

**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, SEPTEMBER 5, 2023 AT 7:01PM.**

**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 (*Arrived at 7:03pm*)  
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 (*Arrived at 7:15pm*)  
Nile Clements, Chief Financial Officer  
Vincent DeFilippo, Health Officer  
Paula Ferreira, Tax Collector  
Marty Mayes, Public Works Director  
Aaron Mizrahi, Esq., Deputy City Attorney  
Gracia R. Montilus, Esq., City Attorney  
Chris Murray, Tax Assessor (*Arrived at 7:08pm*)  
Tamara Robinson, Deputy City Clerk  
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 (*Arrived at 7:04pm*)

**Absent:** Wendy M. Sykes, Director of Community Services

The Deputy City Clerk announced a Moment of Silence. Council President Tency A. Eason dedicated this moment of silence to former Councilmember Maria Vandemeer and requested prayers for her.

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, 2023, posted on the Bulletin Board in City Hall, the Council's Website ([www.orangetwpnjcc.org](http://www.orangetwpnjcc.org)), the City's Website ([www.orangenj.gov](http://www.orangenj.gov)) and filed in the Office of the City Clerk.

**MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION**

**COVID Update**

Health Officer Vincent DeFilippo stated the numbers for Covid cases were up in the month of August and are trending up. There were over 600 cases of EG5.1 a sub variant of Omicron which accounted for 25% of reported cases by the first of August. The Variant FF1.51 accounts for 7% of cases and the Variant XBB accounts for 24% of cases. There are over twenty different strands of Covid-19. There is a new vaccine anticipated this fall. Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross inquired when the new vaccine would be available which it is anticipated in November. Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross also commented on the Lantern Flies which he noticed a high number at the beach. Council President Tency A. Eason read an article which she will forward to Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross. She also inquired about wearing a mask which is recommended especially those who are most vulnerable as the Covid-19 Virus numbers are rising again. She also inquired about taking the vaccine and Flu shot at the same time which this is being looked into. Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III inquired if there was a connection with the Covid vaccine and blood clots. Health Officer Vincent DeFilippo did not have a definitive answer and information has not been released.

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.*

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.

*This Ordinance will be voted down and replaced with Ordinance 56-2023.*

**ORDINANCES – INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING**

49-2023 An ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 200, entitled “Vehicles & Traffic”, Section 200-10.2 Residential Parking Permit. (Pierson Street) (Sponsored by Councilmember Wooten)

*There needs to be a correction in the body as it states Snyder Street instead of Pierson Street.*

51-2023 An ordinance of the City of Orange Township to approve a 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 150 Taylor Orange Urban Renewal LLC.

*Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk stated this was not the affordable housing Ordinance.*

55-2023 An ordinance of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township to approve a 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 for payments in lieu of taxes between the City and B&O Urban Renewal Entity, LLC, and authorizing a pledge agreement and other documents in connection with the issuance by the City of its redevelopment area bonds in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 to finance a portion of the costs of such redevelopment project.

*Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert would like to postpone to add more structure.*

56-2023 A bond ordinance providing for the acquisition of various properties required to construct Joyce Carnegie Memorial Park, 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 \$1,428,500 bonds or notes of the City to finance part of the cost thereof.

*This Ordinance will replace Ordinance 39-2023.*

59-2023 An ordinance of the City of Orange Township to approve a tax exemption for a thirty (30) year period and to authorize the twenty-two (22) year exemption and authorizing the execution of a financial agreement between the City and 595 Lincoln Orange Urban Renewal LLC.

*Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk stated this is being amended to a 22 year abatement.*

**RESOLUTIONS NO \*308-2023 THROUGH \*356-2023**

\*311-2023 A resolution appointing Janicea Jones-Vance as a member to the Citizen’s Budget Advisory Committee for Calendar Year 2024 Municipal Budget process.  
(Sponsored by Councilmember Montague, III)

\*312-2023 A resolution appointing Carl Fields, Jr. as a Member to the Citizen’s Budget Advisory Committee for Calendar Year 2024 Municipal Budget process. (Sponsored by Councilmember Eason)

\*313-2023 A resolution appointing Charles H. Pryor, II as a Member to the Citizen’s Budget Advisory Committee for Calendar Year 2024 Municipal Budget process.  
(Sponsored by Councilmember Ross)

\*314-2023 A resolution appointing Christopher Bailey as a Member to the Citizen’s Budget Advisory Committee for Calendar Year 2024 Municipal Budget process. (Sponsored by Councilmember Montague, III)

\*315-2023 A resolution appointing Antoinett Hall as a Member to the Citizen’s Budget Advisory Committee for Calendar Year 2024 Municipal Budget process. (Sponsored by Councilmember Coley)

\*316-2023 A resolution appointing Marsha Escalliere as a Member to the Citizen’s Budget Advisory Committee for Calendar Year 2024 Municipal Budget process.  
(Sponsored by Councilmember Coley)

\*317-2023 A resolution appointing Carol Perkins as a Member to the Citizen’s Budget Advisory Committee for Calendar Year 2024 Municipal Budget process. (Sponsored by Councilmember Hilbert)

\*318-2023 A resolution appointing Jashlyn Wingfield as a Member to the Citizen’s Budget Advisory Committee for Calendar Year 2024 Municipal Budget process.  
(Sponsored by Councilmember Wooten)

\*319-2023 A resolution appointing Leonor Young as a Member to the Citizen’s Budget Advisory Committee for Calendar Year 2024 Municipal Budget process.  
(Sponsored by Councilmember Ross)

\*320-2023 A resolution appointing Jonathan A. Beckford as a Member to the Citizen’s Budget Advisory Committee for Calendar Year 2024 Municipal Budget process.  
(Sponsored by Councilmember Hilbert)

\*321-2023 A resolution appointing Karen Jeffries Wells as a Member to the Citizen’s Budget Advisory Committee for Calendar Year 2024 Municipal Budget process.  
(Sponsored by Councilmember Wooten)

*Resolutions 311-2023 through 321-2023 will be withdrawn as the resolution to form the 2024 CBAC has not been passed.*

\*323-2023 A resolution appointing Rev. Darren A. Ferguson, a resident of Orange, new Jersey to the Affirmative Action Commission of the City of Orange Township.  
(Sponsored by Councilmember Wooten)

*This Resolution will be voted down as the named appointment is a City of Orange Township employee (Code 4-63.3).*

\*325-2023 A resolution to amend the City of Orange Township CY 2023 Municipal Budget.  
*The second round of amendments.*

\*333-2023 A resolution authorizing the acceptance of New Jersey Department of Transportation grant funds for the City of Orange Township for 2023 Transportation Alternative Set-Aside program for the Scotland Road Gateway Beautification project in the amount of \$1,488,000.00.

*Director Marty Mayes stated this is a federal grant for beautification and a committee will work on the details of the work being done. TD Bank, the Engineers, and Architects will be on the committee. He will flesh out the details of who will be on the committee.*

\*336-2023 A resolution authorizing an addendum to Resolution #68-2022 to increase the contract amount for additional parts and repairs for the Elgin Street Sweeper(s) for the Department of Public Works from W.E. Timmerman Co., 3554 Route 22 West, P.O. Box 71, Whitehouse, New Jersey 08888 commencing July 1, 2023 through December 31, 2022 in the amount not to exceed \$8,000.00.

*The second sweeper is being repaired.*

\*338-2023 A resolution authorizing the awarding of a contract for the Ropes Playground Improvements to Picerno Giordano Construction, LLC, 200 Market Street, Kenilworth, New Jersey 07033 in the amount not to exceed \$1,249,844.00.

*Director Marty Mayes stated this is a contract being awarded to the lowest responsible bidder. Expect To begin in October or the end of the year which will be a total upgrade. The Field house will have an upgrade and not a total overhaul.*

\*347-2023 A resolution authorizing the services of David C. Stanziale, LLC, to represent the City of Orange Township and Orange Police Department in the matter, "Nicholas Victoria v. Joshua Anderson, et al" Docket No. 2:23-CV-03765 in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 for Calendar Year 2023.

\*348-2023 A resolution authorizing the services of The Antoine Law Firm, LLC, to represent Police Officer Joshua Anderson, Police Officer Taal Harris, Police Officer Palmieri, Police Officer Richard Rosamilia and Police Officer Ryan McKay in the matter of "Nicholas Victoria v. Joshua Anderson, et al" Docket No. 2:23-CV-03765 in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 for Calendar Year 2023.

\*349-2023 A resolution authorizing settlement in the matter of "Anthony Carey v. City of Orange Township, Mayor Dwayne D. Warren, Raymond Wingfield, And John Doe 1-10, docket no. Esx-L-002475-20, in the amount of \$370,000.00

\*350-2023 A resolution authorizing settlement with Maria H. Pessoa in the matter of Maria H. Pessoa v. City of Orange Township, Carlos A. Ayoso, John and Jane Does1-10 Docket No. ESX-L-3600-17, in the amount of \$80,000.00.

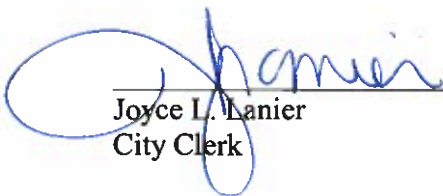
\*351-2023 A resolution of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township, Essex County, New Jersey, approving and authorizing execution of a settlement agreement between the City of Orange Township and Mazzanti Inc. regarding various claims alleged between the parties.

*Resolutions 347-2023, 348-2023, 349-2023, 350-2023 and 351-2023 will be postponed until the next meeting.*

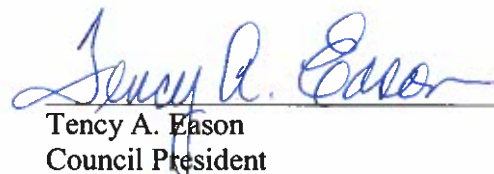
A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley and seconded by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 pm.

Approved: September 19, 2023



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Joyce L. Lanier  
City Clerk



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Tency A. Eason  
Council President