

CITY COUNCIL**The City of Orange Township, New Jersey**DATE December 19, 2023NUMBER 480-2023

TITLE: A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A CITIZEN'S BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CBAC) FOR THE 2024 ANNUAL MUNICIPAL BUDGET PROCESS.

WHEREAS, the Municipal budget process is extremely complex, governed by State laws and regulations and affected by Federal and State budgets as well as grant programs; and

WHEREAS, the revenues which support the Municipal budget come primarily from taxes; and

WHEREAS, the reliance on property taxes combined with the rising costs of services, the ever present demand for services and the inability to increase rates at will cause increasing pressure on municipal officials and on taxpaying citizens in making the hard choices to decrease services or increase taxes; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Council wishes to continue to increase public participation in the budgeting process, both to further educate the public about the budgeting process and the difficult choices which have to be made while utilizing the talents of citizens with relevant experience and find new and innovative ways and means of maintaining essential services, with a view to ultimately lessening the tax burden; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Council desires the expertise and advice of the citizens who have reviewed the budget book, reviewed the line item legal budget, attended the budget hearings, familiarized themselves with the local budget law and are willing and able to share their thoughts and expertise in a formal report to the City Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP, is hereby authorized to appoint members to the City of Orange Citizen's Budget Advisory Committee for the 2024 Calendar Year Budget process to consult and advise the City Council in its annual municipal budgeting process.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such committee shall consist of fourteen (14) members, each Council Member having recommended two members of the public who shall become members of the committee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board members shall meet with the Council Budget Consultant and the Council President to receive orientation to the budget process, and shall periodically meet with the Municipal Council to render their valuable insight, ideas, advice and recommendations.

Adopted: December 19, 2023

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