

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 WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2023, AT 7:02PM.

Roll Call:

Present: Councilmember Kerry J. Coley, East Ward
Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert, West Ward
Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III, At-Large
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
Marty Mayes, Public Works Director
Aaron Mizrahi, Esq., Deputy City Attorney
Marlin G. Townes, Legislative Research Officer
Avram D. White, Esq. Deputy City Attorney
Vincent Vitiello, Police Chief

Absent: Margarette Homere, City Clerk's Office
Trisha Scipio, City Clerk's Office
Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross, At-Large
Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, South Ward
Councilmember Adrienne K. Wooten, At-Large
Paula Ferreira, Tax Collector
Gracia R. Montilus, Esq., City Attorney
Chris Murray, Tax Assessor
Wendy M. Sykes, Director of Community Services
Tamara Robinson, Deputy City Clerk
Gabrielle Sims-Shelton, City Clerk's Office

The City Clerk announced a Moment of Silence. Council President Tency A. Eason dedicated this moment to a long time City of Orange Principal, Diane Harmon. She was a Principal at Cleveland Street and the High School. She also recognized those who lost loved ones during this season.

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 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), the City's Website (www.orangenj.gov) and filed in the Office of the City Clerk.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

COVID Update

A motion to suspend the rules to hear from the Health Officer with a COVID Update was made by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley and seconded by Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert.

Motion Adopted

Health Officer Vincent DeFilippo stated the Respiratory Illness has risen in seventeen states. In the past four weeks Influenza has risen over 200%. Fifty-one percent of Covid-19 cases are RSV's. From September to December there has been 12 pediatric deaths. The State of New Jersey has spent \$37 million on COVID since first sighted. There is a new Covid strand, JN1 which has been out since September and the most contagious of the strands. If you call 1-800-232-0233 you can receive free Covid tests mailed directly to your home.

Councilmember Quantavia Hilbert inquired about testing at City Hall in January which will be posted on the website. Homebound residents can schedule a home visit. The Animal Control issue that Councilmember Hilbert inquired about is being addressed. Council President Tency A. Eason asked the Health Officer to coordinate with St. Matthew AME as they are also giving testing and vaccines.

The resolutions and ordinances to be presented at tonight's meeting are listed on the attached Regular Meeting Agenda. If any Council Member wishes to discuss any resolution or ordinance, it may be discussed at this time.

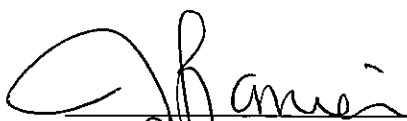
***518-2023 A resolution recognizing Homeless Persons' Memorial Day and honoring HS&H Outreach Services, LLC and Family Assistance Resource Center.
(Sponsored by Councilmember Hilbert)**

Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert would like Resolution 518-2023 considered for Matters of Discussion.

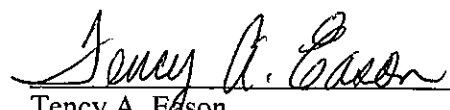
A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley and seconded by Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 pm.

Approved: October 1, 2024



 Joyce L. Lanier
 City Clerk



 Tency A. Eason
 Council Vice President