

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL AGENDA

THIS IS THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP HELD VIA AUDIO-VIDEO CONFERENCING ON TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2023 FOLLOWING THE CONFERENCE MEETING.

1) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

2) ROLL CALL

	PRESENT	ABSENT
Hon. Kerry J. Coley (East-Ward)	_____	_____
Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert (West-Ward)	_____	_____
Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III (At-Large)	_____	_____
Hon. Clifford R. Ross, Council Vice President (At-Large)	_____	_____
Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson (South-Ward)	_____	_____
Hon. Adrienne Wooten (At-Large)	_____	_____
Hon. Tency A. Eason, Council President (North-Ward)	_____	_____

ALSO PRESENT

Joyce L. Lanier, City Clerk	_____	_____
Tamara Robinson, Deputy City Clerk	_____	_____
Chris M. Hartwyk, Business Administrator	_____	_____
Laquana Best, Planning Director	_____	_____
Derrick Brown, Fire Chief	_____	_____
Nile Clements, Chief Financial Officer	_____	_____
Vincent DeFilippo, Health Officer	_____	_____
Paula Ferreira, Tax Collector	_____	_____
Adrian Mapp, Finance Director	_____	_____
Marty Mayes, Public Works Director	_____	_____
Gracia R. Montilus, City Attorney	_____	_____
Chris Murray, Tax Assessor	_____	_____
Wendy Sykes, Director of Community Services	_____	_____
Marlin G. Townes, Legislative Research Officer	_____	_____
Vincent Vitiello, Police Chief	_____	_____
Margarette Homere, City Clerk’s Office	_____	_____
Trisha Scipio, City Clerk’s Office	_____	_____
Gabrielle Sims-Shelton, City Clerk’s Office	_____	_____

3) 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.

4) APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

- March 7 , 2023 Conference and Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion to adopt:

Second:

5) REPORTS:

**DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REVENUE COLLECTION:
FEBRUARY 2023**

- Department of Community Services – \$22,693.00
- Clerk’s Office – \$400.00
- Historic Preservation Commission – \$140.00

CONSTABLE REPORTS: None.

OPRA REPORTS: February 2023 – 38 OPRA requests received, 30 completed & 8 remaining.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Council President directs Clerk to file reports.

6) **COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:** None.

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

“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.

Motion to Close Citizen Comments:

Second:

8) **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

9) **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 for Final Adoption:

Second:

10) **ORDINANCES – INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING**

7-2023 A bond ordinance providing for the acquisition and installation of a permanent PFAS Treatment System, by and in the City of Orange Township, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey; appropriating \$10,500,000 therefor and authorizing the issuance of \$10,500,000 bonds for notes to finance the cost thereof.

a) Motion to adopt on First Reading:

Second:

b) Final Reading: April 18, 2023

8-2023 A bond ordinance providing for various acquisitions and improvements to the City’s water and sewer systems, by and in the City of Orange Township, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey; appropriating \$2,500,000 therefor and authorizing the issuance of \$2,500,000 bonds or notes of the water and sewer utility of the City to finance the costs thereof.

a) Motion to adopt on First Reading:

Second:

b) Final Reading: April 18, 2023

9-2023 An ordinance consenting to (1) the purchase of the senior housing project located at 98 High Street by Jerusalem Towers Urban Renewal LLC, (2) the transfer and assignment of the project’s tax exemption from the current owner to the purchaser, (3) an extension of the tax exemption, and (4) an amendment to the tax exemption relating to the annual pilot.

- a) Motion to adopt on First Reading: Second:
- b) Final Reading: April 18, 2023

10-2023 An ordinance to amend Chapter 200-32, Chapter 200-33, Chapter 200-35 and Chapter 200-52.3 of the Code of the City of Orange Township.

- a) Motion to adopt on First Reading: Second:
- b) Final Reading: April 18, 2023

11) 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 *134-2023 THROUGH *155-2023

- *134-2023 A resolution reappointing Nakeema K. Simmons to the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Advisory Board. (Sponsored by Councilmember Coley)**
- *135-2023 A resolution reappointing Alexandra Laurore to the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Advisory Board. (Sponsored by Councilmember Montague, III)**
- *136-2023 A resolution recognizing Dr. Fatimah Z. Turner as a Phenomenal Woman during Women’s History Month in the City of Orange Township. (Sponsored by Councilmembers Wooten, Summers-Johnson and the Municipal Council)**
- *137-2023 A resolution honoring IyaSokoya “Coach Iya” Karade as a Phenomenal Woman during Women’s History Month in the City of Orange Township. (Sponsored by Councilmembers Wooten, Summers-Johnson and the Municipal Council)**
- *138-2023 A resolution recognizing and celebrating Lieutenant Aydil Olivera for being a Phenomenal Woman during Women’s History Month in the City of Orange Township. (Sponsored by Councilmembers Wooten, Summers-Johnson and the Municipal Council)**
- *139-2023 A resolution celebrating the 100-year anniversary of John’s Market and commending the Modugno family and staff for their dedication to providing exceptional service and giving back to the community. (Sponsored by Councilmembers Wooten, Summers-Johnson and the Municipal Council)**
- *140-2023 A resolution honoring the life and legacy of Mrs. Catherine Hooper. (Sponsored by Councilmembers Wooten, Summers-Johnson and the Municipal Council)**
- *141-2023 A resolution honoring the life and legacy of Mrs. Inez Broadus. (Sponsored by Councilmembers Wooten and Summers-Johnson)**
- *142-2023 A resolution recognizing Ramadan. (Sponsored by Councilmember Hilbert)**

- *143-2023** A resolution authorizing the cancellation of Tax Sale Certificate No. 19-00761 on Block 6007 Lot 2 also known as 542 Valley Street in addition to issuing a refund for all accrued interest, penalties to Madison Trust Co.Collateral Stonefield in the amount of \$47,145.04.
- *144-2023** A resolution authorizing a refund of seven thousand nine hundred forty four dollars and twelve cents (\$7,944.12) to David Hammonds, an employee of the City of Orange Township, for an overpayment of his contribution for medical coverage.
- *145-2023** A resolution authorizing the acceptance of a grant totaling \$363,522.00 from the New Jersey Association of County and City Health Officials for the enhancement of local public health infrastructure.
- *146-2023** A resolution authorizing the use of the competitive contracting for the procurement of services in operation and management of water supply, sewer convenience and storm water distribution.
- *147-2023** A resolution for emergency temporary appropriations #5 to the Calendar Year 2023 Budget.
- *148-2023** A resolution of the City of Orange Township, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey authorizing the submission of an application to the Local Finance Board requesting approval of (i) a bond ordinance of the City under the provisions of the Municipal Qualified Bond Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:3-1 et seq., (The “Act”), (ii) the issuance of qualified bonds under the provisions of the Act, and (iii) the issuance of qualified bonds through the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 58:11B-9(a).
- *149-2023** A resolution of the City of Orange Township, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey authorizing the submission of an application to the Local Finance Board requesting approval of a bond ordinance of the City under the provisions of the Municipal Qualified Bond Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:3-1 et seq. (The “Act”).
- *150-2023** A resolution authorizing a one (1) year extension of the agreement between the City of Orange Township and Municipal Inspection Corp., 182 West 4th Street, Bayonne, New Jersey 07002 to provide elevator subcode services for the City of Orange Township expiring on July 1, 2024.
- *151-2023** A resolution of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township authorizing a release of unused Planning Board and inspection escrows totaling \$13,730.79, deposited by PEEK Reock I Owner Urban Renewal LLC in connection with construction of a multi-unit residential development at Block 2804, Lot 1, 2, 9, 10 and 11, commonly known as 258-276 Reock Street, Orange, New Jersey.
- *152-2023** A resolution renewing a professional service agreement with The Antoine Law Firm, LLC as Special Counsel to represent the City of Orange Township in the matter, “Anthony Antonucci, et al. v. City of Orange Township, Docket No. ESX-L-005093-21, in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 for Calendar Year 2023.
- *153-2023** A resolution authorizing the services of the Antoine Law Firm, LLC, to represent the City of Orange Township in the matter, “Katalin Gordon v. City of Orange Township” Docket No. A-001449-20T1 in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 for Calendar Year 2023.
- *154-2023** A resolution for the transfer of appropriation reserves #5.

***155-2023 A resolution approving the Bill List for Council Meeting vote on March 21, 2023 dated March 15, 2023 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95. (Grand Total: \$3,910,459.01)**

MOTION TO ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA:

Second:

12) 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.

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.

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.

13) NEW BUSINESS AND WALK-ON ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

14) OTHER PENDING BUSINESS

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Second:

Adjournment Time: _____

PUBLIC NOTICE

The next City Council Conference and Regular Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 4, 2023 virtually at 7:00 p.m.