

**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, JUNE 5, 2024 FOLLOWING THE CONFERENCE MEETING.**

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III.

**Roll Call:**

**Present:** Councilmember Kerry J. Coley, East Ward  
Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert, West Ward (*Arrived at 7:31pm*)  
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  
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  
Paula Ferreira, Tax Collector  
Marty Mayes, Public Works Director  
Aaron Mizrahi, Esq., Deputy City Attorney  
Chris Mobley, Deputy Planning Director  
Wendy M. Sykes, Director of Community Services  
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:** Laquana Best, Planning Director  
Vincent DeFilippo, Health Officer  
Gracia R. Montilus, Esq., City Attorney  
Chris Murray, Tax Assessor  
Avram D. White, Esq., Deputy City Attorney

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](http://www.orangetwpnjcc.org)), the City's website ([www.orangenj.gov](http://www.orangenj.gov)) and filed in the Office of the City Clerk.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

- **May 21, 2024 Conference Meeting Minutes** (*Councilmember Wooten was absent and should abstain.*)

A motion to adopt the Minutes from the May 21, 2024 Conference Meeting was made by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross and seconded by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III.

**Roll Call:**

**Yeas:** Hon. Kerry J. Coley, 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:** Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert

**Motion Adopted**

- **May 21, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes**

A motion to adopt the Minutes from the May 21, 2024 Regular Meeting was made by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross and seconded by Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson.

**Motion Adopted**

**REPORTS**

**DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REVENUE COLLECTION**

The Community Services Department reported \$56,887.08 for the month of April 2024.

**OPRA REPORTS**

There were no OPRA requests reported.

**COUNCIL REPORTS**

Council President directs Clerk to file reports.

**Planning Department**

Deputy Director Chris Mobley discussed a solar program to install solar charging stations to be used by the public and acquiring an electric vehicle. He discussed a shuttle program which the city has been awarded two buses. He discussed the report on the UEZ funds. The Deputy Director gave his phone number (973-952-6070) for residents who would like to volunteer for the Green Team. He spoke about rain gardens that will be installed in the city, ideally on Main Street.

**Fire Department**

Fire Chief Derrick Brown stated there was nothing to report on the fire side. He spoke about the JPSA orientation on July 1<sup>st</sup> and applications can be found the website. The program starts on July 8<sup>th</sup> for children 8-11.

**Finance**

CFO Nile Clements stated there is legislation from the Finance Department on tonight's agenda which concerns the Bill list and paying Poll Workers. Pay by phone is now available to pay water bills and there is a fee attached to it. The 2024 Budget Hearings begin tomorrow night.

**Tax Collector**

Director Paula Ferreira stated the city is holding an online tax sale for 2023 delinquent water and sewer on July 1<sup>st</sup>. The last day to pay is June 28<sup>th</sup> by certified funds only. Notices were mailed out this week.

**Department of Public Works**

Director Marty Mayes stated the city received a leafing out grant for \$850,000 from the DEP to restore trees. This comes with \$12,000 in education. The city received \$1.2 million in funding for Colgate Park. There was \$60K grant to remediate the Washington Street Station received. Central Park playground is under construction. Friday the city will go out to bid for Metcalf Park.

**Community Service**

Director Wendy M. Sykes stated there was a workshop for seniors regarding probates and wills, there will be a part two as it was very well attended. There will be a free Gospelfest in Monte Irvin Park on June 29<sup>th</sup> from 12-6pm. The Mayor's Circle of Excellence Summer Camp is now open for registration. The Camp is for ages 6-13 and will be held at Lincoln Avenue School, Mon. through Fri. 8:00-5:30pm from July 1<sup>st</sup> through August 16<sup>th</sup>. The Jazz and Food truck Festival will be held on July 20<sup>th</sup> 12:00-9:00pm at Monte Irvin Park. There will be a Father's Day event on June 13<sup>th</sup> 11am-2pm for seniors at the Upper Field House, 234 Lincoln Avenue. The six to nine program is being worked on for the fall.

**Police Department**

Police Chief Vincent Vitiello with a heavy heart announced that Mayor Warren and Police Director Warren's father passed away. He and the department sends condolences. The service will be held on Monday at St. Matthew AME. The department received a Click it or Ticket grant for \$7,000. There were 76 Motor vehicle stops and 85 summons. There was a walk out for Officer Cherry last Friday as he is now retired.

**COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS**

There were no Communications and Petitions.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS ON GENERAL ISSUES/AGENDA ITEMS**

The City Clerk announced a "SPECIAL NOTICE: Please be advised that members of the public wishing to address the Council on any subject shall be permitted to do so during this portion of the meeting by indicating a "raised hand" and activating their cameras at this time.

To allow maximum public involvement, each speaker will have one 5-minute period to interact with the Council, and must provide his/her name and street address prior to beginning his/her remarks. Screen-sharing or visual aids are not permitted.

Members of the public are reminded to be courteous and mindful of other individuals' rights when speaking. Each person has the right to speak on any subject and is responsible for any abuse of that right. The City bears no liability for any comments made by any member of the public, and reserves the right to remove any person engaging in obscene or disruptive conduct.

The Council will consider all comments and questions, and will respond if and when appropriate, which may or may not be during this meeting.

**Aisha Samuel of 401 Highland Terraced** expressed her concerns about the pool schedule, Highland Terrace resurfacing, tree issues in her backyard, the hospital site, parking issues.

**Volora Howell of 483 Mountain View Avenue** expressed concerns about sidewalks and the Tax Sales for water.

**Debbie Bryant of 456 Orange Road** expressed concerns about the Tax Sale for water and offered her services as a Notary, Public Adjuster and Realtor. She can be reached at 862-930-3786.

**Rachel Tennant of 461 Waverly Place** expressed her concerns about the Highland Train Station lease, the Tax Water Sale for water, the water bill mailing, and the street sign on Mountainview | Hillside. She commended the Police Department for the service during her last visit, especially Officers Parham, Anderson, and Jones who were lovely to her. The quality of life issues such as loud music is becoming more of a concern.

**Ebo Nkrumah of 711 South Center Street** expressed his concerns about civil rights.

**Alely St. Hilaire of 472 Alden Street** expressed concerns about mental health and the Police Department who came to her aide when her dog was attacked by two pit bulls. She inquired about the sprinklers in Ropes Park.

**Abisola Oshuntolu of 223 High Street** expressed her concerns about the mechanic shop on High Street, a parking sign on High Street, the relationship between city hall and the public library, the port-a-pottie for the pre-school students, and loud music.

**A Manuel Ortega Poir of 152 Heywood Avenue** expressed concerns about another residents comments which seemed to be directed at him and the quiet zone ordinance.

**Janicea Jones Vance of 214 Duane Street** expressed concerns about the library and missing signs in front of Park Avenue School.

**Brent Engle of 174 Heywood Avenue** expressed concerns about the noise ordinance and the vulgarity being used in the meetings.

**Carmen Engle 174 Heywood Avenue** thanked the Police Chief for attending a meeting concerning the noise ordinance and she also has a concern about a leak in the street.

**Veronica Scott of 548 Argyle Avenue** expressed her concerns about mental health issues, she thanked Director Mayes for the speed bump on Argyle, and she thanked Director Sykes for the workshop on wills. She stated Officer Cherry will be missed in the community and gave words of condolence to the Mayor on the passing of his father.

**William Hathaway of 232 Lincoln Avenue** expressed concerns about the voter turnout for the Primary Election on June 4, 2024.

**Anthony Burke of 477 Hillside Avenue** expressed concerns about battery recycle program and a sink hole on the east side of Hillside Avenue.

**There were no Citizen Comments received by e-mail.**

A motion to close Citizens Comments was made by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross and seconded by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley.

**Motion Adopted**

## **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

**Councilmember Kerry J. Coley** yielded his time to his Council Colleagues.

**Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert** asked questions of the Business Administrator concerning water trucks, inspectors, parking and parking permits. She thanked vendors who came to her event.

**Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III** inquired about the list of community benefits and the list of grants completed by Millennial Consulting.

**Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross** announced the Police Community Council Meeting on June 13<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm at the Police Department, 29 Park Street. He congratulated the recent graduates and wished father's a Happy Father's Day.

**Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson** stated the zoom bombers are out of hand and the Council needs to consider going back to in-person meetings. Residents should cc their Councilmembers when reaching out to Directors to keep their Councilmembers informed. She congratulated those who won in the Primary Election yesterday. She mentioned that sidewalk repair is the responsibility of the homeowner. She also spoke to the name calling on the Council meetings and asked for prayers for her dad.

**Councilmember Adrienne K. Wooten** attended a vigil for two young men who were in a motorcycle accident. She asked for the community to be peaceful as she spoke about the legislation dealing with mass shootings and gun violence. She wished all a Happy Father's Day

**Council President Tency A. Eason** wished all a Happy Father's Day. She spoke to the noise ordinance meeting. She thanked residents who came to voice their concerns at this evenings meeting.

**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 adopt Ordinance 24-2021 was made by Council President Tency A. Eason and seconded by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross.

**Roll Call:**

**Yeas:** None

**Nays:** 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

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** None

**Motion Failed**

**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".

A motion to table Ordinance 13-2024 was made by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross 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**

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

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 21-2024 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**

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

A motion to table Ordinance 22-2024 was made by Councilmember Adrienne K. Wooten 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**

**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)**

A motion to adopt Ordinance 27-2024 on First Reading 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: Final Reading on July 1, 2024**

**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)**

A motion to table Ordinance 28-2024 on First Reading 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, Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten, and Hon. Tency A. Eason

**Nays:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** None

**Motion Adopted: Tabled**

**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 \*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.
- \*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 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**

**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.**

A motion to adopt Resolution 306-2024 as was made by Council President Tency A. Eason and seconded by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III.

**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**

**POSTPONED RESOLUTIONS**

There were no Postponed Resolutions.

**NEW BUSINESS AND WALK-ON ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS**

A motion to Walk-On Resolution 315-2024WO and Resolution 316-2024WO was made by Councilmember Adrienne K. Wooten and seconded by 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**

**315-2024WO A resolution ratifying and authorizing a contract for services with Powerdms located at 101 South Garland A Venue Suite 300, Orlando, Florida 32801 to maintain the Electronic Document Management for Fire Policies within the Orange Fire Department from May 4, 2024 until May 3, 2025 in an amount not to exceed \$9,543.38.**

A motion to adopt Resolution 315-2024WO 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**



**316-2024WO** A resolution approving the Bill List for council meeting vote on June 5, 2024 dated June 5, 2024 and approving checks for municipal election issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95. (Grand Total: \$24,787.00)

A motion to adopt Resolution 316-2024WO was made by Councilmember Adrienne K. Wooten 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**

**OTHER PENDING BUSINESS**

There was no Pending Business.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilmember Adrienne K. Wooten and seconded by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III.

**Motion adopted**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:02pm.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The next City Council Conference and Regular Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 18, 2024 virtually at 7:00 p.m.

Approved: June 18, 2024



**Tamara Robinson**  
Deputy City Clerk



Tency A. Eason  
Council President