

MINUTES CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP
NEW JERSEY

THIS IS A SPECIAL MEETING TO HOLD A BUDGET HEARING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP HELD VIA AUDIO-VIDEO CONFERENCING ON THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 2024, 7:09PM.

Roll Call:

Present: Councilmember Kerry J. Coley, East Ward (*Arrived at 7:25pm*)
Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert, West Ward
Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III, At-Large (*Arrived at 7:14pm*)
Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross, At-Large
Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, South Ward
Councilmember Adrienne K. Wooten, At-Large
Council President Tency A. Eason, North Ward

Also Present: Joyce Lanier, City Clerk
Chris M. Hartwyk, Business Administrator
Nile Clements, Chief Financial Officer
Avram White, Esq., Deputy City Attorney
Blair Landolfi, Budget Consultant
Tamara Robinson, Deputy City Clerk
Margarette Homere, City Clerk's Office
Trisha Scipio, City Clerk's Office
Michael Hackett, C.J.M.C., Municipal Chief Judge
James Moss, Municipal Court Director
Tina Dhanwa, Municipal Court Administrator
Todd Warren, Police Director
Vincent Vitiello, Police Chief
Derrick Brown, Fire Chief
Michael Dawson, Fire Department
Carl Fields, Jr., 2024 CBAC Member
Marsha Escalliere, 2024 CBAC Member
Antoinett Hall, 2024 CBAC Member
Shara Morrow, 2024 CBAC Member
Carol Perkins, 2024 CBAC Member
Charles H. Pryor, II, 2024 CBAC Member
Coram Rimes, 2024 CBAC Member
Karen Jeffries Wells, 2024 CBAC Member

Absent: Gracia R. Montilus, Esq., City Attorney
Marlin G. Townes, Legislative Research Officer

The City Clerk announced a Moment of Silence.

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 Record Transcript, published in the Star Ledger on May 30, 2024, posted on 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

Calendar Year Budget 2024 - Budget Hearing

Chief Financial Officer Nile Clements opened the floor to the Court.

Municipal Court (refer to Tab 11 in the binder)

Chief Judge Michael Hackett stated there is a large back log since Covid began. There has been new judge and a new prosecutor appointed. The department has participated in a few mock trials. They are proud of the intern program as they have recruited top students.

There were no questions on page 123.

There were no questions on page 124.

Page 125

There was funds transferred out to cover other accounts.

Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III inquired about a salary increase which is will be adjusted.

Judge Hackett commended James Moss for being the first African American Court Director and Tina Dhanwa for being the youngest Court Administrator.

The CBAC had no formal questions or comments.

Police Department (Tab 8)

Police Director Todd Warren started by thanking all for the outpouring of love during the loss of his father. He listed the programs that have been implemented this year. Police Chief Vincent Vitiello thanked Council for funding the department and the different programs that they look forward to continuing and implementing.

Page 75 Councilmember Clifford R. Ross asked if there were any retirees which are indicated with a strikethrough on the graph.

Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert inquired about grants that paid for salaries which does not apply this year.

Page 76 There were no questions.

Page 77 There were no questions.

Page 78 There were no questions.

Page 79 Councilmember Clifford R. Ross inquired about the overtime which is cause by many factors. Councilmember Kerry J. Coley also inquired about anticipated overtime forecast which has an administrative adjustment.

Page 80 Councilmember Kerry J. Coley inquired about the parts vendor, this is for miscellaneous items not a part of the master lease agreement.

Page 81 Councilmember Kerry J. Coley inquired about a restaurant mentioned which is actually McDonalds

Page 82 There is a typo on this page – the Resolution Number. Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III required about body cam increase which is due to the increase in OPRA requests.

Page 83 Council President Tency A. Eason and Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross inquired why no increase on contractual services which the department is comfortable with this figure.

Page 84 Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross inquired why these line items are not on the Board of Education budget. Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk explained that this is an on-going conversation.

Page 85 Council President Tency A. Eason requested flashing lights on certain equipment. Council Quantavia L. Hilbert inquired about decibel readers which have been ordered and does not have it's on line in the budget.

Police Director thanked everyone for their time and asked for everyone to continue to work together

CBAC member Carl Fields, Jr. inquired about the administrative adjustment. CFO Nile Clements explained that there are two caps that the city must adhere to and that is reflected in the adjustment. CBAC member Charles H. Pryor, II inquired about staffing and making sure the city will not go over the budgeted amount. Police Chief is vigilant in keeping the numbers in budget according to the needs of the city. The department is very well trained and this is reflected in the city’s safety.

Page 87-93 were for the Fire Department and should be discarded.

Fire Department (Tab 8)

Fire Chief Derrick E. Brown and Michael Dawson presented for the Fire Department. He spoke of the drives sponsored by the department to promote community outreach. The Chief share his screen with a power point presentation to discuss:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Mission Statement | 8. Community Relations |
| 2. The Overview of the Department | 9. Fleet Management |
| 3. Organization Structure | 10. Budget Overview |
| 4. Manpower and Staffing | 11. Overtime Report |
| 5. Key Area of Responsibility | 12. Grants |
| 6. Training & Equipment Division | 13. 2023 Accomplishments |
| 7. Operations | |

- Page 95 There were no questions.
- Page 96 There were no questions.
- Page 97 The department is on pace with overtime.
- Page 98 There were no questions.
- Page 99 There were no questions.
- Page 100 There were two lines with Administrative Adjustments.
- Page 101 The travel allowance will be cut from the budget.

Fire Chief Brown gave thanks and stated it has been an honor to serve the city.

CBAC member Charles H. Pryor, II inquired about the number of Supervisors which was clarified. CBAC member Carol Perkins encouraged the department and gave accolades for a job well done and inquired about programs.

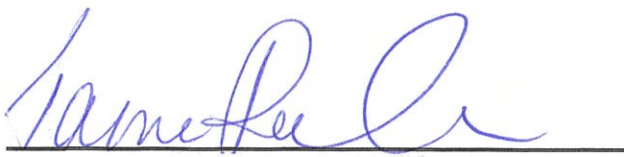
Council President Tency A. Eason thanked everyone including the 2024 CBAC.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III and seconded by Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert.

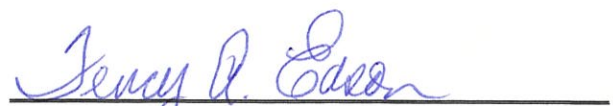
Motion Adopted

The meeting was adjourned at 8:44pm.

Approved: June 18, 2024



Tamara Robinson
Deputy City Clerk



Tency A. Eason
Council President