

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, JUNE 7, 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 K. Wooten, At-Large
Council President Tency A. Eason, North Ward

Also Present: Joyce L. Lanier, City Clerk (*Arrived at 7:29pm*)
Chris M. Hartwyk, Business Administrator
Laquana Best, Planning Director (*Arrived at 8:10pm*)
Derrick Brown, Fire Chief (*Arrived at 8:11pm*)
Nile Clements, Chief Financial Officer
Vincent DeFilippo, Health Officer
Paula Ferreira, Tax Collector
Marty Mayes, Public Works Director
Aaron Mizrahi, Esq., Deputy City Attorney
Christopher Mobley, Deputy Planning Director
Gracia R. Montilus, Esq., City Attorney
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: Adrian Mapp, Finance Director

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), the City's website (www.orangenj.gov) and filed in the Office of the City Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

May 16, 2023 Conference and Regular Meeting Minutes

A motion to adopt the May 16, 2023, Conference Meeting Minutes was made by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III and seconded by Council President Tency A. Eason.

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: None

Abstain: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, and Hon. Clifford R. Ross

Absent: None

Motion Adopted

REPORTS**DEPARTMENT REVENUE COLLECTIONS APRIL 2023**

There were no Department Revenue Collections reported.

CONSTABLE REPORTS

There were no Constable Reports.

OPRA REPORTS

There were no OPRA reports.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Council President directs Clerk to file reports.

Finance Department

Chief Financial Officer Nile Clements stated there are a few items on the agenda from the Finance Department., and they want to walk on a resolution. The city is financing the construction of the road paving, and the PFAS Capital projects, the proceeds of a loan made by the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank. These are Resolutions 233-2023 and 234-2023 on the Consent Agenda which will authorize the city to issue the bonds for these projects with the Bank which requires the city to authorize, execute, attest and deliver these bonds to the bank. The Walk-On Resolution is authorizing the issuance of documents related the loan. The loan agreement and continuing disclosure agreements will be held in escrow from when we close until the time we issue the bonds.

Tax Collector

Director Paula Ferreira gave a financial update for May 2023 from the Tax Office. There was \$8,019,169.00 collected, 480 delinquent accounts for a total of \$1,623,425.00. Water and Sewer collected \$2,185,108.00, there were 2,572 delinquent accounts for a total of \$2,185,108.00. There were 526 online payments in the amount of \$1,772,485.00.

Law Department

City Attorney Gracia R. Montilus, Esq. stated there was nothing to be shared in the public forum from the Law Department. He indicated to Council that the department would be ready for a litigation update at the second meeting of July.

Tax Assessor

Director Chris Murray stated he would furnish a detailed report at the next meeting. Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross inquired about the appeals and we have been successful partly due to the real estate market.

Community Services

Director Wendy M. Sykes stated all outdoor recreation programs were cancelled today due to the deteriorating air quality caused by the fires in Canada. There will be a Father's Day Celebration on June 15th at the Upper Field House, 234 Lincoln Avenue. There will be a mobile Cigar Bar, music and a cook-out. The Calendar for senior events is available by contacting the Department for Older Adults. The City's Gospel Fest will be held on June 24, 2023 at Orange Park from 12-6pm. There are discussions about recreation programs being held tomorrow based on the air conditions. Councilmember Kerry J. Coley inquired about the Father's Day event which was discussed early. Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert inquired about assistance and advocates for seniors which Director Sykes explained the department has a relationship with management with the senior buildings and refers some residents to Essex Legal Aide. Council President Tency A. Eason stated senior buildings have dumpsters and if there are issues, management of the building should deal with trash issues. Maurice Brown is a liaison for the seniors. Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross inquired about pool openings which are open on the weekends until after Independence Day.

Planning Department

Deputy Director Christopher Mobley stated the Grand Opening of 377 Crane Street will be June 13th at 6pm. Those interested in attending should RSVP. The City received a grant from Sustainable New Jersey for the City to work with residents and business owners to reduce their energy consumption. He thanked the Green Team Committee and Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross in this process. The Valley Orange Park Committee is moving forward with the PSE&G switching station project. They are looking at Artwork installations. Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross inquired about the Crane Street walk through for Councilmembers on the 12th which has been cancelled.

Public Works

Director Marty Mayes stated the weather is good so there are a lot of projects being worked on. On June 24th from 11am-1pm, there will be a basketball court unveiling at Metcalf Park. Road projects are moving along well, Mosswood and Hauxton are next on the list. Ropes Playground and speed humps is on the list as well. Councilmember Kerry J. Coley requested an update on Park Place which Director Mayes should have the updated numbers for soon. Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson requested that PSE&G projects be sped up as there are a lot of light outages. Director Mayes requested the pole numbers so that he can send the information directly to PSE&G with a special request. Council President Tency A. Eason inquired about tree trimming which she had a special request for 352 Ridge Street for a Cherry Tree. Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert stated the Central Avenue Workout station looks good. She saw DPW near the hospital sight and inquired how it would be paid for which it is done with a lien. She also had some tree trimming project and speed humps in the West Ward to add to his list. Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III inquired about a metal plate on Center and Tremont and he prefers the barrel. Raymond Wingfield is in discussions with the Business Administrator about the cost to have it repaired and will also discuss a sign and the barrel even though it obstructs traffic. Director Marty Mayes stated the department is looking to have the gas station finalized soon. The basketball court at Colgate Park will be done next. Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross inquired about the tree trimming on Freeway Drive, a "Welcome to Orange" sign on the West entrance, and a trash can at Lincoln Avenue near the high school. Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert inquired about the "Welcome to Orange" signs which the department will research and reach out to businesses to advertise.

Police Department

Police Chief Vincent Vitiello stated he will resend the e-mail with the updated statistics. The city is still down 3% and dropping in burglary, larceny and theft. There was a bump in car theft so the department is monitoring it. The summer initiative was given to the Mayor and the Business Administrator for approval. This would be operational by next week. A few days ago an Officer graduated the Canine class. Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III stated he just received word that there was a shooting on Day Street which this was not confirmed. Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross inquired about the increase in stolen vehicles which is up 41%, 7 in April and 10 in May. Toyota, Honda, Pick-up vans, and luxury cars are targets. He also asked about the motorcycles and four wheelers and the department has a plan in place. Councilmember Kerry J. Coley stated there is an increase of people parking on the curb and would like to see more enforcement. Police Chief Vitiello advised residents to call the hotline at 973-666-0097 to report this issue. The department is working with Code Enforcement to deal with this issue.

Fire Department

Fire Chief Derrick Brown stated all is well with the Fire Department. The city is dealing with the air conditions being caused by the fires in Canada. The department is looking forward to JPSA Camp on July 10th. Council Jamie B. Summers-Johnson inquired what residents should do when there is a member of the family that uses an oxygen machine. The Fire Chief directed them to call 973-346-2300 ext. 6131 and advise them they have a placard stating the oxygen machine is in the home. Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert inquired about a fire at 268 Oakwood which was contained to the 8th floor apartment and injuries sustained by a Firefighter. Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk stated the city is working on an alert system that keeps residence aware of high alert fires in the city.

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 through 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.

James H. Ward, III of 743 Haxton Ave stated he was very disheartened what happened in the Budget Hearing Meeting. The presentation by the CBAC is a process that takes a lot of time, the citizens who worked on this board spend a lot of time on this and not receiving the full attention of Councilmembers is extremely disrespectful. The citizens deserve Councilmembers concern. This process does not work without communication. He personal feels disrespected and this has been going on for over four years. The same recommendations go unheard and this is an unsustainable practice. The pools are not open every day and we can’t get a basketball hoop without it have high costs. We have serious structural issues and need the Councils attention and feedback. It is rude to ignore the CBAC members that were put in place by the Councilmembers. Council President Tency A. Eason stated she was multi-tasking during the meeting with items related to the meeting but the CBAC members had her attention. The report will be considered at the time of the next meeting.

Kweli Campbell of 25 Randolph Place thanked the Department of Public Works for the work being done at Metcalf Park and she is looking forward to the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. There is a concern with the Open Space, Recreation, and Historic Preservation Committee as they have failed to meet quorum and this is not effective. There has not been a South Ward meeting as the residents have a list of items that need to be addressed. Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson confirmed that residents are calling 862-272-1155 to reach her as she has not received any messages from residents. The preferred way to contact her is at this number.

Rachel Palumbo and Vanessa of 563 Argyle and 351 Alden stated they have homes in both the South and North Wards. The residents are trying to reach Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson about the next West Ward meeting. Council President Tency A. Eason stated residents can reach her about the North Ward and she resides at 373 Cleveland Street and that there will be a North Ward meeting soon. If you need to reach her, residents can stop by. Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson stated she is working on a meeting but she had been dealing with her father’s health issues.

Meshaka Robinson of 424 Heywood Avenue asked if there was a plan for speed bumps in the school zones, in particular Heywood Avenue School and he wanted to know when a vehicle is deemed abandoned. Police Chief Vitiello stated a car is deemed abandoned when it has not moved after 48 hours and he should call him at 973-952-6300 ext. 6334 if this happens in the future. Director Marty Mayes stated there are plans for speed humps, painting, striping and radar digital signs.

Marsha Escalliere of 210 Central Avenue asked if the Police Chief was aware of a police chase which he was not aware. Police Chief Vitiello stated chases of these four wheel vehicles are not legal.

Lenore Young of 678 Hauxton stated there was an Officer who responded to a call at her house and he was outstanding and she wanted thank him n record. Police Chief Vitiello was appreciative of the remarks.

A motion to close Citizens Comments was made by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley and seconded by Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson.

Motion Adopted

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson stated she has been in conversations with a resident concerning dangerous intersections, Claremont Terrace and South Center was identified as one of those intersections. The Neighborhood Watch is in the process of scheduling a meeting to address this concern. She did a home visit with a resident on Christopher Street with Director Marty Mayes and the Health Officer Vincent DeFillipo to discuss rodent issues. There will be a free program that will be on Central Avenue, Central Park on June 17th. It is a free football camp for girls and boys, ages 5-17. Registration available at ambitiousyouthfoundation.org or by reaching out to 862-272-1155 for the link.

Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert stated she attended the Tennis Tournament at the Central Park Playground this past weekend. The West Ward hosted a luncheon at Librettis and the next one will be announced in advance along with the guest speakers. .

Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross thanked Leonor Young and the CBAC for their presentation and participating in the Budget process. He has listened and their recommendations will be considered.

Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III stated he was listening to the CBAC and he was taking notes during the CBAC presentation. He asked about 256 Day Street and the rodent infestation and requested that this issue be addressed. He asked if the Auto Body on Park and William Street was properly zoned.

Councilmember Kerry J. Coley wanted the broken sidewalks on Main Street and the base of the street lights, specifically at 210 Central Avenue need to be addressed.

Councilmember Adrienne K. Wooten wanted to speak about the importance of voting and how it effects residents. There was a Primary Election in New Jersey yesterday and there was a very low turn-out. She hosted a Coffee and Conversations event this past Saturday with discussions of Senate Candidates. Quads and Parking has led her to plan a meeting to address these concerns. She sent congratulations to students graduating this month. Councilmember Wooten inquired about the trash pick-up which is 6am.

Council President Tency A. Eason suggested that Councilmember Adrienne K. Wooten invite all the Councilmembers when planning the meeting about parking. She stated there are 32,000 residents and only 12,069 registered voters. There needs to be more voter registration. She gave the statistics for the election by ward which the North Ward had the highest turn-out. We must encourage people to vote even if candidates are uncontested. Council President wants to address an upgrade to Main Street, merchant window coverings, and street merchants. The city needs to look at the timeframes for zoning summons.

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". *(Postponed since the June 1, 2021 Council Meeting)*

A motion to postpone Ordinance 24-2021 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 K. 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 close Citizens Comments was made by Council President Tency A. Eason and seconded by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III.

Motion Adopted

A motion to postpone Ordinance 5-2023 was made by Council President Tency A. Eason 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 K. Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

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 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 19-2023 was made by Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert 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 K. Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion Adopted

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 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 21-2023 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. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion Adopted

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 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 23-2023 was made by Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert 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 K. Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion Adopted

27-2023(WO) A 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.

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 14-2023 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. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Clifford R. Ross, Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion Adopted

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)

A motion to postpone Ordinance 15-2023 was made by Council President Tency A. Eason 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 K. Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion Adopted: Postponed

- 28-2023** 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”.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 28-2023 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. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Clifford R. Ross, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson and Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion Adopted

- 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)

A motion to postpone Ordinance 29-2023 was made by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III and seconded by Councilmember Adrienne K. 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 K. Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion Adopted: *Postponed*

- 30-2023** An ordinance of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township, Essex County, amending Chapter 98 of the Municipal Code of the City of Orange Township, entitled “Food Handling Establishments”.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 30-2023 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 K. Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion Adopted: *Final Reading July 5, 2023*

- 31-2023** An ordinance to amend Ordinance #37-94 the Code of the City of Orange Township Chapter 88 entitled “Fees” derived from the code provisions, supplementing Article 1, to amend dog license fees.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 31-2023 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. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Clifford R. Ross, Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion Adopted: *Final Reading June 20, 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 * 225-2023 THROUGH *245-2023

- *225-2023** A resolution announcing June 2, 2023 as Gun Violence Awareness Day and June 2nd through June 4th as Wear Orange Weekend. (Sponsored by Council Member Wooten)
- *226-2023** A resolution honoring and recognizing Mrs. Erline Morrison Holmes as a Phenomenal Woman in the City of Orange Township. (Sponsored by Councilmembers Wooten & Summers-Johnson)
- *227-2023** A resolution honoring and recognizing the life of Mr. Paul Wells. (Sponsored by Council Member Wooten)
- *228-2023** A resolution authorizing the cancellation of tax sale certificate No. 22-00219 on Block 1402 Lot 23 also known as 144 Spring Street in addition to issuing a refund for the certificate amount of \$90.01 & premium amount of \$9,100.00 to Pro Cap 8 LLC for a total amount of \$9,190.01.
- *229-2023** A resolution authorizing the cancellation of tax sale certificate No. 22-00260 on Block 6206 Lot 18 also known as 525 Argyle Avenue in addition to issuing a refund for the certificate amount of \$40.00 & premium amount of \$100.00 to Pro Cap 8 LLC for a total amount of \$140.00.
- *230-2023** A resolution authorizing the cancellation of tax sale certificate No. 22-00248 on Block 4803 Lot 3 also known as 324 Carteret Terrace in addition to issuing a refund for the certificate amount of \$125.00 & premium amount of \$1,700.00 to Pro Cap 8 LLC for a total amount of \$1,825.00.
- *231-2023** A resolution authorizing the cancellation of tax sale certificate No. 22-0229 on Block 2503 Lot 9 also known as 52 South Jefferson Street in addition to issuing a refund for the certificate amount of \$40.00 & premium amount of \$100.00 to Pro Cap 8 LLC for a total amount of \$140.00.
- *232-2023** A resolution for emergency temporary appropriations #6 to the Calendar Year 2023 Budget.

- *233-2023** A resolution determining the form and other details of not exceeding \$10,000,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2023, of the City of Orange Township, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey, and providing for their sale to the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank pursuant to the State Fiscal Year 2023 New Jersey Infrastructure Bank Transportation Infrastructure Financing Program.
- *234-2023** A resolution of the City of Orange Township, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey, determining the form and other details of its “Note relating to the Water Bank Construction Financing Program of the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank”, to be issued in the principal amount of up to \$17,500,000, and providing for the issuance and sale of such note to the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank, and authorizing the execution and delivery of such note by the City of Orange Township in favor of the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank, all pursuant to the Water Bank Construction Financing Program of the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank.
- *235-2023** A resolution authorizing an extension of the contract with Weatherproofing Technologies, Inc., 3735 Green Road, Beachwood, Ohio 44122-5705 (Northern New Jersey Branch located at 8 Main Street, Flemington, New Jersey 08822) to provide roof repair services to all Municipal owned properties under the ESCNJ Co-Op contract #ESCNJ/APEA21-D commencing March 1, 2023 through February 28, 2024 in the amount not to exceed \$65,000.00.
- *236-2023** A resolution amending Resolution #100-2022 to modify the purchase of one (1) Ford E-450 16 Passenger Mini Bus with two (2) wheelchairs for the Department of Community Services with H.A. DeHart & Son, Inc., 31 Crown point Road, Thorofare, New Jersey 08086 in an amount not to exceed \$8,954.08.
- *237-2023** A resolution authorizing a contract to purchase uniforms with Galls Uniforms, 1015 Broad Street, Newark, New Jersey 07102 under State Contract #20-FOOD-00801 until December 31, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$70,000.00.
- *238-2023** A resolution authorizing to submit a grant application with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the City of Orange Township Roadway Improvements for 2023 NJDOT Local Transportation Projects Fund Grant-LTPF-2023-BELL Street, East Highland Avenue, Frankf-00141.
- *241-2023** A resolution authorizing the services of David C. Stanziale, LLC to represent the City of Orange Township as Coverage Counsel in connection with litigation involving Public Entity Joint Insurance Fund (“PEJIF”) a member of the NIP Group and Qual-Lynx as Excess Carrier, in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00.
- *242-2023** A resolution authorizing the execution of an agreement with Dilworth Paxson LLP, as Special Redevelopment Counsel for the City of Orange Township.
- *243-2023** A resolution of Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township, Essex County, New Jersey, approving and authorizing execution of a settlement agreement and a purchase and sale agreement between the City of Orange Township, 51 South Day Street LLC and Exit 11 Gentlemen’s Club LLC regarding various claims alleged between the parties, as well as the City’s acquisition, in lieu of condemnation, of 2 adjoining parcels designated on the City’s official tax maps as Block 2805, Lots 2 and 3, more commonly known as 51 South Day Street and 53 South Day Street.
- *244-2023** A resolution authorizing a refund of two hundred dollars paid by Alex McGee for a cashier’s check in the incorrect amount to Department of Public Works.
- *245-2023** A resolution approving the Bill List for Council Meeting vote on June 7, 2023 dated May 31, 2023 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95. (Grand Total: \$10,008,784.92)

A motion to adopt the Consent Agenda was made by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley 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 K. Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion Adopted

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

***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.**

A motion to adopt Resolution 239-2023 was made by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III and seconded by Council President Tency A. Eason.

City Attorney Gracia R. Montilus gave the following amendment: David C. Stanziale, LLC will represent the City of Orange Township, the Orange Police Department, and Lieutenant Olivera. Those two parties will be added to the resolution.

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 K. Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion Adopted

***240-2023 A resolution authorizing the services of Marco Di Stefano, 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.**

A motion to adopt Resolution 240-2023 was made by Council President Tency A. Eason and seconded by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley.

City Attorney Gracia R. Montilus gave the following amendment: Marco DiStefano, LLC will be representing April Cruz, Louis Copeland, and Chris Hartwyk and not the City of Orange Township.

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 K. Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

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 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 K. Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: None

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 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 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 K. Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion Adopted: *Postponed*

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 was made by Council President Tency A. Eason and seconded by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross.

A motion to rescind the previous motion was made by Council President Tency A. Eason and seconded by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross.

A motion to withdraw 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. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Clifford R. Ross, Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion Adopted: *Withdrawn*

NEW BUSINESS AND WALK-ON ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

246-2023 (WO) A resolution authorizing the execution and delivery of a loan agreement to be executed by the City of Orange Township, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey and the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank, and further authorizing the execution and delivery of an escrow agreement and a continuing disclosure agreement, all pursuant to the State Fiscal Year 2023 New Jersey Infrastructure Bank Transportation Infrastructure Financing Program.

A motion to Walk-On Resolution 246-2023(WO) was made by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley 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 K. Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion Adopted

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

Motion Adopted

A motion to adopt Resolution 246-2023(WO) on first 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 K. Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion Adopted

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 9:53 pm.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The next City Council Conference and Regular Meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 20, 2023 virtually at 7:00 p.m.

Approved: June 20, 2023



Joyce L. Lanier
City Clerk

Tency A. Eason
Council President