

**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 4, 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  
Adrian Mapp, Finance Director  
Marty Mayes, Public Works Director  
Aaron Mizrahi, Esq., Deputy City Attorney  
Gracia R. Montilus, Esq., City Attorney  
Wendy M. 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  
Tim Walker, Essex County Liaison

**Absent:** Chris Murray, Tax Assessor  
Tamara Robinson, 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](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**

**March 21, 2023 Conference Meeting Minutes**

*Councilmember Summers-Johnson was absent and should abstain.*

A motion to adopt the March 21, 2023 Conference Meeting Minutes 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. Adrienne Wooten and Hon. Tency A. Eason

**Nays:** None

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

**Absent:** None

**Motion Adopted**

**March 21, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes**

A motion to adopt the March 21, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes was made by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III 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. Adrienne Wooten and Hon. Tency A. Eason

**Nays:** None

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

**Absent:** None

**Motion Adopted**

**REPORTS**

**DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REVENUE COLLECTION**

There were no Department Monthly Revenue Collections

**CONSTABLE REPORTS**

There were no Constable Reports.

**OPRA REPORTS**

There were no OPRA Reports

**COUNCIL REPORTS**

Council President directs Clerk to file reports.

**Fire Department**

Fire Chief Derrick Brown stated there was an incident that came in last night at 1am for corner of South Essex and Henry Street. There was a small fire inside of the building and everyone was safe. No major damage to the building and everything was contained to the building. There are some trainings going on in the department at this time.

**Police Department**

Police Chief Vincent Vitiello stated the department attended the Ward meeting for Councilmember Jamie B. Summers Johnson which was productive as they receive information from residents that the department will be able to use for improvement. The Wednesday after the last Council meeting, the NROTC kids at the Preparatory Academy were inspected by the Commander of the Naval Services and he was impressed buy our students. On 1/4/2023 there was a robbery on North Center Street where over \$48,000 was stolen. This is type of robbery has been reported in other towns as well. There has been three arrests for these cases. The Security Council had an initial meeting and they will come to Council to go over the Operation Plan which is not for public knowledge.

Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross inquired about the Police on foot which will come soon. Councilmember Quantavia Hilbert spoke about recruitment at Kean University and Director Warren sent a message that the meeting was positive. She is interested in the Police patrolling and mingling on foot. The new class of eight, a class coming a month after that, and discussions of more recruitment will occur with the Business Administrator.

### **Public Works**

Director Marty Mayes stated on April 15th from 9am-12noon there will be a Shredding Event in the back of City Hall. There will be one in the Fall as well. Colgate Pool is complete and it is filled with water. A combination of County and CDBG Funds of over \$400,000. There will be a Grand Re-Opening on May 16<sup>th</sup> from 2-6pm. Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert inquired about the new No Parking Sign for Highland Terrace, there were reports of down signs on Scotland Road, Franklin, and 445 Jefferson. The Italian Heritage, can we replace the flags on Lincoln Ave which DPW does not handle but he will investigate this. Director Wendy Sykes stated she will reach out to the Director of the Festival to see if it is in the budget to replace the flags. Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III inquired if the Metcalf and or Colgate would be complete for the spring and Metcalf will be complete. The baseball fields will be completely refreshed. Councilmember Kerry J. Coley inquired about the handicap Council President Tency A. Eason stated 263 Mt Vernon should be on that list as well. Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III inquired about the pumping station which the instructions will be given to the Business Administrator and a soft opening will take place before the next meeting.

### **County Liaison**

Tim Walker thanked Council President Tency A. Eason for attending the meeting with County Executive Joseph DiVincenzo and the Chief of staff and he sent her a follow-up email. He had a follow-up for Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert as rumble strips cannot be installed on Scotland Road. Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert found the follow-up unacceptable as there is no alternate plan and ticketing is not enough. When we compare surrounding communities, the City of Orange does not receive the same accommodations. Council Tency A. Eason requested a digital time enforcement. Councilmember Jamie Summers Johnson received calls with concerns about the park not being open. Councilmember Adrienne Wooten would like the information brought from the county in writing so that Councilmembers can relay this to the residents. Councilmember Kerry J. Coley request the information be e-mailed to all Councilmembers.

### **Planning Department**

Director Laquana Best stated she did not have anything major to report. She met with the Police Department regarding the Security Task Force, and it was a productive discussion. Tomorrow from 6-8pm there will be an Essex County Home Improvement Program Workshop in Council Chambers, 29 North Day Street. There will be a second workshop on Saturday from 10am – 12 noon. This information is on the website, and it was sent to the City Clerks Office. Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert inquired if there were any new developments which there was 150 and 151 Taylor, Alex McGee is one of the people involved in the project. She also inquired who residents would call to make a complaint about developers clean up. And she will e-mail Director Laquanna Best with details.

### **Finance Department**

Chief Financial Officer Nile Clements and the Finance Director Adrian Mapp stated there as nothing to report. Councilmember Kerry J. Coley asked if we did a grant for the Re-Entry Program which the Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk will investigate further as we have been granted \$100,000.

### **Tax Collector**

Director Paula Ferreira stated she had a tax update for March. Tax Revenue Collected was \$1,377,367.00 with 330 delinquent accounts. Water and Sewer collected \$1,134,526.00 with 2,576 delinquent accounts. There were 127 online payments of \$274,939.00

### **Law Department**

Attorney Gracia R. Montilus, Esq. stated there were no updates.

**Community Services**

Director Wendy Sykes had a few items to share. Today there was a site visit from the Hillside Community Food Bank for the emergency food pantry and the city passed. Because of this, the City may be eligible for additional types of federal funding and food. The city is accepting application for summer jobs. Those interested should visit the Human Resources Department on the second floor of City Hall. The Older Adults will celebrate Easter this Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 3pm at 105 Wilson Place in the Community Room. Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> from 10am-2pm at Central Playground Field there will be an East Egg Hunt. Register online or call Recreation at 973-952-6123. If it rains, baskets will still be distributed. The department is still registering for the Sight and Sound Play, a buffet bus ride to see "Moses" on July 6<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested, call the Recreation Department at 973-952-6123. You can reach Recreation if you are interested in registering for the Summer of Excellence Camp, Spring, and or Summer Sports. Councilmember Clifford R. Ross inquired about Lifeguard certifications and there is a plan in place to ensure we have enough Lifeguards. Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert inquired about the Older Adults Fashion Show which will be held on April 13<sup>th</sup> at 12noon.

**COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS**

Dogwood Green LLC has filed an application with the Township of West Orange Planning Board for use approval for a Class 5 Retail Cannabis Dispensary located at 5 Central Avenue. A virtual public hearing will be held on the application. For more information, please contact Board Secretary at 973-325-4111 or via email at [jvite@westorange.org](mailto:jvite@westorange.org).

Date & Time: April 12, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Dial In 1-646-931-3860

Webinar ID: 867 8795 1217

Password: 893895

**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 there are speed bumps needed on Highland Terrace. She inquired about the Cannabis laws which is still being reviewed. The new trash collection company kept her trash can and she wants it back. Director Marty Mayes will investigate. She inquired about Fire prevention. The Fire Chief stated there has not been any arson reports.

**Tash Hawthorne** read a statement on behalf of her grandmother, Lorraine Hawthorne. It was the story of her life, the obstacles she endured, how she overcome and her dedication and service to the City of Orange Township. For this reason she should receive the honor of having a street named after her.

**Janicea Jones Vance of 214 Duane Street** thanked the Police Department for assistance with her son who has mental illness. She inquired if there was anything in place to address cases this way. Police Chief Vincent Vitiello stated that on May 1<sup>st</sup> there will be a collaboration between the City of Orange, Bloomfield and East Orange that will have a Mental Health Specialist that would address these issues. For more information call the Chief directly at 973-727-0736. Councilmember Adrienne Wooten reminded Ms. Jones Vance that the city has legislation where families can register residents with special needs and need special response. Council President Tency A. Eason requested captions be added to the website.

**Chantal Wilson of 765 Vose Avenue** inquired if there was a plan to deal with anticipated increased traffic due to development in the city especially the Lincoln Avenue. Business Administrator Chris Administrator Chris Hartwyk stated a traffic study is done for each project and shared during the Planning Board Hearings. The parking issue will be addressed when the Parking Authority is up and running.

**Tina Mitchell** the niece and God Daughter of Lorraine Hawthorne wanted to give testimony as to why Ms. Hawthorne should receive the honor of street naming as she was a Trailblazer in the City of Orange. This is well overdue.

**Richard Martha of 740 McLaughlin Place** wanted to address the basketball courts at Metcalf as this has been a long time coming. He inquired about a grant and wondered if this would be used to resurface the courts and could arts be included. He inquired about paving and parking along Valley and McLaughlin as well. Director Marty Mayes will investigate as this has not been discussed as of yet. Director Mayes will also look at the paving and curb painting as well.

**Nicole Bacchus of 488 Fairview Avenue** inquired about a street that is technically in West Orange, but she would like the trucks from being able to travel in the morning as it is an inconvenience when dropping students off for school. Councilmember Jamie B. Summers Johnson asked that public works address this concern. Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk will collaborate with the Business Administrator of West Orange to work on this issue.

**Ormand O'Neal is a former resident of 233 Heywood Avenue** wanted to give testimony in favor of the Resolution designating the street naming for Lorraine Hawthorne.

**Terri Russo** wanted to give testimony in favor of McChesney Street being named for Lorraine Hawthorne as she was a mentor and an inspiration.

**India Williams** the founder of All About the Spectrum an urban nonprofit for autistic families stated they will hold its second Autism Walk on April 15<sup>th</sup>, 9am-12noon starting at Central Avenue by the Fire Department. If you have any questions you can reach out to her 862-766-8667. Police Chief Vincent Vitiello will set up a parameter security for the event.

**Ronald D. Scott, Jr. of 548 Argyle Avenue** had two concerns. The first is about the corner of Scotland Road and Argyle Avenue, he is requesting a speed radar which has been requested by Council President Tency A. Eason. There is also a concern of Commercial Vehicles parking creating a traffic blind spot. Director Marty Mayes took note of the concern to pass on to Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk.

**Xavier O'Neal of 585 McChesney Street** wanted to give testimony in regards to the street naming for Lorraine Hawthorne.

**Kweli Campbell of 552 Argyle Avenue** thanked residents for their testimonies that were gave in favor of the street renaming. She inquired about cameras being installed in the Valley and what the privacy and procedure is. Police Chief Vincent Vitiello stated the cameras will not be in use at this time and when they will be used there will be a community meeting. Ms. Campbell wanted to clarify her point about cameras.

**Mark of 206 Highland Avenue** stated there is a street light out on Highland and South Central and with all the development what will we due about the traffic at Exit 11 off of Highway 280. Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk stated that the exit ramps and Freeway Drive are Department of Transportation (DOT) Roads and they instituted a policy several months ago to change the timing on the lights this has caused the traffic. The County and the City of Orange Township will collaborate on a conversation with DOT. Mark asked about the parking | ticketing near the train station. There will be a change to parking around the gymnastic school.



**Chantal Wilson of 765 Vose Avenue** inquired about renovations at Metcalf Park and asked seating be included. Director Marty Mayes will take this into consideration.

**Richard Martha of 740 McLaughlin Place** wanted to add that Scotland and Argyle should include rounded mirrors to address dangerous intersection. He stated Ms. Kweli Campbell is an asset to the South Ward and he hopes Council would reflect that same respect.

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

**Motion Adopted**

### **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

**Councilmember Jamie Summers Johnson** stated April is Autism Awareness Month and she has the joy of teaching these students. She is pleased the Police has received training in dealing with people with mental illness. She attended a Women's Program at Orange High School. There was a South Ward Community Meeting last week. She thanked residents for giving testimony in favor of street naming resolutions.

**Councilmember Adrienne Wooten** stated attended the Women's Empowerment events at the school. She apologized to the Barlow family for any confusion surrounding the street naming. She complimented the testimonies given for the Lorraine Hawthorne

**Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert** reminded everyone of some Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. history as this was the anniversary of his death. She encourage residents to be vocal. Priorities need to be reviewed. She spoke about being a Keynote Speaker for students.

**Councilmember Kerry J. Coley** stated the Hillyer Street light is out and asked Director Mayes to have it repaired. He also asked him to look at the traffic near Wendys, and the parking meters being installed. The Business Administrator stated this will be addressed during the Budget Hearings.

**Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III** stated the Special Needs Registry is a good thing and residents should call the Clerk's Office to register. He told the Barlow family and Hawthorne family that the resolution will happen. He thanked Ms. Lillian Nails his former teacher for being at the meeting this evening, as she should receive an honor as well.

**Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross** stated the geese that were in Orange Park are gone. He thanked the Administration for meeting with the County Executive's team to address the City of Orange concerns.

**Council President Tency A. Eason** quoted Dr. King, Jr. and stated questions do not have to be asked in the Council Meeting, residents can reach out to Councilmembers or Department Directors at any time. She asked when the budget would be introduced and the CFO Nile Clements answered April 18<sup>th</sup>.

**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 Councilmember Jamie B. Summers Johnson 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*

**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 on final was made by Council President Tency A. Eason and seconded by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III

**Roll Call:**

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

**Nays:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** None

**Motion Adopted:** *Postponed*

**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 close Citizens Comments was made by Councilmember Jamie B. Summers Johnson and seconded by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III

**Motion Adopted**

A motion to adopt Ordinance 6-2023 on final was made by Council President Tency A. Eason 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**

**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 President Tency A. Eason 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:** *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. 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*

**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 adopt Ordinance 11-2023 on first was made by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross 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:** *Final Reading May 2, 2023*



- 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 adopt Ordinance 12-2023 on first 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:** *Final Reading May 2, 2023*

- 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 adopt Ordinance 13-2023 on first 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:** *Final Reading May 2, 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 \* 156-2023 THROUGH \*177-2023**

- \*156-2023 A resolution observing World Autism Awareness Day April 2, 2023 in the City of Orange Township. (Sponsored by Councilmembers Wooten & Summers-Johnson)
- \*157-2023 A resolution recognizing that Passover begins on Wednesday, April 5, 2023 and continues to Thursday, April 13, 2023 in the City of Orange Township. (Sponsored by Councilmembers Wooten, Summers-Johnson and the Orange Municipal Council)
- \*158-2023 A resolution recognizing April 9, 2023 as National Former Prisoner of War Recognition Day in the City of Orange Township. (Sponsored by Councilmember Wooten)
- \*159-2023 A resolution recognizing April 22, 2023 as Earth Day in the City of Orange Township. (Sponsored by Councilmember Wooten)
- \*161-2023 A resolution recognizing April as Autism Awareness Month. (Sponsored by Councilmember Hilbert)
- \*162-2023 A resolution authorizing the cancellation of multiple tax sale certificates that should not have gone to tax sale for water on December 22, 2022.
- \*163-2023 A resolution approving a refund of construction permit fees in the amount of \$13,400.00 to Orange NJ Properties, LLC.

- \*164-2023 A resolution of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township authorizing a release of unused Planning Board and inspection escrows totaling \$23,443.47, deposited 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.
- \*165-2023 A resolution rejecting the bids for the Highland Avenue Train Station Rehabilitation.
- \*166-2023 A resolution amending Resolution 429-2023 entitled "A resolution authorizing the awarding of a contract for the 2022 NJDOT LTPF Roadway Improvements to Cifelli & Son General Contracting, 81 Franklin Avenue, Nutley, New Jersey 07110 in the amount not to exceed \$1,196,975.35".
- \*167-2023 A resolution amending Resolution #454-2022 entitled "A resolution authorizing Change Order No. 4-Final from Cifelli & Son General Contracting, Inc., 81 Franklin Avenue, Nutley, New Jersey 07110 for a decrease to the project known as the 2018 NJIB Roadway to adjust the contract quantities to meet final as-built conditions in the amount of \$2,823,578.06" making the new amount of \$3,159,200.66.
- \*168-2023 A resolution authorizing the awarding of a contract for the Metcalf Park Improvements Phase I to Shore Top Construction Corp., 23 Yellowbrook Road, Freehold, New Jersey 07728 in the amount not to exceed \$131,735.00.
- \*169-2023 A resolution amending Resolution #270-2022 to modify the contract with Whirl Construction, Inc., 194 Main Street, P.O. Box 110, Port Monmouth, New Jersey 07758 for the project known as the Central Playground Improvements Project Phase II in an amount not to exceed \$1,000.00.
- \*170-2023 A resolution amending Resolution 440-2022 entitled "A resolution authorizing the extension of the award of a non-fair and open contract with Bright View Engineering, LLC, 5 Pitcairn Drive, Roseland, New Jersey 07068 to provide professional engineering construction administration services for the Highland Avenue Train Station Rehabilitation Project in the amount not to exceed \$25,066.25" making the new amount not to exceed \$27,698.75.
- \*171-2023 A resolution authorizing the award of a non-fair and open contract with Bright View Engineering, 70 South Orange Avenue, Suite 109, Livingston, New Jersey 07039 to provide engineering and design Phase 1-9 related to the reconstruction of traffic signals at four (4) intersections (Washington Street/Cleveland Street; Tremont Avenue/Valley Road; Tremont Avenue/Lincoln Avenue and Henry Street/South Essex Avenue) in an amount not to exceed \$122,680.00.
- \*172-2023 A resolution awarding a contract to American Wear, Inc., 261 North 18<sup>th</sup> Street, East Orange, New Jersey 07018 for the Public Works uniform rental and cleaning services for two (2) years commencing April 1, 2023 through March 31, 2025 in the amount not to exceed \$34,612.24 per year.
- \*173-2023 A resolution authorizing the extension of the award of contract with Remington & Vernick Engineers, 2059 Springdale Road, Cherry Hill, New Jersey 08003 to provide professional engineering and construction administration services for the Brook Alley Garage Improvement Project in the amount not to exceed \$48,863.25.
- \*174-2023 A resolution authorizing a contract to New Jersey Door Works, LLC, 689 Ramsey Avenue, Hillside, New Jersey 07205 to provide emergency overhead doors to all city owned properties under the HCESC-CAT/SER-21-03 commencing March 22, 2023 through March 22, 2025 in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00 per year.
- \*175-2023 A resolution authorizing a contract with Northeastern Interior Services, LLC, 5 Fairfield Avenue, Little Falls, New Jersey 07424 for general construction repairs & carpentry services through the Hunterdon County Co-Operative Pricing Council Contract #HCESC-SER-20F commencing April 1, 2023 through March 31, 2024 in the amount not to exceed \$50,000.00.
- \*176-2023 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. 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**

- \*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 Kerry J. Coley.

Council Vice President Clifford Ross want to amend the criteria. Councilmember Adrienne Wooten was concerned that families were informed this would not pass tonight and that was not in order. Councilmember Jamie B. Summers Johnson expressed her concerns about the amendments and the timeliness and stated this is not far to these deserving women who are in a fragile state.

**Roll Call:**

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

**Nays:** Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, Hon. Adrienne Wooten

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** None

**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 Honoriam (Sponsored by Councilmembers Summers-Johnson, Wooten & Montague, III)

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

Councilmember Adrienne Wooten objected to this postponement.

**Roll Call:**

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

**Nays:** Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, Hon. Adrienne Wooten

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** None

**Motion Adopted: *Postponed***

**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 adopt Resolution 20-2023 was made by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III 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**

**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 adopt Resolution 21-2023 was made by Councilmember President Tency A. Eason 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. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, Hon. Adrienne Wooten and Hon. Tency A. Eason

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** None

**Motion Failed**

**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 adopt Resolution 28-2023 was made by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross 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. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, Hon. Adrienne Wooten and Hon. Tency A. Eason

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** None

**Motion Failed**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:24 pm.


**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The next City Council Conference and Regular Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 18, 2023 virtually at 7:00 p.m.

Approved: May 2, 2023



Joyce L. Lanier  
City Clerk



Tency A. Eason  
Council President