

**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, DECEMBER 5, 2023 FOLLOWING THE CONFERENCE MEETING.**

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross.

**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  
Councilmember Adrienne K. Wooten, At-Large (*Arrived at 7:34pm*)  
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, Legislative Research Officer  
Vincent Vitiello, Police Chief  
Margarette Homere, City Clerk's Office  
Trisha Scipio, City Clerk's Office

**Absent:** Paula Ferreira, Tax Collector  
Tamara Robinson, Deputy City Clerk  
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](http://www.orangetwpnjcc.org)), the City's website ([www.orangenj.gov](http://www.orangenj.gov)) and filed in the Office of the City Clerk.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

There were no minutes to approve.

**REPORTS**

**Department Monthly Revenue Collection for the month of November 2023.**

The Clerk's Office collected \$160.55 for the month of November 2023.

**CONSTABLE REPORTS**

There were no Constable reports.

**OPRA REPORTS**

There were no OPRA reports.

**COUNCIL REPORTS**

Council President directs Clerk to file reports.

**Community Services**

Director Wendy Sykes gave dates for upcoming events and gave the number to call for more information which is 973-952-6123. The Christmas Tree Lighting will be held on Wednesday, December 6, 2023 at Military Park from 5-8pm. The Mayor's Annual Christmas Party for the seniors will be held at Bella Italia December 12<sup>th</sup>. There is a collaboration of the Fire Department, Police Department and Community Services for Toys for Tots which will be on December 21<sup>st</sup>. There is also a Toys for Tot event this Friday at the Inner City Café on South Essex Street from 5-10pm.

**Planning Department**

Director Laquana Best stated there are nine ordinances that propose amendments to the City's zoning ordinance and redevelopment plans, increasing minimum off-street residential parking requirements City-wide. These ordinances, along with other policy changes that will be announced and implemented in coming weeks, represent first steps of a comprehensive shift in the Administration's redevelopment focus, away from large-scale residential and mixed-use projects, and toward smaller redevelopment and in-fill projects, such as single family and small multi-family residences, as well as development of the City's commercial corridors. The department has heard residents' concerns through public comments and participation in community meeting. They've heard the concerns of Councilmembers during numerous, collaborative meetings about the vision for Orange. They are now taking those concerns, and converting them to action. These parking ordinances will not only ensure that any new residential development within the City include sufficient off-street parking, but will also serve to slow applications for new large developments. This will allow the City to concentrate on development of smaller projects, while also exercising more oversight of larger projects already in the pipeline. Council President requested a monthly report on new business to the city. 606 Freeman has some concerns with the transformer and elevator but this should be done by the end of December or at the beginning of 2024. The Lincoln and Highland Project will donate 60 parking spaces to the community. The schematics will be shared with Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross and Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert. Councilmember Hilbert inquired about the demolition near Scotland Road which Director Best will investigate. Councilmember Hilbert asked about Code Enforcement and the follow-up. Director Best will follow up on any specific case that she has a concern with. Councilmember Kerry J. Coley requested the schematic be sent to all Councilmembers. Councilmember Hilbert inquired about the YMCA and this is taking more time than originally planned.

**Fire Department**

Fire Chief Derrick Brown stated the Fire Department is collecting toys until December 15<sup>th</sup> from 8:00am-4:30pm and they are collaborating with the Police Department on Toys for Tots. He spoke about the care of live Christmas Trees to avoid fire. There is no further information on cause and origin of the fire at the Center meat store. The Fire Chief is collaborating on shared services and training with surrounding cities in regards to NJ Transit.

**Police Department**

Police Chief Vincent Vitiello stated Coffee with a Cop on November 30<sup>th</sup> was a successful event. There will be a PCC Meeting on December 14<sup>th</sup> and the Toys for Tots collaboration with the Fire Department and Mayor Dwayne D. Warren, Esq December 21<sup>st</sup> at the Police Building on the second floor from 4pm-7pm. The Department was awarded a sober grant for \$7,000 to do check points. Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross shared safety concerns at the hospital site. The Police Chief stated this is private property as of now and Officers would need haze mat suits to enter the building but they are doing the best they can at this time. Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III expressed safety concerns about the Gold Star Building sign not being secure. Chief Vitiello, Chief Brown and Director Best will coordinate and investigate.

**Tax Assessor**

Tax Assessor Chris Murray stated it has been business as usual working on sales, processing deeds, permits, reassessing properties, and updating tax map for 2024.

**Department of Public Works**

Director Marty Mayes stated the department is transitioning into winter projects, making plans for spring projects and taking bids for these projects. Laurel Street paving was completed and the total streets paved is nine. The Ropes Park project should be complete toward the beginning of 2024. The department took bids for Colgate Basketball Court and the renovation of the Spray Park. Councilmember Weldon M. Montague inquired about FEMA funds which have been received. There is one working Street Sweeper working, the department is looking into the repairing the second one, and ordering two more. Councilmember Kerry J. Coley inquired about 61 William Street and the engineering report which the space will be on the opposite side of the street. Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross inquired about the rollout garbage plan which is progressing and will be enforced January 1, 2024. Garbage bags will not be accepted and residents should purchase cans with attached lids. Councilmember Adrienne Wooten would like to have a discussion about the 55 gallon cans when it is concerning the seniors. Council President Tency A. Eason explained that 55 gallon cans are recommended but not mandatory. Bids for the garbage company will be held on December 12, 2023. Recycling should be in the blue bins.

**Finance Department**

Chief Financial Officer Nile Clements stated the Tax Sale Date has changed to December 28, 2024, the last day to pay is December 27, 2024. There will be a Walk-On Resolution for a Transfer of Appropriations at the next meeting. He explained that the funds given to McDonalds to feed prisoners was under the threshold and therefore it does not need a resolution.

**Administration**

Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk stated the Redevelopment agreement for the YMCA is still being negotiated. There will be a public hearing before it appears before the Planning Board in 2024. Councilmember Adrienne K. Wooten inquired about the prescription plan.

**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 apprised anyone wishing to discuss Agenda or General Items shall be allowed to participate in this portion of the Council Meeting via the audio call in number and video conferencing platform by stating their name and address when directed to do so by the Council President. All public comments submitted through electronic mail or written letter before the meeting shall be read aloud by the City Clerk. The City Council reserves the right to respond to not respond during the meeting to any citizen's questions or comments. If the Council wishes to address any comments, it shall be done during the remote public meeting.

**James H. Ward, III of 743 Hauxton Avenue** expressed his concerns about being able to share his screen. He shared his concerns about the Tax-Abatements and Community Benefit Programs.

**Kweli Campbell of 55 Randolph Place** expressed her concerns about resuming in-person meetings, parking issues, speeding on Vose Ave, the Redevelopment plans for the train station area, and the Open Space Recreation Committee.

**Rachel Tennant of 461 Waverly Place** expressed her concerns about the redevelopment plans, the City Clerk's Office, Ordinance 71-2023, Tax Abatements, and Resolution 477-2023.

**A.Manuel Ortega Poirer 152** is concerned about Mr. Ward not being able to share his screen during the meeting.

**Karen Wells 238 Highland Avenue** was concerned about the Highland Project and Mr. Ward not being able to share his screen. She asked for more information about the plans for the YMCA. She inquired about the transit village. She would like to go to in-person meetings. Director Best addressed some of her concerns about the Highland Park Project.

**Zonasha Ward of 743 Hauxton Avenue** spoke to concerns of muting residents and how the residents feel about this. She spoke about properties throughout the city and the property taxes. She feels that concerns of the residents should be addressed and maybe the city should be rebranded. She has concerns about the fees to pay the water bill. She stated residents are not happy and it will effect voting. The resident's voices are being suppressed.

**Veronica Scott of 548 Argyle Avenue** stated she has concerns as well. She would like the residents comments to be recognized and issues addressed.

**Maggie Filocsaint** thanked the Police Chief and the Police Department for making her kids feel safe and special. She shared her concerns about residents being heard.

**Fenella Eastman of 233 Elmwyn** stated she had concerns about Highland Station and the upcoming cold weather.

**Jamar Young of 678 Hauxton Avenue** echoed the comments of residents about not allowing Mr. Ward to share his screen. He stated a left turn signal is needed east bound on Tremont and Center. Director Mayes will follow up with him as there is dollar amount is associated with this request.

**There were no Citizen Comments received by e-mail.**

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

**Motion Adopted**

## COUNCIL COMMENTS

**Councilmember Kerry J. Coley** stated his concerns were addressed at the Conference Meeting and he yielded his time to his Council Colleagues.

**Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert** inquired about the update on the Beautification Project which has not begun yet. There will be some movement in January. She wanted to address the residents' concerns about being muted. City Deputy Attorney Aaron Mizrahi addressed why Mr. Ward was not allowed to share his screen as it is a vetting issue.

**Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III** stated that residents should be able to express their concerns but in an orderly manner. He inquired about the Parking Authority which is progressing. He announced the Coat Drive on December 16<sup>th</sup>, a collaboration with Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross

**Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross** stated he respects the residents' opinions and he works hard to try to make things better. He announced the Coat Drive and the Employee Appreciation Day on December 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> at City Hall in Council Chambers from 10:30am – 3:00pm. He wanted to wish all Merry Christmas as he will be out of the country at that time.

**Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson** stated a policy on follow-up for residents should be put in place moving forward. She expressed concerns about the new trash can policy which should be sent out on the robo-call or text message. She conducted a South Ward Meeting where she discussed --- She thanked the Fire, Police, Tax Collector Department, Kim and Chap.

**Councilmember Adrienne K. Wooten** addressed her concerns about rodent issues. There will be a Grandparent Toy Give-away announced she is collaborating with the NAACP Oranges & Maplewood Branch to hold a Sock Hop and Coat Drive on Tuesday, December 12, 2023. Admission will be a new coat for a child 1-12 years old. December 29<sup>th</sup> she will hold a Kwanza Celebration in Council Chambers December 13<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm is planning a Foreclosure Seminar in January. She wished all a very Happy Holiday.

**Council President Tency A. Eason** thanked City Deputy Attorney for clarifying the procedure and protocols for Council Meetings. She stated that freedom of speech was not trying to be silenced but she wants everyone to be mindful of information disseminated to the public at the Council Meeting. She spoke of Governor Murphy's funding for a tax relief. Residents' concerns are being taken into consideration but all requests cannot be met. She strives to make the city better and wish the city would move forward in peace and harmony, and love for our fellow man. St. Matthew AME Church will host "Never Alone" for those who will be alone for the Holiday. December 25, 2023 at 11 am.

### **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 President Tency A. Eason 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. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

**Nays:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** None

**Motion Adopted: *Postponed***

**69-2023 An ordinance of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, amending Chapter 4 of the Municipal Code to Repeal Various Provisions preempted by revisions to the New Jersey Campaign Contributions and Expenditures Reporting Act, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-1 et seq., enacted through the Elections Transparency Act, P.L.2023, C.30**

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 69-2023 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, Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

**Nays:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** None

**Motion Adopted**

**70-2023 An ordinance to amend and Supplement Chapter 162 of the Municipal Code of the City of Orange Township, by establishing Section 162.8, entitled Emergency Action Plan.  
(Sponsored by Councilmember Wooten)**

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 70-2023 was made by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross and seconded by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley.

**Roll Call:**

**Yeas:** Hon. Kerry J. Coley, 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:** Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert

**Absent:** None

**Motion Adopted**

**71-2023 An ordinance to amend and supplement the Municipal Code of the City of Orange Township as Chapter 121 Entitled “Driving School”.  
(Sponsored by Councilmembers Wooten & Summers-Johnson) (Amended)**

Resident Rachel Tennant stated there was an error on page three which was amended.

Resident James H. Ward, III was grateful this Ordinance is being presented and wanted to make sure notice is provided and there is good enforcement.

A motion to close Citizens Comments was made by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross and seconded by Councilmember Adrienne K. Wooten.

**Motion Adopted**

A motion to adopt Ordinance 71-2023 (Amended) was made by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley and seconded by Councilmember Adrienne K. Wooten.

**AMENDMENT** – Page three, Upon filing such application, the applicant shall pay to the City of Orange Township Department of Planning and Economic Development a fee of twenty five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) for the first vehicle decal and Five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for each additional vehicle.

**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:** None

**Motion Adopted**

**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 therefore and authorizing the issuance of \$1,428,500 Bonds or Notes of the City to finance part of the cost thereof.**

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 72-2023 was made by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross and seconded by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley

**Roll Call:**

**Yeas:** Hon. Kerry J. Coley, 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:** Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert

**Absent:** None

**Motion Adopted**

## **ORDINANCES – INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING**

**77-2023 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. (61 William Street)**

A motion to adopt Ordinance 77-2023 on First Reading was made by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III 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, Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

**Nays:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** None

**Motion Adopted: *Final Reading, January 2, 2024***

**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 adopt Ordinance 78-2023 on First Reading was made by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III 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. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

**Nays:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** None

**Motion Adopted: *Final Reading, January 2, 2024***

**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 adopt Ordinance 79-2023 on First Reading 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:** None

**Motion Adopted:** *Final Reading, January 2, 2024*

**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 adopt Ordinance 80-2023 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. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

**Nays:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** None

**Motion Adopted:** *Final Reading, January 2, 2024*

**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 adopt Ordinance 81-2023 on First Reading was made by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III 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. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

**Nays:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** None

**Motion Adopted:** *Final Reading, January 2, 2024*



**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 adopt Ordinance 82-2023 on First Reading was made by Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert 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, Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

**Nays:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** None

**Motion Adopted:** *Final Reading, January 2, 2024*

**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 adopt Ordinance 83-2023 on First Reading was made by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross 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. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

**Nays:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** None

**Motion Adopted:** *Final Reading, January 2, 2024*

**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 adopt Ordinance 84-2023 on First Reading was made by Councilmember Adrienne K. Wooten 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, Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

**Nays:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** None

**Motion Adopted:** *Final Reading, January 2, 2024*

**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 adopt Ordinance 85-2023 on First Reading 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. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

**Nays:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** None

**Motion Adopted:** *Final Reading, January 2, 2024*

**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.

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

**Nays:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** None

**Motion Adopted:** *Final Reading, January 2, 2024*

**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.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 87-2023 on First Reading was made by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III 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. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

**Nays:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** None

**Motion Adopted:** *Final Reading, December 19, 2023*

**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 \* 461-2023 THROUGH \*479-2023**

- \*461-2023** A resolution of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, referring an amendment of Chapter 210 of the City of Orange Township Municipal Code, entitled “Development Regulations”, to the City of Orange Township Planning Board for review and comment pursuant to the Municipal Land Use Law, N.J.S.A. 40:55D-1 et seq.
- \*462-2023** A resolution of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, referring an amendment of the Central Orange redevelopment plan to the City of Orange Township Planning Board for review and comment pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq.
- \*463-2023** A resolution of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, referring an amendment of the Central Valley redevelopment plan to the City of Orange Township Planning Board for review and comment pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq.
- \*464-2023** A resolution of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, referring an amendment of the Lincoln-Highland redevelopment and rehabilitation plan to the City of Orange Township Planning Board for review and comment pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq.
- \*465-2023** A resolution of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, referring an amendment of the Main Street redevelopment and rehabilitation plan to the City of Orange Township Planning Board for review and comment pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq.
- \*466-2023** A resolution of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, referring an amendment of the North Main Street redevelopment and rehabilitation plan to the City of Orange Township Planning Board for review and comment pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq.
- \*467-2023** A resolution of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, referring an amendment of the Reock Street redevelopment plan to the City of Orange Township Planning Board for review and comment pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq.
- \*468-2023** A resolution of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, referring an amendment of the Upper Main Street redevelopment and rehabilitation plan to the City of Orange Township Planning Board for review and comment pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq.
- \*469-2023** A resolution of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, referring an amendment of the Vose Avenue redevelopment plan to the City of Orange Township Planning Board for review and comment pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq.
- \*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).
- \*471-2023** A resolution authorizing the City of Orange Township Police Department to participate in the Defense Logistics Agency, Law Enforcement Support Office, 1033 Program to enable the City of Orange Police Department to request and acquire excess Department of Defense equipment.
- \*472-2023** A resolution extending the agreement between Lagniappe Foods Company and the City of Orange Township for Calendar Year 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$7,200.00.
- \*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.
- \*476-2023** A resolution for the transfer of appropriations.

- \*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.
- \*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.
- \*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 adopt the Consent Agenda 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. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

**Nays:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** None

**Motion Adopted**

**ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

- \*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.

A motion to withdraw Resolution 473-2023 and return to administration was made by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III 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. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

**Nays:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** None

**Motion Adopted: *Withdrawn***

**\*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).

A motion to withdraw Resolution 475-2023 and return to administration was made by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III 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. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

**Nays:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** None

**Motion Adopted: Withdrawn**

**POSTPONED RESOLUTIONS**

There were no Postponed Resolutions.

**NEW BUSINESS AND WALK-ON ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS**

There was no New Business, Walk-On Ordinances or Walk-On Resolutions.

**OTHER PENDING BUSINESS**

There was no Pending Business.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross and seconded by Councilmember Adrienne K. Wooten


**Motion adopted**

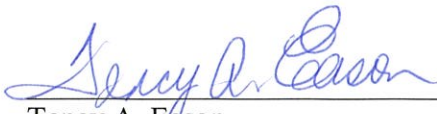
The meeting was adjourned at 10:12pm.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The next City Council Conference and Regular Meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 19, 2023 virtually at 7:00 p.m.

Approved: January 16, 2024

  
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Joyce L. Lanier  
City Clerk

  
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Tency A. Eason  
Council President