

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 19, 2023 AT 7:00PM.

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 Adrienne K. Wooten, At-Large (*Arrived at 7:06pm*)
Council President Tency A. Eason, North Ward
- Also Present:** Joyce L. Lanier, City Clerk
Chris M. Hartwyk, Business Administrator
Derrick Brown, Fire Chief
Nile Clements, Chief Financial Officer
Vincent DeFilippo, Health Officer (*Arrived at 7:07pm*)
Paula Ferreira, Tax Collector
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 (*Arrived at 7:11pm*)
Marlin G. Townes, Legislative Research Officer
Avram D. White, Esq., Deputy City Attorney
Margarette Homere, City Clerk's Office
Trisha Scipio, City Clerk's Office
- Absent:** Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, South Ward
Laquana Best, Planning Director
Chris Murray, Tax Assessor
Vincent Vitiello, Police Chief
Gabrielle Sims-Shelton, City Clerk's Office

The City Clerk announced a Moment of Silence.

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 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 Star Ledger, published in the Record Transcript on July 13, 2023, 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 new vaccine for Covid has not arrived in New Jersey. It is expected early October. All of the old vaccines had to be disposed of. There has been eight deaths due to the West Nile Virus in New Jersey.

Recreation Update

Director of Community Services Wendy M. Sykes gave an update on the Fall and Winter programs. Supervisor of Older Adults & Recreation Andrea Crouch assisted with a Power Point presentation. Ms. Sykes stated the information is on the website along with a phone number (973-952-6123) to reach the Recreation Department.

Travel Basketball League – Oct 17, 2023 - Apr 6, 2024 - Boys & Girls, Grades 6-8

Dance Classes - Oct 17, 2023 - Mar 29, 2024 - Boys & Girls, Grades 6 -12

Volleyball - Oct 18, 2023 - Mar 28, 2024 - Boys & Girls, Grades 6 -8

Elem. League Basketball - Dec 2, 2023 - Apr 13, 2024, Boys & Girls, Grades 4 -7 Lincoln Avenue School

Skillz & Drillz - Dec 2, 2023 - Apr 13, 2024 - Boys & Girls, Grades 1-8 Lincoln Avenue School

Cheerleading - Oct 24, 2023 - Mar 28, 2024 – COED, Grades 4-8 Rosa Park School

Tennis - Oct 24, 2023 - Apr 6, 2024 - Boys & Girls, 9-14 Yrs. Beginners & Intermediate

Sport Conditioning Clinic - Oct 24, 2023 - Mar 28, 2024 - Boys & Girls, Grades 4-8 Park Avenue School

Football - November 7, 2023 thru February 29, 2024 – Boys, Grades 5 -8 Rosa Park School

Central Playground - After School Safe Haven – Oct 2, 2023 - May 24, 2024 – 3-7pm,

Boys & Girls, Mon - Friday

Trunk A Treat - Sat, Oct 14, 2023 - Monte Irvin Park 1:00pm – 6:00pm

Thanksgiving Turkey Give Away - Wed, Nov 22nd 234 Lincoln Avenue –

Upper Field House Parking Lot, 10:00am-2:00pm (We are accepting donations)

Christmas Tree Lighting - Wed, Dec 6th, Military Park Main Street 5:00pm-7:00pm (Light refreshments)

December Christmas Toy Give-A-Way, This is in conjunction with the Police & Fire Dept.

The 6-9 Program has been folded into the Fall Schedule and not called 6-9 anymore which was done in conjunction with the Board of Education. Councilmember Kerry J. Coley would like to revisit the 6-9 Program as it was low to no cost to residents. Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III expressed his interest in having the swimming certification done.

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.

ORDINANCES – INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING

All Ordinances will move forward. The final reading will be on October 17, 2023.

RESOLUTIONS NO *358-2023 THROUGH *384-2023

***358-2023** A resolution appointing Lynn A. Ogbourne, a resident of Orange, New Jersey, as a Fourth Alternate Member to the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the City of Orange Township, New Jersey. (Sponsored by Councilmember Hilbert)

The address for candidate is 38 Ridge Street.

***364-2023** A resolution authorizing the extension of the awarded contract with American Forensic Engineering, 5383 Gagnon Terrace, North Port, Florida 34291 to provide professional engineering construction administration services for the NJDOT'22 Safe Streets to transit improvements in the amount not to exceed \$19,725.00.

This resolution was amended.

***367-2023** A resolution authorizing the extension of the awarded contract with Remington & Vernick Engineers, 2059 Springdale Road, Cherry Hill, New Jersey 08003 to provide professional support services related to the "Administrative Compliance Order" for the Municipal Separation Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) violations in the amount not to exceed \$9,898.38.

This resolution was amended.

***368-2023** A resolution declaring an emergency and ratifying a contract between the City of Orange Township and Lewis Consulting Group, Inc., 2604 Atlantic Avenue, Suite 600, Wall, New Jersey 07719 for emergency asbestos abatement services and laboratory testing for the Baby Clinic at City Hall in the amount not to exceed \$119,100.00.

This resolution was amended.

***369-2023** A resolution declaring an emergency and ratifying a contract between the City of Orange Township and Shauger Property Services, Inc., 429 Dodd Street, East Orange, New Jersey 07017 for emergency main water and sewer replacements on Thomas Street (between Burnside Street and Carroll Street) in the amount not to exceed \$1,679,416.95.

This resolution is being withdrawn.

***375-2023** 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.

This resolution was amended.

***377-2023** 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

This resolution is being withdrawn.

385-2023(WO) A resolution for the approval to hire 16 new Firefighters for the City of Orange township. To attend the county of Morris Department of Law & Public Safety Training Academy, 500 West Hanover Avenue, Morris Plains, 07950 commencing on September 18, 2023 through December 20, 2023 in the amount not to exceed \$28,800.00.


There is a Walk-On Resolution for Firefighters training.

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 7:25 pm.

Approved: October 3, 2023


 Joyce L. Lanier
 City Clerk


 Tency A. Eason
 Council President