

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL AGENDA

THIS IS THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP HELD VIA AUDIO-VIDEO CONFERENCING ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2023 FOLLOWING THE CONFERENCE MEETING.

1) **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

2) **ROLL CALL**

		PRESENT	ABSENT
Hon. Kerry J. Coley	(East Ward)	_____	_____
Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert	(West Ward)	_____	_____
Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III	(At-Large)	_____	_____
Hon. Clifford R. Ross, Council Vice President	(At-Large)	_____	_____
Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson	(South Ward)	_____	_____
Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten	(At-Large)	_____	_____
Hon. Tency A. Eason, Council President	(North Ward)	_____	_____

ALSO PRESENT

Joyce L. Lanier, City Clerk	_____	_____
Tamara Robinson, Deputy City Clerk	_____	_____
Chris M. Hartwyk, Business Administrator	_____	_____
Laquana Best, Planning Director	_____	_____
Derrick Brown, Fire Chief	_____	_____
Nile Clements, Chief Financial Officer	_____	_____
Vincent DeFilippo, Health Officer	_____	_____
Paula Ferreira, Tax Collector	_____	_____
Marty Mayes, Public Works Director	_____	_____
Gracia R. Montilus, City Attorney	_____	_____
Chris Murray, Tax Assessor	_____	_____
Wendy Sykes, Director of Community Services	_____	_____
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	_____	_____

3) **SUNSHINE LAW**

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, and 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.

4) **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:**

- **November 8, 2023 Special Meeting**
(Councilmember Summers-Johnson was absent and should abstain)

Motion to adopt:

Second:

- **November 8, 2023 Conference and Regular Meeting**
(Councilmember Summers-Johnson was absent and should abstain)

Motion to adopt:

Second:

- **November 21, 2023 Conference and Regular Meeting**
(Councilmembers Hilbert & Wooten was absent and should abstain)

Motion to adopt:

Second:

- **December 5, 2023 Conference Meeting Minutes**
Councilmember Wooten was absent and should abstain.

Motion to adopt:

Second:

- **December 5, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes**

Motion to adopt:

Second:

5) REPORTS:

DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REVENUE COLLECTION

- **September 2023 – Community Services \$26,810.14**
- **October 2023 – Community Services \$11,677.00**
- **November 2023 – Planning Department \$112,036.00**

6) CONSTABLE REPORTS: None.

7) OPRA REPORTS: November 2023 – 63 OPRA requests received, 53 completed & 10 remaining.

8) COUNCIL REPORTS: Council President directs Clerk to file reports.

9) COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS: None.

10) CITIZEN COMMENTS ON GENERAL ISSUES/AGENDA ITEMS

“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.

Motion to Close Citizen Comments:

Second:

11) COUNCIL COMMENTS

12) 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:

Second:

b) Motion for Final Adoption:

Second:

75-2023 An ordinance of the City of Orange Township to approve a tax exemption for a Twenty-Two (22) year period and authorizing the execution of a financial agreement between the city and 617 Scotland Urban Renewal LLC.

- a) **Motion to close Citizen Comments:** **Second:**
- b) **Motion for Final Adoption:** **Second:**

76-2023 An ordinance of the City of Orange Township, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, creating a Parking Authority in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:11A-1 et seq.

- a) **Motion to close Citizen Comments:** **Second:**
- b) **Motion for Final Adoption:** **Second:**

87-2023 An ordinance of the City of Orange Township, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey, providing for a special emergency appropriation in an amount not to exceed \$550,000 to fund contractually required severance liabilities resulting from the retirement of employees in the City.

- a) **Motion to close Citizen Comments:** **Second:**
- b) **Motion for Final Adoption:** **Second:**

13) ORDINANCES – INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING

88-2023 An ordinance to amend Ordinance #31-2023 the Code of the City of Orange Township Chapter 88, entitled “Fees” derived from the Code Provisions, supplementing Article 1, to amend Dog License Fees to Dog and Cat License Fees.

- a) **Motion to adopt on First Reading:** **Second:**
- b) **Final Reading: January 16, 2024**

89-2023 An ordinance to adopt Resolution 377-2022 into Chapter §200-32 and Chapter §200-38 of the City of Orange Township Code.

- a) **Motion to adopt on First Reading:** **Second:**
- b) **Final Reading: January 16, 2024**

90-2023 An ordinance to amend Chapter §200-33 of the City of Orange Township Code.

- a) **Motion to adopt on First Reading:** **Second:**
- b) **Final Reading: January 16, 2024**

91-2023 An ordinance to amend Chapter §200-32, Chapter §200-33 and Chapter §200-38 of the City of Orange Township Code. (Linden Place)

- a) **Motion to adopt on First Reading:** **Second:**
- b) **Final Reading: January 16, 2024**

92-2023 An ordinance to amend Chapter §200-32, Chapter §200-33 and Chapter §200-38 of the City of Orange Township Code. (North Jefferson Street)

- a) **Motion to adopt on First Reading:** **Second:**
- b) **Final Reading: January 16, 2024**

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 *480-2023 THROUGH *519-2023

- *480-2023** A resolution establishing a Citizen’s Budget Advisory Committee (CBAC) for the 2024 Annual Municipal Budget process.
- *481-2023** A resolution appointing Coram Rimes, from Orange, New Jersey as a member of the Housing Authority of the City of Orange Township, New Jersey for a term of (5) years. (Sponsored by Councilmember Eason)
- *482-2023** A resolution appointing Charles H. Pryor, II as a Homeowner Representative to the Rent Leveling Board in the City of Orange Township, New Jersey. (Sponsored by Councilmember Montague, III)
- *483-2023** A resolution appointing Carl Fields, Jr. as a member to the Citizen’s Budget Advisory Committee for Calendar year 2024 Municipal Budget process. (Sponsored by Councilmember Eason)
- *484-2023** A resolution appointing Coram Rimes as a member to the Citizen’s Budget Advisory Committee for Calendar year 2024 Municipal Budget process. (Sponsored by Councilmember Eason)
- *485-2023** A resolution appointing Charles H. Pryor, II as a member to the Citizen’s Budget Advisory Committee for Calendar year 2024 Municipal Budget process. (Sponsored by Councilmember Ross)
- *486-2023** A resolution appointing Shara Morrow as a member to the Citizen’s Budget Advisory Committee for Calendar year 2024 Municipal Budget process. (Sponsored by Councilmember Ross)
- *487-2023** A resolution appointing Marsha Escalliere as a member to the Citizen’s Budget Advisory Committee for Calendar year 2024 Municipal Budget process. (Sponsored by Councilmember Coley)
- *488-2023** A resolution appointing Antoinett Hall as a member to the Citizen’s Budget Advisory Committee for Calendar year 2024 Municipal Budget process. (Sponsored by Councilmember Coley)
- *489-2023** A resolution appointing Jonathan A. Beckford as a member to the Citizen’s Budget Advisory Committee for Calendar year 2024 Municipal Budget process. (Sponsored by Councilmember Hilbert)
- *490-2023** A resolution appointing Carol Perkins as a member to the Citizen’s Budget Advisory Committee for Calendar year 2024 Municipal Budget process. (Sponsored by Councilmember Hilbert)

- *491-2023** A resolution appointing Christopher Bailey as a member to the Citizen’s Budget Advisory Committee for Calendar year 2024 Municipal Budget process.
(Sponsored by Councilmember Montague, III)
- *492-2023** A resolution appointing Janicea Jones-Vance as a member to the Citizen’s Budget Advisory Committee for Calendar year 2024 Municipal Budget process.
(Sponsored by Councilmember Montague, III)
- *493-2023** A resolution appointing Karen Jeffries Wells as a member to the Citizen’s Budget Advisory Committee for Calendar year 2024 Municipal Budget process.
(Sponsored by Councilmember Wooten)
- *494-2023** A resolution appointing Jashlyn Wingfield as a member to the Citizen’s Budget Advisory Committee for Calendar year 2024 Municipal Budget process.
(Sponsored by Councilmember Wooten)
- *495-2023** A resolution re-appointing Carl Fields, Jr. as citizen member of the Public Works Committee of the City of Orange Township.
(Sponsored by Councilmember Eason)
- *496-2023** A resolution re-appointing Carol Perkins as citizen member of the Public Works Committee of the City of Orange Township.
(Sponsored by Councilmember Ross)
- *497-2023** A resolution honoring Dr. Daniel Desrivieres.
(Sponsored by Councilmember Hilbert & the City Council)
- *498-2023** A resolution celebrating the life of Maxie McRimmon.
(Sponsored by Councilmember Eason & the City Council)
- *499-2023** A resolution naming December 20, 2023 as Human Rights Day in the City of Orange Township. (Sponsored by Councilmember Wooten)
- *500-2023** An omnibus resolution authorizing application for eligible federal, state, county and private grants in 2024.
- *501-2023** A resolution requesting approval of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to establish dedicated trust by rider for developer’s contributions for community improvements.
- *502-2023** A resolution to cancel 2023 current fund budget appropriation balances.
- *503-2023** A resolution of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township, Essex County, New Jersey, appointing Naiima Fauntleroy as Alternate Commissioner representing the City on the Board of Commissioners of the Public Entity Joint Insurance Fund, for a term of 12 months, beginning January 1, 2024 and continuing through December 31, 2024.
- *504-2023** A resolution of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township, Essex County, New Jersey, authorizing an application to the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for funding through the FY 2024 American Rescue Plan Firefighter Grant program to acquire self-contained breathing apparatus equipment for the City’s Fire Department.

- *505-2023** A resolution for the transfer of appropriations.
- *506-2023** A resolution authorizing the extension of the agreement for the “On Call” snow plowing services with Shauger Property Services, Inc., 249 Dodd Street, East Orange, New Jersey 07017 commencing January 1, 2024 through March 31, 2024 in the amount not to exceed \$30,000.00.
- *507-2023** A resolution exercising the option for an additional year of an agreement with Foundation Risk Partners Corp. d/b/a Fairview Insurance Services for the period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.
- *508-2023** A resolution authorizing a list of law firms to represent the City of Orange Township in regards to Workers’ Compensation matter on an as needed basis for a period of one (1) year from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.
- *509-2023** A resolution authorizing a list of appraisers/consultants to represent the City of Orange Township in regard to appraisal and valuation on real property on an as needed basis for a period of one (1) year from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.
- *510-2023** A resolution authorizing a list of law firms to represent the City of Orange Township in regards to litigation matters on an as needed basis for a period of one (1) year from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.
- *511-2023** A resolution authorizing a list of firms to represent the City of Orange Township in regards to redevelopment matters on an as needed basis for a period of one (1) year from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.
- *512-2023** A resolution authorizing a list of law firms to represent the City of Orange Township in regards to tax appeal matters on an as needed basis for a period of one (1) year from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.
- *513-2023** A resolution authorizing a list of law firms to represent the City of Orange Township in regards to Special Conflict counsel matters on an as needed basis for a period of one (1) year from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.
- *514-2023** A resolution of the City of Orange Township, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey authorizing an emergency appropriation in the amount of \$1,250,000 to pay salaries and wages for the (a) Police Department in the amount of \$900,000 and (b) Fire Department in the amount of \$350,000.
- *515-2023** A resolution of the City of Orange Township authorizing the City of Orange Township to join the Metropolitan Health Insurance Fund.
- *516-2023** A resolution of the City of Orange Township, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey providing for the issuance of special emergency notes in an amount not to exceed \$550,000 to fund contractually required severance liabilities resulting from the retirement of employees in the City.
- *517-2023** A resolution of the City of Orange Township, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey declaring an emergency and authorizing the waiver of the 20 day effective period for a \$550,000 special emergency ordinance authorizing the City to fund contractually required severance liabilities resulting from the retirement of employees.

***518-2023** A resolution recognizing Homeless Persons' Memorial Day and honoring HS&H Outreach Services, LLC and Family Assistance Resource Center.
(Sponsored by Councilmember Hilbert)

***519-2023** A resolution approving the Bill List for Council meeting vote on December 19, 2023 dated December 13, 2023 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95. (Grand Total: \$11,925,440.16)

MOTION TO ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA:

Second:

14) NEW BUSINESS AND WALK-ON ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS OTHER PENDING BUSINESS

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Second:

Adjournment Time: _____

PUBLIC NOTICE

The next City Council Conference and Regular Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 2, 2024 virtually at 7:00 p.m.