

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, MARCH 5, 2024 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 Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, South Ward
Councilmember Adrienne K. Wooten, At-Large (*Arrived at 7:53pm*)
Council President Tency A. Eason, North Ward

Also Present: Joyce 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
Paula Ferreira, Tax Collector
Marty Mayes, Public Works Director
Aaron Mizrahi, Esq., Deputy City Attorney
Chris Murray, Tax Assessor
Marlin G. Townes, Legislative Research Officer
Vincent Vitiello, Police Chief
Avram D. White, Esq., Deputy Clerk
Tamara Robinson, Deputy City Clerk
Margaret Homere, City Clerk's Office
Trisha Scipio, City Clerk's Office

Absent: Gracia R. Montilus, Esq., City Attorney
Wendy M. Sykes, Director of Community Services
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), the City's website (www.orangenj.gov) and filed in the Office of the City Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

There were no Meeting Minutes to approve.

REPORTS

There were no Department Monthly Revenue Collections to report.

CONSTABLE REPORTS

There were no Constable reports.

OPRA REPORTS

There were no OPRA reports.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Council President directs Clerk to file reports.

Planning Department

Director Laquana Best stated there was a groundbreaking at 475. Two projects, 606 Freeman and 394-416 Highland Avenue will have ribbon cutting soon as they recently had a walkthrough with Councilmembers. There are eight new businesses in the city which will be listed on the website. Councilmember Hilbert inquired about vacant property list which will be discussed in the future. She also inquired about the YMCA which resolutions will be presented at upcoming Council Meetings. The building is closed and not a polling station and demolition will begin in the spring.

Fire Department

Fire Chief Derrick Brown stated the department just received the American Rescue Fire Fighter grant today for \$75,000 which will be used for equipment. He spoke about the ROTC program and stated the city is safe on the fire side and he is also looking into the purchase of Fire Blankets.

Finance

CFO Nile Clements stated the Finance Department had a few Resolutions on tonight's agenda that concerned his department. Transfer of Appropriations Reserves, Temporary Budget Resolution adding grant funds, and the Bill list which is high because the Board of Education levy and taxes to the county.

Tax Collector

Director Paula Ferreira stated the PD5's were due on March 1st and they have until May 1st with a doctor's note.

Department of Public Works

Director Marty Mayes stated there will be a Shredding Event on Saturday, April 6th from 9am-12noon at City Hall. Spring projects are in the beginning and planning phase.

Tax Assessor

Director Chris Murray stated updated tax maps are now available and will be posted on the website.

Police Department

Police Chief Vincent Vitiello stated the ROTC inspection ceremony went very well. The city of Orange Township students are extraordinary. He spoke of meeting Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson's father as he served our country. Chief Vitiello gave a report on car thefts and how the department is working to reduce crime. March 14th is the next PCC Meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

A virtual public hearing will be held on March 13, 2024 by the New Jersey-American Water Company, Inc. regarding the Company's petition for recovery of regulatory assets established for incremental COVID-19 related expenses. Additional details and instructions for dialing into the meeting are available with the Clerk's Office or by visiting the New Jersey-American Water Company website: <https://amwater.com/njaw/customer-service-billing/your-water-and-wastewater-rates>.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON GENERAL ISSUES/AGENDA ITEMS

The City Clerk announced a "SPECIAL NOTICE: Please be advised that members of the public wishing to orally address the Council on any subject matter shall be permitted to do so during this portion of the meeting by indicating a "raised hand" at this time. When called upon by the Council President, each speaker must enable his/her camera and microphone, and state his/her name and street address before proceeding further. Those unable to activate a camera feed may still be permitted to speak at the Council President's discretion.

To facilitate maximum public involvement and maintain order, each speaker will have one 5-minute period to interact orally with the Council. Screen-sharing or visual aids will not be permitted. Written comments submitted in advance of this meeting were forwarded to all Council Members, published on the City's website, and will be appended to final approved minutes – they will not be read aloud, and anyone submitting a written statement will not be permitted to also speak at this meeting. The Council will consider all comments and questions, oral or written, and respond if and when appropriate, which may or may not be during this meeting.

Members of the public are reminded to be courteous and mindful of other individuals' rights when speaking. A Council meeting is not the proper venue to discuss personal matters or lodge complaints against specific City employees or private individuals who may have personal protections afforded them under State and/or Federal law. Therefore, each speaker should consider how his/her remarks may trigger those protections for anyone identified in or affected by them, and should be aware that they are legally responsible for their own statements. The City bears no liability for any comments made by any member of the public, and anyone repeatedly speaking out of turn or making comments that are disruptive, obscene or otherwise offensive in nature may be permanently removed from this meeting.

Aisha Samuel of 401 Highland Terraced expressed her concerns about the parking on her block and permit parking.

Rachel Tennant of 461 Waverly Place expressed her concern with her communications about PSE&G work with Director Mayes and Business Administrator Hartywk. She inquired about Community reinvestment and was please with the presentation made by the County.

William Hathaway of 232 Lincoln Avenue expressed his pleasure with the work being done in the city.

There were no Citizen Comments received by e-mail.

A motion to close Citizens Comments was made by Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson and seconded by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross.

Motion Adopted

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Kerry J. Coley inquired about easements and Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk addressed some of his concerns.

Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert thanked those who attended the Reynolds Terrace event, and there will be a follow-up event on March 28th. She asked all to pay attention to Ordinance 2-2024, she requested that it be posted on the electronic sign if the ordinance is passed. She gave congratulations to the Police Department on the event honoring the first Black Police Chief.

Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III spoke about the Park Avenue School traffic issues. March 25th, 12 noon at the City of Orange Public Library, Mayor Warren and City Councilmembers will host a book signing for Natasha Alford, as the city is celebrating Women's History Month. He also inquired about the Day Street signage which Director Mayes is looking into.

Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross stated he is looking forward to adopting the budget in a timely manner. He is excited about forward movement in the city. Daylight Savings time is this Saturday.

Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson gave thanks to the Police Department, requested a robo call from DPW concerning the trash bags on the curb, shared her pleasure with the electric sign on Heywood, and expressed her displeasure with the school drop-off.

Council President Tency A. Eason stated St Matthew will host free mammograms on March 17th from 8am-2pm, call 973-678-1217 for more information. Motor Vehicle will come to Orange this year on August 21st, September 19th and October 21st from 10-2pm at St Matthew AME.

Councilmember Adrienne K. Wooten expressed her pleasure with the event for Director Corbet and thanked the Police Chief for the ticketing on Hampton. She expressed concerns about city streets being torn up.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion Adopted: *Postponed*

2-2024 An ordinance to amend Chapter §200-32 and Chapter §200-38 of the City Of Orange Township Code (Frankfort Street)

A motion to close Citizens Comments was made by Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson and seconded by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III.

Motion Adopted

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2-2024 was made by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross and seconded by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III.

A motion to table 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: **Tabled**

- 4-2024 **An ordinance of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township, Essex County, New Jersey, amending Chapter 88 of the Municipal Code of the City of Orange Township, entitled “Fees” to include an application fee for an application for a “Certificate of Smoke Alarm, Carbon Monoxide Alarm and Portable Fire Extinguisher Compliance” as required by N.J.A.C. 5:70-2.3.**

A motion to close Citizens Comments was made by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III and seconded by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross.

Motion Adopted

A motion to adopt Ordinance 4-2024 was made by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross 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

ORDINANCES – INTRODUCTION | FIRST READING

There were no Ordinances on Introduction | First Reading.

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 *126-2024 THROUGH *156-2024

- *126-2024 **A resolution recognizing and celebrating Jennifer Inamagua for her progression to the Poetry Out Loud Region 5. (Sponsored by Councilmember Wooten & the Municipal Council)**
- *127-2024 **A resolution recognizing Gail Fischer, Orange native, for her many accomplishments during Women’s History Month. (Sponsored by Councilmember Wooten & the Municipal Council)**
- *128-2024 **A resolution recognizing March 2024 as Women’s History Month in the City of Orange Township. (Sponsored by Councilmember Wooten)**
- *129-2024 **A resolution for the transfer of appropriation reserves.**
- *130-2024 **A resolution for emergency temporary appropriations #3 to the Calendar Year 2024 Budget.**
- *131-2024 **A resolution authorizing the Tax Collector to participate in an electronic tax sale with NJ Tax Lien Investors/Real Auction.**
- *132-2024 **A resolution authorizing the Tax Collector to do an accelerated tax sale for all properties delinquent as of November 11, 2024.**
- *133-2024 **A resolution waiving the twenty (20) day period on the effective date of Ordinance Number 4-2024.**
- *134-2024 **A resolution to accept grant funds from the New Jersey Department of Corrections in the amount of \$100,000 for the FY23 New Jersey Local, Empowered, Accountable and Determined (NJLEAD) Reentry Initiative, Category A: Reintegration Service Coordination under Urban Communities in New Jersey.**
- *135-2024 **A resolution for the approval to acquire the service to maintain the lights and radios for the police vehicles under the New Jersey State Contract #83898 for the City of Orange Township Police Department from Northeast Communications, 244 East Union Turnpike, Wharton, New Jersey 07885 in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00.**

- *136-2024 A resolution authorizing a contract with Cintas Corporation No. 2, P.O. Box 625737, Cincinnati, Ohio 45262-5737 to provide janitorial materials and supplies for all Municipal buildings through the Omnia Partners Co-Op#3702-22-4618 commencing January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 in the amount not to exceed \$40,000.00.
- *137-2024 A resolution authorizing a contract with Cintas Corporation No. 2, Cintas Fire Protection, 1705 U.S. Highway 46, Unit 8, Ledgewood, New Jersey 07852 to provide fire alarm monitoring, fire extinguisher inspections, materials and supplies for all Municipal buildings through the Interlocal Purchasing Systems (TIPS) contract #210304 commencing January 1, 2024 through July 31, 2024 in the amount not to exceed \$90,000.00.
- *138-2024 A resolution authorizing a contract to Otis Elevator Company, 105 Fairfield Road, New Jersey 07004 to provide elevator service and maintenance at the Polhill Law & Justice Complex and City Hall under the Omnia Partners Cooperative Pricing Council Contract #000289-APR2018 commencing January 1, 2024 through September 30, 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$45,000.00.
- *139-2024 A resolution authorizing Remington & Vernick Engineers, 2059 Springdale Road, Cherry Hill, New Jersey 08003 to provide professional engineering services as a Municipal Engineer for one (1) year commencing January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$80,000.00 with additional fees paid separately from the Budget and received from an escrow account established and solely funded by applicants for specific projects.
- *140-2024 A resolution awarding a contract to Newark Asphalt Corp., Foot of Passaic Street, Newark, New Jersey 07104, for supplying asphalt pavement and stone dust for one (1) year commencing January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 in the amount not to exceed \$30,000.00.
- *141-2024 A resolution awarding a contract to Nature's Choice Corp., 1106 Millstone River Road, Hillsborough, New Jersey 08844 for yard waste disposal services for one (1) year commencing January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 in the amount not to exceed \$111,212.50.
- *142-2024 A resolution awarding a contract to Magic Touch Construction Co. Inc., 59 West Front Street, Keyport, New Jersey 07735 for plumbing services to all Municipal owned buildings for two (2) years commencing January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025 in the amount not to exceed \$99,512.00 per year.
- *143-2024 A resolution authorizing Mott MacDonald, 111 Wood Avenue South, Iselin, New Jersey 08830 to provide professional engineering services to support the Water Utility commencing January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.00.
- *144-2024 A resolution authorizing Mott MacDonald, 111 Wood Avenue South, Iselin, New Jersey 08830 to provide professional engineering services for the 2024 Lead Service Line Replacement Program in an amount not exceed \$176,700.00.
- *145-2024 A resolution authorizing the purchase of traffic signage materials and accessories for the Department of Public Works through the Morris County Cooperative Pricing System #28 from National Highway Products, Inc., 31 Riverside Drive, Millville, New Jersey 08332 commencing January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 in the amount not to exceed \$50,000.00.
- *146-2024 A resolution authorizing the award of a non-fair and open contract to Hatfield Schwartz LLC, to represent Police Officer L. Worthen Barnes in the matter "Yanley Sandy v. Township of Orange, L. Worthen Barnes, Imbert Walker, John Does (1-10 (Fictitious Defendants)) Docket No. ESX-L-2274-17 in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00 for Calendar Year 2024.
- *147-2024 A resolution authorizing the award of a non-fair and open contract to Hatfield Schwartz LLC, to represent the City of Orange Township in the matter "Deborah Upchurch v. Inservo Insurance Company, et al.," Docket No. ESX-L-6471-22 in an amount not to exceed in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00 for Calendar Year 2024.
- *148-2024 A resolution authorizing the award of a non-fair and open contract to Hatfield Schwartz LLC, to represent the City of Orange Township in the matter, "Steven Campione and Amy Campione v. City of Orange Township, et al.," Docket No. ESX-L-7349-18 and "City of Orange Township v. Steven Campione and Amy Campione" Docket No. ESX-L-6795-18 in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00 for Calendar Year 2024.
- *149-2024 A resolution authorizing the award of a non-fair and open contract to Hatfield Schwartz LLC, to represent the City of Orange Township in the matter, "Tyshammie L. Cooper a/k/a Tyshammie Cooper Delisle v. City of Orange Township, mayor Dwayne D. Warren, Louis Copeland, et al" Docket No. ESX-L-006733-21 in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 for Calendar Year 2024.

- *150-2024 A resolution authorizing the services of Marco Di Stefano, LLC, to represent the City of Orange Township in the matter, “492 Conover Terrace, LLC v. City of Orange Planning Board, City of Orange Township, City of Orange Township City Council, XYZ Government Agencies (1-10), John Does (1-10)” Docket No. ESX-L-006900-23 in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 for Calendar year 2024.
- *151-2024 A resolution appointing the law firm of Dilworth & Paxson, LLP to provide special redevelopment counsel services for CY 2024 January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 not to exceed \$50,000.00 with additional fees paid separately from the Budget and received from an escrow account established and solely funded by applicants for specific projects.
- *152-2024 A resolution authorizing renewal of the agreement with The Antoine Law Firms, LLC as counsel to represent Police Officer Joshua Anderson, Police Officer Taal Harris, Police Officer Palmieri, Police Officer Richard Rosamilia and Police Officer Ryan McKay in the matter of “Nicholas Victoria v. Joshua Anderson, et al” Docket No. 2:23-CV-03765 in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 for Calendar Year 2024.
- *153-2024 A resolution authorizing a professional services agreement with Friend & Wenzel LLC to provide legal services to the City of Orange Township Planning Board for a period beginning January 1, 2024 and continuing through December 31, 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$7,500.00 with additional fees paid separately from the Budget and received from establishing an escrow account that will be solely funded by developers pertaining to their specific projects.
- *154-2024 A resolution of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, authorizing a refund of \$26,245.00 in excess fees paid by Freeman Orange Holdings LLC with respect to construction permits and related certificates issued for 606 Freeman Street, Block 5002, Lot 4, Orange, New Jersey.
- *156-2024 A resolution authorizing a professional services agreement with CP Professional Services to provide to engineering services to the City of orange Township Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment for a period beginning January 1, 2024 and continuing through December 31, 2024 with all fees paid exclusively through escrowed funds.

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. 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

- *155-2024 A resolution approving the Bill List for Council Meeting vote on March 5, 2024 dated February 28, 2024 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95. (Grand Total: \$15,847,854.03)

A motion to adopt Resolution 155-2024 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. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

Nays: None

Abstain: Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten

Absent: None

Motion Adopted

POSTPONED RESOLUTIONS

There were no Postponed Resolutions.

NEW BUSINESS AND WALK-ON ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

157-2024(WO) A resolution authorizing a contract with Proshred Security for records shredding services in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 for the Calendar Year 2024.

158-2024(WO) A resolution amending resolution 82-2023 for the purpose of increasing the amount authorized to purchase supplies, services and accessories from CDW-G via Shi International under State Contract #081419 for the time period January 1, 2023 through and including December 31, 2024 from the original authorized amount "not to exceed \$20,429.10" to an amended authorized amount "not to exceed \$42,560.20"

A motion to Walk-On Resolutions 157-2024(WO) and 158-2024(WO) was made by Councilmember Adrienne K. Wooten 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

A motion to close Citizens Comments was made by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross and seconded by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III.

Motion Adopted.

157-2024(WO) A resolution authorizing a contract with Proshred Security for records shredding services in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 for the Calendar Year 2024.

A motion to adopt Resolution 157-2024(WO) 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

158-2024(WO) A resolution amending resolution 82-2023 for the purpose of increasing the amount authorized to purchase supplies, services and accessories from CDW-G via Shi International under State Contract #081419 for the time period January 1, 2023 through and including December 31, 2024 from the original authorized amount "not to exceed \$20,429.10" to an amended authorized amount "not to exceed \$42,560.20"

A motion to adopt Resolution 158-2024(WO) 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. 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

OTHER PENDING BUSINESS

There was no Pending Business.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III and seconded by Councilmember Jamie B. Summers Johnson.


Motion adopted

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03pm.

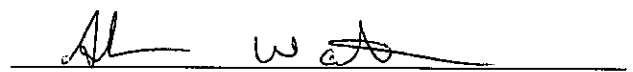
PUBLIC NOTICE

The next City Council Conference and Regular Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 19, 2024 virtually at 7:00 p.m.

Approved: August 7, 2024



Joyce L. Lanier
City Clerk



Adrienne K. Wooten
Council President