

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 18, 2024, AT 7:02PM.

Roll Call:

Present: Councilmember Kerry J. Coley, East Ward (*Arrived at 7:09pm*)
Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III, At-Large
Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross, At-Large
Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, South Ward
Council President Tency A. Eason, North Ward

Also Present: Chris M. Hartwyk, Business Administrator
Laquana Best, Planning Director
Derrick Brown, Fire Chief
Vincent DeFilippo, Health Officer
Marty Mayes, Public Works Director
Aaron Mizrahi, Esq., Deputy City Attorney
Chris Murray, Tax Assessor
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
Councilmember Adrienne K. Wooten, At-Large
Joyce Lanier, City Clerk
Nile Clements, Chief Financial Officer
Paula Ferreira, Tax Collector
Gracia R. Montilus, Esq., City Attorney
Wendy Sykes, Director of Community Services

The Deputy Clerk announced a Moment of Silence. Council President Tency A. Eason prayed that all survived the heat and hot weather.

The Deputy 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 Deputy 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

HEALTH UPDATE

Health Officer Vincent DeFilippo stated Covid cases in New Jersey have been low and there were a few cases in the City of Orange. The Health department released a brochure with Summer Safety tips. Covid deaths in the state of New Jersey were recorded as follows: four deaths ages 30-49, 24 deaths ages 50-64, and 109 deaths for ages 65-79. There were three cases of bird flu and one case of measles in the State of New Jersey. There were a few tuberculosis cases in the City of Orange and Lantern Fly sightings has be very low.

ESSEX COUNTY LIAISON

County Liaison Reginald Bledsoe stated there was no updates from the County but he is working with Mr. Scarpelli to schedule a follow-up with the City of Orange. There has been some preliminary work that has been started in Monte Irvin Park and it will continue during the summer. Council Vice President Clifford R. Ross expressed concerns about the Monte Irvin perimeter traffic and parking during concerts in Park.

The Deputy Clerk announced 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

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.

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 lifted from the table and action will be taken. The recommendation is to approve. Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk stated there was a request to remove the times that were on the ordinance. There is a parking garage but it may not be sufficient for all apartments.

RESOLUTIONS NO *317-2024 THROUGH *325-2024

***319-2024 A resolution authorizing the extension of the awarded contract with Bright View Engineering, 5 Pitcairn Drive, Roseland, New Jersey 07068 to provide engineering design services on Scotland Road (CR 638) & Highland Avenue in the amount not to exceed \$6,950.00.**


Will be removed from the Consent Agenda and amended on the record.


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: October 1, 2024


 Joyce L. Lapiere
 City Clerk


 Tency A. Eason
 Council Vice President