

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, OCTOBER 3, 2023 AT 7:02 PM.

Roll Call:

Present: Councilmember Kerry J. Coley, East Ward
Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert, West Ward (*Arrived at 7:13pm*)
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
Derrick Brown, Fire Chief (*Arrived at 7:09pm*)
Nile Clements, Chief Financial Officer
Andrea Crouch, Community Services (*Arrived at 7:06*)
Vincent DeFilippo, Health Officer
Paula Ferreira, Tax Collector
Marty Mayes, Public Works Director (*Arrived at 7:13pm*)
Aaron Mizrahi, Esq., Deputy City Attorney
Gracia R. Montilus, Esq., City Attorney
Chris Murray, Tax Assessor
Marlin G. Townes, Legislative Research Officer
Vincent Vitiello, Police Chief
Margarette Homere, City Clerk's Office (*Arrived at 7:07pm*)
Trisha Scipio, City Clerk's Office
Gabrielle Sims-Shelton, City Clerk's Office

Absent: Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, South Ward
Laquana Best, Planning Director
Tamara Robinson, Deputy City Clerk
Wendy M. Sykes, Director of Community Services

The City Clerk announced a Moment of Silence. Council President Tency A. Eason dedicated the moment of silence to the prayers for keeping the Federal Government open.

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 that as of September 15th the old Covid-19 vaccines were destroyed and the new Bi-Variance Vaccine has arrived as of October 1st. CVS and Walgreens has the new vaccine and the County will also be administering the new vaccine as well. The number of Covid cases visiting the hospital has tripled since June 2023. There are three counties in South Jersey have gone from green to yellow. Hospitals and Nursing Homes are asking to go back to wearing masks. Free Covid tests are available (four per household) at www.covid.gov/tests. The top three Covid variants are: EG5 (22%), F151 Omicron (15%), and EXBB15 (over 20%). The Bi-Variant Vaccine is now available. City Hall will do Influenza Vaccines.

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.

50-2023 An ordinance to amend and supplement the Municipal Code of the City of Orange Township as Chapter 121 entitled "Driving School Registration".

(Sponsored by Councilmembers Wooten & Summers-Johnson)

Councilmember Adrienne K. Wooten would like to postpone this ordinance to make amendments.

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 thirty (30) year exemption and authorizing the execution of a financial agreement between the City and 595 Lincoln Orange Urban Renewal LLC.
Amended

This ordinance was amended to read 22 years.

ORDINANCES – INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING

There were no comments on First Reading Ordinances.

RESOLUTIONS NO *387-2023 THROUGH *412-2023

***388-2023** A resolution celebrating the life of Nicole Williams-James.

(Sponsored by Councilmembers Wooten, Summers-Johnson & the Municipal Council)

Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III and Councilmember Kerry J. Coley stated this should be from the entire Council. The amendment will be made to reflect that in the resolution.

***389-2023** A resolution for the Orange Municipal Council to publically acknowledge the partnership of Councilmember-At-Large Adrienne Wooten and Oakwood Avenue Community School.
(Sponsored by Councilmember Wooten)

Concerns about this resolution. Councilmember Adrienne K. Wooten gave a description of the resolution and has spoken to the Superintendent of Schools to discuss the Civics that she would like to implement. She will amend and take out the recital that Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross had concerns about. Council President Tency A. Eason inquired if other schools would feel left out with this resolution. This resolution will be withdrawn and re-drafted to reflect all Councilmembers representing a school.

- *392-2023** A resolution celebrating the life of former West Ward Councilmember Maria Vandermeer. (Sponsored by Councilmember Wooten & the Municipal Council)

Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III and Councilmember Kerry J. Coley stated this should be from the entire Council. The amendment will be made to reflect that in the resolution

- *397-2023** 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.

The recommendation is to withdraw this resolution.

- *398-2023** A resolution authorizing Remington & Vernick Engineers, 2059 Springdale Road, Cherry Hill, New Jersey 08003 to provide professional engineering services Phase IV contract administration & construction observation for the CDBG'22 Laurel Street Roadway Improvements (between Scotland Road to Lincoln Avenue) in an amount not to exceed \$13,025.00.

This resolution was amended.

- *399-2023** A resolution authorizing a contract to Barnwell House of Tires, Inc., 112 Lehigh Drive, Fairfield, New Jersey 07004 to purchase various models and sizes of tires via catalog discount for automotive, light truck and medium fleet vehicles under the Essex County Co-Op #22-169 commencing October 12, 2023 through October 11, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$45,000.00.

This resolution was amended. The 4th Whereas Clause.

- *400-2023** A resolution ratifying and authorizing a contract for services with PowerDMS located at 100 South Garland Avenue Suite 300, Orlando, Florida 32801 to maintain the electronic document management for fire policies within the Orange Fire Department from May 4, 2023 until May 3, 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$8,960.90.

This resolution was amended. The Resolve paragraph from Law Department to Fire Department.

- *401-2023** A resolution of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township, Essex County, New Jersey ratifying the acquisition in lieu of condemnation of Block 2805, Lot 4 on the City's official tax maps, more commonly known as 55 South Day Street, for an amount not exceed \$255,000.00.

Acquiring property that we were going to condemn but will be included in the Joyce Carnegie Memorial Park.

- *402-2023** A resolution of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township, Essex County, New Jersey ratifying the acquisition in lieu of condemnation of Block 2805, Lot 6 on the City's official tax maps, more commonly known as 61 South Day Street, for an amount not to exceed \$255,000.00.

Acquiring property that we were going to condemn but will be included in the Joyce Carnegie Memorial Park.

- *403-2023** A resolution of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, accepting the Planning Board's recommendation to designate 52 parcels located throughout the City as an area in need of redevelopment without condemnation in accordance with the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq., to be known as the "Scattered Sites Redevelopment Area".

Properties were studied individually. Passed by the Planning Board. Not required by the statute to be reviewed by the Historic Preservation Commission. Properties listed can be bought or sold by anyone.

***406-2023** A resolution designating VA 475 Urban Renewal, LLC as the redeveloper for the property located at 475 Main Street and 2 Ridge Street identified on the City tax map as Block 2301, Lots 38 and 31 and authorizing the execution of a redevelopment agreement with VA 475 Urban Renewal, LLC for the redevelopment of this property.

This resolution was amended.

There are three Walk-On Resolutions being presented at the Regular Meeting.

413-2023(WO) A resolution for the approval of a non-binding letter of intent between the City of Orange Township and Mark 43, located at 250 Hudson Street, 3rd Floor, New York, New York 10013 to acquire the services for a comprehensive security and compliance upgrade to the Orange Police Department, under the New Jersey State Contract #DCA #269EMCP, for the City of Orange Township


414-2023 (WO) A resolution authorizing approval to amend the CY 2023 Municipal Budget by inserting items of revenue and appropriations totaling \$254,078.86 in additional grant funding.

415-2023 (WO) A resolution to accept grant funds from the United States FEMA – Department of Homeland Security Assistance to firefighters in the amount of \$105,578.86 for firefighter equipment.

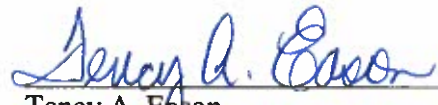
A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley and seconded by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 pm.

Approved: October 17, 2023



Joyce L. Lanier
City Clerk



Tency A. Eason
Council President