

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, FEBRUARY 6, 2024 FOLLOWING THE CONFERENCE MEETING.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Councilmember Council President Tency A. Eason

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 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
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
Gabrielle Sims-Shelton, City Clerk's Office

Absent: Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, South Ward
Nile Clements, Chief Financial Officer
Paula Ferreira, Tax Collector
Chris Murray, Tax Assessor
Gracia R. Montilus, Esq., City Attorney
Chris Murray, Tax Assessor
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

January 16, 2024 Closed Executive Session Meeting Minutes

A motion to adopt the January 16, 2024 Closed Executive Session Meeting Minutes was made by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross and seconded by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley.

Motion Adopted

January 16, 2024 Conference and Regular Meeting Minutes

A motion to adopt the January 16, 2024 Conference and Regular Meeting Minutes was made by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross and seconded by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III.

Motion Adopted

REPORTS**Department Monthly Revenue Collection for the month of January 2024.**

The Clerk's Office collected \$105.00 for the month of January 2024.

CONSTABLE REPORTS

There were no Constable reports.

OPRA REPORTS

For the month of December 2023 there were 58 OPRA requests received, 54 completed, and 4 remaining.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Council President directs Clerk to file reports.

Police Department

Police Chief Vincent Vitiello gave congratulatory comments to Fire Chief Derrick Brown and thanked all who came to the Walk-Out. He spoke briefly on house break-ins where car keys are stolen but it hasn't happened in Orange. Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross inquired about Driving Schools practicing in the city which the Department will reach out to the state and they will also try to catch them in the act. There is a Parking Authority coming, two officers have been trained and they are looking to hire three more.

Fire Department

Fire Chief Derrick Brown thanked all who attended his swearing in and he was honored for the opportunity to serve the community. He was also congratulated on his recent engagement. The city is remediating safety issues with the fire house and looking into grants.

Department of Public Works

Director Marty Mayes took questions from Councilmembers. He gave an update on the gas and diesel per the resolutions on tonight's agenda. Councilmember Adrienne K. Wooten sent thanks from residents concerning the light and dip near Hampton. The department will look at the dip on Oakwood as well. Councilmember Kerry J. Coley reminded Director Mayes about clean-up after construction. Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross shared his concerns about the garbage cans and the contractors being careful with the lids on the cans. He also inquired about Community meetings which were not well attended. Plastic bags instead of trash cans are subject to fines. Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert submitted some resident complaints for the department to address and inquired about the street sweeper which is being investigated. Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III also gave a city flooding issue to investigate.

Planning Department

Director Laquana Best took questions from Councilmembers. Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross requested walk-throughs which is being scheduled.

Community Service

Director Wendy Sykes listed upcoming events. Valentines Sweetheart Event at Bella Italia, The Educational Workshop (fall prevention) at the Upper Field House. The monthly calendar of events is available in the Department of Recreation.

Administrator

Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk stated First quarter taxes are now due and the deadline is the 10th. Residents have until the 13th to pay without interest. A memo will be distributed concerning the Parking Authority.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

There were no Communications or Petitions.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON GENERAL ISSUES/AGENDA ITEMS

The City Clerk announced a “SPECIAL NOTICE: 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.

Aisha Samuel of 401 Highland Terraced expressed her concerns about trash pick-up and her driveway being blocked. She want the fee for towing increased.

James H. Ward, III of 743 Hauxton expressed concerns about the new ordinance for Driving Schools. He has made inquiries into the number of Driving Schools who have registered with the city which there has been none. The city needs to better enforce this ordinance. He also expressed concerns about the Walgreens equipment.

Tisa Singleton 467 Fairview Ave stated she and other residents completed a permit parking petition and it is being voted down tonight. Council President Tency A. Eason stated the Councilmembers are looking into this further.

Rachel Tennant of 461 Waverly Place expressed her concern with the Animal Control resolution and a dangerous branch. She inquired about developers hiring residents and the lawsuits that have been on recent councilmembers. She is still concerned about Ordinance 24-2021. The Deputy City Attorney explained that the city is a member of the Joint fund which pays a portion of the lawsuits.

There were no Citizen Comments received by e-mail.

A motion to close Citizens Comments was made by Council President Tency A. Eason and seconded by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross.

Motion Adopted

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Adrienne K. Wooten wanted to speak to Black History Month expressing that we celebrate being black all year.

Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert congratulated Fire Chief Brown on his installation. She will hold a Black History Month Celebration at Sandwiches Unlimited as they have been in business for fifty years. She expressed her concerns about permit parking.

Councilmember Kerry J. Coley gave honor to the First Black Police Chief Corbett who will be honored on Thursday, February 22, 2024 at the City of Orange Township, Police Department

Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross spoke about some events that he attended. He spoke about a new business, Riteway Financial Services located at 439 Main Street, which offers City Employees discount for tax services. The PNC Bank on Scotland Road will be closing.

Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III wished everyone a Happy Black History Month. He congratulated Chief Derrick Brown and Sandwiches Unlimited.

Council President Tency A. Eason thanked all the residents for attending the Council meetings and encouraged them to keep bringing concerns even when things are not going their way.

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 Vice President Clifford R. Ross and seconded by Councilmember Montague, III.

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Clifford R. Ross, Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson

Motion Adopted: *Postponed*

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.

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 78-2023 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. Clifford R. Ross, Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson

Motion Adopted

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.

A motion to close Citizens Comments was made by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley and seconded by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross.

Motion Adopted

A motion to adopt Ordinance 79-2023 was made by Councilmember 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. Adrienne K. Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson

Motion Adopted

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.

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

Motion Adopted

A motion to adopt Ordinance 80-2023 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. Adrienne K. Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson

Motion Adopted

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.

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 81-2023 was made by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley 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. Adrienne K. Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson

Motion Adopted

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.

A motion to close Citizens Comments was made by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley and seconded by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross.

Motion Adopted

A motion to adopt Ordinance 82-2023 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. Adrienne K. Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson

Motion Adopted

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.

A motion to close Citizens Comments was made by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley and seconded by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross.

Motion Adopted

A motion to adopt Ordinance 83-2023 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. Adrienne K. Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson

Motion Adopted

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.

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 84-2023 was made by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley 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. Adrienne K. Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson

Motion Adopted

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.

A motion to close Citizens Comments was made by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross and seconded by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley.

Motion Adopted

A motion to adopt Ordinance 85-2023 was made by Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert 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. Adrienne K. Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson

Motion Adopted

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.

Resident Rachel Tenant expressed her concerns about this ordinance and inquired if it applied to developments that has already been built. The project has not been complete and this would also be for future projects. The parking ratio is listed in the ordinance on page two.

A motion to close Citizens Comments was made by Council President Tency A. Eason and seconded by Councilmember Adrienne K. Wooten.

Motion Adopted

A motion to adopt Ordinance 86-2023 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. Adrienne K. Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson

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 Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross and seconded by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III.

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert and Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten

Nays: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Clifford R. Ross, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson

Motion Failed

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 Council President Tency A. Eason.

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Clifford R. Ross, Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson

Motion Adopted: *Final Reading March 5, 2024*

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 Council President Tency A. Eason and seconded by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III.

Roll Call:

Yeas: None

Nays: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Clifford R. Ross, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Abstain: Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten

Absent: Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson

Motion Failed

4-2024 An ordinance of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township, Essex County, New Jersey, amending Chapter 88 of the Municipal Code of the City of Orange Township, entitled “Fees” to include an application fee for an application for a “Certificate of Smoke Alarm, Carbon Monoxide Alarm and Portable Fire Extinguisher Compliance” as required by N.J.A.C. 5:70-2.3.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 4-2024 on First Reading 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. Adrienne K. Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson

Motion Adopted: *Final Reading March 5, 2024*

5-2024 An ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 200, entitled “Vehicles and Traffic” Section 200-52-1 Handicapped Parking Spaces. (149 Elm Street)

A motion to adopt Ordinance 5-2024 on First Reading 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, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: None

Abstain: Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten

Absent: Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson

Motion Adopted: *Final Reading March 5, 2024*

6-2024 An ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 200, entitled “Vehicles and Traffic” Section 200-52-1 Handicapped Parking Spaces. (357 Lincoln Avenue, Apt. BA)

A motion to adopt Ordinance 6-2024 on First Reading was made by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross and seconded by Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert.

Roll Call:

Yeas: None

Nays: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Clifford R. Ross, Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Abstain: Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert

Absent: Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson

Motion Failed

7-2024 An ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 200, entitled “Vehicles and Traffic” Section 200-52-1 Handicapped Parking Spaces. (214 Scotland Road)

A motion to adopt Ordinance 7-2024 on First Reading was made by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III and seconded by Council President Tency A. Eason.

Roll Call:

Yeas: None

Nays: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Clifford R. Ross, Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson

Motion Failed

A motion to revisit Ordinance 5-2024 was made by Council President Tency A. Eason 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. Adrienne K. Wooten and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson

Motion Adopted

5-2024 An ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 200, entitled “Vehicles and Traffic” Section 200-52-1 Handicapped Parking Spaces. (149 Elm Street)

A motion to adopt Ordinance 5-2024 on First Reading was made by Council President Tency A. Eason and seconded by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III.

Roll Call:

Yeas: None

Nays: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Clifford R. Ross, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Abstain: Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten

Absent: Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson

Motion Failed

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 *48-2024 THROUGH *101-2024

***48-2024 A resolution recognizing Muslim Heritage Month. (Sponsored by Council Member Hilbert)**

***49-2024 A resolution celebrating Black History Month and honoring Randolph C. Graves. (Sponsored by Council Member Hilbert)**

***50-2024 A resolution celebrating the life of Villaire Pierre. (Sponsored by Council Member Hilbert)**

***51-2024 A resolution celebrating Joseph W. Bowers, the First African American Director of Camping for black boys in the Newark Area and retired Executive Director of Oakwood Branch of YM-YWCA of the Oranges – a little known Black History Moment in the City of Orange Township. (Sponsored by Council Member Wooten & the Municipal Council)**

- *52-2024** A resolution celebrating the Oakwood Branch of the YM-YWCA for over 70 years of service to the City of Orange Township – a little known Black History Moment in the City of Orange Township. (Sponsored by Council Member Wooten & the Municipal Council)
- *53-2024** A resolution celebrating Walter Gilbert Alexander I, the first African American to serve in the New Jersey State Assembly – a little known Black History Moment in the City of Orange Township. (Sponsored by Council Member Wooten & the Municipal Council)
- *54-2024** A resolution celebrating Dr. John Alexander, named President of the Orange Board of Education in 1964 – a little known Black History Moment in the City of Orange Township. (Sponsored by Council Member Wooten & the Municipal Council)
- *55-2024** A resolution celebrating Councilman Benjamin Jones, the first African American Councilmember in the City of Orange Township – a little known Black History Moment in the City of Orange Township. (Sponsored by Council Member Wooten & the Municipal Council)
- *56-2024** A resolution celebrating Derrick E. Brown as the first Black Fire Chief for the City of Orange Township – a little known Black History Moment in the City of Orange Township. (Sponsored by Council Member Wooten & the Municipal Council)
- *57-2024** A resolution celebrating African American owned Inner City Café as a place that strives to develop specific methods to improve the community, for example, various meetings and events – a little known Black History Moment in the City of Orange Township. (Sponsored by Council Member Wooten & the Municipal Council)
- *58-2024** A resolution celebrating African American owned Zeal Cre8tive as a place that strives to develop specific methods to improve the community, for example, various meetings and events – a little known Black History Moment in the City of Orange Township. (Sponsored by Council Member Wooten & the Municipal Council)
- *59-2024** A resolution celebrating the Black churches in the City of Orange Township who played a pivotal role during the Civil Rights Movement, specifically Union Baptist Church – a little known Black History Moment in the City of Orange Township. (Sponsored by Council Member Wooten & the Municipal Council)
- *60-2024** A resolution celebrating Forest Street School, under the principalship of Dr. Yanisca Cooke, for receiving the Beacon Blue Ribbon status in the City of Orange Township – a little known Black History Moment in the City of Orange Township. (Sponsored by Council Member Wooten & the Municipal Council)
- *61-2024** A resolution celebrating Anna L. Barlow for her leadership and service to the Friendship House located at Oakwood Avenue School – a little known Black History Moment in the City of Orange Township. (Sponsored by Council Member Wooten & the Municipal Council)
- *62-2024** A resolution celebrating Lorraine E. Hawthorne for her service as the first African American female Truancy Officer and Supervisor for the Orange Public School District – a little known Black History Moment in the City of Orange Township. (Sponsored by Council Member Wooten & the Municipal Council)
- *63-2024** A resolution celebrating Mrs. Gloria Stewart for serving the children of the City of Orange Township with over 51 years of service to the Orange School District. (Sponsored by Council Member Wooten & the Municipal Council)
- *64-2024** A resolution celebrating the Oranges and Maplewood Branch of the NAACP, the first NAACP Branch established in New Jersey and the third oldest Branch in the Nation – a little known Black History Moment in the City of Orange Township. (Sponsored by Council Member Wooten & the Municipal Council)
- *65-2024** A resolution authorizing the Tax Collector to refund the losing bidders deposits from the December 28, 2023 tax sale in the total amount of \$17,740.42.
- *66-2024** A resolution authorizing a refund of four hundred thirty dollars and eleven cents paid by Lenette Davis for a credit card payment online for water bill inadvertent payment.

- *67-2024** A resolution authorizing the cancellation of Tax Sale Certificate No. 23-00146 on Block 1205 Lot 13 also known as 225 Baldwin Terrace in addition to issuing a refund for the certificate amount of \$327.16 & premium amount of \$100.00 to DSHC Enterprises LLC for a total amount of \$427.16.
- *68-2024** A resolution for the transfer of appropriation reserves.
- *69-2024** A resolution for emergency temporary appropriations #2 to the Calendar Year 2024 Budget.
- *70-2024** A resolution of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, conditionally designating VIZA 523 LLC as a redeveloper within the Central Valley Redevelopment Area.
- *71-2024** A resolution authorizing a contract for the purchase of motor fuel (regular unleaded gas) for the City of Orange City owned vehicles and equipment through the Morris County Co-Operative Pricing Council Contract #1 from Griffith-Allied Trucking, LLC, dba Allied Oil, 25 Old Camplain Road, Hillsborough, New Jersey 08844 commencing January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 in the amount not to exceed \$300,000.00.
- *72-2024** A resolution for the approval to purchase ammunition, weapons, body armor, holsters and police duty gear under the New Jersey State Contract #17-FLEET-00732 and #17-FLEET-00787 for the City of Orange Township Police Department from Atlantic Tactical, 763 Corporate Circle, New Cumberland, Pennsylvania 17070 in an amount not to exceed \$185,000.00.
- *73-2024** A resolution to authorize and confirm a Shared Services Agreement with the Township of Belleville for Public Health Services.
- *74-2024** A resolution authorizing the acceptance of New Jersey Department of Transportation grant funds for the City of Orange Township for 2024 Various Streets Project.
- *75-2024** A resolution authorizing the City of Orange Township Police Department to accept grant funds from the Office of Justice Programs Bureau of Justice Assistance Grants (JAG).
- *76-2024** A resolution authorizing the acceptance of Community Development Block grant funds for the Reprogramming Year 2023.
- *77-2024** A resolution authorizing the City of Orange Township to submit certain project applications for inclusion within the County of Essex Community Development Block Grant application for the Year 2024.
- *78-2024** A resolution authorizing the award of a contract to Storage Engine, Inc., One Sheila Drive, Building 6-A, Tinton Falls, New Jersey 07724-2658 to purchase software license, product maintenance and the continuation of digitized scanning services of files archived in the Office of the City Clerk of the City of Orange Township in an amount not to exceed \$35,000.00 from January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024 under the Dell State Contract NJ 20-TELE-01510 (T3121) TIER 3.
- *79-2024** A resolution authorizing the award of a contract to FileBank, Inc., 23 Thornton Road, Oakland, New Jersey 07436 for records management services regarding files archived in the Office of the City Clerk of the City of Orange Township, in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 under Keystone Purchasing Network Contract #KPN-201701-01 for the Calendar Year 2024.
- *80-2024** A resolution authorizing a contract with General Code, LLC to supplement, print and electronically publish the ordinances of the City of Orange Township for Calendar Year 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$16,000.00.
- *81-2024** A resolution authorizing the award of a professional service contract to Szaferman Lakind, P.C. to provide legal counseling to the Orange Historic Preservation Commission of the City of Orange Township in matters as they relate to the Historic Preservation Commission for the Calendar Year 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$7,500.00.
- *82-2024** A resolution authorizing the retention of Jeanette Calderon-Arnold, Esq. to serve as Tax Counsel for the City of Orange Township in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 for Calendar Year 2024.

- *83-2024** A resolution authorizing payment of legal fees to the Law Firm of Jeanette Calderon-Arnold, Esq. as Tax Appeal Counsel for an amount not to exceed \$800.00 for services rendered in Calendar Year 2023.
- *84-2024** A resolution authorizing a contract with PFK O'Connor Davies, LLP to serve as Municipal Auditors, perform the Calendar Year 2023 audit and to assist with the preparation of the Annual Financial Statement, as needed, along with ancillary accounting services in an amount not to exceed \$125,000.00.
- *85-2024** A resolution authorizing a contract between the City of Orange Township and Hendricks Appraisal Company, LLC, Real Estate Appraisals Research & Consulting, Seven Hutton Avenue, West Orange, New Jersey 07052 for real estate appraisal services from a period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00.
- *86-2024** A resolution authorizing a professional services contract with Lerch, Vinci & Bliss, LLP, located at 17-17 Route 208, Fair Lawn, New Jersey 07410 for assistance with preparation of the Annual Budget commencing on January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00.
- *87-2024** A resolution awarding a contract to Associated Humane Societies, 124 Evergreen Avenue, Newark, New Jersey 07114 in the amount of \$76,000.00 to provide animal shelter and other veterinary services for the City of Orange Township for the period of January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024.
- *88-2024** A resolution authorizing the extension of the agreement for the removal of solid waste and recycling services with Joseph Smentkowski, Inc., 160 James Avenue, Jersey City, New Jersey 07306 for an additional sixty-day period commencing January 1, 2024 through February 29, 2024 in the amount not to exceed \$230,000.00.
- *89-2024** A resolution authorizing a contract to Jen Electric, Inc., 631 Morris Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey 07081 to provide traffic signal maintenance & repairs through the MCCPC #37 for the period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 in the amount not to exceed \$60,000.00.
- *90-2024** A resolution authorizing a contract to Millennium Consultants, LLC, 60 Columbia Road, Morristown, New Jersey 07960 in the amount not to exceed \$55,200.00 for 2024 professional grant-writing services.
- *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.
- *93-2024** A resolution renewing a professional service agreement with the Law Offices of Lamb Kretzer, LLC, to represent the City of Orange Township in the matter, "Norma Moscoso and Carlos Moscoso v. City of Orange Township, et al" Docket No. ESX-L-6867-22 in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 for Calendar Year 2024.
- *94-2024** A resolution approving the Bill List for Council Meeting vote on February 6, 2024 dated January 31, 2024 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95. (Grand Total: \$6,973,223.13)
- *95-2024** A resolution authorizing a contract to Carrier Corporation, 9 Farms Spring Road, Farmington, Connecticut 06032-2569 (Northern New Jersey Branch located at 100 Delawanna Avenue, Suite 401, Clifton, New Jersey 07014) to provide HVAC repairs at the Freddie Polhill Law & Justice Complex under the Sourcewell Cooperative Pricing Council Contract #070121 for the period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 in the amount not to exceed \$72,000.00.

- *96-2024 A resolution authorizing a contract with Stewart Business Systems, LLC, a Xerox Company, located at 6000 Irwin Road, Suite A, Mount Laurel, New Jersey 08054, under State Contract G-2075 for supplies, maintenance and management of printers and multifunctional devices for the period of three (3) years, effective on February 7, 2024 through February 6, 2027, in an amount not to exceed \$180,917.16 per year and contingent on the availability of funds in Budget Years 2024, 2025, 2026 and 2027 and additionally ratifying a contract with Stewart Business Systems for goods and services provided to the City of Orange Township from August 1, 2023 through February 6, 2024 in the amount of \$58,281.21.
- *97-2024 A resolution authorizing renewal of the agreement with the Antoine Law Firms, LLC as Special Counsel to represent the City of Orange Township in the matter, "Anthony Antonucci, et al. v. City of Orange Township" Docket No. ESX-L-005093-21 in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 for Calendar Year 2024.
- *98-2024 A resolution authorizing the services of John H. Watson, Jr., Esq. as Workers' Compensation Counsel for the City of Orange Township for an amount not to exceed twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) for the Calendar Year 2024.
- *99-2024 A resolution authorizing the purchase of hardware materials and supplied for the Department of Public Works through the MCCPC#10 from Continental Hardware, Inc., 400 Delancy Street, Newark, New Jersey 07105 commencing January 1, 2024 through June 30, 2024 in the amount not to exceed \$30,000.00.
- *100-2024 A resolution authorizing a contract for the purchase of #2 ultra-low sulfur diesel fuel for the City of Orange city owned vehicles and equipment through the Morris County Co-Operative Pricing Council Contract #12 from Creative Management, Inc., 935 Route 34, Suite 3A, Matawan, New Jersey 07747 commencing January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 in the amount not to exceed \$200,000.00.
- *101-2024 A resolution authorizing renewal of the agreement with Critchley, Kinum & Denoia, LLC in connection with matters pertaining to governmental inquires and investigations regarding the City of Orange Township and its employees in an amount not to exceed fifteen thousand \$15,000.00 dollars for Calendar Year 2024.

A motion to adopt the Consent Agenda was made by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley 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. Adrienne K. Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson

Motion Adopted

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

There were no items removed from the consent agenda.

POSTPONED RESOLUTIONS

There were no Postponed Resolutions.

NEW BUSINESS AND WALK-ON ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

There were no Walk-On Ordinances or Resolutions.

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


Motion adopted

The meeting was adjourned at 9:43pm.

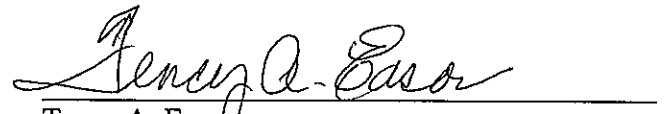
PUBLIC NOTICE

The next City Council Conference and Regular Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 20, 2024 virtually at 7:00 p.m.

Approved: April 16, 2024



Joyce L. Danier
City Clerk



Tency A. Eason
Council President