

MINUTES CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP
NEW JERSEY

THIS IS A CONFERENCE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP HELD VIA AUDIO-VIDEO CONFERENCING TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 2023 AT 7:06 P.M.

Roll Call:

Present: Councilmember Kerry J. Coley, East Ward
Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert, West Ward
Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross, 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
Paula Ferreira, Tax Collector
Marty Mayes, Public Works Director
Aaron Mizrahi, Esq., Deputy City Attorney
Chris Murray, Tax Assessor
Tamara Robinson, Deputy City Clerk
Marlin G. Townes, Legislative Research Officer
Margarette Homere, City Clerk's Office
Trisha Seipio, City Clerk's Office

Absent: Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III, At-Large
Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, South Ward
Councilmember Adrienne K. Wooten, At-Large
Adrian Mapp, Finance Director
Gracia R. Montilus, Esq., City Attorney
Wendy M. Sykes, Director of Community Services
Vincent Vitiello, Police Chief
Gabrielle Sims-Shelton, City Clerk's Office

The Deputy City Clerk announced a Moment of Silence. Council President dedicated this moment to safe travels for our college bound students. Councilmember Kerry J. Coley added recognition for former City of Orange Township Councilmember, Fire Chief and Fire Fighter, Allen Edward Barnhardt who passed away on June 18, 2023.

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

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION**COVID Update**

Health Officer Vincent DeFilippo stated the Covid numbers are low in New Jersey and in the Green. From May 26th – June 4th there were 524 deaths. There were no deaths for ages 0-4, one for ages 5-17, none for ages 18-29, nine for ages 30-49, thirty-nine for ages 50-64, and 160 for ages 65-79, and 320 for ages 80 and over. Covid-19 Variant XBD1.5 accounts for 66 1/2% of cases. There were 1,677 positive cases in Kindergarten through 12th grade (in the State of New Jersey), from May 28th – June 4th. There were also 103 staff members who tested positive. Residents should be mindful of ticks. Council President announced Saint Matthew AME church will administer Covid and HIV testing and residents should go to the church website for more information. Residents should call the Health office for more information and the schedule for the weekly vaccine administration.

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 remain 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 remain postponed.

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 from June 7, 2023 Meeting)*
(Sponsored by Councilmembers Wooten & Summers-Johnson)
This ordinance is being postponed by the sponsor.

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 inquired about this ordinance and how will the responsibilities be merged. Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk stated this is different from what Councilmember Kerry J. Coley is speaking of. This ordinance is required to be amended, changed and adopted every few years by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. Director Marty Mayes has served as the Administrator with the assistance of our Engineer. This is record keeping and communication with the DEP. There is no water engineering or anything related to the Water Department involved in the designation. It is separate from the Water Supervisory position. One has more to do with building, capital improvements, and where properties lie. The other is water and store operations. This should not impact the budget. Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross wanted to be clear that this is just an update with any new rules.

RESOLUTIONS NO *247-2023 THROUGH *260-2023

*247-2023 A resolution to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with Metropolitan YMCA of the Oranges for the co-facilitation of the 2023 Mayor's Circle of Excellence Summer Camp not to exceed \$147,000.00.

Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert wanted to confirm the location of the Summer Camp which it will be at the Lincoln Avenue School. Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk stated demolition is expected to begin at the end of the year.

*254-2023 A resolution authorizing the awarding of a contract for language translation services to Language Line Services, One Lower Ragsdale Drive, Monterrey, California 96940-5747 in an amount not to exceed \$14,000.00.

Resolution 253-2023 and 254-2023 are different services. One is for in person and one is for virtual.

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 7:19 pm.

Approved: July 5, 2023



Joyce L. Daniel
City Clerk

Tency A. Eason
Council President