

**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, MAY 16, 2023 AT 7:08 P.M.**

**Roll Call:**

**Present:** Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III, At-Large  
Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, South Ward  
Councilmember Adrienne K. Wooten, At-Large  
Council President Tency A. Eason, North Ward

**Also Present:** Joyce L. Lanier, City Clerk  
Chris M. Hartwyk, Business Administrator  
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  
Chris Murray, Tax Assessor  
Marlin G. Townes, Legislative Research Officer  
Vincent Vitiello, Police Chief  
Avram White, Esq., Deputy City Clerk  
Trisha Scipio, City Clerk's Office

**Absent:** Councilmember Kerry J. Coley, East Ward  
Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert, West Ward  
Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross, At-Large  
Laquana Best, Planning Director  
Adrian Mapp, Finance Director  
Gracia R. Montilus, Esq., City Attorney  
Wendy M. Sykes, Director of Community Services  
Tamara Robinson, Deputy City Clerk  
Margarette Homere, City Clerk's Office  
Gabrielle Sims-Shelton, City Clerk's Office

The City Clerk announced a Moment of Silence. Council President Tency A. Eason asked all to pray for the family of Paul Wells, student from Orange High who passed away this week. He was the grandson of Karen Wells. Pray for Karen Wells and Sally Wright.

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

**MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION****COVID Update**

Health Officer Vincent DeFilippo stated that New Jersey cases are in the green state. The transmission rate is moderate. The pandemic emergency federal state stopped last week. H3N2 is the new Covid strand. Every Friday until the end of the month there is a Mobile Unit in front of City Hall administering vaccines and taking blood pressure. The numbers for Covid are getting better. As of yesterday there were a 100 positive cases, 153 people hospitalized, eleven in intensive care and three on ventilators. Today there are 161 positive cases, 100 people hospitalized, thirty people in intensive care and seven on ventilators. Continue to wear a mask if you are uncomfortable with numbers. There is a high pollen rate and an increased number of ticks.

**Police Initiative on Mental Health – Vincent Vitiello, Police Chief**

Police Chief Vincent Vitiello stated the initiative began on Monday, May 15, 2023. In collaboration with the City of East Orange and Clara Maas, the City is starting The ARRIVE Program. The purpose of the program is to begin an innovative policing program which stands for Alternative Response to Reduce Instances of Violence and Escalation. This is to assist people experiencing mental health cases. Three days in the week, Orange Police will ride with Mental Health Specialist, and two days of the week, East Orange Police will do the same. Responding to calls in each city and responding to homeless residents as well. There is a system in place to do follow-up calls. The department is in the process of speaking to Mental Health Officials in possibilities of hiring them. There has already been two calls for the ARRIVE program, Officers called AT1. Council President Tency A. Eason inquired about the Chaplains which are called in to provide additional comfort with this initiative. Clara Maas and University Hospital are the hospitals that the City is building relationships with on this issue. Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III gave a testimony of a case he was witness to and was pleased with the results. Police Chief Vincent Vitiello stated there are also officers who have (CIT) Critical Incident Training which helps to deescalate situations.

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.

**ORDINANCES – SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING**

- 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)  
*This Ordinance will remain postponed.*

**ORDINANCES – INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING**

- 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)(*Postponed from May 2, 2023 Meeting*)  
*This Ordinance will remain postponed*

**RESOLUTIONS NO \* 206-2023 THROUGH \*224-2023**

- \*211-2023 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.  
*Council will remove and vote down because it is a duplicate.*
- \*214-2023 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 ninety day (90) period commencing June 1, 2023 through August 31, 2023 in the amount not to exceed \$345,000.00.  
*There was a typo which has been corrected.*

**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)
- 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)
- 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)

*All three postponed Resolutions will remain postponed.*

**NEW BUSINESS AND WALK-ON ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS**

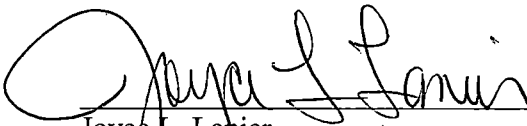
- 27-2023(WO) Bond Ordinance amending Bond Ordinance number 58-2018 finally adopted by the City Council of the City of Orange Township, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey on December 18, 2018 to increase the useful life thereof

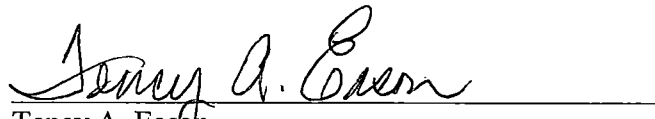
*There will be a Walk-On Ordinance.*

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III and seconded by Council President Tency A. Eason.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 pm.

Approved: June 7, 2023

  
 Joyce L. Lanier  
 City Clerk  
 6/9/2023

  
 Tency A. Eason  
 Council President