702, Lot 22 also known as 213 South Essex Avenue in the amount of \$1,885.04.
- *119-2023 A resolution for the transfer of appropriation reserves #4.
- *120-2023 A resolution re-appropriating \$15,000 in excess bond proceeds from Section 3(k) to Section 3(e) of Bond Ordinance Number 52-2019 finally adopted November 18, 2019, by and for the City of Orange Township, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey.
- *121-2023 A resolution of the City of Orange Township, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey authorizing city officials to undertake certain actions in connection with the issuance and sale of (a) \$9,406,000 bond anticipation notes, Series 2023A (tax-exempt) and (b) \$4,680,000 special emergency notes, Series 2023B (federally taxable).
- *123-2023 A resolution authorizing Remington & Vernick Engineers, 2059 Springdale Road, Cherry Hill, New Jersey 08003 to provide professional engineering services Phases I – III for the CDBG'22 Laurel Street Roadway Improvements (between Scotland Road to Lincoln Avenue) in an amount not to exceed \$19,780.00.

- *124-2023 A resolution authorizing the award of a non-fair and open contract with Arterial, LLC, 507 Bloomfield Avenue, 2nd Floor, Montclair, New Jersey 07042 to provide architectural services (Task 1 & Task 2) for the Main Street Streetscape Project in the amount not to exceed \$103,080.00.
- *125-2023 A resolution for firearm training for the City of Orange Township Police Department from Essex County Police Academy, 250 Grove Avenue, Cedar Grove, New Jersey 07009 commencing on January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 in the amount exceed \$12,000.00.
- *126-2023 A resolution awarding a contract to Weatherproofing Technologies, Inc., 3735 Green Road, Beachwood, Ohio 44122, through the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey Co-Op for the repair of the roof of the Orange Public Library.
- *129-2023 A resolution authorizing an addendum to Resolution #209-2022 to increase the contract amount for parking meter parts, materials, supplies and parking management services with IPS Group, 7737 Kenamar Court, San Diego, California 92121 in an amount not to exceed \$12,107.60.
- *130-2023 A resolution approving the bill list for council meeting vote on March 7, 2023 dated March 1, 2023 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95. (Grand Total: \$4,864,603.36)
- *131-2023 A resolution authorizing a professional services contract with Lerch, Vinci & Bliss, LLP, located at 17-17 Route 208, Fairlawn, New Jersey 07410 for assistance with preparation of the annual budget commencing on January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00.
- *133-2023 A resolution for the emergency temporary appropriations #5 to the Calendar Year 2023 Budget.

A motion to adopt the Consent Agenda was made by Councilmember Quantavia Hilbert 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

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

- *122-2023 A resolution of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township authorizing a release of a performance bond totaling \$51,689.13, provided by 164 Main LLC in connection with construction of a convenience store and fuel filling station at Block 2903, Lot 1, commonly known as 164 South Main Street, Orange, New Jersey.

A motion to adopt the Resolution 122-2023 was made by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross and seconded by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III

Roll Call:

Yeas: None

Nays: 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

127-2023 A resolution awarding a contract to Carrier Global Corporation, 5900-H Northwoods Bus Parkway, Charlotte, North Carolina 28269, through the Sourcewell for the repair of the HVAC system of the Orange Public Library.

A motion to adopt Resolution 127-2023 was made by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III and seconded by Council President Tency A. Eason

Roll Call:

Yeas: 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: Hon. Kerry J. Coley

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion Adopted

*128-2023 A resolution authorizing the acceptance of a grant award from the State of New Jersey for the Urban Enterprise Zone for \$624,607 for 2022 and \$1,254,273 for 2023.

A motion to adopt Resolution 128-2023 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, Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, Hon. Adrienne Wooten and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion Adopted

*132-2023 A resolution authorizing the City of Orange Township (“Owner”) to enter into a one-year extension agreement with Veolia Water Contract Operations USA, Inc. formally known as SUEZ Water Environmental Services Inc. (“Company, and together with Owner, the “Parties”) to provide continuing operation and maintenance of the water supply, transmission and distribution system, wastewater collection system, storm water system, and customer service, billing and collection system commencing March 1, 2023 through February 29, 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$3,400,000 with an option for an additional two, one year extensions.

A motion to return Resolution 132-2023 to Administration 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, Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, Hon. Adrienne Wooten and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion Adopted: Returned to Administration

A motion to extend the Council Meeting by fifteen minutes was made by Council President Tency A. Eason 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, Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, Hon. Adrienne Wooten and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion Adopted

The Council Meeting is extended.

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 Council President Tency A. Eason and seconded by Councilmember Quantavia Hilbert

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*

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 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, Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, Hon. Adrienne Wooten and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

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 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*

NEW BUSINESS AND WALK-ON ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

There was no New Business, no 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 Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross and seconded by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35pm.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

Approved: March 21, 2023



Joyce L. Lanter
City Clerk



Tency A. Eason
Council President