

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, SEPTEMBER 19, 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 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 (*Arrived at 7:41pm*)
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
Gracia R. Montilus, Esq., City Attorney
Tamara Robinson, Deputy City Clerk
Wendy M. Sykes, Director of Community Services
Marlin G. Townes, Legislative Research Officer
Margaret Homere, City Clerk's Office
Trisha Scipio, City Clerk's Office

Absent: Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, South Ward
Gabrielle Sims-Shelton, City Clerk's Office
Chris Murray, Tax Assessor
Vincent Vitiello, Police Chief

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 Star Ledger, published in the Record Transcript on July 13, 2023, posted on the Bulletin Board in City Hall and on the Council's website (www.orangetwpnjcc.org), the City's website (www.orangenj.gov) and filed in the Office of the City Clerk.

Councilmember Kerry J. Coley led all assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

September 5, 2023 Budget Public Hearing Meeting Minutes

(Councilmembers Hilbert & Summers-Johnson were absent, Councilmember Wooten arrived late, and all should abstain)

A motion to adopt the September 5, 2023, Budget Public Hearing Meeting Minutes was made by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III and seconded by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley.

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Clifford R. Ross, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: None

Abstain: Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert and Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten

Absent: Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson

Motion Adopted

September 5, 2023 Conference & Regular Meeting Minutes

A motion to adopt the September 5, 2023, Conference and Regular Meeting Minutes 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. Adrienne K. Wooten and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson

Motion Adopted**REPORTS****Department Monthly Revenue Collection for August 2023**

For the month of July 2023, the City Clerk's Office collected \$61.90.

For the month of July 2023, the Historic Preservation Commission collected \$70.00.

For the month of July 2023, the Planning Department collected \$181,650.00.

CONSTABLE REPORTS

There were no Constable Reports for the month of August.

OPRA REPORTS

There were 89 OPRA requests received, 78 completed and 11 remaining for the month of August 2023.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Council President directs Clerk to file reports.

Department of Public Works

Director Marty Mayes gave a project update. Ropes Playground is in pre-construction. Street Pavements to be completed on Laurel, Elm, Parkinson, and Glenwood Avenue. The work on Colgate Park Basketball Court is scheduled to begin. Park Avenue sidewalks will be done on Monday. One Street Sweeper is up and running, one is down, and the department is looking to purchase two more. Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III asked Director Mayes to look into the scrap iron company zoning.

Fire Department

Fire Chief Derrick Brown asked for prayers for a Fire Captain who lost his mother today. He encouraged residents should have an escape plan in place and reach out to Fire Prevention for assistance. Check the website for tips. There is a resolution on tonight's agenda which is for training for 16 Fire Fighters. They were pulled from the Civil Service list and all are residents of the City of Orange Township. This would bring the total to 92 Fire Fighters. Fire Prevention Month is coming.

Finance Department

Chief Financial Officer Nile Clements stated the 2023 Budget was adopted tonight during the Public Hearing. He thanked all those who were involved. Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert inquired about the Community Benefit Resolution and he explained the process. Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III asked for a printout summary and spreadsheet which will be provided quarterly.

Tax Collections Department

Director Paula Ferreira gave the Tax Revenue update for the month of August. There was \$8,116,509.00 collected in taxes, 415 delinquent accounts for a total of \$1,972,321.00. Water and sewer collected was \$1,215,081.00, 2,543 delinquent accounts for a total of \$2,608,403.00. There were 467 online payments totaling \$1,668,600.00. There online tax sale will be in December.

Planning Department

Director Laquana Best stated there was nothing new to report and would entertain questions. There were none.

Administration

Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk answered Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert inquiry about broadcasting the Council meetings. Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk will work with the Clerk's Office on this concern as the Council Chambers needs work which will be completed by the end of the year.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

There were no communications or petitions.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON GENERAL ISSUES/AGENDA ITEMS

The City Clerk announced 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 through 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.

Council President Tency A. Eason stated five minute limit would be closely followed by a timer administered by the Clerk's Office.

Nordia Gibbs of 206 Tremont Avenue expressed concerns about her response to Cannabis questions asked in the last meeting and the restrictions of Ordinance 61-2023 concerning the beauty salons. Aaron Mizrahi, Esq., Deputy City Attorney gave response to her concerns.

Council President acknowledge Devon Livingston, he stated he was doing something at that time and wanted to be called last. Council President asked him to lower his hand. Mr. Livingston stated he would leave his hand raised.

Volora Howell of Mountain View Avenue had requests about sidewalks for Director Marty Mayes. She also had concerns about the pipes city wide and believes it effects the water quality. Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk spoke of sewer main pipes bursting at the last meeting. She shouldn't have concerns as the drinking water is treated.

Kweli Campbell of 55 Randolph Place wanted to speak about her concerns of reporting Open Space funds. She wanted to ask if the Administration | Council was considering to amend the Ordinance to require fewer appointees for the Committee in order to make a quorum. She asked if there was a reporting process in spending funds. Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk stated reporting can be addressed and they are at the beginning stages of this process. The CBA funds are a work in progress.

Rachel Tennant of 461 Waverly Place expressed her concern about a property Conover, the driveway entrance is located on Waverly Place. The occupants are putting the trash out on Waverly instead of Conover and there is no curb there. This is a concern with trash spreading. This property has recently been through rehab and they are advertising a room for rent. This is a concern as the owner is not a resident and not there to monitor the room rental. She is concerned about code violations. She has concerns with Ordinance 24-2021 as this could prove to be a liability. Director Best will address this with DPW and Code Enforcement.

A Manuel Ortega Pi stated he is excited about the new PCC coming back. He is excited about Neighborhood Watch. He was concerned that Hispanic Heritage Month was not acknowledged at the top of the meeting. There is a public safety issue at Heywood and South Center Street. He inquired about decibel readers and if they exist. Deputy Attorney Avram D. White, Esq. stated this is a police matter and his inquiries would not be answered in this forum. He can call the Law Department at 973-952-6095.

Sherene Williamson 447 Alden Street expressed her pleasure in hearing about the recreation activities and now would like to know how the information will be distributed to residents. She suggested distributing fliers in schools. Council President Tency A. Eason suggested Ms. Williamson connect with Director Wendy Sykes at 973-952-6162 to discuss further.

Richard Martha of 740 McLaughlin Place wanted to remind Councilmembers and the Department of Public Works that the corner Argyle and Scotland Road could use a convex mirror to help with visibility of oncoming traffic. He also had a concern with the branches of a tree growing onto his property. Raymond Wingfield stated the tree concern will be addressed this week. Councilmember Adrienne K. Wooten stated Chris Mobley was asked to research the tractor trailer parking on Scotland Road. Council President Tency A. Eason asked Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk to follow up on this issue.

Veronica Scott of 548 Argyle Avenue was thankful for the Recreation presentation but inquired if there would be academic programs. She was concerned about follow-up answers to questions in Council Meetings. Council President Tency A. Eason instructed Ms. Scott to address her concerns with the academic programs with the Board of Education. She also suggested that Councilmembers answer Citizens questions according to their Ward. Council Quantavia L. Hilbert will work with Ms. Scott concerning the One-Way Street request. Councilmember Adrienne K. Wooten will also collaborate in this request. Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III offered information on academic programs. Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross suggested we speak to Recreation Department to bring back the 6-9 Program which included some academic programs.

Andrew Coates of 491 Conover Terrace wanted to speak of the proposal to build across from him. He was grateful that it was rejected as there is a parking problem. He inquired about how a resident could obtain permit parking. Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert gave Mr. Coates her e-mail (qhilbert@orangenj.gov) and asked him to send an e-mail as she will share the template with him to apply for permit parking. She explained a portion of the process such as contacting DPW and having an engineering report. She also stated that the Highland Avenue Project will share 60 parking spaces in the near future.

Melissa Saint-Natus of 378 Hawthorne Street thanked the Recreation Department for the presentation and hopes there will be more distribution and advertising of the information. She had a rodent complaint due to the trash of the adjacent apartment building. She also had a noise complaint. Council President Tency A. Eason has reached out to the owner and is working to find a solution. The police are monitoring the area. She gave Ms. Saint-Natus her number 973-868-8244

Nadia Moses inquired about the status of the speed bumps at 93 Ridge Street and the light that was removed. Council President Tency A. Eason stated the block has a speed bump and there block would have to go on a list to get another. Director Marty Mayes will follow up on the light and the speed hump is on the list.

Maggie Filosaint of 765 Vose Avenue shared her concerns about the quality of the water and the Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk assured Ms. Filosaint assured her the water was safe to drink and bath in. It complies with all the water quality standards set by the DEP and the EPA. She asked who is responsible for the certificate of occupancy and the procedure to rent an apartment. Director Laquana Best stated it is a violation if a property owner does not have a CFH. Director Best will visit her apartment tomorrow and review her concerns.

Kim Kling of 441 Minton Place inquired about the noise ordinance time which is 10:00.

Karen Wells of 288 Highland Avenue audio was not clear. She had a concern with noise and cars racing in her neighborhood. She has been working with Dr. Fitzhugh on literacy programs if anyone is interested.

William Hathaway the Vice Chair of the Orange Democratic Party wanted to give an update on Early Voting and Voting by mail. Residents should call the county for a mail in ballot. October 17, 2023 is the last day to transfer registration and October 24, 2023 is the last day to apply for vote by mail.

Carmen Engle of 174 Heywood Avenue shared the sentiments of Mr. Ortega. The noise is bad and the police have been unsuccessful. She spoke about the decibel readers. Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk will check on the status of the decibel reader purchase since 3-4 were authorized. Council President Tency A. Eason instructed her to call the Police Chief.

Antoinett Hall of 241 Duane Street thanked Director Mayes for the speed bump. She asked if the sidewalk could be fixed and they are slated to be done in the spring. She also had a concern about a falling tree which Raymond Wingfield stated the tree is on private property and Code Enforcement may have to get involved.

Council President Tency A. Eason call on Devon Livingston. He had previously requested to be called on last but now was no longer on the call.

Comments that were e-mailed for the record were posted to the website.

Jeffrey S. Feld, Esq. of 11 Alexander Lane, Short Hills, New Jersey 07078, hardwaread@aol.com: Did the CC and Municipal Clerk obtain an independent legal opinion regarding the refusal of reading submitted questions into the official record prior to consideration and official action? What Sept 19, 2023 municipal action constitutes a do-over and ratification of action improperly taken at the last CC meeting?

A motion to close Citizens Comments was made by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross and seconded by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley.

Motion Adopted

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert thanked the residents for coming to the Council Meeting. She thanked the Clerk's Office for using the new timing tool for Citizens Comments and Council Comments. She paid her respects to former Councilmember Vandermeer. She discussed her trip for her business and she spoke about a noise issues. She let the residents know that she will make herself available to address concerns.

Resident Devon Livingston returned to the call and was informed that Council had already closed Citizens Comments. City Attorney Gracia R. Montilus called for all microphones to be muted and suggested that Council President call for a five minute recess.

A motion to take a five minute recess was made by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III and seconded by Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert.

Motion Adopted

The Council Meeting reconvened at 9:30pm.

City Attorney Gracia R. Montilus spoke to the issue with Citizen's Comments. It would be at the Councilmembers' discretion to allow a resident to speak after a motion to close Citizen's Comments has been adopted.

Councilmember Kerry J. Coley stated the City has to do better as a people. It is not the responsibility of the Council President or the Zoom host to ensure that residents who wish to speak have the proper bandwidth and internet connectivity to speak during Citizens Comments.

Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III thanked the Recreation Department for the work done for the Monte Irvin Traveling Baseball Team Trophy Ceremony.

Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross stated that if Police Chief were on the line he would agree that the PCC event was a huge success. The next meeting for the PCC will be on December 14th at 7:00pm at the Police Department. We need the community to interact as it makes the Police Department stronger and our community safer. He spoke about the Coach Bus Routes 24 and 44 being cancelled and he his speaking to NJ Transit to pick up these routes as these lines are essential to our community. They have been non responsive.

Councilmember Adrienne K. Wooten agreed with Council Vice President Clifford Ross about the bus lines and the people should work together to try and get this issue resolved. The annual Purple Tree Lighting in observance of Domestic Violence and pink ribbon hanging in observance of Breast Cancer Awareness will be held on October 3rd from 4-6pm. We lost two incredible women from our community, former Councilmember Vandermeer and Deacon Nicole Williams James of Bethel Baptist Church who was also a member of the NAACP. We ask for continued prayers for these families. She spoke to County Commissioner Cooper about the light on Central as seniors are concerned that the sequence is too fast. The Housing Authority Golf Outing gave away a great deal in scholarships for residents that live in public housing.

Council President Tency A. Eason thanked all for attending this meeting and the Council will work on getting quicker responses to questions asked at Council meetings. She sends condolences and continued prayers to the families of the Honorable Vandermeer and Deacon Nicole Williams-James.

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 President Tency A. Eason and seconded by Councilmember Adrienne K. Wooten.

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Clifford R. Ross, Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert

Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson

Motion Adopted: *Postponed*

ORDINANCES – INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING

61-2023 An ordinance of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township, Essex County, New Jersey, amending Chapter 60 of the Municipal Code of the City of Orange Township, currently entitled "Barbershops and Beauty Parlors" to include regulations governing body art establishments located within the City of Orange Township.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 61-2023 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. Adrienne K. Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson

Motion Adopted: *Final Reading, October 17, 2023*

62-2023 An ordinance of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, amending Chapter 74 of the Municipal Code of the City of Orange Township, titled "Construction Codes, Uniform" and Chapter 156 of the Municipal Code of the City of Orange Township, titled "Property Maintenance" in order to update language and transfer certain functions within the Department of Planning and Economic Development from the Building and Construction Division to the Code Enforcement Division.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 62-2023 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. Adrienne K. Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson

Motion Adopted: *Final Reading, October 17, 2023*

63-2023 An ordinance of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township, County of Essex County, State of New Jersey, establishing Chapter 124 of the Municipal Code of the City of Orange Township, to be entitled "Liability Insurance Registration" as required pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:10A-1 et seq.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 63-2023 on first reading was made by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross and seconded by Councilmember Adrienne K. Wooten.

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Clifford R. Ross, Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson

Motion Adopted: *Final Reading, October 17, 2023*

64-2023 An ordinance of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township to approve a tax exemption for a twenty-three year (23) year period and to authorize the twenty-three (23) year exemption and authorizing the execution of a financial agreement for payments in lieu of taxes between the City and Peek Highland II Owner Urban Renewal, LLC.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 64-2023 on first reading was made by Council President Tency A. Eason and seconded by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III.

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: None

Abstain: Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert and Hon. Clifford R. Ross

Absent: Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson

Motion Adopted: *Final Reading, October 17, 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 * 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)
- *359-2023** A resolution appointing Carol Perkins as a Citizen Member of the Budget and Finance Committee of the City of Orange Township. (Sponsored by Councilmember Hilbert)
- *360-2023** A resolution naming October 2023 as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month in the City of Orange Township. (Sponsored by Councilmember Wooten)
- *361-2023** A resolution naming October 2023 as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the City of Orange Township. (Sponsored by Councilmember Wooten)
- *362-2023** A resolution authorizing the Tax Collector to refund overpayment of real estate taxes paid for 2023 in the amount of \$10,578.06 and to cancel any future tax billings for the premise located at Block 5602, Lot 21 a/k/a 147 Tremont Avenue for a 100% totally disabled veteran.
- *363-2023** 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 Military Park Rehabilitation project in the amount not to exceed \$4,292.30.
- *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. (Amended)
- *365-2023** A resolution authorizing the extension of the awarded contract with Remington & Vernick Engineers, 2059 Springdale Road, Cherry Hill, New Jersey 08003 to provide professional engineering construction administration services for the Colgate Park Improvements in the amount not to exceed \$26,332.99.
- *366-2023** A resolution authorizing the extension of the awarded contract with Remington & Vernick Engineers, 2059 Springdale Road, Cherry Hill, New Jersey 08003 to provide professional engineering construction administration services for the Metcalf Park Improvements in the amount not to exceed \$9,484.63.
- *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. (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. (Amended)
- *370-2023** A resolution authorizing the extension of the awarded contract with Pennoni Associates, Inc., 1085 Raymond Boulevard, Suite 2102, Newark, New Jersey 07102 to provide professional engineering construction administration services for the NJDOT'22 LTPF Roadway Improvements in the amount not to exceed \$31,631.33.
- *371-2023** A resolution approving the Bill List for Council Meeting vote on September 19, 2023 dated September 13, 2023 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95. (Grand Total: \$2,438,781.84)

- *372-2023 A resolution authorizing the extension of the awarded contract with Pennoni Associates, Inc., 1085 Raymond Boulevard, Suite 2102, Newark, New Jersey 07102 to provide professional engineering construction administration services for the NJDOT'22 Roadway Improvements in the amount not to exceed \$34,390.00.
- *373-2023 A resolution authorizing the services of Ruderman & Roth, LLC, to represent Orange Police Department, Chief Vitiello, Captain Christopher Dunn, Police Director Todd Warren and Sergeant Rene Wilson in the matter, "Keri Payne v. City of Orange Township, et al" Docket No. ESX-L-6850-22 in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00 for Calendar Year 2023.
- *374-2023 A resolution authorizing and ratifying a contract with Stewart Business Systems, LLC, 6000 Irwin Road, Suite A, Mount Laurel, New Jersey 08054, under State contract G-2075 for supplies, maintenance and management of printers and multifunctional devices for the period January 1, 2023 – July 31, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$123,673.47.
- *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. (Amended)
- *376-2023 A resolution in opposition to the cancellation of the Coach USA 24 and 44 bus lines. (Sponsored by Councilmember Coley)
- *378-2023 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.
- *381-2023 Resolution approving and authorizing the execution of a first amendment to MOU and Redevelopment Agreement with SYMREC Orange JV, LLC for the redevelopment of the property 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
- *382-2023 Resolution approving and authorizing the execution of a Purchase and Sale Agreement between the City and SYMREC Orange JV LLC, related to the property identified on the City Tax Map as Block 3601, Lots 1, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37 and 38.
- *383-2023 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.
- *384-2023 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.

A motion to adopt the Consent Agenda was made by Councilmember Adrienne K. Wooten 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. Adrienne K. Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson

Motion Adopted

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

- *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.

A motion to withdraw Resolution 369-2023 was made by Councilmember Adrienne K. Wooten 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. Adrienne K. Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson

Motion Adopted: Withdrawn

- *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

A motion to withdraw Resolution 377-2023 was made by Councilmember Adrienne K. Wooten 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. Adrienne K. Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson

Motion Adopted: Withdrawn

- *379-2023** A resolution approving and authorizing the execution of a Community Benefits Agreement with Peek Highland II Owner Urban Renewal, LLC for the redevelopment of this property located at 407-415 Highland Avenue and identified on the Official Tax Map of the City of Orange Township as Block 4902, Lots 16 and 17.

A motion to adopt Resolution 379-2023 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. Adrienne K. Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: None

Abstain: Hon. Clifford R. Ross

Absent: Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson

Motion Adopted

- *380-2023** A resolution designating Peek Highland II Owner Urban Renewal, LLC as the redeveloper for the property located at 407-415 Highland Avenue identified on the City Tax Map as Block 4902, Lots 16 and 17 and authorizing the execution of a redevelopment agreement with Peek Highland II Owner Urban Renewal, LLC for the redevelopment of this property.

A motion to adopt Resolution 380-2023 was made by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III and seconded by Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert.

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: None

Abstain: Hon. Clifford R. Ross

Absent: Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson

Motion Adopted

POSTPONED RESOLUTIONS

There were no Postponed Resolutions.

NEW BUSINESS AND WALK-ON ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

There was no New Business or Walk-On Ordinances.

- 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.

A motion to Walk-On Resolution 385-2023(WO) was made by Councilmember Adrienne K. Wooten and seconded by Councilmember Clifford R. Ross.

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Clifford R. Ross, Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson

Motion Adopted

Resident Devon Livingston inquired who would be able to attend this training. He hopes this will go to high school students and young adults or get information on how to get into the program. Hopefully there is an outreach for young men

A motion to close Citizens Comments by Council President Tency A. Eason and seconded by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III.

A motion to adopt Resolution 385-2023(WO) was made by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III 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. Adrienne K. Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson

Motion Adopted

OTHER PENDING BUSINESS

There was no Pending Business.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III and seconded by Councilmember Adrienne K. Wooten.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10pm.


PUBLIC NOTICE

The next City Council Conference and Regular Meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 3, 2023 virtually at 7:00 p.m.

Approved: October 3, 2023



Joyce L. Lanier
City Clerk



Tency A. Eason
Council President