

# MINUTES CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP

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THIS IS A CONFERENCE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP HELD VIA AUDIO-VIDEO CONFERENCING TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2024, AT 7:02PM.

## Roll Call:

**Present:** Councilmember Kerry J. Coley, East Ward  
Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert, West Ward (*Arrived at 7:03pm*)  
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:** Joyce Lanier, City Clerk  
Chris M. Hartwyk, Business Administrator  
Laquana Best, Planning Director (*Arrived at 7:42pm*)  
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 7:12pm*)  
Chris Murray, Tax Assessor  
Marlin G. Townes, Legislative Research Officer  
Vincent Vitiello, Police Chief  
Avram D. White, Esq. Deputy City Clerk (*Arrived at 7:13pm*)  
Tamara Robinson, Deputy City Clerk (*Arrived at 7:15pm*)  
Margaret Homere, City Clerk's Office  
Trisha Scipio, City Clerk's Office

**Absent:** Councilmember Adrienne K. Wooten, At-Large  
Gracia R. Montilus, Esq., City Attorney  
Wendy M. Sykes, Director of Community Services  
Gabrielle Sims-Shelton, City Clerk's Office

The City Clerk announced a Moment of Silence. The moment was dedicated to our nation and our municipalities.

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**

- Essex County Presentation – Orange Park Senior Community House
  - Reginald Bledsoe – County Liaison
  - Daniel K. Salvante – County Director of Department of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs
  - Allison Sroka – AIA, NCARA, Principal Di Care, Rubino Architects
  - Sanjeev Varghese – County Engineer/Director, County Department of Public Works

County Executive, Joseph D. DiVincenzo stated this will be the 9<sup>th</sup> Senior Community House built in the County. The concerns with the Central and Oakwood Avenue entrance is being taken into consideration. Daniel Salvante introduced all assembled with the team and explained they were present to discuss the Orange Park Community House. Allison Sroka shared her screen and displayed a Power Point presentation choosing the northern part of the Orange Park at the parking lot to show where the building would be built. She shared the proposed design and did a walk-through of the outside and inside of the building which included a small police sub-station. The existing fields will be redone during this process as well and the parking will be removed and made green. The anticipated date to begin is August 1<sup>st</sup> with an anticipated completion of 9 months. The parking lot will accommodate 42 vehicles. Sidewalks will be redone and there will be a covered patio. Council President Tency A. Eason requested a few Cherry Blossoms and cleaning this week. This will be a Community Center not a Senior Center. Councilmembers were pleased and anticipating the completion of this project. They gave suggestions to add to the plans. Mayor Dwayne D. Warren, Esq. gave comments about a larger capacity of the building.

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.

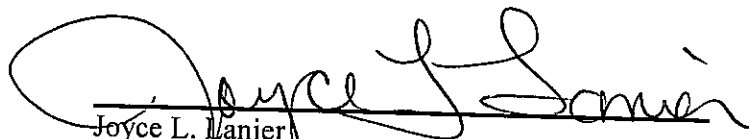
Business Administrator Chris Hartywk and Council President Tency A. Eason discussed concerns that were addressed in the Finance Meeting. There will be two Walk-Ons.

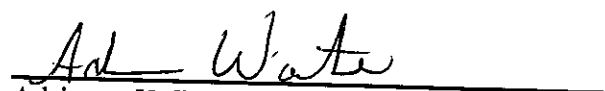
Health Officer Vincent DeFillipo gave a short update on Covid-19 as numbers are going down. The CDC just changed standards and it will be called Covid Flu. There are a large number of unvaccinated children.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley and seconded by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.

Approved: August 7, 2024

  
 Joyce L. Lanier  
 City Clerk

  
 Adrienne K. Wooten  
 Council President