

**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 6, 2024, AT 7:01PM.**

**Roll Call:**

**Present:** Councilmember Kerry J. Coley, East Ward  
Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert, West Ward (*Arrived at 7:03pm*)  
Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III, At-Large  
Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross, At-Large  
Councilmember Adrienne K. Wooten, At-Large (*Arrived at 7:12pm*)  
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  
Vincent DeFilippo, Health Officer  
Marty Mayes, Public Works Director  
Aaron Mizrahi, Esq., Deputy City Attorney  
Wendy M. Sykes, Director of Community Services  
Marlin G. Townes, Legislative Research Officer  
Vincent Vitiello, Police Chief  
Tamara Robinson, Deputy City Clerk  
Margarette Homere, City Clerk's Office  
Trisha Scipio, City Clerk's Office

**Absent:** Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, South Ward  
Nile Clements, Chief Financial Officer  
Paula Ferreira, Tax Collector  
Gracia R. Montilus, Esq., City Attorney  
Chris Murray, Tax Assessor  
Gabrielle Sims-Shelton, City Clerk's Office

The City Clerk announced a Moment of Silence. The moment was dedicated to the Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk on the loss of his brother and the passing of Maxie McRimmon and his wife. Council President also called for peace and harmony for tonight's meeting.

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**

**COVID Update**

Health Officer Vincent DeFilippo stated Essex County still the third highest in Covid cases. The long term care facilities, hospitals, and daycare centers cases on the rise. There are diseases that are more prevalent than they use to be. The department has been administering Flu Shots. There will also be a Rabies Clinic at City Hall. He will inquire about the Shingles and Pneumonia vaccine.

**ESSEX COUNTY**

Essex County Liaison, Reginald Bledsoe was present and stated the presentation for the Senior Center is being postponed and they will coordinate through the Clerk’s Office for a new date and time. The Juvenile Detention Center is hiring. He will share upcoming events with the Clerk’s Office. He also spoke about Code Blue for those who need shelter from the cold weather.

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**

**1-2024** An ordinance to amend Chapter §200-33 and Chapter §200-52.3 of the City of Orange Township Code (Fairview Avenue)

The recommendation is to vote down, have a conversation and bring back after reviewing the process.

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

Moving forward, alternate street parking needs to be taken into consideration.

**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

The updated lease is needed.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**RESOLUTIONS NO \*48-2024 THROUGH \*101-2024**

**\*91-2024** A resolution authorizing the services of Lamb Kretzer, LLC, as Workers’ Compensation Counsel for the City of Orange Township for an amount not to exceed fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) for the Calendar Year 2024.

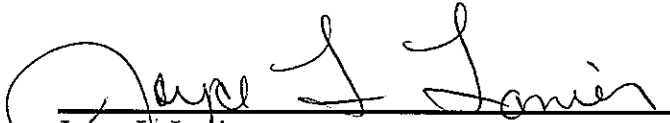
**\*92-2024** A resolution renewing a professional service agreement with the Law Offices of Armstrong & Associates, LLC, to represent the City of Orange Township in the matter, "Yanley Sandy v. City of Orange Township, et al" Docket No. ESX-L-2274-17 in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 for Calendar Year 2024.

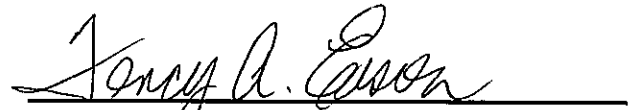
*Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross asked why there are two attorneys – They spread the work amongst many lawyers instead of just giving all the work to one.*

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 pm.

Approved: April 16, 2024

  
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Joyce L. Lanier  
City Clerk

  
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Tency A. Eason  
Council President