

MINUTES CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP

NEW JERSEY

THIS IS A CONFERENCE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP HELD VIA AUDIO-VIDEO CONFERENCING TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 2023 AT 7:01 P.M.

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 K. Wooten, At-Large (*Arrived at 7:16pm*)
Council President Tency A. Eason, North Ward

Also Present: Joyce L. Lanier, City Clerk
Chris M. Hartwyk, Business Administrator
Nile Clements, Chief Financial Officer
Vincent DeFilippo, Health Officer
Paula Ferreira, Tax Collector
Marty Mayes, Public Works Director
Aaron Mizrahi, Esq., Deputy City Attorney (*Arrived at 7:10pm*)
Chris Mobley arrived at 7:06pm
Gracia R. Montilus, Esq., City Attorney (*Arrived at 7:06pm*)
Chris Murray, Tax Assessor
Tamara Robinson, Deputy City Clerk
Wendy M. Sykes, Director of Community Services
Marlin G. Townes, Legislative Research Officer
Vincent Vitiello, Police Chief
Margaret Homere, City Clerk's Office
Trisha Scipio, City Clerk's Office
Gabrielle Sims-Shelton, City Clerk's Office

Absent: Laquana Best, Planning Director
Derrick Brown, Fire Chief
Adrian Mapp, Finance Director

The City Clerk announced a Moment of Silence.

The City Clerk announced a "SPECIAL NOTICE: Please be apprised anyone wishing to discuss Agenda or General Items shall email their statements or questions to citizencomments@orangenj.gov no later than 7:00 p.m. the day prior to the scheduled public meeting. The City Council reserves the right to respond or not respond during the meeting to any citizen's submission."

The City Clerk announced 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, the Council's Website (www.orangetwpnjcc.org), the City's Website (www.orangenj.gov) and filed in the Office of the City Clerk.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION**COVID Update**

Health Officer Vincent DeFilippo stated CDC has stopped reporting Covid-19 numbers. Covid-19 death totals for May 1st – May 25th were as follows: ages 0-4 years old there were none, ages 5-17 years old there was one, ages 18-29 years old there were none, ages 30-49 years old there were nine, ages 50-64 years old there were 39, and ages 65-79 years old there were 158. There were 518 positive cases during this time. It is tick season and there has been 2,123 people who have been bitten by ticks in New Jersey and last year there were 5,900 tick bites. He spoke about the air quality due to the fires in Canada. At 9:30 the air index quality was at 150 which is unhealthy but sensitive, at 4:00 the air index quality was at 407 which is hazardous and unhealthy. It is advised that residents stay inside and if outside, one should wear N95 mask. Do not burn candles or use vacuum cleaners because it stirs up dust particles. Keep air conditioner filters clean. This is anticipated to last until Friday. Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross inquired about tick bites. Health Officer DeFilippo suggested wearing long socks and keeping the skin covered. A tick bite looks like a bullseye and if you see this you should visit your primary care physician. Council President Tency A. Eason stated Ocean County is also experiencing fires. Councilmember Kerry J. Coley inquired about the Free Rabies shot event which the city does this event in January and February. East Orange had an event last week and if a resident is interested they should reach out to the Health Department. Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III stated there are vendors on Freeway Drive and this should be addressed. Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross spoke about a task force to deal with this issue.

The resolutions and ordinances to be presented at tonight's meeting are listed on the attached Regular Meeting Agenda. If any Council Member wishes to discuss any resolution or ordinance, it may be discussed at this time.

Council President Tency A. Eason stated there was not a Finance Meeting this evening because there was a Budget Hearing. Councilmembers should bring up there concerns about proposed legislation at this time.

ORDINANCES – INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING

29-2023 An ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Orange Township Chapter 4, Article XIV entitled, Administration of Government, Boards, Commissions and Committees to establish 4-63.3 Human Relations Commission.
(Sponsored by Councilmembers Wooten & Summers-Johnson)

This Ordinance is being withdrawn by sponsor and coming back next meeting.

RESOLUTIONS NO *225-2023 THROUGH *245-2023

*239-2023 A resolution authorizing the services of David C. Stanziale, LLC to represent the City of Orange Township in the matter, "Erica Nazario v. City of Orange Township, et al" Docket No. ESX-L-6112-22 in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 for Calendar Year 2023.

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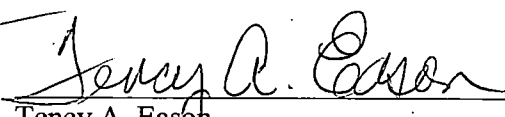
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A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross and seconded by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 pm.

Approved: June 20, 2023


Joyce L. Lanter
City Clerk


Tency A. Eason
Council President