

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, MARCH 19, 2024, AT 7:03PM.

Roll Call:

Present: Councilmember Kerry J. Coley, East Ward
Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert, West Ward
Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III, At-Large (*Arrived at 7:06pm*)
Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross, 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
Paula Ferreira, Tax Collector
Marty Mayes, Public Works Director
Aaron Mizrahi, Esq., Deputy City Attorney
Chris Murray, Tax Assessor
Wendy M. Sykes, Director of Community Services (*Arrived at 7:14pm*)
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 Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, South Ward
Councilmember Adrienne K. Wooten, At-Large
Gracia R. Montilus, Esq., City Attorney
Gabrielle Sims-Shelton, City Clerk's Office

The City Clerk announced a Moment of Silence. Council President Tency A. Eason dedicated to Police Officer who was hurt in the line of duty.

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

Council President Tency A. Eason stated the rules needed to be suspended to include a Health Update and it should be on the agenda each meeting.

Health Officer Vincent DeFilippo stated city had the Mammogram Unit in front of City Hall and it was a great turn-out. The department is trying to rebook in the near future. The Covid numbers in New Jersey are low. There are two counties in South Jersey that have numbers in the medium range. There is 0.7% of people attending the Emergency room and 2.3% deaths. Most of the cases are from the strand JN1 which accounts for 88% of the cases. There has been an influx of respiratory infections in students from Kindergarten thru 12th grade. The CDC has made some change but New Jersey is still abiding by the old rules. There are some audits which has found non-compliance at daycares in the city.

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.

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)

This Ordinance will remain postponed.

2-2024 An ordinance to amend Chapter §200-32 and Chapter §200-38 of the City Of Orange Township Code (Frankfort Street) (Tabled at the March 5, 2024 Council Meeting)

This Ordinance will remain tabled.

RESOLUTIONS NO *159-2024 THROUGH *189-2024

***163-2024 A resolution authorizing and ratifying the award of a non-fair and open professional services agreement with Integra Realty Resources – Northern NJ, LLC, 301 South Livingston Avenue, Livingston, New Jersey for the preparation of market, feasibility, economic impact, valuation (appraisal) analysis, fiscal impact and payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) studies in connection with certain proposed development and proposed redevelopment projects within the City of Orange Township for a period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00.**

Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert inquired about Resolution 163-2024 on the study and the economic impact. Will it include anticipation of new students? Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk addressed her concerns.

***180-2024 A resolution authorizing payment of legal fees to the Law Firm of Blau & Blau, LLP as Tax Appeal Counsel for an amount not to exceed \$92,046.29 for services rendered in prior years.**

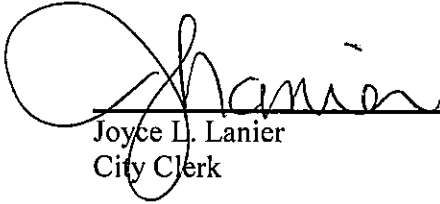
This Resolution will be withdrawn.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross and seconded by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley.

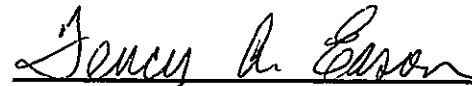
Motion Adopted

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm.

Approved: October 1, 2024



Joyce L. Lanier
City Clerk



Tency A. Eason
Council Vice President