

**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, JUNE 5, 2024, AT 7:00PM.**

**Roll Call:**

**Present:** Councilmember Kerry J. Coley, East Ward  
Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III, At-Large  
Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross, At-Large  
Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, South Ward (*Arrived at 7:08pm*)  
Councilmember Adrienne K. Wooten, At-Large  
Council President Tency A. Eason, North Ward

**Also Present:** Joyce Lanier, City Clerk  
Chris M. Hartwyk, Business Administrator  
Derrick Brown, Fire Chief  
Nile Clements, Chief Financial Officer  
Vincent DeFilippo, Health Officer (*Arrived at 7:08pm*)  
Paula Ferreira, Tax Collector  
Marty Mayes, Public Works Director  
Aaron Mizrahi, Esq., Deputy City Attorney  
Wendy M. Sykes, Director of Community Services (*Arrived at 7:06pm*)  
Marlin G. Townes, Legislative Research Officer  
Vincent Vitiello, Police Chief  
Tamara Robinson, Deputy City Clerk  
Margarette Homere, City Clerk's Office  
Trisha Scipio, City Clerk's Office

**Absent:** Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert, West Ward  
Laquana Best, Planning Director  
Gracia R. Montilus, Esq., City Attorney  
Chris Murray, Tax Assessor  
Avram D. White, Esq., Deputy City Attorney

The City Clerk announced a Moment of Silence dedicated to the motorcyclist who lost their life on Route 78.

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**

The Health Officer was experiencing technical difficulties entering the zoom and was unable to give a report.

A motion to suspend the rules to hear from the County Liaison was made by Council President Tency A. Eason and seconded by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley.

**Motion Adopted**

County Liaison Reginald Bledsoe introduced Dr. Joseph P. Scarpelli (Mental Health Administrator for Essex County) to speak about Mental Health concerns. He gave a brief overview of services offered from his office. There are three screening centers in the county, Rutgers University Hospital, New Beth Israel Medical Center, and Clara Maas. He gave his number (973-571-2821) and advised the Councilmembers to call him with any presentations they want to present to the residents. Police Chief Vitiello stated the department is participating in the Arrive Program so the officers are trained to deescalate issues surrounding mental health.

**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 Council will take action and vote this ordinance down.*

**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.*

**21-2024** An ordinance to amend Chapter §200-32 and Chapter §200-38 of the City Of Orange Township Code (Frankford Street)

**22-2024** An ordinance to amend Chapter 200-33 of the City of Orange Township Code.

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

**ORDINANCES – INTRODUCTION | FIRST READING**

**27-2024** An ordinance amending 200-37 entitled Schedule VI Truck Exclusions, adding Section A entitled Restriction of Commercial Trucks School Zones.  
*(Sponsored by Councilmember Wooten)*

**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)*

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

**RESOLUTIONS NO \*302-2024 THROUGH \*314-2024**

**\*302-2024** A resolution authorizing the cancellation of Tax Sale Certificate #23-00180 on Block 703 Lot 10 also known as 391 High Street in addition to issuing a refund for all accrued interest, penalties and fess to Pro Cap 8, LLC in the amount of \$6,872.34.

**\*303-2024** A resolution authorizing the cancellation of Tax Sale Certificate #23-00153 on Block 1003 Lot 20 also known as 283 North Day Street in addition to issuing a refund for all accrued interest, premium and penalties to Greymorr LLC in the amount of \$3,284.29.

**\*304-2024** A resolution authorizing the refund of the premium in the amount of \$100.00 from cancelled Certificate #23-00172.

- \*305-2024 A resolution to enter into Memorandum of Agreement with Metropolitan YMCA of the Oranges for the co-facilitation of the 2024 Mayor’s Circle of Excellence Summer Camp not to exceed \$147,000.00.
- \*306-2024 A resolution extending the agreement between Lagniappe Louisiana Food Specialties Inc. and the City of Orange Township for Calendar Year 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$7,200.00.
- \*307-2024 A resolution awarding a contract to Firefighter One LLC, 34 Wilson Drive, Sparta, New Jersey 07871 for fire apparatus maintenance and repair services in an amount not to exceed \$65,000.00 for the period starting July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.
- \*308-2024 A resolution appointing Henry Thompson, a resident of Orange, New Jersey, as a Second Alternate Member to the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the City of Orange Township, New Jersey.
- \*309-2024 A resolution appointing Lynn A. Ogbourne, a resident of Orange, New Jersey, as a Third Alternate Member to the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the City of Orange Township, New Jersey.
- \*310-2024 A resolution honoring the life and service of Theodora (Teddie) Henderson Gray.  
(Sponsored by Councilmember Wooten)
- \*311-2024 A resolution honoring Elder Abuse Awareness Day on June 15, 2024 in the City of Orange Township. (Sponsored by Councilmember Summers-Johnson)
- \*312-2024 A resolution supporting legislation S721, which strengthens the State’s threat response infrastructure by enhancing security requirements for large venues.  
(Sponsored by Councilmember Wooten)
- \*313-2024 A resolution approving the Bill List for Council meeting vote on June 5, 2024 dated May 29, 2024 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95. (Grand Total: \$2,804,767.99)
- \*314-2024 A resolution authorizing the submission of an application to the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities for the Community Energy Plan Implementation (CEPI) grant program for \$250,000.00.

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

**Motion Adopted**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:26pm.

Approved: June 18, 2024



Tamara Robinson  
Deputy City Clerk



Tency A. Eason  
Council President