

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, APRIL 18, 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 Weldon M. Montague, III, At-Large
Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross, At-Large
Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, South Ward
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
Margarette Homere, City Clerk's Office
Trisha Scipio, City Clerk's Office
Gabrielle Sims-Shelton, City Clerk's Office

Absent: Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert, West Ward
Councilmember Adrienne Wooten, At-Large
Adrian Mapp, Finance Director
Wendy M. Sykes, Director of Community Services

The Deputy 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

There were no Meeting Minutes to approved

REPORTS

DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REVENUE COLLECTION

The Clerk's Office collected \$13.20 for the month of March 2023

The Historic Preservation Commission Collected \$210.00 of March 2023

CONSTABLE REPORTS

Richard Noizy volunteered services on March 25, 2023.

OPRA REPORTS

There were 52 OPRA requests received, 35 completed and 17 remaining for the March of 2023.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Council President directs Clerk to file reports.

Police Department

Police Chief Vincent Vitiello thanked the City of Orange, all the departments, and the Fire Chief for supporting the Police Department during this difficult time. He was appreciative of the well wishes. Officers were assigned to support the Autism Walk this past weekend. He wanted to acknowledge the men and women of the Police Department for staying focused on a possible threat even though they were going through a hard time. The lives of our children are the department's priority. Council President Tency A. Eason requested the Police Department be prepared for motor bikes this summer. Police Chief Vincent Vitiello will investigate legislation in other cities. Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III inquired if a license was required to operate the three wheelers and they are off road vehicles.

Fire Department

Fire Chief Derrick Brown stated it was an honor for the Fire Department to support the Police Department through this difficult time. There were no major incidents on the fire side. Council President Tency A. Eason inquired about lithium batteries, how to legislate and enforce it. She asked him to work with the Business Administrator on this. Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross added that it should be noted that secondhand batteries should not be sold. Councilmember Kerry J. Coley stated there should be some communications surrounding blocking entry ways.

Planning Department

Director Laquana Best thanked the residents who attended the Essex County Home Improvement Seminar. It was a successful turnout. The Orange Chamber of Commerce, the Township of Irvington, and the City of East Orange are preparing for the Third Annual Tri Community Commercial and Residential Development Seminar being held on Tuesday May 16, 2023, from 5:30-8:00pm. The first two years it was held in the City of Orange Township and this year it will be held in Irvington at the Parkway Office Campus on Union Ave. The Flier will be sent to the Clerk's Office and posted on the website. The admission is \$10 for Commerce Members and \$20 for guests. Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross stated the new development looks good and he requests a tour prior to the ribbon cutting which should be the beginning of June. He saw information on the website about a Landlord Tenant Informational Seminar being held at the Newark Public Library on Thursday, May 4th from 6-7:30pm. Council President Tency A. Eason requested a similar seminar be scheduled in the City of Orange Township as well.

Finance Department

Chief Financial Officer Nile Clements stated Ordinance 17-2023 is on first reading on tonight's agenda. This is a two-part Ordinance to exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation limit which is normally 2.5% and extend it to 3.5%. The second part is to establish a Cap Bank, so whatever percentage increase that is not used in this year's budget, we will have the ability to utilize in the succeeding year. The Finance team intends to have the budget ready at the next Council Meeting.

Tax Collector

Director Paula Ferreira stated the seconded quarter taxes are due on May 1st and they have until May 10th to pay without interest. Council President Tency A. Eason requested an instructional program for residents on how to complete the application for the Tax Freeze Program.

Public Works

Director Marty Mayes thanked all who attended the Spring Shredding Event. The Fall Shredding Event will be held on October 14th. Military Park groundbreaking will be held on May 27th at 5pm. Colgate Pool is complete and there will be a ceremony on May 16th from 2-6pm. County Executive Joseph DiVincenzo will speak and there will be a barbeque. The department is preparing to begin paving season beginning with Park Place then Waverly Place.

Bids for Metcalf Park Basketball Court have been received and the paperwork is in process. This winter did not call for the city to use brine. The brine tank is being installed and we will be prepared for the next winter. The final plans for Ropes Playground are underway. Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III inquired about Metcalf Park which is undergoing a rehabilitation and it will be done on Friday. He also inquired about parking on Park Avenue and having the street cleaning done earlier and Director Marty Mayes will speak with the Business Administrator. There was meeting today concerning the gas tank and the final draft will be in next week. Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross inquired about the street sweepers and Director Marty Mayes is looking into buying or leasing new machines as they are encountering a lot of breakdowns. He also asked about the bids on the Garbage Contractor which it is in review. Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross stated Central Playground looks good and there will be more work done there. Saturday, April 22nd at 340 Central Avenue there will be a Cherry Blossom Event with refreshments and House Music. Councilmember Kerry J. Coley inquired about using Shauger Group for street cleaning which Director Mayes will discuss with the Business Administrator.

Law Department

Attorney Gracia R. Montilus, Esq. stated there are no legal updates at this time but he is prepared to do an update with the Governing Body.

Tax Assessor

Director Chris Murray thanked all who sent condolences and positive energy for the passing of his father. The County Tax Appeals for 2023 had 151 appeals filed which is down 50 from the prior year. Of the 151 there 24 pending and 82 are habitual filers.

Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk answered a question for Councilmember Kerry J. Coley which they are renegotiating a redevelopment agreement. Once finalized it will be presented to Council. He anticipates the agreements will be done in July.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

The Planning Board of the City of Orange Township will hold a special, virtual public hearing on an application filed for Preliminary & Final Major Site Plan approval for several buildings located on South Day Street and Reock Street. The application and meeting materials can be reviewed and obtained by contacting the Planning Board Secretary at 973-952-6069.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON GENERAL ISSUES/AGENDA ITEMS

The Deputy 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 the corner of Tremont and Center needs lighting for all turns in all directions. Highland Terrace needs to be repaved and needs a sign and speed bump. She still doesn't have a sign for her driveway. Forrest Street School needs paving and speed bumps. Director Mayes stated the signs have not arrived, but he asked for a rush job and the "Watch for kids" sign will be ordered. Council President Tency A. Eason stated speed bumps can't be added on every street and Director Marty Mayes will get a read out on rumble strips. West Orange has applied to repair South Valley Road.

James H. Ward, III thanked the Orange Police Department and he sent a letter of thanks to the department for their valiant work and for the personal loss suffered. He spoke to Ordinance 7-2023, bond ordinance for our PFAS water treatment. There was two billion dollars made available in the bi-partisan infrastructure bill that passed this past February. There was specific carve outs for PFAS and drinking water. He asked if the City of Orange is

accessing any of these funds to help pay for this work. There were specific carve outs for clean water projects in small, rural and disadvantaged communities, we probably qualify for two of those and we need to reach out to try and secure these funds. We need to know what are the levels PFAS that are in our water system and we need a presentation from the Water Department in particular. There are three technologies on how to mitigate PFAS and they each have significantly different cost. There is an item asking for \$10,000,000.00, which we will be paying for generations. We need to identify what the problem is, what is the proposed solution, and how much will it cost. Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk stated the City made application through the Appropriation Gant process and have not heard back yet. A substantial portion of the \$2,000,000,000.00 is being funneled through the state. It is being used through the Infrastructure I Bank and Water Bank. We have made application for this \$10,000,000.00 through the I Bank as well. He also stated that he would obtain the PFAS levels but through the temporary treatment process it is zero.

Stacey Gibbs of 340 Gist Place had questions about the Covid vaccines and if they were appropriate for her four year old. She is concerned about the past activities at the high school and how we make it safer because her daughter had a gun pointed at her face. She has noticed Central Park being fixed and the completion of Colgate Pool, but the playground is not being fixed as she knows there was a grant received. She is concerned about this because she has a daughter with autism. The gutters on Gist place need to be cleaned. Health Officer Vincent DeFilippo directed Ms. Gibbs to call him at 973-789-4013. There are two locations that administer vaccines, Turtle Back Zoo and the City of East Orange has a site. Director Marty Mayes stated Colgate Park plans are in the making and he will check the gutters on Gist Place. Council President Tency A. Eason directed Ms. Gibbs to reach out to the Superintendent of Schools in regards to the safety of the schools. Director Mayes gave Ms. Gibbs his number to discuss parks off line 973-885-1921.

Douglas Farrand works at 47 Cleveland Street extended an invitation to the 7th Annual City Music Festival, May 12th-14th. There are three locations and he will share the flier via e-mail. The festival locations are as follows: May 12th Central Avenue – Sarah’s Cafe, May 13th Essex Avenue – Inner City Cafe, and May 14th in the valley – City Kitchen. There is an event on May 9th, 3pm at the Walter G. Senior Housing Complex in remembrance of Slide Hampton a globally recognized jazz artist who lived in Orange the last 25 years of his life. He is a Member and Board President of First Unitarian Church located at 35 Cleveland Street. The congregation has concerns with the Ordinance for the Peek Cleveland Street Open Renewal Development when it comes to tax abatement. Council President Tency A. Eason stated the ordinance will be postponed.

Joseph Seneca of 420 Minton Place wanted to complain about the ice-cream truck that was referenced by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross. He thanked Police Chief Vincent Vitiello for be vigilant with loud noise in the neighborhood. He requested yellow lines near his home because people are constantly parking in his driveway. Minton Place is narrow and has speeding issues, and he request speed bumps. Joyce and Frankfort Street need to be repaved. He called the water department and spoke with Tom C. and inquired why he has to pay a fee when paying his bill electronically. Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk stated the transaction fee is associated with the credit card payments and Council Tency A. Eason directed him to call the Business Administrator to get further details.

Volora Howell of 483 Mountainview Avenue inquired about the honorarium because she understands there is legislation on tonight’s agenda to amend the requirements. Her daughter was to be honored with a Street naming. Council President Tency A. Eason explained there is legislation on First Reading, and then it has to go to Second Reading but it is being working on.

Winsome Wynter of 236 Henry Street inquired about the Orange Memorial Hospital site and if there are any plans. Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk stated there is a Resolution on tonight’s agenda asking for a memorandum of understanding – a joint venture to change hands. The current ownership is one of the road blocks. The view is to clean it up and put up new structures. Ms. Wynter will reach out to the Business Administrator off line.

Richard Martha of 740 McLaughlin Place wanted to thank Director Marty Mayes who came to his block to discuss concerns he raised at the past Council Meeting and erected a No Parking Sign. He wanted to discuss violators and how he should report the violations. Argyle and Scotland Road is a dangerous intersection and a pole should be put there. Council President Tency A. Eason stated the Parking Authority is not up and running yet, so he should contact the Police Department. She will request a Police ride through to check.

Joe Watson of 156 North Essex Avenue inquired about the process for reconsideration on the Cannabis Ordinance as it could be a great source of income. Council President Tency A. Eason stated she could not commit on this as it is in litigation.

Anita White of 465 Lawn Ridge Road stated the city is going through a lot of redevelopment and wanted to know what the status of the New Jersey Transit building off of Lincoln which is off the train track – it is an eye sore. Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk stated this is a construction depot yard for New Jersey Transit where they store construction and power equipment. He has had multiple conversations with New Jersey Transit about the conditions of the property. The City is not allowed to fine New Jersey Transit as they are a state agency. We continue to reach out to State Legislators trying to get this resolved.

E-mailed comments have been posted to the website

Jeffrey S. Feld - hardwaredad@aol.com, With respect to the CY 2023 Budget and second reading ordinances 24-2021, 5-2023 and 9-2023, I incorporate herein by reference all my earlier emailed unanswered questions and comments about the not yet introduced CY 2023 Budget and these three proposed ordinances such as the existence of supporting fiscal impact studies and a supporting annual service fee redevelopment area bond ordinance. With respect to the proposed Orange Memorial Hospital redevelopment related res. 186-2023, has there been an adequate public explanation of the purpose of this resolution, the performance deadlines contained therein, the scope of the proposed redevelopment project and whether further actions will be subject to additional CC and local planning board public hearings. With respect to res 186-2023, when and by what prior municipal legislation did the township disclose that certain parcels were subject to historical designations? You may wish to consider: (1) the attached freedom of information opinion issued by Iowa's highest state court late last week and (2) the scope of governmental employment protection opinion issued by the DC Circuit last week.

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A motion to close Citizens Comments was made by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley and seconded by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III

Motion Adopted

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Jamie Summers Johnson stated Genora Spates sent her pictures showing the accessibility at Central Park during Spring Break. Saturday's at 9am the schools have been having Basketball games. She inquired if there was a dedicated day for leaf pick-up which is every Tuesday and residents should call 973-952-6081 to request pick-up.

Councilmember Kerry J. Coley yielded his time to his Council Colleagues.

Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III inquired about the trash plan as stores on Main Street did not secure their trash and it was blowing around causing problems with rodents. He asked for confirmation about communications to residents concerning the new trash regulations which is in the works.

Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross stated during the May 2nd Council Meeting, he has invited Congressman Donald Payne, Jr. to attend and Councilmembers should be prepared to ask tough and hard questions about what he is doing for the City of Orange Township. We should get a commitment from him on funding.

Council President Tency A. Eason stated Motor Vehicle will be at St. Matthew Church, 336 Oakwood Avenue. The flier will be posted to the website with the details. She requested that Director Marty Mayes visit Thomas Blvd and Dodd Street to have it smoothed out.

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 Vice President Clifford R. Ross and seconded by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert and Hon. Adrienne Wooten

Motion Adopted: *Postponed*

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert and Hon. Adrienne Wooten

Motion Adopted: *Postponed*

- 7-2023 A bond ordinance providing for the acquisition and installation of 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 or notes to finance the cost thereof**

A motion to close Citizens Comments was made by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley and seconded by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III

A motion to adopt Ordinance 7-2023 on final was made by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley and seconded by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert and Hon. Adrienne Wooten

Motion Adopted

- 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 close Citizens Comments was made by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley and seconded by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III

A motion to adopt Ordinance 8-2023 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. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Clifford R. Ross, Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert and Hon. Adrienne Wooten

Motion Adopted

- 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 close Citizens Comments was made by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley and seconded by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III

A motion to adopt Ordinance 9-2023 on final was made by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley and seconded by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert and Hon. Adrienne Wooten

Motion Adopted

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 close Citizens Comments was made by Council President Tency A. Eason and seconded by Council Kerry J. Coley

A motion to adopt Ordinance 10-2023 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. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Clifford R. Ross, Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert and Hon. Adrienne Wooten

Motion Adopted

ORDINANCES – INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING**61-2022 An ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 200, entitled “Vehicles and Traffic” Section 200-52-1 Handicapped Parking Spaces. (352 Mechanic St.) (Postponed at the 11/01/2022 Council Meeting)**

A motion to postpone Ordinance 61-2022 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, Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert and Hon. Adrienne Wooten

Motion Adopted: Postponed

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 postpone Ordinance 2-2023 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. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Clifford R. Ross, Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert and Hon. Adrienne Wooten

Motion Adopted: Postponed

**14-2023 An ordinance to amend Part II General Legislation/Vehicles and Traffic, Article XII Schedules, 200-34 Schedule III: No Stopping or Standing, to add additional intersections and to place signs stating No Stopping/No Standing at all appropriate intersections.
(Sponsored by Councilmember Wooten)**

A motion to adopt Ordinance 14-2023 on first was made by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III and seconded by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross

Roll Call:

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

Nays: Hon. Kerry J. Coley

Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert and Hon. Adrienne Wooten

Motion Adopted: *Final Reading May 16, 2023*

**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 by Councilmember Jamie B. Summers Johnson

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert and Hon. Adrienne Wooten

Motion Adopted: *Postponed*

16-2023 An ordinance amending Article VI, Special Zones and Areas, 200-18.1 Handicapped Parking Spaces. (Sponsored by Councilmember Wooten)

A motion to adopt Ordinance 16-2023 on first was made by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III and seconded by Council President Tency A. Eason

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert and Hon. Adrienne Wooten

Motion Adopted: *Final Reading May 16, 2023*

17-2023 An ordinance to exceed the Municipal Budget appropriation limits and to establish a cap bank in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14 for the Calendar Year 2023 Budget.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 17-2023 on first 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, Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert and Hon. Adrienne Wooten

Motion Adopted: *Final Reading May 16, 2023*

18-2023 An ordinance to amend and supplement the Code of the City of Orange Township Chapter 4, § 4-17 entitled “Standing Committees Enumerated; Membership” and Chapter 29 entitled “Publicly Owned Street – Honorary or Commemorative Naming or Dedications”. (Sponsored by Councilmembers Ross & Montague, III).

A motion to adopt Ordinance 18-2023 on first 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: Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson

Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert and Hon. Adrienne Wooten

Motion Adopted: *Final Reading May 16, 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 * 178-2023 THROUGH *188-2023

- *178-2023 A resolution recognizing May 2023 as Mental Health Awareness Month in the City of Orange Township. (Sponsored by Councilmember Wooten)
- *180-2023 A resolution authorizing Change Order No. 2-Final from All State Technology, Inc., 10 Lark Lane, Oak Ridge, New Jersey 07438 for a decrease to the project known as the CDBG 2020 Colgate Park Pool PH II to adjust the contract quantities to meet final as-built conditions in the amount of \$1,600.00.
- *181-2023 A resolution approving the submission of an application to the New Jersey Urban Enterprise Zone Authority for the salaries of six (6) part-time Litter Collection Services employees and equipment in the amount of \$204,208.39.
- *182-2023 A resolution approving the submission and acceptance of a grant application to the New Jersey Urban Enterprise Zone Authority requesting funding for the rehabilitation of Military Park in the amount of \$388,500.00.
- *183-2023 A resolution authorizing the extension of the agreement for the removal of solid waste and recycling services with Joseph Smentkowski, Inc., 160 James Avenue, Jersey City, New Jersey 07306 for an additional sixty day (60) period commencing April 1, 2023 through May 31, 2023 in the amount not to exceed \$230,000.00.

- *184-2023 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.
- *186-2023 A resolution of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township, Essex County, New Jersey, approving a Memorandum Of Understanding with SYMREC Orange JV LLC, Orange Flats LLC, Orange NJ Holdings LLC, 256 Henry Holdings LLC and 184 Matthew Holdings LLC regarding acquisition and redevelopment of the former sites of Orange Memorial Hospital and Ippolito Funeral Home located on Henry Street, Ivy Court, Matthew Street, South Essex Avenue and Central Avenue.
- *187-2023 A resolution of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township, Essex County, New Jersey, setting aside the sale of and cancelling Tax Sale Certificate No. 17-00121 currently held by Next Level Funding LLC against Block 3301, Lot 44 on the City's official tax maps, commonly known as 139 Central Place and authorizing a refund to Next Level Funding LLC in the amount of \$7,686.77.
- *188-2023 A resolution approving the Bill List for Council Meeting vote on April 4, 2023 dated March 29, 2023 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95. (Grand Total: \$15,869,088.74)

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert and Hon. Adrienne Wooten

Motion Adopted

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

- *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 Council President Tency A. Eason and seconded by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert and Hon. Adrienne Wooten

Motion Adopted: *Postponed to May 2, 2023*

*185-2023 A resolution of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township, Essex County, New Jersey, accepting 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 \$14,831.54.

A motion to adopt Resolution 185-2023 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. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert and Hon. Adrienne Wooten

Recused: Hon. Clifford R. Ross

Motion Adopted

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 Kerry J. Coley.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:33 pm.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The next City Council Conference and Regular Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 2, 2023 virtually at 7:00 p.m.

Approved: May 2, 2023



Joyce L. Lanier
City Clerk



Tency A. Eason
Council President