

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, JANUARY 16, 2024 FOLLOWING THE CONFERENCE MEETING.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Councilmember Adrienne K. Wooten

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
Councilmember Adrienne K. Wooten, At-Large
Council President Tency A. Eason, North Ward

Also Present: Joyce Lanier, 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
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
Avram D. White, Esq. Deputy City Attorney
Tamara Robinson, Deputy City Clerk
Margaret Homere, City Clerk's Office
Trisha Scipio, City Clerk's Office

Absent: Wendy M. Sykes, Director of Community Services
Gabrielle Sims-Shelton, City Clerk's Office

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.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

December 5, 2023 Conference Meeting Minutes

(Councilmember Wooten was absent and should abstain)

A motion to adopt the December 5, 2023 Conference Meeting Minutes 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, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: None

Abstain: Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten

Absent: None

Motion Adopted

December 5, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes

A motion to adopt the December 5, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes was made by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross and seconded by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III.

Motion Adopted

January 2, 2023 Conference and Regular Meeting Minutes

(Councilmembers Wooten was absent and should abstain)

A motion to adopt the December 5, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes was made by Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert 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, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: None

Abstain: Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten

Absent: None

Motion Adopted

REPORTS

Department Monthly Revenue Collection for the month of December 2023.

The Planning Department collected \$119,232.00 for the month of December 2023.

CONSTABLE REPORTS

In 2023, Richard Noizy volunteered on November 5th, November 11th, and November 18th, December 2nd, December 9th, and December 16th.

Council President Tency A. Eason asked the Law Department to send a report to the Clerk's Office and report at the next Council Meeting on the City's compliance where it concerns Constables.

OPRA REPORTS

There were no OPRA reports.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Council President directs Clerk to file reports.

Police Department

Police Chief Vincent Vitiello spoke of an armed robbery at a Pharmacy where the department recovered two weapons and no injury to anyone. The narcotics, money, and the car which was stolen in Hillside was all recovered. The schools were locked down on "shelter in place" while the officers were at work in this case. The service for Officer McDougal will be held this Saturday at Ebenezer Baptist Church, 153 William Street, Orange, NJ. Councilmember Adrienne K. Wooten asked the Police Chief to send a unit to Aisha Samuel's home as there is a car blocking her driveway at that very moment.

Fire Department

Fire Chief Derrick Brown stated the Fire Department is proud about the recent ceremony inducting new cadets and the city is safe on the fire side. Councilmember Adrienne K. Wooten inquired about the dropping temperatures and hydrants which are checked regularly by the department. The Chief Brown asked residents to clear hydrants as they shovel their property during snow. Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson wanted to remind residents to plug space heaters directly into the wall and not into extension cords. Council President Tency A. Eason requested the department investigate hanging wires. Fire Chief Brown gave a number for dispatch when residents need to report non-urgent issues on the fire side (973-972-7001).

Planning Department

Director Laquana Best stated there will be two groundbreaking coming in next sixty days: 475 Main Street 356 Washington Street. Three projects to be completed in 2024: 394 Highland, 606 Freeman, and 51 Vose Avenue. There was a Resolution passed at the last meeting on the lead grant program regarding lead based paint regulations mandated by the state. The first set of inspections will need to be performed by July 1, 2024. Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert inquired about plans on Lincoln Avenue which is the Second Phase of the 33-51 Lincoln Project. She inquired about a fliers being posted in buildings so that residents will know where to call with concerning issues such as code enforcement. Director Best stated residents should know the chain in which they should follow when they have a complaint and she will investigate Councilwoman's concerns. City Deputy Attorney Aaron Mizrahi requested Councilmembers contact the Law Department or Department heads when they receive information outside of Council meetings so that the concerns can be addressed in a timely manner.

Finance Department

Chief Financial Officer Nile Clements stated there resolutions on the agenda from his department and he asks for the support. Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert inquired about the Budget season. CFO Clements stated the Financial Debt Statement is due at the end of the month and the Financial Statements are due March 9th. Once those are complete the Budget process can begin.

Tax Collections

Tax Collector, Paula Ferreira gave the results from the online tax sale conducted on December 28, 2023. There were 954 properties on initial tax sale list, 568 properties were paid prior to the tax sale, 386 properties went into tax sale, 377 properties sold to outside buyers, and 9 properties were struck off to the city. She also gave the 2023 percentage of collections rate which was 99.29%. Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III inquired about the 9 properties that were struck off, and these property owners could still pay off the taxes and pay off the liens. Councilmember Kerry J. Coley asked about the collection percentage rate which has not been this high before. Councilmember Adrienne K. Wooten asked Tax Collector Ferreira to speak to the tax due date which is statutory.

Department of Public Works

Director Marty Mayes encouraged residents to stay off the roads during the storms so the department can do their cleaning and keep roads open. Councilmember Kerry J. Coley requests the department look at the demolition ordinance. Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson inquired about speed bumps and changing Argyle to a one way per a resident. The department is investigating this concern and nothing will move before the spring. She would also like follow-up to residents request in the Council Meetings so that residents know they are being heard. Director Mayes stated the Snow Plows come out when there is 3-4 inches of snow but they brine solution and salt is used on anything under 4 inches. Councilmember Adrienne K. Wooten inquired how many feet are striped at a

parking lot. Director Mayes will investigate Save A Lot driveway. Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert is pleased about legislation on tonight's agenda. She inquired how to get an engineer to change a light and parking ordinances. Director Mayes is open to listen to any concerns she has.

Law Department

City Attorney Gracia R. Montilus, Esq. recognized the passing of David Stanziale one of the city's outside attorneys. He wanted to remind the members of the public that the time to speak is during the Public Comments section of the meeting and. Under no circumstance will you be recognized without being recognized at the appropriate time by the Council President.

Tax Assessor

Tax Assessor Chris Murray stated it has been business as usual. Council President Tency A. Eason inquired if the department keeps a track of the owners contact information during development phase which they do not.

Administrator

Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk stated there are no fees on water bills for the first thirty days bills received today. The City has taken over the water billing since changing operators. Residents can also pay on the website.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

Exhibit P-1 | Schedule 7

PSE&G

December 29, 2023

In the Matter of the Petition of Public Service Electric and Gas Company for Approval of an Increase in Electric and Gas Rates and for Changes in the Tariffs for Electric and Gas Service, B.P.U.N.J. No. 17 Electric and B.P.U.N.J. No. 17 Gas, and for Changes in Depreciation Rates, Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-18, N.J.S.A. 48:2-21 and N.J.S.A. 48:2-21.1, and for Other Appropriate Relief BPU Docket Nos. _____

Clerks of Each Municipality, County Executives, Clerk of Board of Chosen Freeholders and County Administrators in the Company's Electric and Gas Service Areas

Public Service Electric and Gas Company ("PSE&G" or "Company") has filed a Petition with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("Board" or "BPU") requesting an increase in the charges for electric and gas service. A copy of the Petition is enclosed for your information. The Company last reset rates in November 2018 for electric and gas. These increases are primarily due to capital investments that the Company has made and storm costs that the Company incurred, but for which it has not received recovery. These storm costs are proposed to be recovered through introduction of a Storm Recovery Charge (SRC), which will be a component of a new Distribution Adjustment Charge (DAC). These increases will be partially offset by increases to the Tax Adjustment Credit (TAC). Furthermore, the Company also requests the authority to recover gas bad debt expense in the same manner as is currently done for electric bad debt expense via the Social Programs component of the gas Societal Benefits Charge (SBC) in lieu of including this expense in gas base rates. The Company has requested an overall average electric bill increase of approximately 8% and an overall average gas bill increase of approximately 11%. Also attached is a copy of the bill insert which will be sent to each PSE&G customer with regular monthly meter readings. Any final rate relief found by the BPU to be just and reasonable as the result of this filing, may be modified and/or allocated by the BPU in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 48:3-2 and 48:3-4, and for other good and legally sufficient reasons, to any class or classes of customers of the Company. Therefore, the average percentage change in customer bills may be higher or lower than indicated above, based upon the BPU's decision. The BPU may choose to impose a greater portion of any increase on any class or classes of customers and may exclude from increase any class or classes. It is expected that the BPU will transmit

the filing to the Office of Administrative Law for hearings on the Company's Petition. Notice of such hearings will be given in accordance with current legal notice requirements.

Very truly yours,
Sherri L. Golden, Secretary

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.

James H. Ward, III of 743 Hauxton expressed concerns about the condition of the streets, the driving school ordinance which is not being enforced, and a needed ordinance for Jamal Williams, a disabled resident who he is advocating for. Council President Tency A. Eason asked the Police Chief to address the driving schools not being compliant. Raymond Wingfield stated Mayor Dwayne D. Warren, Esq. did have a home visit with Mr. Williams and the Engineer is working toward a solution.

Aisha Samuel of 401 Highland Terraced expressed her concerns about her driveway being blocked and thanked the police for coming to ticket and tow. She also expressed concern about her water bill as it has not arrived. She is looking for the Planning Board Meeting list which we be uploaded once the meeting dates are approved this month. She would like the brining solution machine to visit Highland.

Richard Martha of 740 McLaughlin stated there is a concern with his water pressure, he inquired if Vose can be considered a street to become a one way, and having a mirror for safety at the intersection of Scotland and Argyle.

Rachel Tennant of 461 Waverly Place inquired when Council meeting recordings would be uploaded to the website and she asked Director Mayes to come to Waverly Place with the brining solution. She inquired about Dieter & Lerch and resolutions on the agenda as she believes the city needs a Board of Ethics. She also asked if the Migrant Crisis is being addressed. Raymond Wingfield stated the city will be salted again to ensure safe travels.

Danielle McMillian-Bennett of 458 Tremont Place inquired about projects going on in the city and meetings in the city. She asked if there was a planning team that involved the residents. Councilmember Adrienne K. Wooten gave the resident her number (973-652-5301) and will gather information for her. Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk stated there are meetings for the community input being planned.

Anita White of 465 of Lawn Ridge Road asked how many floors will be included on the Second Phase Project on Lincoln which Director Best stated the project will have six stories. Ms. White hopes the projects will sustain some greenery.

There were no Citizen Comments received by e-mail.

A motion to close Citizens Comments was made by Councilmember Adrienne K. Wooten and seconded by Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson.

Motion Adopted

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson spoke about the Driving School Ordinance and she thanked the Department of Public works for the salting of the streets. She congratulated the Recreation Department and the traveling basketball team. She thanked David Butcher and the Water Billing department for great service and Meredith Sue Willis for hosting the luminaries for Dr. King. She mentioned the Police Department for their presence at a school program and the process of making a street a one-way.

Councilmember Adrienne K. Wooten thanked all who attended Coffee and Conversations and Councilmembers who supported the event.

Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert instructed all to be safe and wear masks. She thanked Orange High School for the invitation to the Women's Empowerment event. She attended the Orange Housing Authority Dr. King event and the Orange High School basketball game. She thanked the Police Department on the work with the armed robbery at the pharmacy and congratulated the Fire Department on new cadets.

Councilmember Kerry J. Coley stated his concerns were addressed by the Department Directors. He hopes the positive energy continues in 2024.

Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III stated a resident had a fence concerns near Colgate Park which Director Mayes will investigate. He thanked Councilmember Adrienne K. Wooten for inviting him to Coffee and Conversations which was a success. Residents who are seeking employment should come to Ebenezer Baptist Church, 153 William Street every Friday at 6:00pm for the Higher Ground program that he will host on job training and drug counseling. He encouraged all to be careful on the black ice.

Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross is hopeful that everyone is being reflective during this season that we celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr's birthday, his accomplishments and legacy. He congratulated Councilmember Adrienne K. Wooten on a successful Coffee and Conversation event which he attended. There will be an Employee Appreciation Event on Friday, January 26, 2024, 10am-3pm at City Hall Council Chambers sponsored by "People Over Politics", Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III and himself.

Council President Tency A. Eason attended the Coffee and Conversations Event which was very well attended and very informative. She would like to have more celebrations surrounding Dr. King. If residents have concerns they should reach out to their Councilmember.

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 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*

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 close Citizens Comments was made by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross and seconded by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III.

Motion Adopted

A motion to adopt Ordinance 88-2023 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. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion Adopted

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 close Citizens Comments was made by Councilmember Adrienne K. Wooten and seconded by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III.

Motion Adopted

A motion to adopt Ordinance 89-2023 was made by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley 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. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: None

Abstain: Hon. Clifford R. Ross

Absent: None

Motion Adopted

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

A motion to close Citizens Comments was made by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley and seconded by Councilmember Adrienne K. Wooten.

Motion Adopted

A motion to adopt Ordinance 90-2023 was made by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley 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. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: None

Abstain: Hon. Clifford R. Ross

Absent: None

Motion Adopted

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 close Citizens Comments was made by Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson and seconded by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III.

Motion Adopted

A motion to adopt Ordinance 91-2023 was made by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley 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. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: None

Abstain: Hon. Clifford R. Ross

Absent: None

Motion Adopted**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 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 92-2023 was made by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley 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. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: None

Abstain: Hon. Clifford R. Ross

Absent: None

Motion Adopted**ORDINANCES – INTRODUCTION | FIRST READING****1-2024 An ordinance to amend Chapter §200-33 and Chapter §200-52.3 of the City of Orange Township Code (Fairview Avenue)**

A motion to adopt Ordinance 1-2024 on First Reading was made by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley and seconded by Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert.

A motion to postpone Ordinance 1-2024 was made by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross and seconded by Councilmembers Jamie B. Summers-Johnson.

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: *Postponed*

2-2024 An ordinance to amend Chapter §200-32 and Chapter §200-38 of the City Of Orange Township Code (Frankfort Street)

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2-2024 on First Reading was made by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III and seconded by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley.

A motion to postpone was made by Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson 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

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion Adopted: *Postponed*

A motion to extend the meeting 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. 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

The meeting was extended.

3-2024 An ordinance to amend the City Code of the City of the Orange Township, Chapter 200, entitled, “Vehicles and Traffic” Section 200-52-1 Handicapped Parking Spaces. (364 Berwick St) Final Reading: February 20, 2024

A motion to adopt Ordinance 3-2024 on First Reading was made by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley and seconded by Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert.

A motion to postpone was made by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross and seconded by Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson.

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: *Postponed*

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 *25-2024 THROUGH *45-2024

- *25-2024** A resolution of The Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township authorizing a release of unused Zoning Board Escrows totaling \$2,138.75, deposited by Yosef Chaim, LLC, in connection with construction at Block 1503, Lot 7, commonly known as 151 North Day Street, Orange, New Jersey.
- *26-2024** A resolution authorizing the purchase of (24) Motorola APX 6000 UHF R2 Model 2.5 portables and accessories for the City of Orange Township Fire Department from Motorola Solutions, Inc. 123 Tices Boulevard, Woodcliff Lake, NJ 07677, under the State of New Jersey Purchasing Bureau State Contract 83909 in an amount not to exceed \$159,806.00.
- *27-2024** A resolution for the transfer of appropriation reserves
- *28-2024** Resolution authorizing an emergency temporary appropriation pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20
- *29-2024** A resolution authorizing the City of Orange Township Police Department to accept grant funds from the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety State Body Armor Replacement (BARF) Program.
- *31-2024** A resolution of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township approving an agreement with NV5 Inc. for professional engineering and design services as part of the “Safe Routes to School Program” in an amount not to exceed \$105,940.07
- *32-2024** Resolution authorizing renewal of the agreement with Ruderman & Roth, LLC to represent Orange Police Department, Chief Vitiello, Captain Christopher Dunn, Sergeant Stefanelli and Police Director Todd Warren in the matter “Keri Payne v. City of Orange Township, et al” Docket No. ESX-L-6850-22 in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00 for calendar year 2024.
- *33-2024** A resolution authorizing the services of Wilentz, Goldman and Spitzer, P.A. as Bond Counsel for the City of Orange Township for an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00 for calendar year 2024.
- *35-2024** A resolution awarding professional services contract for Special Counsel to provide Legislative Research Officer Services from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00.
- *36-2024** Resolution renewing a professional service agreement with the law offices of Lamb Kretzer LLC to represent the City of Orange Township in the matter “51 South Day Street, LLC; Exit II Gentlemen’s Club, LLC v. PEEK Reock II Owner Urban Renewal, LLT et al” Docket No. ESX-L-9682-21 in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 for calendar year 2024.
- *37-2024** Resolution renewing a professional service agreement with the law offices of Lamb Kretzer LLC to represent the City of Orange Township in the matter “Jovan Vanzant v. GS 153 Tremont LLC, et al”, Docket No. ESX-L-5329-22, in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 for calendar year 2024.
- *38-2024** Resolution renewing a professional service agreement with the law offices of Lamb Kretzer LLC to represent Sergeant Rene Wilson in the matter “Keri Payne v. City of Orange Township, et al, Docket No. ESX-L-6850-22 in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 for calendar year 2024.
- *40-2024** Resolution authorizing renewal of the agreement with Ruderman & Roth, LLC to represent Orange Police Department, Chief Vitiello, Captain Christopher Dunn, Police Director Todd Warren and Sgt. Rene Wilson in the matter “Keri Payne v. City of Orange Township, et al”, Docket No. ESX-L-8869-20 in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00 for calendar year 2024.
- *42-2024** A resolution to appoint Lerch, Vinci & Bliss, LLP of 17-17 Route 208, Fair Lawn, New Jersey 07410 to provide Finance and Water and Sewer Utility Consultant Services to the City of Orange Township’s Finance Department and Administration for an amount not to exceed \$130,000.00
- *43-2024** A resolution authorizing the City of Orange Township Police Department to accept Grant Funds from the US Federal Government, Department of Justice in Washington D.C. for bullet proof vests in an amount totaling \$49,424.48.
- *45-2024** A resolution approving the Bill List for Council Meeting vote on January 16, 2024 dated January 10, 2024 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95. (Grand Total: \$5,805,560.14)

A motion to adopt the Consent Agenda 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

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

***30-2024** A resolution authorizing the awarding of a contract for the Colgate Park Improvements Phase I to Shore Top Construction Corp., 23 Yellowbrook Road, Freehold, New Jersey 07728 in the amount not to exceed \$258,171.00. (Amended)

Amendment – Remove Metcalf in the first Whereas, and replace with Colgate Park Improvement Phase I.

A motion to adopt Resolution 30-2024 as amendment 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. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion Adopted

***34-2024** A resolution retaining Antonelli, Kantor & Rivera, LLC as Special Counsel with regard to various legal matters and litigation regarding the City of Orange Township in an amount not to exceed \$80,000.00 for calendar year 2024. (Amended)

Amendment- In the body of the resolution Number One change from “one hundred thousand dollars” to “eighty thousand dollars.”

A motion to adopt Resolution 34-2024 as amendment was made by Councilmember 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

- 39-2024** Resolution renewing a professional service agreement with the law offices of Lamb Kretzer, LLC to represent to the City of Orange Township and Wendy Sykes in the matter "Amanda Edwards v. the City of Orange Township and Wendy Sykes", Docket No. ESX-L-002958-23 in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00 for calendar year 2024.

A motion to adopt Resolution 39-2024 was made by Council President Tency A. Eason 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, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: None

Abstain: Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten

Absent: None

Motion Adopted

- *41-2024** Resolution authorizing the settlement in the matter of Anthony Carey v. City of Orange Township Mayor Dwayne D. Warren, Raymond Wingfield, and John Does 1-10, Docket No. ESX-L-002475-20 in the amount of three hundred and seventy thousand dollars (\$370,000.00)

A motion to adopt Resolution 41-2024 was made by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley 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: None

Abstain: Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert

Absent: None

Motion Adopted

- *44-2024** A resolution authorizing the award of a Professional Services Contract to Gail Mitchell, Esq. of Schwartz, Barkin and Mitchell LLC to provide legal services to the Orange Municipal Zoning Board of Adjustment of the City of Orange Township in matters relating to Zoning and Land Use in an amount not to exceed \$7,500.00 for the Calendar Year 2024. (Amended)

Amendment - Fourth Whereas Claus should read 2024 not 2023.

A motion to adopt Resolution 44-2024 as amended was made by Councilmember Adrienne K. Wooten 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 RESOLUTIONS

There were no Postponed Resolutions.

NEW BUSINESS AND WALK-ON ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

46-2024(WO) An enabling resolution authorizing the application of a grant by the Department of Public Works and Engineering from the State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Green Acres Programs Urban Park Initiative for Colgate Park improvements Phase II.

A motion to Walk-On Resolution 46-2024(WO) 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

47-2024(WO) An enabling resolution authorizing the application of a grant by the Department of Public Works and Engineering from the State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Green Acres Programs for Orange multi-parks.

A motion to Walk-On Resolution 47-2024(WO) was made by Councilmember 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

Resident James H. Ward, III expressed his concern about the Green Acres Grant – Resolution 47-2024(WO). The funds are not being spent to reasonably and in the best interest to beautify our city.

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

Adopted

46-2024(WO) An enabling resolution authorizing the application of a grant by the Department of Public Works and Engineering from the State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Green Acres Programs Urban Park Initiative for Colgate Park improvements Phase II.

A motion to adopt Resolution 46-2024(WO) was made by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross 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

47-2024(WO) An enabling resolution authorizing the application of a grant by the Department of Public Works and Engineering from the State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Green Acres Programs for Orange multi-parks.

A motion to adopt Resolution 47-2024(WO) was made by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross 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

OTHER PENDING BUSINESS

There was no Pending Business.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley and seconded by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III

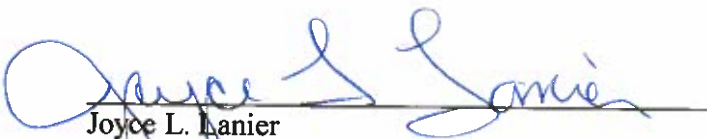
Motion adopted

The meeting was adjourned at 10:58pm.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The next City Council Conference and Regular Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 6, 2024 virtually at 7:00 p.m.

Approved: February 6, 2024



Joyce L. Lanier
City Clerk



Tency A. Eason
Council President