

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, NOVEMBER 8, 2023 FOLLOWING THE CONFERENCE MEETING.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert.

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 L. Lanier, City Clerk
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
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
Laquana Best, Planning Director

The Deputy 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

October 17, 2023 Conference Meeting Minutes

A motion to adopt the October 17, 2023, Conference Meeting Minutes 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

October 17, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes

(Councilmember Wooten was absent and should abstain)

A motion to adopt the October 17, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes 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, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: None

Abstain: Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten

Absent: Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson

Motion Adopted**REPORTS**

Department Monthly Revenue Collection for the month of October 2023.

The Historic Preservation Commission collected \$140.00 for the month of October 2023.

The Planning Department collected \$100,032.00 for the month of October 2023.

CONSTABLE REPORTS

Richard Noizy volunteered services on October 8, 2023 and October 22, 2023.

OPRA REPORTS

There were no OPRA reports.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Council President directs Clerk to file reports.

Fire Department

Fire Chief Derrick Brown stated the department is working on Thanksgiving projects and there were no major fires to report. Council President Tency A. Eason inquired about submitting names for meals to be delivered on Thanksgiving Day. The number to call is 973-346-2300.

Police Department

Police Chief Vincent Vitiello stated there has been a rash of car thefts and the department has been analyzing the data which is causing the numbers to go down. The department received two grants for shot detector and soft body armor. There will be a Crossing Guard Appreciation Day and another "Coffee with a Cop" event. He gave congratulations to Theresa Pollard for being promoted to Judge. Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross stated the new sign has slowed traffic down on Berkeley but the speeding has increased since the sign was removed.

Department of Public Works

Director Marty Mayes stated the Shredding event was successful and Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross agreed and hopes it could be done more often. There was no update on the Day Street project. Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert followed up on some items which are still in progress. Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III asked about the gas pumps which we are a week away from being completely set up. Director Mayes is also working on the brine preparing for snow fall. The City is working on acquiring a new Street Sweeper.

Tax Assessor

Tax Assessor Chris Murray stated it has been business as usual working on Tax Appeals. The department is researching an Estate Sales study.

Tax Collections Department

Director Paula Ferreira stated the office has been extremely busy collecting the Fourth Quarter Taxes. The last day to pay without penalty is November 13th. The Tax Sale will be published thirty days prior, the department is looking at December 21st.

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 Veterans Day parade on November 12, 2023 will begin at the Church of Epiphany and end at the Upper Field House. Campanala Godfrey can be reached at 973-952-6116 for further details on the Veterans Parade. The Mayor's Christmas Tree Lighting will be held on Wednesday, December 6, 2023, from 5pm-7pm at Military Park. The Mayors Thanksgiving Turkey Giveaway will be held Tuesday, November 1, 2023, from 12 noon – 4pm at the Upper Central Field House, 234 Lincoln Avenue. They will be distributed on a first come first serve basis. The Emergency Food Pantry will distribute grocery bags to those in need every Monday and Wednesday from 10am-2pm at the Upper Field House. She sends condolences to the Valentino family as city employee Ralph Valentino passed away this past Monday, November 6, 2023. The After School programs a running but the department is still working with the Board of Education on the six to nine program in regards to the facility use. Council President Tency A. Eason requested the events be sent to the Clerk's Office.

Finance Department

Chief Financial Officer Nile Clements stated the Annual Best Practices Inventory report was submitted on November 3, 2023, to the State of New Jersey. In preparation for the 2024 Budget, the department e-mailed the new spreadsheets to Department Heads last Monday. They are due on November 27th. There are a few resolutions on tonight's agenda from the department: A Transfer of Appropriations, Resolution 444-2023 issuing notes, and a Chapter 159 Resolution inserting grants into the budget. He wished Theresa Pollard well for being appointed judge. Councilmember Adrienne K. Wooten inquired about abatements as it pertains to cannabis. He stated recreational sales are taxed at 6.6%, 4% goes to the municipality and 2% goes to the state. It is currently not permitted in the City of Orange. Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III would like to see the budget introduce in a timelier manner and figure out how to keep from having a tax increase.

Law Department

City Attorney Gracia R. Montilus, Esq. stated on October 27, 2023, the Murphy Administration awarded \$5 million to help residents sign up for health insurance coverage through the Get Covered Program. Residents can reach out to the Law Department for more information. Council President Tency A. Eason requested the City Attorney keep a watchful eye on the move to abolish Constable positions.

Administration

Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk gave an update on the Parking Authority and an ordinance is forthcoming. Councilmember Kerry J. Coley inquired about the water bill online pay which will be restored on November 9, 2023, at 9:00am. When paying their water bill, residents should use the City's website, pay in person, or mail a check to 29 North Day Street, Orange, NJ 07050, Attention Water Department. There will be a pay by phone option as well. There are fees associated with paying online. Administration handles the water bill pay and not an outside source. The deadline to pay a water bill has been extended to November 30th with no penalties or interest. Councilmember Adrienne K. Wooten inquired about Parking Authority and cleanup on the cemetery. CFO Nile Clements stated there will be an ordinance surrounding the Parking Authority and there is a resolution on tonight's agenda to upgrade the meters. Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk will address the cemetery clean-up.

Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert gave the Police Chief complaints about congestion and disturbances during school drop-off.

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.

Aisha Samuel of 401 Highland Terrace stated she is still having parking issues and wanted information on homeowner grants. She also thanked the police for towing cars from her driveway. She requested information on Homeowners grants given by the Historic Preservation.

Murphy Wilson had concerns about Ordinance 73-2023 which has been withdrawn.

Devon Livingston of 190 Oxford Street wanted more information about funds being given to the YMCA. He would like more funds for children’s programs.

Mia Rogers-Hackett 361 Odgen Street asked Director Mayes about an e-mail she sent concerning the construction at the Cleveland Street School and how it is affecting her property. There is also a concern about rodents from this construction. Council President Tency A. Eason will connect her with the proper Schools Development Authority

Anthony Burke of 477 Hillside Avenue inquired about the plowing and brining process and the parking petition which he will reach out to Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert.

Rachel Tennant of 461 Waverly Place expressed her concerns with Resolution 453-2023 appointing Theresa Pollard as a Judge. She also has a concerns with the reappointment of Mr. Klein to the Rent Leveling Board, Resolution 446-2023, and Resolution 449-2023 seems to have a typo. She also inquired about overtime rotation for the Police and Fire Department. CFO Nile Clements stated Resolution 449-2023 was ratifying work already done.

Jamar Young of 678 Hauxton Avenue attended a meeting concerning the water bills and he was curious if the questions that were given at that meeting would be read into the Council Meeting tonight. Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk stated answers are being prepared for dissemination at a later time.

James H. Ward, III of 743 Hauxton Avenue stated he also attended the meeting that Jamar Young spoke of. He wanted to speak about process and procedure and sufficient notification given to residents. He spoke to technology and the proper use. He gave suggestions to help the city use technology better.

Zonasha Ward of 743 Hauxton Avenue thanked the Mayor and Business Administration for hosting a meeting to speak to the water issues and answering questions of concern. She stated that an officer is needed at Scotland and Heyward. She inquired about tree replanting on Berkeley. She feels that the pool hours should be re-evaluated especially since the pool is rented out to South Orange during the day. She has concerns about CBAC appointments. The City does not do enough programming for the children.

There was one Citizen Comment received by e-mail

Janice L. Morrell of 309 Lawn Ridge Road, City of Orange, NJ 07050, The Honorable Tency Eason, President, City Council City of Orange Township c/o Ms. Joyce Lanier, City Clerk, 29 North Day Street Orange, NJ 07050

Citizens Queries and Comments

Ms. Eason: The number and location of the sites listed in Resolution 73-2023 decimate the current zoning ordinances and districts. It will erase the need for a Zoning Board of Adjustment and appears to cripple the authority of the Planning Board. Please provide the rationale for the possible adoption. I request that you not pass this resolution. Please obtain and share with us residents an analysis of the effect on the zoning ordinances and prospective new construction of housing and apartment buildings. Relative to all of this, would you consider adjusting the schedule for submission of agenda items from both the council members and administration? Instead of a Wednesday deadline for the agenda before your meeting, schedule the deadline one week earlier. It would give all ample time for all members to read and digest the items and supporting documents. Then the members could alert you about any concerns that they have. All of you then would become prepared to discuss them with the department heads who, in turn, could address your concerns before the public at your meetings. Finally, each meeting the council introduces and passes named days or celebrations in honor of some cause or previously adopted item. They appear to recur annually. Are you able to pass it once and note them on a calendar on the website or in some type of public notice published in the newspapers. Be assured that residents do appreciate that you sacrifice time and energy. The suggestions appear to contribute to a humane lifestyle. A major advantage of having the agenda according to such a schedule is that it would allow each member of the council to have ample time to complete whatever research they need. Moreover, with the escalating public obligations, you still would have time to enjoy, fulfill your public obligations, and maintain a family life during the weekends. Sincerely, Janice L. Morrell

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

Motion Adopted

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert responded to Zonasha Ward about the CBAC appointments. She will host an event on November 18th for those interested in being appointed to a Board or Committee. She wanted to revisit items from the last Council Meeting one being the pantry at a church on Reynolds. She is hosting a Thanksgiving giveaway at her office. She asked her Council Colleagues to pay attention to Resolution 446-2023 which she would like to vote down.

Councilmember Kerry J. Coley stated his concerns had been addressed. He congratulated those elected or re-elected yesterday during the General Election

Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III thanked the Veterans for their service. He wants to lift the burden off tax payers.

Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross gave congratulations to Theresa Pollard on being appointed judge. He also spoke to the low turnout for the General Election. He gave congratulations to Senator Britnee Timberlake and re-elected Board Members.

Councilmember Adrienne K. Wooten stated this is an exciting time across the nation and urged residents to vote. She thanked Kweli Campbell and Veronica Scott for the work did during the election. She will survey the residents to find out what can be done to get a higher voter turnout. She also thank the Veterans for their service.

Council President Tency A. Eason thanked residents for coming to the Council Meeting. She was disappointment with the voter turnout and the advertisement. She congratulated Theresa Pollard and all the Democrats who won.

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 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: *Postponed*

61-2023 An ordinance of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township, Essex County, New Jersey, amending Chapter 60 of the Municipal Code of the City of Orange Township, currently entitled "Barbershops and Beauty Parlors" to include regulations governing body art establishments located within the City of Orange Township. (AMENDED)
(Postponed from the October 17, 2023 Council Meeting)

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 61-2023 was made by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley 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

65-2023 An ordinance of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township to approve a tax exemption for a twenty-three (23) year period and authorizing the execution of a financial agreement for payments in lieu of taxes between the City and VA 475 Urban Renewal, LLC.

Residents who expressed their concerns: Devon Livingston and James H. Ward, III.

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

Motion Adopted

A motion to adopt Ordinance 65-2023 was made by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross and seconded by Councilmember Adrienne K. Wooten.

Roll Call:

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

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

Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson

Motion Adopted

66-2023 An ordinance of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township to approve a tax exemption for a twenty-three year (23) period and authorizing the execution of a financial agreement for payments in lieu of taxes between the City and VA 100 Urban Renewal, LLC.

Residents who expressed their concerns: Rachel Tennant, Devon Livingston, James H. Ward, III, Zonasha Ward, Aisha Samuel, Leonor Young, Maggie Filocsaint, and Michael Jean Baptiste.

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 66-2023 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, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

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

Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson

Motion Adopted

67-2023 A bond ordinance providing for various acquisitions and improvements to the City's water and sewer system, by and in the City of Orange Township, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey; appropriating \$5,000,000 therefor and authorizing the issuance of \$5,000,000 bonds or notes of the water and sewer utility of the City to finance the costs thereof and repealing and replacing Bond Ordinance Number 57-2023 finally adopted October 3, 2023.

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 67-2023 was made by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross and seconded by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley.

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. 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

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson

Motion Adopted: *Final Reading, December 5, 2023*

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-At-Large Adrienne Wooten)

A motion to adopt Ordinance 70-2023 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. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Clifford R. Ross, Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert

Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson

Motion Adopted: *Final Reading, December 5, 2023*

71-2023 An ordinance to amend and supplement the Municipal Code of the City of Orange Township as Chapter 121 Entitled “Driving School”. (Submitted by Councilmember-At-Large Adrienne Wooten & South Ward Councilmember Jamie Summers-Johnson)

A motion to adopt Ordinance 71-2023 on First Reading 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: *Final Reading, December 5, 2023*

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 adopt Ordinance 72-2023 on First Reading 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. Clifford R. Ross, Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: None

Abstain: Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III

Absent: Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson

Motion Adopted: *Final Reading, December 5, 2023*

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.

A motion to withdraw Ordinance 73-2023 was made by Council President Tency A. Eason 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: *Withdrawn*

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 * 432-2023 THROUGH *456-2023

- *432-2023** A resolution recognizing Diabetes Month in the City of Orange Township (Submitted by Councilmember-At-Large Adrienne Wooten)
- *433-2023** A resolution recognizing December 10, 2023 as Human Rights Day in the City of Orange Township (Submitted by Councilmember-At-Large Adrienne Wooten)
- *434-2023** A resolution recognizing November 2023 as Alzheimer's Disease Month in the City of Orange Township (Submitted by Councilmember-At-Large Adrienne Wooten)
- *435-2023** A resolution recognizing November 10 as National Civic Pride Day in the City of Orange Township (Submitted by Councilmember-At-Large Adrienne Wooten)
- *436-2023** A resolution reappointing Emanuel Klein as a Landlord Representative to the Rent Leveling Board in the City of Orange Township, New Jersey. (Sponsored By Council Member Tency A. Eason)
- *437-3023** A resolution reappointing Carl Fields, Jr. as a Citizen Member to the Public Works Committee of the City of Orange Township (Sponsored by Council Member Tency A. Eason)
- *438-2023** A resolution to amend Resolution 19-2023 entitled "A Resolution Authorizing the award of a contract to Storage Engine, Inc., on Sheila Drive Building 6-a, Tinton Falls, NJ 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 \$25,000.00 from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023 under the Dell State contract NJ 20-TWLW-01510 (T3121) Tier 3" to increase the do not exceed amount to \$35,013.99 and to authorize the execution of an amended contract.
- *439-2023** A resolution certifying compliance with the Directive of the Division of Local Government Services, Regarding the annual Audit for the Calendar Year 2022.
- *440-2023** A resolution authorizing approval to amend the CY 2023 Municipal Budget by inserting items of revenue and appropriations totaling \$1,124,365.00 in additional grant funding.
- *441-2023** A resolution authorizing the tax collector to refund Jewel Crenshaw for overpayment of water/sewer made on Block 5302, Lot 15 also known as 259 Roberts Road in the amount of \$176.87.

- *442-2023** A resolution to accept funds from the New Jersey Department of Health, Office of Local Public Health (OLPH) for the 2024 Strengthening Local Public Health Capacity Program Grant
- *447-2023** A resolution amending Resolution 199-2023 entitled "A Resolution authorizing Change Order No. 1 to modify the contract for the project known as the Military Park Rehabilitation to S. Batata Construction, Inc., 238 Ernston Road, Suite 1R, Parlin, New Jersey 08859 in the amount not to exceed \$60,000.00" for the purpose of reallocating the funds available for the project to proper accounts.
- *448-2023** A resolution authorizing the acceptance of Community Block Grant Funds for the Program year 2023.
- *449-2023** A resolution authorizing and ratifying an agreement with Shauger Property Services, Inc., 429 Dodd Street, East Orange, New Jersey 07017 for water/sewer connections and/or disconnections commencing January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 with all fees paid exclusively through escrowed funds.
- *450-2023** A resolution authorizing and ratifying an agreement with J. Fletcher & Son, Inc., 101 East Broadway, Hackensack, New Jersey 07601 for water/sewer connections and/or disconnections commencing January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 with all fees paid exclusively through escrowed funds.
- *451-2023** A resolution authorizing the awarding of a contract for the Central Avenue Spray Park Improvements to Picerno Giordano Construction, LLC, 200 Market Street, Kenilworth, New Jersey 07033 in the amount not to exceed \$335,000.00.
- *452-2023** A resolution awarding a contract to procure firefighter equipment from Firefighter One, 34 Wilson Drive, Sparta Township, New Jersey 07871 using State Contract 17-Fleet-00807 not to exceed \$116,136.75.
- *454-2023** A resolution authorizing the award of a contract to IPS Group, 7737 Kenmar Court, San Diego, CA 92121 to purchase parking meters parts, materials and supplies under the Omnia Partners Cooperative in an amount not to exceed \$80,000.00.
- *455-2023** A resolution for the transfer of appropriations.
- *456-2023** A resolution approving the bill list for Council meeting vote on November 08, 2023 dated November 01, 2023 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95. (Grand Total: \$5,944,686.87)

A motion to adopt the Consent Agenda 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. 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

***444-2023 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 (a) not to exceed \$6,650,000 General Obligation Notes, Series 2023b (Tax-Exempt) consisting of \$5,800,000 Bond Anticipation Notes, Series 2023 and \$850,000 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 (Amended)**

The amendment is changing the existing \$450,000 of redevelopment bond anticipation notes to \$850,000 of bond redevelopment anticipation notes. The amendment is in the title, 4th whereas clause and section two.

A motion to adopt the Resolution 444-2023 (Amended) was made by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley and seconded by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert

Absent: Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson

Motion Adopted

***446-2023 Resolution designating Viza 523 LLC as conditional redeveloper for Block 4007, Lot 1 and Block 4009, Lot 1.01.**

A motion to adopt the Resolution 446-2023 was made by Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert and seconded by Council President Tency A. Eason.

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, and Hon. Clifford R. Ross

Abstain: Hon. Weldon M. Montague

Absent: Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson

Motion Failed

***453-2023 A resolution appointing Theresa Pollard, Esq. as Judge of the Orange Municipal Court.**

A motion to adopt the Consent Agenda 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. Adrienne K. Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson

Motion Adopted

POSTPONED RESOLUTIONS

***397-2023** A resolution declaring an emergency and ratifying a contract between the City of Orange Township and Shauger Property Services, Inc., 429 Dodd Street, East Orange, New Jersey 07017 for emergency main water and sewer replacements on Thomas Street (between Burnside Street and Carroll Street) in the amount not to exceed \$1,679,416.95.
(Postponed from the October 3, 2023 Municipal Council Meeting)

A motion to adopt the Resolution 397-2023 was made by Council President Tency A. Eason and seconded by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley.

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 Adopted

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 Councilmember Kerry J. Coley and seconded by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III.


Motion adopted

The meeting was adjourned at 10:26pm.

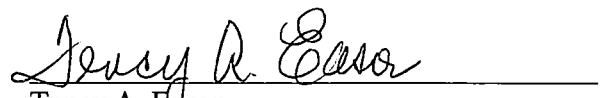
PUBLIC NOTICE

The next City Council Conference and Regular Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 21, 2023 virtually at 7:00 p.m.

Approved: January 2, 2024



Joyce L. Lanier
City Clerk



Tency A. Eason
Council President