

**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, JANUARY 16, 2024, AT 7:00PM.**

**Roll Call:**

**Present:** Councilmember Kerry J. Coley, East Ward  
Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert, West Ward *(Arrived at 7:07pm)*  
Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III, At-Large  
Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross, At-Large  
Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, South Ward *(Arrived at 7:03pm)*  
Councilmember Adrienne K. Wooten, At-Large *(Arrived at 7:07pm)*  
Council President Tency A. Eason, North Ward

**Also Present:** Joyce Lanier, City Clerk *(Arrived at 7:02pm)*  
Chris M. Hartwyk, Business Administrator  
Laquana Best, Planning Director  
Derrick Brown, Fire Chief  
Nile Clements, Chief Financial Officer  
Vincent DeFilippo, Health Officer *(Arrived at 7:09pm)*  
Paula Ferreira, Tax Collector  
Marty Mayes, Public Works Director  
Aaron Mizrahi, Esq., Deputy City Attorney  
Chris Murray, Tax Assessor  
Marlin G. Townes, Legislative Research Officer  
Vincent Vitiello, Police Chief  
Avram D. White, Esq. Deputy City Attorney  
Tamara Robinson, Deputy City Clerk  
Margarette Homere, City Clerk's Office  
Trisha Scipio, City Clerk's Office

**Absent:** Gracia R. Montilus, Esq., City Attorney  
Wendy M. Sykes, Director of Community Services  
Gabrielle Sims-Shelton, City Clerk's Office

The City Clerk announced a Moment of Silence. The moment is dedicated to Police Officer Kenneth McDougal who will be funeralized Saturday and out David Stanziale who was the ABC Attorney who passed recently.

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](mailto: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](http://www.orangetwpnjcc.org)), the City's Website ([www.orangenj.gov](http://www.orangenj.gov)) and filed in the Office of the City Clerk.

**MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION**

**ESSEX COUNTY**

Essex County Liaison, Reginald Bledsoe introduced himself and gave a few updates. Essex County has begun the DARE Management program at the South Mountain Reservation location which is held every Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, January 30<sup>th</sup>, February 6<sup>th</sup> and February 13<sup>th</sup>. The DARE Management program at the Hilltop Reservation location will be held Thursday's, January 11<sup>th</sup>, January 18<sup>th</sup>, January 25<sup>th</sup>, February 1<sup>st</sup>, February 8<sup>th</sup>, February 15<sup>th</sup>, and February 22<sup>nd</sup>. He announced Essex County will continue with the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Project Homeless Connect on Wednesday, January 24<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am – 2:00pm at Essex County College Gymnasium on West Market Street in Newark, New Jersey. On Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm at the Essex County Hospital Center, 204 Grove Avenue, Cedar Grove, NJ, County Executive Joseph D. DiVincenzo will deliver the State of the County Address. Councilmembers who wish to attend should RSVP and arrive at 6:00pm. He will inquire about the progress of the new Senior Center. Council President Tency A. Eason requested a list of activities and his contact information be sent to the Clerk's Office for distribution. Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross welcomed Mr. Bledsoe and inquired about the fence at Orange Park. Mr. Bledsoe stated there are plans for work at Orange Park at the request of this governing body and Mayor Dwayne D. Warren, Esq. He will get the specifications and update the body shortly. Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert welcomed Mr. Bledsoe and wants to work with him on the safety on County roads.

**COVID Update**

Health Officer Vincent DeFilippo stated Essex County is the third highest in the state for Covid cases. There has been cases of measles and monkey pox. People with low immune systems should wear masks. The department is working with the county to administer vaccines. Whelps are symptoms of Monkey Pox which is highly contagious and the vaccine is not as effective as anticipated. There has not been any cases of Monkey Pox reported in Orange. There is a pricing mandate stating prices need to be posted. There are no cannabis dispensaries on Main Street but there is one in the valley near Librettis.

24A-2024      A resolution to hold an Executive (Closed) Session to discuss Litigation Matters.

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

**Nays:**     None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** None

**Motion Adopted**

A motion to enter Executive Closed Session was made by Weldon M. Montague, III 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**

**Entered Executive (Closed) Session at 7:24pm.**

**Entered Regular Session at 8:11pm.**


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.

There was no discussion on legislation at this time.

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 8:13 pm.

Approved: February 6, 2024



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Joyce L. Lanier  
City Clerk



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Tency A. Eason  
Council President