

**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, MAY 2, 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 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  
Chris Murray, Tax Assessor  
Marlin G. Townes, Legislative Research Officer  
Vincent Vitiello, Police Chief  
Tamara Robinson, Deputy City Clerk  
Trisha Scipio, City Clerk's Office  
Gabrielle Sims-Shelton, City Clerk's Office

**Absent:** Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, South Ward  
Adrian Mapp, Finance Director  
Wendy M. Sykes, Director of Community Services  
Margaret Homere, City Clerk's Office

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](http://www.orangetwpnjcc.org)), the City's website ([www.orangenj.gov](http://www.orangenj.gov)) and filed in the Office of the City Clerk.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

April 4, 2023 Conference and Regular Meeting Minutes

A motion to accept the April 4, 2023, Conference and Regular Meeting Minutes was made by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross and seconded by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III.

**Motion Adopted**

**April 18, 2023 Conference and Regular Meeting Minutes**

*(Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert and Councilmember Adrienne Wooten were absent and should abstain)*

A motion to accept the April 18, 2023, Conference and Regular Meeting Minutes 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. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Clifford R. Ross, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

**Nays:** None

**Abstain:** Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert and Hon. Adrienne Wooten

**Absent:** Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson

**Motion Adopted****REPORTS**

There were no Department Monthly Revenue Collection Reports.

**CONSTABLE REPORTS**

There were no Constable Reports.

**OPRA REPORTS**

There were no OPRA Reports.

**COUNCIL REPORTS**

Council President directs Clerk to file reports.

**Tax Collector**

Director Paula Ferreira gave the revenue collections from April 2023. The taxes collected \$10,909,479.00, there were 247 delinquent accounts, and \$541,701.00 in delinquent taxes. The Water and Sewer collected was \$940,150.00, there were 2,784 delinquent accounts, and \$2,345,142.00 in delinquent water and sewer. There were 173 online payments in the amount of \$500,910.00. We are in the second quarter of Tax Collections and there will be a late fee after May 10<sup>th</sup>. Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross stated taxes seem to be collected well but not the water collections not as well. Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk stated we have just approached the notice and shut-off season which is when people typically pay the bill.

**Tax Assessor**

Director Chris Murray stated it has been business as usual and the department is working on the State Sales Ratio processing deeds, County Board Tax appeals, State appeals, and doing inspections for added assessments.

**Fire Department**

Fire Chief Derrick Brown stated the city is safe and no major reports at this time. Council President Tency A. Eason inquired about registration for Public Safety for students (JPSA), the department is in preparation at this time, and it will be the same time frame as last year. Applications will be available on May 8, 2023.

**Planning Department**

Director Laquana Best stated the Orange Chamber of Commerce, Tri Community and Commercial Development Seminar with 18 seats still available will take place on Tuesday May 16<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-8:00pm at 50 Union Ave., Irvington NJ and the information is posted to the website. The City has applied for the Annual Smart Growth Awards and we are one of the finalist. The City has received a grant \$2,500 grant for Residential Efficiency to encourage residents to take advantage of PSE&G energy efficiency programs. She thanked Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross for attending the meeting concerning this grant. The Crane Development Walk Through will be scheduled later this month. Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III inquired about the Recreation Center at the YMCA which we are in the planning stage and on schedule. Drafts has been exchanged to inform on pricing before entering into a redevelopment agreement.

**Police Department**

Police Chief Vincent Vitiello stated the Department participated in the County's Special Olympics in Brookdale Park. On May 15<sup>th</sup> the Arrive program will begin this is a collaboration with East Orange. CIT trained Officers will respond to these calls for residents with special needs. There were talks of active shooting training. There will be a report submitted monthly to Councilmembers. There was an arrest made in Seven Oaks from a resident tip. Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross commended the department on the meter ticketing on Main Street and being visible. The Officers took a tally of the broken meters and gave an account to the Business Administrator to have them repaired. College Park has been experiencing a lot of drinking and we need to have them checked and closed at night. Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III has receive complaints for parking on Main Street as residents have been getting tickets. There is a designated area and they can get a permit applications by calling Chris Mobley. Council President Tency A. Eason are complaining about parking for non-customers. Council President Tency A. Eason requested a presentation on Mental Health at the next Council Meeting.

**Finance Department**

Chief Financial Officer Nile Clements stated the certification of funds was emailed to Councilmembers for Resolutions 204-2023 and 205-2023. The Budget is being introduced and the public hearing has to be done by May 31, 2023. The list of department presentations will be provided later.

**Public Works**

Director Marty Mayes spoke of the Military Ground Breaking which was held last week. They are working between Prince Street and Hickory Street, the completion date is July 1, 2023. The Grand Re-opening of Colgate Pool will be held on May 16<sup>th</sup> from 2-6pm. The County, CBDG program and County Executive Joseph DiVincenzo, Jr. will be in attendance. The work on Metcalf Park Basketball Court will begin this week. Park equipment installation will begin this week at Central Playground. Survey for handicap resident on Austin Place has begun. The paving season has begun. Park Place, Waverly Place, Seven Oaks, Berkeley, Tremont, Mosswood, Hauxton, and Ridge Court is the schedule. The fall schedule will include: Laurel Street, Elm Street, Parkinson Terrace, and Glenwood Avenue. Ropes Playground is on schedule and has to be complete by August 31st. The next milestone will be going to bid and the goal is to have all bid specs complete by May 19<sup>th</sup>. Councilmember Adrienne Wooten commented on Waverley Place paving which was applied for the previous year. She asked about the procedure for asbestos which Director Marty Mayes will investigate. Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III inquired about Colgate Park and grant. Director Marty Mayes is working on the grant. Councilmember Montague, III also inquired if the department is collaborating with East Orange on Park Place which East Orange has paved their section. The Gas Tank installation is in progress. Councilmember Kerry J. Coley requested attention at 210 Central Avenue and the grates on Main Street. Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross requested cleaned up on Main Street where the Fire occurred. Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk stated this site was supposed to be sold but it hasn't then place. The property owner is being fined on a daily basis and if taken to court he will have to pay the fines. Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross addressed the strip down Central Avenue after digging up and PSE&G will come back and do a curb to curb pavement and stripping. Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert inquired about signage and attaching the ordinance associated with it and has administration considered blocking the construction site. Director Marty Mayes will investigate these matters. Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk stated this has not been a conversations. Council President Tency A. Eason made a note as this is has been discussed in the Planning Board Meetings. We can make this a part of Resolutions to have them erect and take the cost on as well.

**Law Department**

Attorney Gracia R. Montilus, Esq. stated there was nothing relevant that came from New Jersey State Legislation. The White House announced the Covid-19 vaccine requirement for international air travel will end on May 11, 2023. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) will no longer require non-US travelers entering the US via land ports or ferry terminals to have Covid-19 vaccines. He did not follow up with the Clerk's Office on the litigation in regards to giving a litigation report but he will.

**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.

**Aisha Samuel of 401 Highland Terrace** stated she still has the same concerns of the turning lights on Central and, and blocking her driveway. She wanted to know the status of the signs for her block. There is an increased number of children on Highland and there should be a "Children Playing" sign as there are a lot of speeders. She stated there is always a white van parked on Hickory Street it is difficult to navigate around it. He did not get a time frame for paving.

**Michael Jean Baptist** stated the Police Chief and his department doing a great job especially when it concerns the school. He asked if there was a plan put in in place for security. He asked how many officers are we in need of? Why do we pay outside vendors for street repairs? He hopes Council approves the Police budget, and more staff for DPW and Fire Department. Police Chief Vincent Vitello thanked him for the accolades. There is a plan in place as there is an increase in population which will be distributed shortly. The city has 151 Officers and that is good for now but we are revisiting the number to obtain more officers. Director Marty Mayes stated that we use outside contractors when we don't have the expertise in the department.

**Tisa Singleton of 467 Fairview Avenue** inquired how a resident can get signs for an autistic resident. It would be nice to see more inclusive playground equipment for special needs children. Considering migrate population, is there consideration for another school. Director Marty Mayes stated special signs would be requested in his department and a resident can call 973-885-1921 or e-mail [mmayes@orangenj.gov](mailto:mmayes@orangenj.gov) to request special needs signs. There will be at least two or three pieces of special needs equipment installed. The schools request should be directed to the School Board.

**Gloria Fisher of 254 Elmwyn Drive** inquired about the status of the cleanup at Central and Sylvan is in desperate need of paving and sidewalks. Director Laquana Best stated there has been numerous calls from Ms. Fisher and Code Enforcement has cited the property in question and there has been a work order put in for the cleanup. If they do not clean up there may be a lien put on the property. The owner is in bad health and they are working on this particular property. Director Marty Mayes will follow up tomorrow. And he did note Sylvan Way. Raymond Wingfield stated the property is scheduled to be cleaned tomorrow. Councilmember Kerry J. Coley suggested we use a landscaper to do the work instead of using DPW. Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk stated they will discuss internally.

**E-mailed comments have been posted to the website.**

**Jeffrey S. Feld - [hardwaredad@aol.com](mailto:hardwaredad@aol.com)**, With respect to postponed second reading ordinances 24-2021 and 5-2023, I incorporate herein by reference all of my earlier emailed unanswered questions and comments about these proposed ordinances such as the existence and attachment of a supporting fiscal impact statement and the supporting annual service reducing redevelopment area bond ordinance. With respect to the proposed introduced CY 2023 Budget, (1) what is the proposed municipal tax rate, (2) when will a CY 2023 User Friendly Budget be shared with the community and (3) is the cure and payment of outstanding long term tax exemption revenue obligations to the County included in the proposed CY 2023 budget? With respect to the annual Local Finance Board surplus waiver application 203-2023, why wasn't the application attached to the submission approval resolution and when will the LFB hold a public hearing on this annual surplus waiver application? When will



Orange consider adoption of CY 2022 State Best Practices Inventory ordinances mandating municipal inspection and proof of certain commercial insurance and establishing a local municipal conflict of interest review panel?  
Jeffrey S. Feld, 11 Alexander Lane, Short Hills, New Jersey 07078, 973.476.7309

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**

**Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert** thanked the Police Department for the support at the Autistic Walk which will be featured in the Star Ledger. She announced the Feed the Needy event hosted by Stacie Martin which will take place Saturday May 6, 2023, 10:30pm around Orange Memorial. The American Red Cross will host a training for volunteers on May 6, 2023. The Music City Festival will be held from May 9<sup>th</sup> -May 19<sup>th</sup>, 105 Wilson Place and they will be honoring Slide Hampton who was a world renowned Jazz Trombonist and an Orange Resident. She extended condolences to the Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Fitzhugh on the passing of his father.

**Councilmember Adrienne Wooten** stated there were a few things weighing heavy in her heart. She asked all to prayer for Councilmember Jamie B. Summers Johnson's father and the family of Ms. Lorraine E. Hawthorne who passed away. She was a part of recent legislation for street naming. The service will be held at the Church of the Epiphany on Thursday. There will be a "Coffee and Conversations" with Mayor Dwayne D. Warren, Esq. and Assemblywoman Britnee Timberlake. Friday 10am-11:30am at Inner City Café. There will be a meeting following the Coffee and Conversations to discuss Juneteenth. She will be starting a gun violence initiative in remembrance of her late son Christopher. She wants to support legislation that Governor Murphy proposed. She wants to collaborate with the Police Department and churches in the city.

**Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III** yielded to his Council Colleagues.

**Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross** stated he is excited to start the budget process and working with the Administration and CBAC to get the budget balanced. He stated the County has responded and put up a traffic light at Orange Park on Central and Oakwood Avenue, it will be functional in the next couple of weeks.

**Councilmember Kerry J. Coley** stated he is not happy with the sidewalks on Park Place as the work order was in the budget. He called on men, especially black men to see after their health and go get the tests needed to be aware of their health status.

**Council President Tency A. Eason** stated the Department of Motor Vehicle will be at St Matthew AME Church, 336 Oakwood Avenue on May 9<sup>th</sup> from 10-2pm. They will accept walk-ins. They will process real ID's with six points if your regular license is up for renewal, the deadline has been extended another year. They will take walk The DMV will return to St. Matthew AME Church in September, the date to be announced. She thanked participants of Council Meetings and encouraged them to continue being active. If you need further assistance call your Councilperson directly. Visit the website for events so you can participate in these events. Pray for Councilmember Jamie B. Summers Johnson, her father and the family of Ms. Lorraine E. Hawthorne.

**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.

Council President Tency A. Eason rescinded her motion and Council Vice President Clifford Ross rescinded his motion.

**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. (Amended)

A motion to close Citizens Comments was made by Council President Tency A. Eason and seconded by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross.

**Motion Adopted**

A motion to postpone Ordinance 5-2023 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. Adrienne Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

**Nays:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson

**Motion Adopted: Postponed**

**11-2023** An ordinance of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township, Essex County, New Jersey, to amend Chapter 74 of the Municipal Code of the City of Orange Township, entitled “Construction Codes, Uniform”. (Amended)

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

**Motion Adopted**

A motion to adopt Ordinance 11-2023 on final 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. Clifford R. Ross, Hon. Adrienne Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

**Nays:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson

**Motion Adopted**

**12-2023 An ordinance of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township, Essex County, New Jersey to amend Chapter 210 of the Municipal Code of the City of Orange Township, entitled “Development Regulations” to include a section supporting the erection and mounting of residential and commercial solar energy systems.**

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**

A motion to adopt Ordinance 12-2023 on final 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. Clifford R. Ross, Hon. Adrienne Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

**Nays:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson

**Motion Adopted**

**13-2023 An ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Orange Township Chapter 138 entitled “Noise” to prohibit construction on Sundays. (Sponsored by Councilmember Eason)**

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**

A motion to adopt Ordinance 13-2023 on final 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. Adrienne Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

**Nays:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson

**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 adopt Ordinance 61-2022 on first was made by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III and seconded by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross.

**Roll Call:**

**Yeas:** None

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

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson

**Motion Failed**

**2-2023 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. (86 Ward Street)  
(Postponed at the 1/17/2023 Council Meeting)**

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2-2023 on first was made by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III and seconded by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley.

**Roll Call:**

**Yeas:** None

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

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson

**Motion Failed**

**15-2023 An ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 200, entitled “Vehicles and Traffic” Section 200-52-2 Handicapped Parking Spaces.  
(128 Parrow Street, Apartment 101C) (Sponsored by Councilmember Wooten)**

A motion to postpone Ordinance 15-2023 on first was made by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III and seconded Councilmember Adrienne Wooten.

**Roll Call:**

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

**Nays:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson

**Motion Adopted: *Postponed***

**19-2023 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. (169 Central Place)**

A motion to adopt Ordinance 19-2023 on first was made by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley and seconded 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. Adrienne Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

**Nays:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** Hon. Jamie B. Summers Johnson

**Motion Adopted: *Final Reading June 7, 2023***



**20-2023 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. (281 Ogden Street)**

A motion to adopt Ordinance 20-2023 on first was made by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III and seconded Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross.

**Roll Call:**

**Yeas:** None

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

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson

**Motion Failed**

**21-2023 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. (251 Lincoln Avenue)**

A motion to adopt Ordinance 21-2023 on first was made by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross and seconded 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:** Hon. Jamie B. Summers Johnson

**Motion Adopted: *Final Reading June 7, 2023***

**22-2023 An ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 200, entitled “Vehicles and Traffic” Section 200-52-1 Handicapped Parking Spaces. (26 North Jefferson Street)**

A motion to vote down Ordinance 22-2023 on first was made by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross and seconded Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III.

Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross rescinded his motion and Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III rescinded his motion.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 22-2023 on first was made by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross and seconded 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. Adrienne Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson

**Motion Failed**

- 23-2023** An ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 88 entitled “Fees” derived from the Code provisions, supplementing Article VII, to amend the fees for the purchase of photo static copies of reports and other records on file with the Registrar of Vital Statistics.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 23-2023 on first was made by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III and seconded 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:** Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson

**Motion Adopted:** *Final Reading June 7, 2023*

- 24-2023** An ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 200, entitled “Vehicles and Traffic”, Section 200-10.2, Residential Permit. (Walsh Avenue) (Sponsored by Council Member Weldon M. Montague, III)

A motion to adopt Ordinance 24-2023 on first was made by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III and seconded Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross.

**Roll Call:**

**Yeas:** None

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

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson

**Motion Failed**

**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 \* 189-2023 THROUGH \*205-2023**

- \*189-2023** A resolution authorizing the issuance of a raffle license for Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church.
- \*190-2023** A resolution authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$5,000,000 of tax anticipation notes of 2023 for the City of Orange Township, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey.
- \*192-2023** A resolution authorizing the Tax Collector to refund overpayment of real estate taxes paid for 2022 and 2023 in the amount of \$4,332.96 and to cancel any future tax billings for the premises located at Block 6702, Lot 17 also known as 177 Stirling Drive for a 100% totally disabled veteran.
- \*193-2023** A resolution authorizing the cancellation of tax sale certificate No. 22-00259 on Block 6202, Lot 8 also known as 582 Beach Street in addition to issuing a refund for all accrued interest, penalties to Pro Cap 8 LLC in the amount of \$1,140.00.
- \*194-2023** A resolution authorizing the Tax Collector to refund overpayment of real estate taxes paid for 2022 and 2023 in the amount of \$6,221.90 and to cancel any future tax billings for the premises located at Block 4701, Lot 12 also known as 387 Olcott Street for a 100% totally disabled veteran.

- \*195-2023** A resolution authorizing the cancellation of tax sale certificate No. 22-00170 on Block 2002, Lot 12 also known as 272 Snyder Street in addition to issuing a refund for all accrued interest, penalties to Benjamin Fleck in the amount of \$107.72.
- \*196-2023** A resolution authorizing the cancellation of tax sale certificate No. 22-00171 on Block 2101, lot 23 also known as 71 Cleveland Street in addition to issuing a refund for all accrued interest, penalties to Benjamin Fleck in the amount of \$81.23.
- \*197-2023** A resolution authorizing the Tax Collector to refund Corelogic for tax payment made on Block 4401, Lot 2 – C2023 – also known as 500 South Center Street in the amount of \$2,290.03.
- \*198-2023** A resolution authorizing the refund of subsequent payment made in error by Blue Virgo on Block 5301, Lot 59, 488 Berkeley Avenue in the amount of \$1,577.49.
- \*199-2023** A resolution authorizing Change Order No. 1 to modify the contract for the project known as the Military Park Rehabilitation to S. Batata Construction, Inc., 238 Ernston Road, Suite 1R, Parlin, New Jersey 08859 in the amount not to exceed \$60,000.00.
- \*200-2023** A resolution awarding a contract to CV Electrical Contractors, P.O. Box 1263, Linden, New Jersey 07036 for electrical services to all Municipal owned buildings for one (1) year commencing April 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 with an option to extend the second year in the amount not to exceed \$101,222.00 per year.
- \*201-2023** A resolution approving the Bill List for Council meeting vote on May 2, 2023 dated April 26, 2023 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95. (Grand Total: \$10,901,556.10)
- \*202-2023** A resolution making application to the Local Finance Board pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.3ee.
- \*203-2023** A resolution introducing and approving the 2023 Calendar Year Budget (January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023).
- \*204-2023** A resolution authorizing the award of a non-fair and non-open professional service contract to Szaferman Lakind Blumstein & Blader P.C. to provide legal counsel to the Historic Preservation Commission of the City of Orange Township from January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$7,500.00.
- \*205-2023** A resolution authorizing the award of a non-fair and non-open professional service contract to Schwartz Barkin & Mitchell, Esq. to provide legal counsel to the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the City of Orange Township from January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$7,500.00.

A motion to adopt the Consent Agenda 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. Adrienne Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

**Nays:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson

**Motion Adopted**

**ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

- \*191-2023** A resolution of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township, Essex County, New Jersey, correcting Resolution 185-2023 to reflect acceptance assignment of tax sale certificate #19-00526, issued to Trystone Capital Assets LLC against Block 3402, Lot 42, commonly known as 197 Chapman Street, Orange, New Jersey, for an amount totaling \$16,225.81.

A motion to adopt Resolution 191-2023 was made by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III and seconded by Councilmember Kerry J Coley.

**Roll Call:**

**Yeas:** Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Adrienne Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

**Nays:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson

**Recuse:** Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert and Hon. Clifford R. Ross,

**Motion Adopted**

**POSTPONED RESOLUTIONS**

- 160-2023** A resolution designating Oakwood Avenue beginning at Wilson Place and ending at Parrow Street as Anna L. Barlow Way – In Honorarium. (Sponsored by Councilmembers Wooten, Montague, III, Summers-Johnson and the Orange Municipal Council)

A motion to postpone Resolution 160-2023 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:** Hon. Adrienne Wooten

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson

**Motion Adopted: Postponed**

- 177-2023** A resolution designating McChesney Street beginning at Scotland Road and ending at Valley Street as Lorraine E. Hawthorne Way – In Honorarium. (Sponsored by Councilmembers Summers-Johnson, Wooten & Montague, III)

A motion to postpone Resolution 177-2023 was made by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross and seconded by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley.

On the motion Councilmember Adrienne Wooten stated this should return as a memorial as Lorraine E. Hawthorne is now deceased. There should be an amendment

**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:** Hon. Adrienne Wooten

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson

**Motion Adopted: Postponed and amended**

**179-2023 A resolution requesting that the Municipal Council and the Administration of the City of Orange Township form a committee to update, amend, review, and initiate Chapter 16 of the Municipal Code entitled Chapter 16 Ethics, Code Of. (Sponsored by Councilmember Wooten)**

A motion to postpone Resolution 179-2023 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. Adrienne Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

**Nays:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson

**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 Councilmember Kerry J. Coley and seconded by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III.


The meeting was adjourned at 9:11 pm.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The next City Council Conference and Regular Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 16, 2023 virtually at 7:00 p.m.

Approved: May 16, 2023

  
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Joyce L. Lanier  
City Clerk

  
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Tency A. Eason  
Council President