

**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, AUGUST 2, 2023 AT 7:03PM.**

**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 7:13pm*)  
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 7:13pm*)  
Nile Clements, Chief Financial Officer  
Vincent DeFilippo, Health Officer  
Paula Ferreira, Tax Collector  
Marty Mayes, Public Works Director  
Gracia R. Montilus, Esq., City Attorney  
Chris Murray, Tax Assessor  
Marlin G. Townes, Legislative Research Officer  
Vincent Vitiello, Police Chief  
Margaret Homere, City Clerk's Office

**Absent:** Aaron Mizrahi, Esq., Deputy City Attorney  
Tamara Robinson, Deputy City Clerk  
Wendy M. Sykes, Director of Community Services  
Trisha Scipio, City Clerk's Office  
Gabrielle Sims-Shelton, City Clerk's Office

The City Clerk announced a Moment of Silence. Council President asked for two minutes of standing silence for the passing of New Jersey's Lieutenant Governor Sheila Y. Oliver as she was a great public servant for New Jersey and Essex County. May she rest in peace.

The 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 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 there has been a ten percent increase in Covid cases for the months of May and June. This indicates there will be an increase in September and October. There has been a ten percent decrease in vaccines for children planning to attend kindergarten. He advise residents to be careful as there has been an increase in ticks. Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross asked about the solution to get rid of Lantern Flies. Officer Vincent DeFillippo stated the ingredients will be posted on the website. The home remedy solution consists of white vinegar, neom oil, dawn dish detergent and water. Due to school starting, the Health Department will reserve the County Mobile Van the last week of August to administer Covid and back to school vaccines.

Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross inquired about the County Liaison as Tim Walker will be replaced. He also inquired about the chain across Orange Park and the light. Council President stated she is awaiting the replacement for Tim Walker and a response on the chain and light. She requested extra officers for the upcoming Caribbean Festival and extra parking. Council Vice President is concerned about Oakwood Avenue being blocked off for the festival which it should not be. Police Chief Vincent Vitiello confirmed that the department has a plan and that Oakwood Avenue would not be closed off.

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.*

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 Adrienne K. Wooten inquired about the Administrator which will be Marty Mayes. She wanted to know how residents would be informed and they would have to come to the city and inquire.*

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 is being 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 since the June 7, 2023 Meeting)*

*(Sponsored by Councilmembers Wooten & Summers-Johnson)*

*Action will be taken on this ordinance.*

43-2023 An ordinance to amend and supplement the Code of the City of Orange Township, to create Chapter 201, entitled “Volleyball Courts”. (Sponsored by Councilmember Eason)

*Councilmember Adrienne K. Wooten inquired about the amount associated with this ordinance. Council President Tency A. Eason stated this is to deter illegal activity and give teeth to the Code Enforcement and Police Department. Councilmember Adrienne K. Wooten asked if there is a report available. Council President Tency A. Eason stated this could be amended if Councilmember Adrienne K. Wooten does not agree with the recitals.*

48-2023 An ordinance of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township, Essex County, New Jersey, amending the Municipal Code of the City of Orange Township, to update current regulations governing film and digital entertainment production activities in the City and to establish a new chapter of the Municipal Code to be designated as Chapter 90 and titled “Film and Digital Entertainment Production” for the purposed of reorganizing same.

*Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert asked if there would be new job positions which it will not. It would be a small committee, a person from the Health Department and an attorney.*

**RESOLUTIONS NO \*283-2023 THROUGH \*305-2023**

\*292-2023 A resolution authorizing the services of Marco Di Stefano, LLC to represent the City of Orange Township in the matter, “James Hodges v. City of East Orange, et al” Docket No. ESX-L-9028-21 in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 for Calendar Year 2023.

*This resolution is being withdrawn.*

\*293-2023 A resolution authorizing the services of the Antoine Law Firm, LLC to represent the City of Orange Township in the matter of “Property Pilot LLC d/c/a GOVPILOT v. City of Orange Township, et al” Docket No. ESX-L-2153-23 in an amount not to exceed \$17,500.00 for Calendar Year 2023.

*This resolution is being withdrawn.*

\*294-2023 A resolution ratifying a contract with CDW-G, 75 Remittance Drive, Suite 1515, Chicago, Illinois 60675 to provide Zoom video communications services for thirty-five employees to access the City of Orange Township servers from any location in an amount not to exceed \$9,385.50, beginning August 19, 2023 until August 18, 2024.

*Councilmember Kerry J. Coley inquired about this. Business Administration Chris Hartwyk stated this has been adjusted to employees who can schedule and host meetings only.*

\*296-2023 A resolution authorizing Change Order No. 1 to modify the contract for the project known as the Metcalf Park Improvements Phase I to Shore Top Construction Corp., 23 Yellowbrook Road, Freehold, New Jersey 07728 in the amount not to exceed \$9,200.00.

*Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross asked for an explanation for the cost. Director Marty Mayes explained this is for a change order, there was a seal placed center court at Metcalf. It needs to be repainted because the black did not show.*

\*297-2023 A resolution authorizing the Orange Police Department to acquire a Mine Resistant Vehicle (MRAP) from the Federal 1033 Program.

*This resolution is being withdrawn.*

\*305-2023 A resolution of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township, Essex County, New Jersey, approving and authorizing execution of an agreement between the City of Orange Township and SYMREC Orange JV LLC for the sale of various parcels designated on the City’s official tax maps as Block 3601, Lots 1, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37 and 38.

*Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert inquired if the building are being considered for repurposing. This resolution is being pulled until the next meeting. There needs to be an amendment to the plan if the city wants to include the lot across the street. This resolution is being withdrawn.*

**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 take action.*

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 pm.

Approved: September 5, 2023



Joyce L. Lanier  
City Clerk



Tency A. Eason  
Council President