

**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, JULY 5, 2023 FOLLOWING THE CONFERENCE 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  
Marlin G. Townes, Legislative Research Officer  
Vincent Vitiello, Police Chief  
Avram D. White, Esq, Deputy City Attorney  
Margarette Homere, City Clerk's Office  
Trisha Scipio, City Clerk's Office

**Absent:** Paula Ferreira, Tax Collector  
Chris Murray, Tax Assessor  
Wendy M. Sykes, Director of Community Services  
Gabrielle Sims-Shelton, City Clerk's Office

The City Clerk announced 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 June 29, 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**

**June 20, 2023 Conference Meeting Minutes**

A motion to adopt the June 20, 2023, Conference Meeting Minutes was made by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross and seconded by Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert.

**Roll Call:**

**Yeas:** Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Clifford R. Ross, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

**Nays:** None

**Abstain:** Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, and Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten

**Absent:** None

**Motion Adopted**

**June 20, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes**

A motion to adopt the June 20, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes 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, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

**Nays:** None

**Abstain:** Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten

**Absent:** None

**Motion Adopted****REPORTS****DEPARTMENT REVENUE COLLECTIONS JUNE 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.

Council President Tency A. Eason stated for the record, anyone present who wishes to speak must operate their camera and state their name and address for the record.

**Planning Department**

Director Laquana Best stated projects are moving along well. There was a Community Meeting for the residents of Conover Terrace last week that the Mayor attended. There will be a follow up meeting to update Councilmembers at a later date. Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert asked if a public forum could be arranged on redevelopment projects and a scheduled presentation from the Nishuane Group, as residents do not understand the process. Director Laquana Best stated this could be discussed.

**Fire Department**

Fire Chief Derrick Brown stated there are three spots available for the JPSA Camp which begins next week. The camp runs from July 10<sup>th</sup> – August 4<sup>th</sup> starting at 8:30am located at the Central Avenue Fire House. The applications can be obtained at the Fire House, the age range is 11-16 years old. There is a cooling station on the corner of the station. There was an article in TapInto done by Brian Agnew who interviewed Fire Chief Derrick Brown which runs today, July 5, 2023.

**Finance Department**

Chief Financial Officer Nile Clements stated there is a Bond Ordinance 39-2023 on the agenda tonight related to the acquisition of various properties which are related to the Joyce Carnegie Memorial. Bond Ordinance for 1.5 million dollars, Resolution 280-2023. This authorizes the city to submit an application to the local finance board asking for the approval of this bond ordinance pursuant to the Municipal qualified bonds act. In this instance the state would repay our debt and subtract the payment yearly from the annual state aide. Resolution 266-2023 is for the emergency temporary budget.

**Tax Collector**

Director Paula Ferreira was not present.

**Public Works**

Director Marty Mayes reported on the current projects. Metcalf Basketball Court, Colgate Pool, and paving. Councilmember Kerry J. Coley asked for an update on Park Place which they should have a definitive answer in the next few weeks.

**Law Department**

City Attorney Gracia R. Montilus, Esq. gave his comments during the Conference Meeting.

**Tax Assessor**

Director Chris Murray was not present.

**Community Services**

Director Wendy M. Sykes was not present.

**Police Department**

Police Chief Vincent Vitiello stated reports would be distributed at the next Council Meeting. He mentioned the passing of Mayor Dwayne D. Warren, Esq. and Police Director Todd Warren's sister-in-law and asked to keep the family in prayer. The neighbor stabilization unit started last week. There was an investigation of an illegal operation on Day Street. The Department was approved for the LPR Reader sign. Councilmember Kerry J. Coley inquired about the ATV guidelines. The Director will not chase the ATV's as it puts others in danger. There has been an ordinance being reviewed and on tonight's agenda concerning this. Council President Tency A. Eason reminded residents to report illegal activities to the police. Councilmember Adrienne Wooten made comments about this ordinance as she and Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson has been working with Director Todd Warren on this. Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross asked if monetary fines would be associated with capture of the ATV's. There are fines associated and also to gas stations that allow them to fill. Deputy Attorney Avram D. White, Esq. stated there will be operating fines attached and the owner could lose their property. There were a few fines distributed for the July 4<sup>th</sup> celebrations as the department was very proactive.

**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 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 she finally received the signs on her block. She thanked the Mayor, Police Chief and Captain Eason for all of the assistance they have given her. She had inquires about the YMCA and was instructed to call Recreation. Vincent DeFillipo took her number so that he could get the swimming information to her.

**Rachel Tenant 461 Waverly Place** asked if there was a Board of Ethics as she has an ongoing complaint. This Board was never established. She has a complaint against an employee and a Zoning Officer as she was named in a complaint and it is not accurate. Director Laquana Best is familiar with this situation and she is working with the Law Department and the Zoning Officer to deal with this issue. Ms. Tenant also inquired about the Zoning Officers training which are certified classes.

**Devon Livingston** (began at 1:14:15) stated he did not have to list his address under Daniel's Law. City Attorney Gracia R. Montilus stated, Daniel's Law protects certain officials and Mr. Livingston would not be protected under Daniel's Law. Mr. Livingston stated his address is 190 Oxford Street. He wanted to put on note that he has many address. Mr. Livingston stated he use to work for the Recreation Department, and was in the town for multiple years. On March 28<sup>th</sup>, he went to the City Clerk's Office seeking public information and no one was able to give him the information he was seeking. He proceeded to get the information from Mrs. Crouch in Recreation. She escorted him to the Legal Office and Mayor's Office but he wanted to wait for the Business Administrator. Ms. Cheryl Davis Marshall and Ms. Tina Nichols became very hostile. They demanded his name which is against his fourth amendment right and he refused to give them the information. They called the police. He spoke with the Business Administrator who told him that he would get the information the next day. March 31<sup>st</sup>, when he arrived to retrieve the documents, he was met by Ms. Trisha Scipio who was hostile and told him that Ms. Tamara Robinson was in class and was unable to speak to him. Ms. Scipio yelled at him and he has her on video. He proceeded to call the police on Ms. Scipio. He proceeded to the Business Administrator where he was able to get the information requested via Ms. Scipio. Ms. Scipio called the NAACP, the County Sheriff's Office, and Mayor Warren before telling him that her job is solidified no matter what. He wrote complaints on Ms. Crystal Davis Marshall, Ms. Tina Nichols, Ms. Trisha Scipio, and Ms. Tamara Robinson. He hand delivered these complaints to the Mayor and the Business Administrator. Prior to these he has received plaques from the Mayor for his community service. When he arrived at City Hall on May 3<sup>rd</sup> to file another OPRA report, he saw Ms. Scipio walking into the Council Chambers and he began recording her as she was "eyeing him down". They exchanged words and he told her to "get back to her job." Then the doors to the City Clerk's Office were closed and Councilwoman Wooten was there. Councilwoman Wooten explained to him that she is 60 years old and he should not be yelling at her and called the police. He proceeded to speak to the Business Administrator and leave the building where he was met by the police and got into an altercation. He has also filed a complaint on the police department. On May 5<sup>th</sup> he received a call from Human Resources directing him not to show up for work as he had a scheduled meeting with the Mayor and Business Administrator. Council President Tency A. Eason informed Mr. Livingston that his time had expired (1:21:29). Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert inquired if there were next steps available for Mr. Livingston as she has spoken to Council President about the customer service received in City Hall. City Attorney Gracia R. Montilus stated Mr. Livingston is no longer an employee with City and this is being reviewed in the Law Department which will take the measures that is needed. He respectfully stated that Council President was not obligated to address Mr. Livingston. Council President Tency A. Eason asked to move the agenda as Councilmembers are aware that they are not obligated to address anyone during Citizens Comments and this particular resident is aware of this. Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert began to interrupt Council President Tency A. Eason as she tried to move the agenda stating she was unaware of the situation and she wanted to ask her questions despite hearing the directions of the City Attorney and Council President.

Councilmember Adrienne K. Wooten stated there is a code of ethics, Chapter 16. This outlines what the committee is comprised of. She asked the Law Department to look into this. Council President Tency A. Eason stated she will spend more time grooming the committees we have in place before forming new ones. Council Quantavia Hilbert suggested keeping attendance and Council President Tency A. Eason stated there was a plan in place and she is addressing concerns for committees and boards.

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 is grateful that the pools are open and the parks are being cleaned properly. She encouraged adults to help keep our parks clean and take pride in our city. She encouraged Councilmembers to attend events when a large number of children are anticipated. We need to look at the lighting of the parks. She also asked for prayers for all who are experiencing hardship and health issues.

**Councilmember Adrienne K. Wooten** wanted to congratulate Council President Tency A. Eason and Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross. She spoke to a resident regarding NJ Target Zero Commission which she will review and see if there is any possibility for grants. She asked that her Council Colleagues support the ATV legislation on tonight's agenda to prohibit safety issues. We need to be mindful of voting as this impacts our lives. It is important that we vote not just in National elections but local elections as well.

**Councilmember Kerry J. Coley** wanted to congratulate Council President Tency A. Eason and Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross on leading the Councilmembers.

**Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert** wanted to congratulate Council President Tency A. Eason and Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross. She attended a meeting with the Conover, Waverly and Scotland Road residents. She is hopeful there will be results. She announced she and her husband purchased a home. She wished all a happy and safe summer starting with the Food Truck Festival on Saturday.

**Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III** stated the Orange Little League Team defeated the Elizabeth team and now they are back to back Champions. He also stated he is collaborating with Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross and Not Orange, Inc. for a Cookout on Saturday July 15<sup>th</sup> 1pm-5pm at Metcalf Park. There will be activities food and fun. On July 22<sup>nd</sup> there will be a Community Meeting on Vose Avenue. Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross, Mayor Dwayne D. Warren, Esq., DPW, the Police Department, and the Fire Department. For more information go to the Council website. He wanted to congratulate Council President Tency A. Eason and Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross. Councilmembers congratulated him on the win.

**Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross** thanked his Council Colleagues for re-electing him as Council Vice President and he is excited about the upcoming work for the City of Orange. He attended the Orange High School graduation ceremony and was pleased with the commencement speech. Tomorrow 12-2pm, Senator Bob Menendez will be at East Orange City Hall to assist anyone who needs help with passport, IRS issues, Immigration issues, or Social Security issues. There will be an event sponsored by him and Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III and the Orange Police Department. It will be held on June 20<sup>th</sup> and will give instruction on what to do when there is an active shooter. He wished all a safe and happy summer and warned all to be careful.

**Council President Tency A. Eason** gave accolades to the Department of Public Works for the work they are doing through our city as they are doing great work that often goes without thanks. She asked for prayer for our youth and their safety. We want them covered in the blood and pray the violence stop. August 1<sup>st</sup> is National Night Out and August 2<sup>nd</sup> is the next Council Meeting.

#### **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 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:** *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 adopt Ordinance 5-2023 was made by Council 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 K. Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** None

**Motion Failed**

- 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)**

A motion to close Citizens Comments was made by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross and seconded by Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson.

**Motion Adopted**

A motion to adopt Ordinance 15-2023 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**

- 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 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 28-2023 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, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

**Nays:** Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** None

**Motion Adopted**

**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 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 30-2023 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**

**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 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 31-2023 on final was made by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross and seconded by Council President Tency A. Eason

**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**

**32-2023 An ordinance to amend and supplement the Code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 200, entitled “Vehicles and Traffic” to prohibit the charging and storage of electric scooters and electric bicycles in City owned buildings. (Sponsored by Councilmember Ross)**

A motion to close Citizens Comments was made by Council President Tency A. Eason and seconded by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross.

**Motion Adopted**

A motion to adopt Ordinance 32-2023 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**

**33-2023 An ordinance amending Chapter 150 entitled Peace and Good Order to create and establish Article VII, all-terrain vehicles (ATV) and dirt bikes for public health, safety and welfare. (Sponsored by Councilmembers Wooten & Summers-Johnson)**

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 33-2023 on final 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 K. Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

**Nays:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** None

**Motion Adopted**

**34-2023 An ordinance by the Mayor and Council of the City of Orange Township amending the City of Orange Township Code of Ordinances to repeal Chapter 95; to adopt a new Chapter 95; to adopt flood hazard maps; to designate a Floodplain Administrator; and providing for severability and an effective date.**

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 34-2023 on final was made by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley and seconded by Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert

**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**

**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. (Postponed since the June 7, 2023 Meeting) (Sponsored by Councilmembers Wooten & Summers-Johnson)**

A motion to postponed Ordinance 29-2023 on first reading was made by Council President Tency A. Eason 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 K. Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

**Nays:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** None

**Motion Adopted: *Postponed***



**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.**

A motion to withdraw Ordinance 35-2023 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:** *Withdrawn*

**36-2072 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. (372 Henry Street)**

A motion to adopt Ordinance 36-2023 on first reading 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, August 2, 2023*

**37-2023 An ordinance of the City of Orange Township to approve tax exemption for a twenty-two (22) year period and to authorize the twenty-two (22) year exemption and authorizing the execution of a financial agreement between the City and 356 Washington Urban Renewal, LLC.**

A motion to adopt Ordinance 37-2023 on first reading 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. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Clifford R. Ross, Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

**Nays:** Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** None

**Motion Adopted:** *Final Reading, August 2, 2023*

- 38-2023** An ordinance of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township to approve a tax exemption for a twenty-five (25) year period and to authorize the twenty-five (25) year exemption and authorizing the execution of a financial agreement for payments in lieu of taxes between the City and Peek Cleveland I Owner Urban Renewal, LLC.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 38-2023 on first reading was made by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III and seconded by Councilmember Adrienne Wooten

**Roll Call:**

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

**Nays:** Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** None

**Motion Adopted:** *Final Reading, August 2, 2023*

- 39-2023** A bond ordinance providing for the acquisition of various properties pursuant to a redevelopment plan, by and in the City of Orange Township, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey; appropriating \$1,500,000 therefor and authorizing the issuance of \$1,500,000 in bonds or notes of the city to finance the cost thereof.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 39-2023 on first reading 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, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

**Nays:** Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** None

**Motion Adopted:** *Final Reading, August 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 \* 265-2023 THROUGH \*282-2023**

- \*265-2023** A resolution appointing Nile S. Clements as Qualified Purchasing Agent for the City of Orange Township.
- \*266-2023** A resolution for emergency temporary appropriations #7 to Calendar Year 2023 Budget.
- \*267-2023** A resolution authorizing a refund of seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00) paid by Andrew R. Lenard, J. Fletcher Creamer & Son, Inc. 1325 Route 34, Wall, New Jersey 07753 for the credit card online duplicate payment to the Public Works Department.
- \*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. (as amended)

- \*269-2023** A resolution authorizing a contract to Jen Electric, Inc., 631 Morris Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey 07081 to provide traffic signal maintenance & repairs through the MCCPC #37 for the period of July 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 in the amount not to exceed \$30,000.00.
- \*270-2023** A resolution of the 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 and Paul Carter regarding various claims alleged between the parties, as well as the City's acquisition, in lieu of condemnation, of a parcel designated on the City's official tax maps as Block 2805, Lot 5, more commonly known as 59 South Day Street.
- \*271-2023** A resolution authorizing inclusion in the Essex County Urban County Community Development Program for Federal Fiscal Years 2024 – 2026 (October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2026).
- \*272-2023** A resolution authorizing approval to submit a grant application and execute a grant agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the re-pavement of South Center Street, Valley Street and Parrow Street.
- \*274-2023** A resolution approving and authorizing the execution of a community benefits agreement with 356 Washington Urban Renewal LLC for the redevelopment of this property located at 356 Washington Street and identified on the official tax map of the City as Block 601, Lot 2.
- \*275-2023** A resolution SYMREC Orange JV, LLC as the redeveloper for the former site of Orange Hospital identified on the City tax map as Block 3601, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 18, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38 and Block 3702, Lots 4, 5 and 6 and approving and authorizing the execution of a redevelopment agreement with SYMREC Orange JV, LLC for the redevelopment of this property.
- \*276-2023** A resolution designating Peek Cleveland I Owner Urban Renewal, LLC as the redeveloper for 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) and approving and authorizing the execution of a redevelopment agreement with Peek Cleveland I Owner Urban Renewal, LLC for the redevelopment of this property.
- \*279-2023** A resolution approving the Bill List for Council Meeting vote on July 5, 2023, 2023 dated June 28, 2023 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95. (Grand Total: \$4,085,836.40)
- \*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.
- \*282-2023** A resolution amending Resolution #259-2023 to the correct amount from \$131,735 to \$438,660 for the rehabilitation of Well No. 5.

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**

**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.

A motion to withdraw Resolution 273-2023 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: Withdrawn**

**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).

This resolution was amended to amend the amount of the Community benefit from \$287,000 to \$350,000 and the payment terms to be at the issuance of the building permit.

A motion to adopt Resolution 277-2023 as amended was made by Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson and seconded by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III

**Roll Call:**

**Yeas:** Hon. Kerry J. Coley, 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:** Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert

**Absent:** None

**Motion Adopted**

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

A motion to adopt the Resolution 278-2023 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, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

**Nays:** None

**Abstain:** Adrienne K. Wooten

**Absent:** None

**Motion Adopted**

**280-2023** A resolution of the City of Orange Township, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey authorizing the submission of an application to the Local Finance Board requesting approval of a bond ordinance providing for the acquisition of various properties pursuant to a redevelopment plan and authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$1,500,000 bonds pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40a:3-4.

A motion to adopt Resolution 280-2023 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**

**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 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: *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 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: *Postponed***

Council President Tency A. Eason stated these two items should be addressed by the September meeting. City Attorney Gracia R. Montilus would get the legal opinion to Councilmember Adrienne Wooten. Regarding these two resolutions and the recently passed Ordinance.



**34-2023 An ordinance by the Mayor and Council of the City of Orange Township amending the City of Orange Township Code of Ordinances to repeal Chapter 95; to adopt a new Chapter 95; to adopt flood hazard maps; to designate a Floodplain Administrator; and providing for severability and an effective date.**

Councilmember Kerry J. Coley and Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert rescinded their motions to adopt Ordinance 34-2023.

**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**

A motion to reopen Citizens Comments for Ordinance 34-2023 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**

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

There was no New Business, 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 Kerry J. Coley and seconded by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross.


The meeting was adjourned at 9:38pm.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The next City Council Conference and Regular Meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 2, 2023 virtually at 7:00 p.m.

Approved: August 2, 2023

  
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Joyce L. Lanier  
City Clerk

  
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Tency A. Eason  
Council President