

## MINUTES CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP

NEW JERSEY

**THIS IS A CONFERENCE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP HELD VIA AUDIO-VIDEO CONFERENCING TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2024, AT 7:01PM.**

### 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  
Council President Tency A. Eason, North Ward

**Also Present:** Chris M. Hartwyk, Business Administrator  
Laquana Best, Planning Director  
Derrick Brown, Fire Chief  
Nile Clements, Chief Financial Officer (*Arrived at 7:04pm*)  
Vincent DeFilippo, Health Officer  
Paula Ferreira, Tax Collector  
Aaron Mizrahi, Esq., Deputy 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:** Councilmember Adrienne K. Wooten, At-Large  
Joyce Lanier, City Clerk  
Marty Mayes, Public Works Director  
Gracia R. Montilus, Esq., City Attorney  
Avram D. White, Esq., Deputy City Attorney  
Tamara Robinson, Deputy City Clerk  
Gabrielle Sims-Shelton, City Clerk's Office

The City Clerk's Office announced a Moment of Silence.

The City Clerk announced a "SPECIAL NOTICE: Please be apprised anyone wishing to discuss Agenda or General Items shall email their statements or questions to [citizencomments@orangenj.gov](mailto:citizencomments@orangenj.gov) no later than 7:00 p.m. the day prior to the scheduled public meeting. The City Council reserves the right to respond or not respond during the meeting to any citizen's submission."

The City Clerk announced the requirements of N.J.S.A. 10:4-9 et. seq., "Sunshine Law" has been met. A notice of this meeting was sent to the Star Ledger, published in the Record Transcript on July 13, 2023, posted on the Bulletin Board in City Hall, the Council's Website ([www.orangetwpnjcc.org](http://www.orangetwpnjcc.org)), the City's Website ([www.orangenj.gov](http://www.orangenj.gov)) and filed in the Office of the City Clerk.

**MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION**

- Health Update

Health Officer Vincent DeFillipo gave a short update on Covid as the number of cases for the state and the city are down. Long term care facilities in the state of New Jersey reported 678 cases amongst the residents and 231 cases amongst staff members. The number of Bird Flu cases are increasing and the number of animals contracting it has increased as well. Mexico and Texas has been labeled one of the root causes. There is a Monkey Pox vaccine program taking place at 199 Fairview Avenue, Cedar Grove, NJ on May 30, 2024 from 1pm -5pm. There is a new strand of Covid, Flirt, KP-2 which accounts for one in every four cases. Residents should keep grass trimmed as this is tick season. Councilmember Kerry J. Coley inquired about stores that are selling vape products and asked the Health Officer to investigate the stores to ensure that they are in compliance with the age statue.

Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk spoke to legislation on the agenda and a bid rejection that Council President Tency A. Eason asked him to address.

**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)*

*Council President Tency A. Eason stated this Ordinance will remain tabled.*

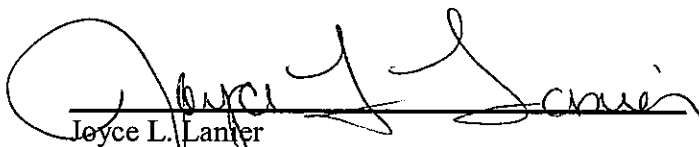
**13-2024** An ordinance of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, amending Chapter 210 of the City of Orange Township Municipal Code, entitled "Development Regulations" to revise the definition of "Retail Sales" to include "Personal Service Establishments" *(Tabled at the April 16, 2024 Council Meeting)*


*Council President Tency A. Eason stated this Ordinance will remain tabled.*

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 7:13 pm.

Approved: June 5, 2024

  
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 Joyce L. Lanter  
 City Clerk

  
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 Tency A. Eason  
 Council President