

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 AT CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP CITY HALL, 29 NORTH DAY STREET, COUNCIL CHAMBERS, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2024, AT 7:02PM.

Roll Call:

Present: Councilmember Kerry J. Coley, East Ward
Council Vice President Tency A. Eason, North 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 Adrienne K. Wooten, At-Large

Also Present: Joyce Lanier, City Clerk
Chris M. Hartwyk, Business Administrator
Derrick Brown, Fire Chief
Aaron Mizrahi, Esq., Deputy City Attorney
Marlin G. Townes, Legislative Research Officer
Vincent Vitiello, Police Chief
Tamara Robinson, Deputy City Clerk
Trisha Scipio, City Clerk's Office

Absent: Gracia R. Montilus, Esq., City Attorney
Margarette Homere, City Clerk's Office

The City Clerk announced a Moment of Silence dedicated to City of Orange Township employee Elroy Corbitt on the passing of his mother.

The City Clerk announced a "SPECIAL NOTICE: Please be apprised anyone wishing to discuss Agenda or General Items shall sign their name on the Comments Sign-Up sheet and will be allowed a maximum of five (5) minutes to interact with the Council.

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 11, 2024, 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

Deputy City Attorney Aaron Mizrahi spoke about heavy equipment parking. Overnight Commercial parking is prohibited in the City of Orange Township and the Police Department will be enforcing this more strictly. He spoke to what is a commercial vehicle. He addressed Daniel's Law, how it came about and who is protected under this law. There are measures being taken to ensure those protected under Daniel's Law are in fact protected. Those protected under Daniel's Law can request there information be redacted from the record.

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING**28-2024 An ordinance amending Chapter 200.10.2 entitled Residential Permit Parking Zone A, Permit Parking Hours on Oakwood Avenue between Central Avenue and Parrow Street. (Sponsored by Councilmember Wooten)**

Councilmember Kerry J. Coley stated it would be better to stop this at Wilson Place instead of Parrow Street as to not interfere with parking near the school. Council President Adrienne K. Wooten stated she wants to take this off the table for a vote. Council Vice President Tency A. Eason stated this was supposed to be amended to Wilson Place taking out Parrow Street. This will be lifted from the table and amended on the floor (from Parrow Street to Wilson Place).

32-2024 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 Redevelopment Plan*, implementing specific development regulations and bulk zoning standards applicable to 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 postponed until the second meeting in October to address some questions from Councilmembers. It will return on Second Reading.

34-2024 An ordinance to amend and supplement the Code of the City of Orange Township Chapter 200, Article II entitled “Parking” to regulate parking of boats (Sponsored by Councilmembers Eason & Ross)

Councilmembers Clifford R. Ross inquired how to make amendments to this ordinance and bring it back. Because of the proposed fine increase this cannot be amended in the same matter as 28-2024. The Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk stated this ordinance should be postponed.

ORDINANCES – INTRODUCTION | FIRST READING

There were no discussions concerning Ordinances on First Reading.

RESOLUTIONS NO *385-2024 THROUGH *412-2024***392-2024 A resolution appointing Carol Perkins to the standing committee on the Budget and Finance Committee. (Sponsored by Councilmember Wooten)**

Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert expressed concerns about this appointment as she had previously appointed this resident. Council President Adrienne K. Wooten explained that as Councilmember-At-Large she did not have to stay in the confines of a particular ward when making appointments.

***395-2024 A resolution authorizing a pilot program to hold City Council meetings at locations other than the City Council Chambers to enhance community engagement, transparency, and accessibility. (Sponsored by Councilmember Wooten)**

Councilmember Kerry J. Coley wants to pull this resolution from the Consent agenda. Council President Adrienne K. Wooten explained this is a pilot program to conduct Council Meetings in each ward of the city. It is proposed to encourage the community to attend.

***400-2024 A resolution certifying that City of Orange Township Police Lieutenant Joegy Jacobs is disabled and unable to perform his regular and assigned duties.**

Council Vice President Tency A. Eason inquired if the body needs to go into Executive Session for this resolution. Deputy Attorney Aaron Mizrahi stated it only needs to go into Executive Session if Council members want to discuss details. Voting on this resolution does not need Executive Session.

***402-2024** A resolution amending Resolution 259-2024 entitled “A resolution authorizing the acceptance of the New Jersey Urban and Community Forestry Program” to include the required verbiage.

Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert inquired about the Shade Tree Commission which is still being discussed.

***404-2024** A resolution conditionally designating AEN URE, LLC as the redeveloper for the properties located at 258 Reock Street (Block 2804, Lot 5), 270 Reock Street (Block 2804, Lot 4), 274 Reock Street (Block 2804, Lot 3), 256 Reock Street (Block 3804, Lot 6), 61 South Center Street 9Block 2804, Lot 7), 263 Reock Street (Block 2803, Lot 2), 48 South Day Street (Block 2803, Lot 1), 259 Reock Street (Block 2803, Lot 3), and 45 South Center Street (Block 2803, Lot 4) located within the Reock Street Redevelopment Area and governed by the Reock Street Redevelopment Plan.

Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert inquired about details and Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk addressed her concerns.

***406-2024** A resolution rescinding Resolution #152-2024 adopted March 5, 2024 authorizing the services of 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.

Councilmember Clifford R. Ross inquired if Resolution 406-2024 and 407-2024 was a duplicate and Deputy City Attorney Aaron Mizrahi explained it was clerical issue and this is to make corrections.


***407-2024** A resolution authorizing renewal of the agreement with The Antoine Law Firms, LLC as 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.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilmember Clifford R. Ross and seconded by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III


Motion Adopted

The meeting was adjourned at 7:27pm.

Approved: September 17, 2024



 Joyce L. Lanier
 City Clerk



 Adrienne K. Wooten
 Council President