

**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 WEDNESDAY, JULY 5, 2023 FOLLOWING THE REORGANIZATION MEETING.**

**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  
Chris M. Hartwyk, Business Administrator  
Laquana Best, Planning Director  
Derrick Brown, Fire Chief  
Nile Clements, Chief Financial Officer  
Vincent DeFilippo, Health Officer  
Marty Mayes, Public Works Director  
Aaron Mizrahi, Esq., Deputy City Attorney  
Gracia R. Montilus, Esq., City Attorney  
Tamara Robinson, Deputy City Clerk  
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

**Absent:** Paula Ferreira, Tax Collector  
Chris Murray, Tax Assessor  
Gabrielle Sims-Shelton, City Clerk's Office

The Deputy City Clerk announced a Moment of Silence. Council President Tency A. Eason dedicated the Moment of Silence to the young man in East Orange who passed away this past Saturday. Keep his family in prayer.

The Deputy 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 Deputy 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**

Council President thanked the Councilmembers for entrusting her to be the Council President for another year. She is dedicated to bringing Councilmembers together to work as a team for the sake of the residents in the City of Orange Township.

**COVID Update**

Health Officer Vincent DeFilippo stated Covid is not over so please be careful. There is a big uprising in tick cases as there has been over 1000 cases thus far in New Jersey. He responded to Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert’s request to post cooling stations. All of the Field Houses, City Hall, and churches that open there doors with us have cooling stations. The County has a list of cooling stations as well. Council Vice President Clifford Ross inquired about the tick cases in the City of Orange which has not been reported. The vaccine van for Covid was in front of City Hall but only on person came. On Saturday, June 8 during the Food Truck Festival, there will be a van in Orange Park to address Lead and HIV.

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**

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)*

*This Ordinance will remained 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) *(Postponed since the April 4, 2023 Council Meeting)*

*This Ordinance will be voted down and replaced with Ordinance 38-2023 on First Reading.*

**ORDINANCES – INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING**

35-2023 An ordinance of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township, Essex County, New Jersey, to amend Ordinance Number 6-2022 and state the correct park to be refurbished.

*Public Works Director Marty Mayes withdraws this Ordinance as the donor has backed out.*

**RESOLUTIONS NO \*265-2023 THROUGH \*282-2023**

\*268-2023 A resolution authorizing a contract extension to magic Touch Construction Co., Inc., 59 West Front Street, Keyport, New Jersey 07735 to provide emergency plumbing services on an “as needed” basis to all city owned properties under the ESCNJ Co-Op #20/21-18 commencing July 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00.

*Chief Financial Officer Nile Clements gave the amendments for the record. This is a contract extension from Magic Touch Construction. Amending the contract – the agreement is listed at \$40,000 and being amended to \$50,000 to match the Resolution and also changed the budget account from 510 equipment repair and maintenance to 528. The Certification of Funds was amended.*

\*273-2023 A resolution authorizing the City of Orange Township to execute a temporary right of entry agreement between the City of Orange Township and Township of Millburn, 375 Millburn Avenue, Millburn, New Jersey 07041.

*The Business administrator Chris Hartwyk stated this will be withdrawn and brought back with the changes at the next meeting.*

\*277-2023 A resolution approving and authorizing the execution of a community benefits agreement with Peek Cleveland I Owner Urban Renewal, LLC for the redevelopment of the property located at 66 Cleveland Street (Block 2102, Lot 11), 76 Cleveland Street (Block 2102, Lot 12), 82 Cleveland Street (Block 2102, Lot 13) and 69 North Essex Street (Block 2102, Lot 24).

*Chief Financial Officer, Nile Clements stated the Community Service contribution is being amended from \$287,000 to \$350,000 which is 4A. This shall be paid within thirty days of the redeveloper receiving their building permits. This is connected to Ordinance 5-2023.*

\*278-2023 A resolution designating East Orange/ Orange Record-Transcript, Star Ledger as the official newspapers for the City of Orange Township, New Jersey.

*Councilmember Adrienne Wooten disagreed with this resolution, she preferred TapInto versus the Star Ledger. Council President Tency A. Eason stated TapInto is an online paper and we need to research whether the Ordinance needs to be amended to include online publications. City Clerk, Joyce Lanier stated after making inquiries last year it was concluded that the posting of Councilmembers publications and legislation is regulated by State Statue, which says official newspapers. Last year TapInto was added on by resolution but was unable to add online publications. City Attorney Gracia R. Montilus stated this could be held over and brought back with the proper verbiage. This Resolution will move forward and be amended at the next meeting after the Law Department investigates the matter.*

\*281-2023 A resolution to enter into contract with Metro YMCA of the Oranges to co-facilitate the 2023 City of Orange Swim Program, not to exceed \$25,500.00.

*Chief Financial Officer Nile Clements stated there will be a Revision to the 6<sup>th</sup> Whereas Clause to list the contract at \$25,500 which h is listed in the title of the Resolution, in the contract. The Certification of funds was amended to reflect the amount not to exceed \$25,500.*

**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)

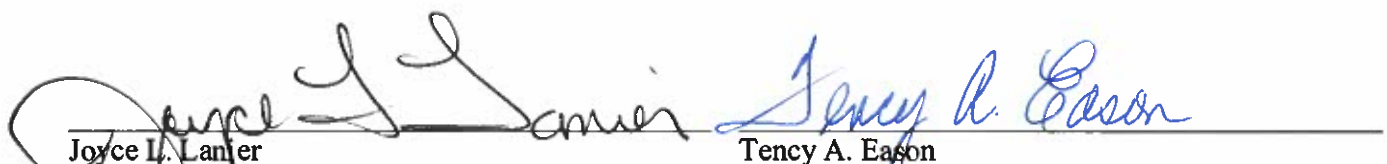
177-2023 A resolution designating McChesney Street beginning at Scotland Road and ending at Valley Street as Lorraine E. Hawthorne Way – In Honorarium. (Sponsored by Councilmembers Summers-Johnson, Wooten & Montague, III)

*These Resolutions will remain postponed.*

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 7:37 pm.

Approved: August 2, 2023

  
 Joyce L. Lanier  
 City Clerk  
 Tency A. Eason  
 Council President