

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, FEBRUARY 20, 2024, 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 Lanier, City Clerk
Chris M. Hartwyk, Business Administrator
Laquana Best, Planning Director
Derrick Brown, Fire Chief (*Arrived at 7:10pm*)
Alex Cirocco, Esq., Law Department
Nile Clements, Chief Financial Officer
Vincent DeFilippo, Health Officer
Paula Ferreira, Tax Collector
Aaron Mizrahi, Esq., Deputy City Attorney
Gracia R. Montilus, Esq., City Attorney
Chris Murray, Tax Assessor
Wendy M. Sykes, Director of Community Services (*Arrived at 7:03pm*)
Marlin G. Townes, 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
Marty Mayes, Public Works Director
Tamara Robinson, Deputy City Clerk
Gabrielle Sims-Shelton, City Clerk's Office

The City Clerk announced a Moment of Silence.

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**COVID Update**

Health Officer Vincent DeFilippo stated there is a new Covid strand, NJ1 which accounts for 88% of cases. There has been 3% deaths and 2% of emergency room visits. The RSV is trending down in Nursing Homes but up in students K-12. Studies show one of nine people are Covid holders. The new vaccine has been effective on the new stands. To see the studies visit [vsafe.cdc.gov](https://www.vsafe.cdc.gov). Family Connections has a new program for newborns. There will be a rabies clinic at City Hall on February 21, 2024, 5:30-7:00pm. The mammogram mobile unit will be held on March 7, 2024 from 9:00am – 4:00pm. At the Peter O'toole Building, they will administer infant shots as well. Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross inquired about dog licenses which will not be given out at the event on Wednesday, February 21, 2024.

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.

ORDINANCES – INTRODUCTION | FIRST READING

8-2024 An ordinance of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township, Essex County, New Jersey, authorizing the grant of an air easement to VA 100M Urban Renewal LLC over portions of the City's public rights of way along South Main Street and Prince Street, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13.

CONSENT AGENDA**RESOLUTIONS NO *102-2024 THROUGH *125-2024**

***107-2024** A resolution of the City of Orange Township, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey authorizing City officials to undertake certain actions in connection with the issuance and sale of \$13,970,500 General Obligation Notes, Series 2024 consisting of \$10,770,500 Bond Anticipation Notes, Series 2024A (tax-exempt) and \$3,200,000 Special Emergency Notes, Series 2024B (federally taxable).

CFO Nile Clements stated this is for issuance of Notes already on the books to get lower interest rates.

***113-2024** A resolution awarding a contract to Select Auto and Truck Repair, Inc., 52 Washington Street, West Orange, New Jersey 07052 for vehicle maintenance and repairs to all City owned vehicles and equipment for two (2) years commencing January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025 in the amount not to exceed \$159,285.00 per year.

There is a revision because accounts were changed. The header should read not to exceed the 12 month bid price. The 1st Whereas should have the amount \$159,285.00.

***117-2024** A resolution awarding a three (3) year contract for Municipal refuse and recycling collection services Option #2 for the City of Orange Township with an option to extend contract on year four (4) and year five (5) to Joseph Smentkowski, Inc., 3 New York Avenue, Jersey City, New Jersey 07307 commencing March 1, 2024 through December 31, 2026 in the amount not to exceed \$1,497,000.00 per year.

This is a three year contract and being awarded March 1st going through February 2027. The title should read commencing March 27th through February 28, 2027. Adding \$249,500 for the year 2027. The Certification of Funds was amended to include the money for 2027.

**EXECUTIVE “CLOSED” SESSION
RESOLUTION**

101A-2024 A resolution to hold an Executive (Closed) Session to discuss Litigation Matters.

A motion to adopt Resolution 101A-2024 was made by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III 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: Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten

Motion Adopted

A motion to enter Executive “Closed” Session 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, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten

Motion Adopted


Entered Executive “Closed” Session at 7:13pm.

Resumed Regular Session at 7:40pm.


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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 pm.

Approved: April 16, 2024



Joyce L. Lanier
City Clerk



Tency A. Eason
Council President