

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 WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2023, AT 7:04PM.

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 *(Arrived at 7:15pm)*
Council President Tency A. Eason, North Ward

Also Present: Chris M. Hartwyk, Business Administrator
Derrick Brown, Fire Chief
Nile Clements, Chief Financial Officer
Vincent DeFilippo, Health Officer
Paula Ferreira, Tax Collector
Marty Mayes, Public Works Director
Aaron Mizrahi, Esq., Deputy City Attorney *(Arrived at 7:15pm)*
Gracia R. Montilus, Esq., City Attorney
Chris Murray, Tax Assessor
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
Joyce Lanier, City Clerk
Laquana Best, Planning Director

The Deputy City Clerk announced a Moment of Silence. Council President Tency A. Eason dedicated this to peace around the world.

The Deputy 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 Deputy 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 Covid cases are down but there is an increase in hospitals and Nursing Homes. The EG.5 Strand is having the highest rate of Covid cases. The County is administering Covid vaccines, and The Health Department is administering Flu Shots. They will accommodate those who are home bound. Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross asked why cases are up in Nursing homes and it is determined the traveling workers are carrying from one facility to another. Councilwoman Quantavia L. Hilbert wanted to make sure the Flu shot was administered at 400 Oakwood. She received complaints about animal control and asked how to handle this. Health Officer gave her instructions on how to handle it.

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

73-2023 An ordinance of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, to approve and adopt the Scattered Sites Noncondemnation Redevelopment Plan, implementing specific development regulations and bulk zone standards to govern the Scattered Sites Redevelopment Area, all in accordance with the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq.
This Ordinance will be withdrawn by Administration

RESOLUTIONS NO *432-2023 THROUGH *456-2023

***444-2023** 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 (A) not to exceed \$6,250,000 General Obligation Notes, Series 2023B (Tax-Exempt) consisting of \$5,800,000 Bond Anticipation Notes, Series 2023 and \$450,000 Redevelopment Area Bond Anticipation Notes, Series 2023 and (B) Not to exceed \$1,440,000 General Obligation Notes, Series 2023C (Federally Taxable) consisting of \$1,140,000 Refunding Notes, Series 2023 and \$300,000 Special Emergency Notes, Series 2023

This Resolution will be removed from Consent Agenda and Amended. The Chief Financial Officer gave the amendment verbally at this time. \$450,000 Redevelopment Area Bond Anticipation Notes is being increased to \$850,000.

***455-2023** A resolution for the transfer of appropriations.
Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert inquired about the line items. The Chief Financial Officer will speak with to explain the details. She wants to address decibel readers and the funds going to the Recreation Department.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Approved: January 2, 2024


Joyce L. Lanier
City Clerk


Tency A. Eason
Council President