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, OCTOBER 3, 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 Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, South Ward (Arrived at 7:51pm)

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

Nile Clements, Chief Financial Officer Andrea Crouch, Community Services 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

Marlin G. Townes, Legislative Research Officer

Vincent Vitiello, Police Chief

Margarette Homere, City Clerk's Office

Trisha Scipio, City Clerk's Office

Gabrielle Sims-Shelton, City Clerk's Office

Absent:

Laquana Best, Planning Director

Tamara Robinson, Deputy City Clerk

Wendy M. Sykes, Director of Community Services

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.

Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross led all assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

September 18, 2023 Closed (Executive Session) Meeting Minutes

(Councilmember Summers-Johnson and Councilmember Wooten were absent and should abstain)

A motion to adopt the September 18, 2023, Closed (Executive Session) Meeting Minutes was made by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley 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,

and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: None

Abstain: Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten

Absent: Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson

Motion Adopted

September 19, 2023 Budget Public Hearing Meeting Minutes

(Councilmember Summers-Johnson was absent & Councilmember Hilbert arrived late, both should abstain)

A motion to adopt the September 19, 2023, Budget Public Hearing Meeting Minutes was made by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross and seconded by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley.

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: None

Abstain: Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert

Absent: Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson

Motion Adopted

September 19, 2023 Conference & Regular Meeting Minutes

(Councilmember Summers-Johnson was absent and should abstain)

A motion to adopt the September 19, 2023, Conference and Regular Meeting Minutes was made by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross 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

REPORTS

There were no Department Monthly Revenue Collections Reports.

CONSTABLE REPORTS

There were no Constable Reports.

OPRA REPORTS

There were no OPRA Reports.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Council President directs Clerk to file reports. She asked for follow up items from the last Council Meeting. National Hispanic Heritage Month is on tonight's agenda. Director Marty Mayes gave an update on the mirrors and tree branches on Argyle.

Department of Public Works

Director Marty Mayes did not have any updates but he is working with the Engineers on the concerns raised by Mr. Scott on Argyle. The department is close to finalizing the order for the Street Sweepers. The department applied for a County Reprogramming Grant for Central Park Tennis Court. CFO Nile Clements stated there is some grant money on the books for the tennis court as well. Code enforcement paid a visit to 361-369 Park Ave which was cleaned. Park Place paving, sidewalk and curb was completed on Friday. Director Mayes spoke with PSE&G about the light on 93 Ridge Street. Director Mayes spoke about the "Welcome to Orange" signs which will all be uniformed. There was a delay due to the electrician being ill. There will be a Shredding event on Saturday, October 14th from 9-12 held at City Hall, 29 Day Street.

Police Department

Police Chief Vincent Vitiello stated there were graduate from the Police Academy giving the city three New Officers. There was a good summer especially when it comes to getting weapons off the streets. There will be a bigger presence of officers on Main Street especially with Halloween coming. There was an uptrend in crime but there is a plan of action in place to bring the crime down. There has been complaints of noise and stolen packages which is being addressed. The department is working with neighboring city's Police Departments. Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross had concerns about the food carts which is a Code Enforcement problem. The Department works well with Code Enforcement. There will be a "Coffee with a Cop" event being held on Thursday, October 19th at the Police station to have any discussion that residents would like to have. This is a national event and an open invitation to all residents. Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson had a concern about Crossing Guards not being on their post. Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III had a concern about speeding at night from Park Avenue to Main Street. The radar on wheels had a malfunction which was repaired. Council President Tency A. Eason commended the department for helping a family of five with lunch.

Fire Department

Fire Chief Derrick Brown stated the department was applied for grants to acquire some much needed equipment. There were two fires since the last meeting with no injuries and the cause has not yet been determined. The fire on Ogden was an occupied dwelling and family was displaced as there was a lot of damage. The fire on North Essex was a vacant property. There were four fire fighters promoted to Captain and there are fourteen new cadets. The department is preparing for Thanksgiving. This is Fire Prevention Month and the department is willing to give information to anyone that would like to receive it. Smoke Detectors are available for installation to residents. Resident should call or visit the department and fill out the necessary paperwork. Councilmember Adrienne K. Wooten inquired about the detectors for deaf residents which the department has on the list of items to acquire. There will be some maintenance to fire hydrants. Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk stated the abandoned house list is being updated.

Planning Department

Aaron Mizrahi, Esq., Deputy City Attorney reported for the department. The city was awarded the Sustainable Jersey Bronze Level Certification and Director Laquana Best will receive the award during a luncheon being held at The League of Municipalities. The Heat Hotline season is among us (October 1st – April 30th) and the number for residents to call is 201-259-3690 which is 24 hours. All redevelopment projects are on schedule and a few will be completed by the end of the calendar year. The next Planning Board Meeting is Wednesday, October 25, 2023 via zoom. If there is a hot water issue, residents should reach out to Code Enforcement. There was a delay in the Grand Opening for the Lofts on Freeman Street due to an elevator issue. There are two smoke shops in Orange and Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III had concerns about the zoning. Councilmember Kerry J. Coley wanted to know the limitations of these smoke shops.

Finance Department

Chief Financial Officer Nile Clements stated there are two Walk-On Resolutions on the agenda to receive grants. The first resolution is to receive funds for Firefighter equipment in the amount of \$105,578.86. The second resolution is a Chapter 159 to insert four grants into the budget. The four grants are being inserted are: The assistance for Firefighters, the gunshot detection technology, NJ Lead, and Storm Water assistance grants totaling \$254,078.48.

Tax Collections Department

Director Paula Ferreira stated the Tax Office is working to get the final tax bills mailed and the special registry will be mailed with it next week.

Tax Assessor

Tax Assessor Chris Murray stated it is business as usual. The County has certified the Tax Rate and he filed the added, omitted and extended tax duplicate books so the Tax Collector can proceed with billing. The current Tax Rate is 3.727%.

Law Department

City Attorney Gracia R. Montilus, Esq. did not have any updates at this time. Councilmember Adrienne K. Wooten asked the City Attorney to inquire with the state about being alerted with updates and new laws.

Community Services

Director Andrea Crouch shared two upcoming events. The Annual Tour De Parks being held Saturday October 14, 2023, 9:00am-1:00pm starting at Monte Irvin Park. The Fall Festival will be held Saturday, October 28th from 1:00 – 6:00pm at Monte Irvin Park.

Administration

Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk stated there was nothing he wanted to share at this time.

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 though 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. She stated that comments should pertinent to City's business and no character assassination will be allowed.

James H. Ward, III of 743 Hauxton stated he was thankful to Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson and Councilmember Adrienne K. Wooten for taking the time to speak with him about Ordinance 50-2023 which will be postponed to make amendments. He brought attention to a building on 24-90 Main Street which holds great historic value. He thinks electric signs are a waste of the town's funds. Resolution 404-2023 is outside of the bounds of a legal emergency.

Devon Livingston of 190 Oxford Street spoke about his rights and being muted or kicked out of meetings. He spoke about how he felt about treatment he has received from employees of the city.

City Attorney Gracia R. Montilus, Esq. addressed some of the concerns and stated there was no violations of the Sunshine Law. His office is open for further discussion with Mr. Livingston.

Kweli Campbell of 55 Randolph Place wanted to know if City Officials are mandated to come on camera. She publicly thanked the City for an invitation to the Grand Opening Event. She expressed her displeasure with the lack of meetings with the Open Space Committee, and she spoke to Louis Copeland about this today. She inquired about the Parking Authority and wanted Council to vote down the ordinance that would tear down the home mentioned by James H. Ward, III.

Volora Howell of 483 Mountain View Avenue thanked the Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk for addressing her concerns about the nonfunctioning fire hydrant.

Rachel Tennant of 461 Waverly Place expressed her concerns about Ordinance 24-2021 and how she felt it is a liability. Parking permits for Pierson should be reviewed. She spoke about Joyce Carnegie Memorial and the funds would be better used in other ways than changing the name of a park to honor Joyce Carnegie. She inquired if there are any black and brown developers. She did not agree with the tax abatement.

Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert addressed her concerns about Ordinance 24-2021 and the City Deputy Attorney, Aaron Mizrahi, Esq. has asked that this ordinance not be discussed in open forum from a legal stand point.

Maggie Filosaint of 765 Vose Avenue thanked the Police Department and Council President Tency A. Eason for being helpful to her family. She stated that she is running for School Board. She is still having problems in her apartment. The Mayor and Director Best has paid a visit to her apartment and now she needs some follow up.

Tisa Singleton of 467 Fairview Avenue was thankful for the recycling project. She also thanked Councilmember Adrienne K. Wooten for helping the Seniors Citizens. She brought up the fact that respect goes both ways and we need to work together. She requested that the residents receive more robo calls. She agreed with Mr. James H. Ward, III about saving the historic home. Council President Tency A. Eason responded to Ms. Singleton's comments about the Cleveland Street School letter.

There were no comments received by e-mail or mail.

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 Adrienne K. Wooten reported on the Purple Tree Lighting and thanked her Council Colleagues and residents who came to support. She applauded the Department of Public Works for the planning for the Main Street Project. She encouraged women to get a mammograms being that this is Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson stated she hopes to have one calendar including the School District and City's events. She discussed parking concerns. She reported an National Paint Ball event and wants to do this for the youth. She had a South Ward Meeting to discuss having a healthy Ward. The next Ward meeting will be October 25th which will be a working meeting. She applauded the Football team. She encouraged residents to attend PTA Meetings.

Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert thanked residents for attending the meeting tonight. She applauded Councilmember Adrienne K. Wooten on her Purple Tree Lighting Event today and hopes to see more collaborations. October 10th is World Homeless Day and she is working to bring more awareness to this issue. She spoke about the voices of the residents being heard and applauded the Department of Public Works for the redevelopment of Main Street.

Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross apologized for not being available for the redevelopment event and requested the information to catch up. He congratulated Councilmember Adrienne K. Wooten for a successful event today. He encouraged anyone who need help they should reach out for it. He has concerns about the Bus lines and happy that New Jersey Transit for keeping the lines open.

Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III applauded Councilmember Adrienne K. Wooten for a successful event. He could be reached at 973-476-8384 if there is someone in need of mental health assistance or has drug addictions. He is happy about the resolution of adopting a school which will be postponed and amended. He has a concern about traffic on Park Avenue for school pick up.

Councilmember Kerry J. Coley agreed about Park Avenue School dismissal. He suggested a staggered dismissal and this should be presented to the School District. He was pleased with New Jersey Transit taking over the bus lines in danger of being cancelled so there is no interruption in service for the 24, 44 and 31 Bus Lines. He has grant information that he shared with the Business Administrator. He spoke about reparations and how his family history makes this dear to him which this discussion needs to start at the local level.

Council President Tency A. Eason was grateful that a resident shared his delight with the school system. She has concerns with the North Ward streets being blocked off in the evening. Cleveland Street School is being remodeled and asks residents to be patient through the process.

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 Kerry J. Coley.

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Clifford R. Ross,

Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: None

Abstain: Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert

Absent: None

Motion Adopted: Postponed

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) (Amended)

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

Motion Adopted

A motion to adopt Ordinance 49-2023 was made by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley 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. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: None Motion Adopted

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)

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

Motion Adopted

A motion to withdraw Ordinance 50-2023 was made by Council President Tency A. Eason 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. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: None

Motion Adopted: Withdrawn

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.

Resident Devon Livingston gave his opinion about allowing tax exemptions.

Resident James H. Ward, III also stated his dissatisfaction with allowing tax exemptions. There should have been presentations with visuals.

Resident Rachel Tennant spoke of another instance of someone given a tax abatement and how residents and tax payers are not pleased with this.

Resident Volora Howell wanted to share the same sentiments as previous residents.

A motion to close Citizens Comments was made by Council President Tency A. Eason and seconded by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley.

Motion Adopted

A motion to adopt Ordinance 51-2023 was made by Council President Tency A. Eason and seconded by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley.

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Clifford R. Ross,

Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert

52-2023 An ordinance rescinding Ordinance #42-2022 adopted on August 3, 2022, creating a parking authority in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:11A-1 et seq.

Resident Devon Livingston made the same statement as he did on the last ordinance.

Resident James H, Ward, III thought this was addressed already.

Resident Kweli asked why is this being rescinding.

A motion to close Citizens Comments was made by Council President Tency A. Eason and seconded by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley.

Motion Adopted

A motion to adopt Ordinance 52-2023 was made by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley and seconded by Council President Tency A. Eason.

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Clifford R. Ross,

Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None
Motion Adopted

53-2023 An ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 200, entitled "Vehicles and Traffic" Section 200-52-1 Handicapped Parking Spaces. (325 Olcott Street)

A motion to close Citizens Comments was made by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley and seconded by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III.

Motion Adopted

A motion to adopt Ordinance 53-2023 was made by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley 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. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None
Motion Adopted

54-2023 An ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 200, entitled "Vehicles and Traffic" Section 200-52-1 Handicapped Parking Spaces. (725 Burnside Street)

A motion to close Citizens Comments was made by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley and seconded by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III.

Motion Adopted

A motion to adopt Ordinance 54-2023 was made by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley 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. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None
Motion Adopted

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.

Resident Devon Livingston expressed his concerns about his voice not being heard.

Resident Rachel Tennant expressed her concern about this ordinance.

A motion to close Citizens Comments was made by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley and seconded by Council President Tency A. Eason.

Motion Adopted

A motion to adopt Ordinance 55-2023 was made by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley and seconded by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross.

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, and Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson

Abstain: None
Absent: None
Motion Adopted

A motion to extend the meeting was made by Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson 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. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: None Motion Adopted 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.

Resident Rachel Tennant expressed her displeasure.

Resident Devon Livingston expressed his displeasure.

Resident Kweli Campbell expressed her displeasure.

Resident Volora Howell expressed her displeasure.

Resident James H. Ward, III expressed his displeasure.

A motion to close Citizens Comments was made by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley and seconded by Council President Tency A. Eason.

Motion Adopted

A motion to adopt Ordinance 56-2023 was made by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley and seconded by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross.

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, and Hon. Tency A. Eason
Nays: Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Clifford R. Ross, and Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten

Abstain: Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert

Absent: None Motion Failed

A bond ordinance providing for various acquisitions and improvements to the City's water and sewer system, by and in the City of Orange Township, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey; appropriating \$5,000,000 therefor and authorizing the issuance of \$5,000,000 bonds or notes of the water and sewer utility of the City to finance the costs thereof.

Resident Devon Livingston expressed his displeasure.

Resident James H. Ward, III expressed his displeasure.

Resident Volora Howell expressed her displeasure.

A motion to close Citizens Comments was made by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley and seconded by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III

Motion Adopted

A motion to adopt Ordinance 57-2023 was made by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley and seconded by Council President Tency A. Eason.

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. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson

Abstain: Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert

Absent: None Motion Adopted

A capital ordinance appropriating \$250,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund to pay for various upgrades to police vehicles for the Police Department of the City of Orange Township, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey.

Resident Devon Livingston expressed his displeasure.

A motion to close Citizens Comments was made by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley and seconded by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III.

Motion Adopted

A motion to adopt Ordinance 58-2023 was made by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley and seconded by Council President Tency A. Eason.

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Clifford R. Ross,

Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None
Motion Adopted

59-2023 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 595 Lincoln Orange Urban Renewal LLC. Amended.

Resident Devon Livingston expressed his displeasure.

Resident Janice L. Morrell expressed her displeasure.

Resident Kweli Campbell expressed his displeasure.

Resident James H. Ward, III expressed his displeasure.

Resident Sherene Freckleton expressed her displeasure.

Resident Rachel Tennant expressed her displeasure.

Resident Volora Howell expressed his displeasure.

Resident Michael Jean Baptiste expressed his displeasure.

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

Motion Adopted

A motion to adopt Ordinance 59-2023 was made by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley and seconded by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross.

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 and Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson

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 51 Taylor Urban Renewal LLC.

A motion to close Citizens Comments was made by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley and seconded by Councilmember Tency A. Eason.

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Clifford R. Ross,

Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert

Abstain: None Absent: None Motion Adopted

A motion to adopt Ordinance 60-2023 was made by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley and seconded by Council President Tency A. Eason.

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 and Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson

Abstain: None Absent: None Motion Adopted

ORDINANCES - INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING

An ordinance of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township to approve a tax exemption for a twenty-three (23) year period and authorizing the execution of a financial agreement for payments in lieu of taxes between the City and VA 475 Urban Renewal, LLC.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 65-2023 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. Clifford R. Ross, Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert

Abstain: Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III and Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson

Absent: None

Motion Adopted: Final Reading, November 8, 2023

An ordinance of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township to approve a tax exemption for a twenty-three year (23) period and authorizing the execution of a financial agreement for payments in lieu of taxes between the City and VA 100 Urban Renewal, LLC.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 66-2023 on First Reading was made by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross and seconded by Council President Tency A. Eason.

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: Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson

Absent: None

Motion Adopted: Final Reading, November 8, 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 * 387-2023 THROUGH *412-2023

- *387-2023 A resolution of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township authorizing a release of unused Zoning Board Escrows totaling \$2,822.50, deposited by Manasse Associates in connection with construction at Block 6091, Lot 2, commonly known as 480 Heywood Avenue, Orange, New Jersey.
- *388-2023 A resolution celebrating the life of Nicole Williams-James. (Sponsored by the Municipal Council) Amended (Sponsored by Councilmembers Wooten, Summers-Johnson & the Municipal Council)
- *390-2023 A resolution observing September 15, 2023 through October 15, 2023 as National Hispanic Heritage Month in the City of Orange Township. (Sponsored by Councilmember Wooten)
- *391-2023 A resolution to observe October 2023 as Italian and Italian-American Heritage Month.

 (Sponsored by Councilmember Wooten)
- *392-2023 A resolution celebrating the life of former West Ward Councilmember Maria Vandermeer. (Sponsored by the Municipal Council) Amended
- *393-2023 A resolution recognizing the various health related days that address an increased awareness in the City of Orange Township.
- *394-2023 A resolution recognizing National Book Month in the City of Orange Township. (Sponsored by Councilmember Wooten)
- *395-2023 A resolution authorizing the Tax Collector to refund Jason Levin for overpayment of water/sewer made on Block 1702 Lot 3 also known as 44 Hillyer Street in the amount of \$552.11.
- *396-2023 A resolution authorizing a refund of three hundred and ninety dollars (\$390.00) paid by Aimee Banks of 185 Oakwood Avenue, Orange, New Jersey for the trip to Sight and Sound to see "Moses Play" sponsored by the Orange Older Adults Division, reference receipt number 235757 dated 5/19/2023, receipt number 235374 and 235370 dated 5/30/2023.
- *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. 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. Amended
- *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. Amended
- *409-2023 A resolution approving the Bill List for Council Meeting vote on October 3, 2023 dated September 27, 2023 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95. (Grand Total: \$5,382,037.80)
- *410-2023 A resolution authorizing the City of Orange Township to accept a subgrant award of the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund Fiscal Year 2021

Gunshot Detection Technology Initiative administered by the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety.

- *411-2023 A resolution of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township, Essex County, New Jersey, authorizing an agreement between the City and National Life Group to provide a deferred compensation plan for City employees.
- *412-2023 A resolution of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township, Essex County, New Jersey, authorizing an agreement between the City and Equitable Life Insurance Company to provide a deferred compensation plan for City employees.

A motion to adopt the Consent Agenda was made by Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert 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. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: None Motion Adopted

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

*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)

A motion to withdraw Resolution 389-2023 was made by Council President Tency A. Eason 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. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: None

Motion Adopted: Withdrawn

*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.

A motion to postpone Resolution 397-2023 to the November 8, 2023 Council Meeting was made by Council President Tency A. Eason 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. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: None

Motion Adopted: Postponed

*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.

A motion to adopt Resolution 401-2023 was made by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III and seconded by Council President Tency A. Eason.

Roll Call:

Yeas:

Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Clifford R. Ross, Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson,

Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III Abstain: Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert

Absent: None Motion Adopted

*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.

A motion to adopt Resolution 402-2023 was made by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III and seconded by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley.

Roll Call:

Yeas:

Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Clifford R. Ross, Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson,

Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III

Abstain: Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert

Absent: None Motion Adopted

*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".

A motion to adopt Resolution 403-2023 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 and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson and Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten

*404-2023 A resolution of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township, Essex County, New Jersey, declaring an emergency and waiving the 20-day statutory estoppel period following adoption of Ordinance No. 56-2023.

A motion to adopt Resolution 404-2023 was made by Council President Tency A. Eason and seconded by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross.

Roll Call:

Yeas: None

Nays: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Clifford R. Ross,

Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Abstain: None Absent: None Motion Failed

*405-2023 A resolution approving and authorizing the execution of a community benefits agreement with VA 475 Urban Renewal, LLC for the redevelopment of the property located at 475 Main Street and 27 Ridge Street and identified on the official tax map of the City of Orange Township as Block 2301, Lots 38 and 31.

A motion to adopt Resolution 405-2023 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. Clifford R. Ross,

Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert

Abstain: None Absent: None Motion Adopted

*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. Amended

A motion to adopt Resolution 406-2023 was made by Council President Tency A. Eason and seconded by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross.

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Clifford R. Ross,

Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert

*407-2023 A resolution approving and authorizing the execution of a community benefits agreement with VA 100M Urban Renewal, LLC for the redevelopment of the property located at 92-106 South Main Street and 13-27 Prince Street and identified on the official tax map of the City of Orange Township as Block 3002, Lots 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14.

A motion to adopt Resolution 407-2023 was made by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross and seconded by Council President Tency A. Eason.

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Clifford R. Ross, Hon. Jamie B. Summers-

Johnson, Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: None

Abstain: Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert

Absent: None Motion Adopted

*408-2023 A resolution designating VA 100M Urban Renewal, LLC as the redeveloper for the property located at 92-106 South Main Street and 13-27 Prince Street identified on the City tax map as Block 3002, Lots 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 and authorizing the execution of a redevelopment agreement with VA 100M Urban Renewal, LLC for the redevelopment of this property.

A motion to adopt Resolution 408-2023 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. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Clifford R. Ross, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten

Abstain: Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert

Absent: None Motion Adopted

POSTPONED RESOLUTIONS

There were no Postponed Resolutions.

NEW BUSINESS AND WALK-ON ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

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

A motion to Walk-On Resolution 413-2023(WO) was made by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross and seconded by Council President Tency A. Eason

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Clifford R. Ross,

Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None
Motion Adopted

Resident Devon Livingston raised his hand but he did not speak on the resolution.

A motion to extend the meeting five minutes to Walk-On Resolutions without Citizens Comments was made by Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson and seconded by Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert.

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Clifford R. Ross,

Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: None Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III

Motion Adopted

This meeting has been extended.

A motion to close Citizens Comments was made by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley and seconded by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III.

Motion Adopted

A motion to adopt Resolution 413-2023(WO) was made by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III and seconded by Council President Tency A. Eason

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Clifford R. Ross,

Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: None Motion Adopted

414-2023 (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.

415-2023 (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.

A motion to Walk-On Resolutions 414-2023(WO) and 415-2023(WO) 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. Clifford R. Ross,

Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None
Motion Adopted

414-2023 (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 adopt Resolution 414-2023(WO) was made by Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert 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. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: None Motion Adopted

415-2023 (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.

A motion to adopt Resolution 415-2023(WO) was made by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III 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. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None
Motion Adopted

There was no New Business, or Walk-On Ordinances.

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 Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:12pm.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The next City Council Conference and Regular Meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 17, 2023 virtually at 7:00 p.m.

Approved: October 17, 2023

Joyce L. Lanier

City Clerk

Tency A. Eason

Council President