

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, DECEMBER 5, 2023 AT 7:00PM.

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
Council President Tency A. Eason, North Ward

Also Present: Joyce L. 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
Marty Mayes, Public Works Director
Aaron Mizrahi, Esq., Deputy City Attorney
Gracia R. Montilus, Esq., City Attorney
Chris Murray, Tax Assessor
Wendy M. Sykes, Director of Community Services
Kenneth Goodman, Esq., Legislative Research Officer
Vincent Vitiello, Police Chief
Margaret Homere, City Clerk's Office
Trisha Scipio, City Clerk's Office

Absent: Councilmember Adrienne K. Wooten, At-Large
Tamara Robinson, Deputy City Clerk
Paula Ferreira, Tax Collector
Gabrielle Sims-Shelton, City Clerk's Office

The City Clerk announced a Moment of Silence. Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross dedicated this moment of silence to Maxie A. McRimmon. He was lifetime resident of Orange who was honorable discharged from the United States Army. He served as a Zoning Board Officer for twenty-three years and was a member of the Board of Education, the ABC Board and the Housing Authority. His Homegoing services will be held at Woody Home for Services on Wednesday, December 6, 2023 at 10am.

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 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), the City's Website (www.orangenj.gov) and filed in the Office of the City Clerk.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

A motion to suspend the rules to have a Covid Update 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, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten

Motion Adopted

COVID Update

Health Officer Vincent DeFilippo stated there has been an increase in numbers for Influenza and Covid especially in long term care facilities and schools. Schools have reported closures due to Covid. Vaccines for children will be administered at Watsessing Park on December 12, 2023, from 3pm-7pm. You must have an appointment by calling 973-877-8456. There was an immediate recall for Apple Cinnamon Puree Juice that were in Dollar Tree stores. More information is on the City's website if residents should find the juice in stores. Flu shots are available for groups of ten and to homebound residents. The county is providing Covid vaccines, and the city will try to book the mobile unit in January.

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.

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)*

This Ordinance will remain postponed.

72-2023 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.

There have been no applications made for additional funds as of yet.

ORDINANCES – INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING

78-2023 An ordinance of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, amending Chapter 210 of the City of Orange Township Municipal Code, entitled "Development Regulations", in accordance with the Municipal Land Use Law, N.J.S.A. 40:55D-1 et seq., to increase minimum off-street residential parking requirements in areas of the City of Orange Township not otherwise governed by the redevelopment and/or rehabilitation plan adopted by the Municipal Council in accordance with the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq.

This ordinance changes the parking requirements in any area that is not in a redevelopment zone as opposed to the other ordinances on first reading. The parking requirements for a single-family home, two family home or a townhouse requires two off street spaces for each dwelling unit. In a multi-dwelling unit; a condo or one bedroom unit needs one space for each dwelling unit.

- 79-2023** An ordinance of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, amending the Central Orange redevelopment plan in accordance with the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq. to increase minimum off-street residential parking requirements within the Central Orange redevelopment area.
- 80-2023** An ordinance of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, amending the Central Valley redevelopment plan in accordance with the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq. to increase minimum off-street residential parking requirements within the Central Valley redevelopment area.
- 81-2023** An ordinance of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, amending the Lincoln-Highland redevelopment and rehabilitation plan in accordance with the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq. to increase minimum off-street residential parking requirements within the Lincoln-Highland redevelopment and rehabilitation area.
- 82-2023** An ordinance of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, amending the Main Street redevelopment and rehabilitation plan in accordance with the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq. to increase minimum off-street residential parking requirements within the Main Street redevelopment and rehabilitation area.
- 83-2023** An ordinance of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, amending the North Main Street redevelopment and rehabilitation plan in accordance with the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq. to increase minimum off-street residential parking requirements within the North Main Street redevelopment and rehabilitation area.
- 84-2023** An ordinance of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, amending the Reock Street redevelopment plan in accordance with the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq. to increase minimum off-street residential parking requirements within the Reock Street redevelopment area.
- 85-2023** An ordinance of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, amending the Upper Main Street redevelopment and rehabilitation plan in accordance with the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq. to increase minimum off-street residential parking requirements within the Upper Main Street redevelopment and rehabilitation area.
- 86-2023** An ordinance of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, amending the Vose Avenue redevelopment plan in accordance with the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq. to increase minimum off-street residential parking requirements within the Vose Avenue redevelopment area.

Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk explained that Ordinance 78-2023 through 86-2023 deal with redevelopment zones. They change the parking requirement (areas not in a redevelopment zone) for a new single home, two family or townhouse, to require two off street parking spaces for each unit. A new multi family unit requires a minimum of one off-street parking for each studio, one bedroom and two-bedroom unit. A minimum of two off street spaces for three-bedroom units.

- 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.

Chief Financial Officer stated this ordinance would give relief to eleven retirees. Employees are only allowed to accumulate up to two years vacation time. The Final Reading will be on December 19, 2024

RESOLUTIONS NO *461-2023 THROUGH *479-2023

***470-2023** A resolution of the City of Orange Township, in the County of Essex, New Jersey authorizing an application to the Local Finance Board with respect to not exceed \$1,000,000 non-recourse taxable redevelopment area bonds to finance a portion of the Berwyn Street redevelopment project pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-29(a)(3) and N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-67(g).

Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk stated approval is needed from the Local Finance Board. This resolution authorized an application to the Local Finance Board.

***473-2023** A resolution authorizing Mott Macdonald, 111 Wood Avenue, South Iselin, New Jersey 08830 to provide professional engineering services for the 2023 Lead Service Line Replacement Program in an amount not to exceed \$176,700.00.

This will be withdrawn and sent back to Administration.

***474-2023** A resolution to appoint a Fund Commissioner with the Metropolitan Health Insurance Fund for the City of Orange Township effective January 1, 2024.

Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk stated the Fund Commissioner would take on this position.

***475-2023** A resolution of the City of Orange Township, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey authorizing the submission of an application to the Local Finance Board requesting approval of (i) a bond ordinance of the City under the provisions of the Municipal Qualified Bond Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:3-1 et seq., (the "Act"), (ii) the issuance of qualified bonds under the provisions of the Act, and (iii) the issuance of qualified bonds through the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank Transportation Program pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 58:11B-9(a).

This will be withdrawn and sent back to Administration.

***477-2023** A resolution of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, approving and authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Master Subscription Agreement with Balcony Technology Group Inc. for the provision of secure central database and repository services through December 31, 2024, at no cost to the City.

This is no cost to the city, it is a new product which is proprietary from a new company with a one year pilot.

***478-2023** A resolution authorizing and authorizing the execution of a First Amendment to purchase and sale agreement between the City and SYMREC Orange JC LLC, related to the property identified on the City tax map as Block 3601, Lots 1, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37 and 38 and the discharge of a certain municipal tax lien in connection therewith.

Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk stated this is amending the purchasing sale agreement to accept certain lots in Block 3601 as a deed in lieu of payment in taxes. Taking the tax amount that is due and adding it to the purchase price of the land. This will close the transaction and the city will yield 3.5 million in taxes.


***479-2023** A resolution approving the Bill List for Council meeting vote on December 05, 2023 dated November 29, 2023 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95. (Grand Total: \$4,260,577.87)

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross and seconded by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 pm.

Approved: January 16, 2024


 Joyce L. Lanier
 City Clerk


 Tency A. Eason
 Council President