

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, APRIL 2, 2024 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:** None.

5) **REPORTS:**

DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REVENUE COLLECTION: None.

6) **OPRA REPORTS:** None.

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

8) COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

A virtual public hearing will be held on April 10, 2024 by the New Jersey-American Water Company, Inc. regarding a petition filed for the approval of increased tariff rates and charges for water and wastewater services, change in depreciation rates and other tariff modifications. Additional details and instructions for dialing into the meeting are available with the Clerk’s Office or by visiting the New Jersey-American Water Company website: <https://amwater.com/njaw/customer-service-billing/your-water-and-wastewater-rates>.

9) CITIZEN COMMENTS ON GENERAL ISSUES/AGENDA ITEMS

Please be advised that members of the public wishing to orally address the Council on any subject matter shall be permitted to do so during this portion of the meeting by indicating a “raised hand” at this time. When called upon by the Council President, each speaker must enable his/her camera and microphone, and state his/her name and street address before proceeding further. Those unable to activate a camera feed may still be permitted to speak at the Council President’s discretion.

To facilitate maximum public involvement and maintain order, each speaker will have one 5-minute period to interact orally with the Council. Screen-sharing or visual aids will not be permitted. Written comments submitted in advance of this meeting were forwarded to all Council Members, published on the City’s website, and will be appended to final approved minutes – they will not be read aloud, and anyone submitting a written statement will not be permitted to also speak at this meeting. The Council will consider all comments and questions, oral or written, and respond if and when appropriate, which may or may not be during this meeting.

Members of the public are reminded to be courteous and mindful of other individuals’ rights when speaking. A Council meeting is not the proper venue to discuss personal matters or lodge complaints against specific City employees or private individuals who may have personal protections afforded them under State and/or Federal law. Therefore, each speaker should consider how his/her remarks may trigger those protections for anyone identified in or affected by them, and should be aware that they are legally responsible for their own statements. The City bears no liability for any comments made by any member of the public, and anyone repeatedly speaking out of turn or making comments that are disruptive, obscene or otherwise offensive in nature may be permanently removed from this meeting.

Motion to Close Citizen Comments:

Second:

10) COUNCIL COMMENTS

11) 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:

2-2024 An ordinance to amend Chapter §200-32 and Chapter §200-38 of the City Of Orange Township Code (Frankfort Street) *(Tabled at the March 5, 2024 Council Meeting)*

a) Motion to close Citizen Comments:

Second:

b) Motion for Final Adoption:

Second:

12) ORDINANCES – INTRODUCTION | FIRST READING

14-2024 An ordinance to exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to establish a Cap Bank in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14 for the Calendar Year 2024 Budget.

- a) Motion to adopt on First Reading: Second:
- b) Final Reading: May 7, 2024

15-2024 A refunding bond ordinance authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$8,100,000 aggregate principal amount of water-sewer utility refunding bonds, Series 2024 by the City of Orange Township, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey for the purpose of restructuring the outstanding 2014 refunding bonds previously issued by the City, and appropriating the proceeds of such refunding bonds to such purpose and authorizing the issuance of such refunding bonds pursuant to the provisions of the Municipal Qualified Bond Act.

- a) Motion to adopt on First Reading: Second:
- b) Final Reading: May 7, 2024

16-2024 A capital ordinance amending Capital Ordinance Number 58-2023 finally adopted by the City Council of the City of Orange Township, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey on October 3, 2023 to amend the title of the Capital Ordinance and Sections 1 and 3 therein.

- a) Motion to adopt on First Reading: Second:
- b) Final Reading: May 7, 2024

13) 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 *190-2024 THROUGH *220-2024

- *190-2024** A resolution celebrating the life of Dr. Robert D. Cunningham. (Sponsored by Council Member Quantavia Hilbert & the Orange City Council).
- *191-2024** A resolution recognizing Councilmember Jamie Summers-Johnson as the first African American Councilwoman of the South Ward. (Sponsored by Council Member Wooten & the Orange City Council)
- *192-2024** A resolution honoring James A. Summers for his exemplary service as a Veteran and contributions to the City of Orange Township. (Sponsored by Council Member Wooten)
- *193-2024** A resolution celebrating the Muslim Community during Ramadan, announcing the 2nd Annual Community Iftar. (Sponsored by Council Member Wooten)
- *194-2024** A resolution recognizing Former Prisoner of War Recognition Day in the City of Orange Township/ (Sponsored by Council Member Wooten)

- *195-2024** A resolution recognizing National Autism Awareness Month in the City of Orange Township. (Sponsored by Council Member Wooten)
- *196-2024** A resolution recognizing April 6, 2024 as National Library Day in the City of Orange Township. (Sponsored by Council Member Wooten)
- *197-2024** A resolution authorizing and ratifying the award of a contract for communications services contract with Direct Development, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00 commencing January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.
- *198-2024** 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 (I) pursuant to N.J.S.A. §40A:2-51 and N.J.S.A. §40A:2-55 in connection with the issuance of not to exceed \$8,100,100 aggregate principal amount of water-sewer utility refunding bonds, Series 2024, (II) for the approval of a refunding bond ordinance of the City pursuant to the provision of the Municipal Qualified Bond Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:3-1 et seq. (The “Act”), and (III) for the approval of the issuance of refunding bonds as qualified bonds under the provision of the Act.
- *199-2024** A resolution authorizing an emergency temporary appropriations pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20.
- *200-2024** A resolution for emergency temporary appropriations #5 to the Calendar Year 2024 Budget.
- *201-2024** A resolution to accept grant funds from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs in the amount of \$75,000.00 for self-contained breathing apparatus equipment.
- *202-2024** A resolution authorizing the cancellation of tax sale certificate #23-00172 on Block 301 Lot 17, also known as 496 Meade Street, in addition to issuing a refund for the certificate amount of \$1.82 to Pro Cap 8 LLC for a total amount of \$1.82.
- *203-2024** A resolution authorizing the cancellation of tax sale certificate #23-00121 on Block 6003 Lot 23, also known as 554-556 Nassau Street, in addition to issuing a refund for all accrued interest and penalties to Benjamin Fleck in the amount of \$0.12.
- *204-2024** A resolution authorizing the cancellation of tax sale certificate #23-00229 on Block 1403 Lot 37, also known as 144 Summer Street, in addition to issuing a refund for the certificate amount of \$42.67 plus recording fees of \$67.00 to Pro Cap LLC for a total amount of \$109.67.
- *205-2024** A resolution authorizing a refund of one hundred eighty six dollars and forty-eight cents (\$186.48) intended for Jersey City by Veolia located at 461 From Street, Paramus, New Jersey 07652 but deposited into the City of Orange Water/Sewer account.
- *206-2024** A resolution authorizing a refund of three thousand five hundred and seventy three dollars and ninety cents (\$3,573.90) intended for the Jersey City Municipal Utility Authority located at 13-15 Linden Avenue, Jersey City, New Jersey 07035 by Veolia but deposited into the City of Orange Water/Sewer account.
- *207-2024** A resolution authorizing the City of Orange Township to enter into a “Renewal” Cooperative Pricing agreement with Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ) for the purchase of work materials, supplies and equipment for the duration of five (5) years commencing January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2028.

- *208-2024** A resolution authorizing an addendum to Resolution #70-2023 to increase the contract amount for car washing services with KC Car Wash, 360 Thomas Boulevard, Orange, New Jersey 07050 in an amount not to exceed \$2,002.23.
- *209-2024** A resolution awarding a contract to KC Car Wash, 360 Thomas Boulevard, Orange, New Jersey 07050 for car washing services to all City owned vehicles for one (1) year commencing January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 in the amount not exceed \$15,000.00.
- *210-2024** A resolution declaring an emergency and ratifying a contract between the City of Orange Township and Lewis Consulting Group, Inc., 2604 Atlantic Avenue, Suite 600, Wall, New Jersey 07719 for emergency air testing services for the Baby Clinic at City Hall in the amount not exceed \$4,220.00.
- *211-2024** A resolution awarding a contract to W.E. Timmerman Co., Inc., 3554 Route 22 West, Whitehouse, New Jersey 08888 for parts and repairs to two (2) Elgin sweepers for two (2) years commencing January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025 in the amount not to exceed \$55,000.00 per year.
- *212-2024** A resolution authorizing the extension of the awarded contract with Remington & Vernick Engineers, 2059 Springdale Road, Cherry Hill, New Jersey 08003 to provide professional engineering construction administration service of the Ropes Playground Improvements in the amount not to exceed \$7,558.35.
- *213-2024** A resolution authorizing the execution and award of a non-fair and open contract to Hatfield & Schwartz, LLC for special counsel in an amount not to exceed \$17,500.00 for Calendar Year 2024.
- *214-2024** A resolution amending Resolution No. 118-2024 authorizing the services of Marco Di Stefano, LLC to represent the City of Orange Township in the in the matter, “Forever Greatful Art Studios, LLC and James Ray v. City of Orange Township” Docket No. ESX-L-008346-23 in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 for Calendar Year 2024.
- *215-2024** A resolution authorizing the award of a non-fair and open contract to Hatfield Schwartz LLC, to represent the City of Orange Township in the matter, “Angel Ortega v. City of Orange Township” DCR Docket No. P2024-000011 in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 for Calendar Year 2024.
- *216-2024** A resolution of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township, Essex County, New Jersey, authorizing the award of a professional services agreement to NW Financial Group, LLC 552 Broad Street, Bloomfield, New Jersey, 07003, for financial advisory services in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00.
- *217-2024** A resolution approving the Bill List for Council Meeting vote on April 2, 2024 dated March 27, 2024 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95. (Grand Total: \$18,218,179.50)
- *218-2024** A resolution authorizing payment of legal fees to the law firm of Blau & Blau, LLP as tax appeal counsel for an amount not to exceed \$92,046.29 for services rendered in prior years.

***219-2024** A resolution authorizing award of a non-fair and non-open professional services contract to Greater Essex Counseling Services to provide mental and social services to the City of Orange Township from April 1, 2024 through June 30, 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00.

***220-2024** A resolution awarding a contract to CV Electrical Contractors, P.O. Box 1263, Linden, New Jersey 07036 for electrical services to all Municipal owned buildings for two (2) years commencing January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025 in the amount not to exceed \$95,843.40 per year.

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, April 16, 2024 virtually at 7:00 p.m.