

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 AT 29 NORTH DAY STREET, COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2024, FOLLOWING THE CONFERENCE MEETING.

Councilmember Kerry J. Coley led all assembled in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call:

Present: Councilmember Kerry J. Coley, East Ward
Council Vice President Tency A. Eason, North Ward
Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert, West Ward
Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III, At-Large
Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, South Ward
Council President Adrienne K. Wooten, At-Large

Also Present: Joyce Lanier, City Clerk
Chris M. Hartwyk, Business Administrator
Derrick Brown, Fire Chief
Gracia R. Montilus, Esq., City Attorney
Marlin G. Townes, Legislative Research Officer
Vincent Vitiello, Police Chief
Tamara Robinson, Deputy City Clerk
Trisha Scipio, City Clerk's Office

Absent: Councilmember Clifford R. Ross, At-Large
Margarette Homere, City Clerk's Office

The 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 Record-Transcript, and published in the Star Ledger on July 11, 2024, 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.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

October 1, 2024 Conference Meeting Minutes

(Councilmember Hilbert was absent and should abstain)

A motion to adopt the Minutes from the October 1, 2024, Conference Meeting was made by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley and seconded by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III.

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Tency A. Eason, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III,
Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, and Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten

Nays: None

Abstain: Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert

Absent: Hon. Clifford R. Ross

Motion Adopted

October 1, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes

A motion to adopt the Minutes from the October 1, 2024, Regular Meeting was made by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley and seconded by Council Vice President Tency A. Eason.

Motion Adopted

October 15, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes

(Councilmember Hilbert was absent and should abstain)

A motion to adopt the Minutes from the October 15, 2024, Special Meeting was made by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III and seconded by Council Vice President Tency A. Eason.

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Tency A. Eason, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III,
Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, and Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten

Nays: None

Abstain: Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert

Absent: Hon. Clifford R. Ross

Motion Adopted**October 15, 2024 Conference and Regular Meeting Minutes**

A motion to adopt the Minutes from the October 15, 2024, Conference and Regular Meeting was made by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley and seconded by Council Vice President Tency A. Eason.

Motion Adopted**REPORTS****DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REVENUE COLLECTION**

There were no department monthly revenue collections reported.

OPRA REPORTS

There were no OPRA requests reported.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Reports are all on file.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

There were no Communications and Petitions.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON GENERAL ISSUES/AGENDA ITEMS

The City Clerk announced that members of the public wishing to address the Council may do during this portion of the meeting. Speakers must sign their name on the Comments Sign-Up sheet and approach the microphone, when called upon. To allow maximum public involvement, each speaker is permitted one 5-minute period to interact with the Council and must provide his or her name and street address prior to beginning any remarks. Visual aids are not permitted.

Speakers are reminded to be courteous and mindful of other individuals. Each person has the right to speak on any subject but is responsible for abuse of that right. The City bears no liability for any comments made by the public and maintains discretion 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.

Rachael Tennant of 461 Waverly Place stated today is a sad day due to the National election results. She spoke about the racial problems in Valisburg years ago. She was concerned about the signs in front of the library and how it relates to the residents in our community. She inquired about items on the Bill list, a Nissan and something for Epstein Hardware store. She is also concerned about a wire transfer of her payment in a tax program which the Business Administrator will address with her offline.

Dianna Campbell of 71 Hillside Avenue decided not to give remarks although she signed the book.

There were no Citizen Comments received by e-mail.

A motion to close Citizens Comments was made by Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson and seconded by Council Vice President Tency A. Eason

Motion Adopted

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert stated we are the same country as we were when we fell asleep last night. She was happy to see a bigger voter turnout in the city. She expressed her sadness with the results of the National Election. She gave updates on upcoming events that she will sponsor, starting with one being held in Council Chambers on Thursday, November 7, 2024, at 7:00pm. This meeting will address future legislation. She shared information for a Soup Kitchen event at First Baptist Shiloh Church, 424 Main Street from 9am-1pm; A call for residents of Orange who are Artist for the Hat City exhibit. If further information is needed, residents should e-mail her at qhilbert@orangenj.gov. She requested more items (new or gently used) and help for the clothing drive.

Council Vice President Tency A. Eason thanked residents for exercising their right to vote and hopes that they will keep the momentum going for the next election. Residents should pay attention to the president-elect's programs. She announced a new boxing program in the city at 274 Central Avenue.

Councilmember Kerry J. Coley stated yesterday was historic, the results were disappointing, but democracy was at work with the national election. He spoke about Rev William Freeman who is retiring from Union Baptist Church and how Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King did visit the church before his assassinations. The church has served the community well.

Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III wanted to address the budget to make sure each department is staying on task. Business Chris Hartwyk stated there will be a document distributed to the Councilmembers to show where the city is on budget and where it is not. He announced his 5th Annual Coat, Clothing, and Shoe Drive being held on Saturday, December 14th from 11am-4pm at the Upper Field House, 234 Lincoln Avenue. There was a Job Fair this week, but he still has 24 more spots to apply for a SORA license at \$50. He explained that a SORA is certified by the State Police. Council President Adrienne K. Wooten stated there will a Menorah Lighting and the date will be determined.

Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson stated yesterday was a very sad day referring to the National Election. She is concerned about immigrants and their worries. She was excited to share the success of the South Ward Meeting and gave paving updates on Valley Street. She was pleased to report the Bengals Trunk or Treat on Halloween and the new sidewalks on Haxtun. Finally, she spoke about the signs at the Orange Library.

Councilmember Adrienne K. Wooten stated it was democracy at work during the National Election last night. We must make sure that everyone is voting in every election. He spoke about lowering the voting age for the School Board Election. She will have a robust conversation about issue. She is excited about attending the boxing event and Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III's Clothing Drive. There was an announcement of the Veteran's Day Parade being held on Sunday, November 10th at 12 noon beginning at Military Park.

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING

43-2024 An ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 200, entitled “Vehicles and Traffic” Section 200-52-1 Handicapped Parking Spaces. (614 Argyle Avenue)

A motion to table Ordinance 43-2024 on was made by Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson and seconded by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III.

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Tency A. Eason, Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, and Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Clifford R. Ross

Motion Adopted: Tabled

44-2024 An ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 200, entitled “Vehicles and Traffic” Section 200-52-1 Handicapped Parking Spaces. (334 Hawthorne Street)

A motion to close Citizens Comments was made by Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson and seconded by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III.

Motion Adopted

A motion to adopt Ordinance 44-2024 on was made by Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert and seconded by Council Vice President Tency A. Eason.

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Tency A. Eason, Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, and Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Clifford R. Ross

Motion Adopted

ORDINANCES – INTRODUCTION | FIRST READING

50-2024 An ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 200, entitled “Vehicles and Traffic”, Section 200-52-1 Handicapped Parking Spaces. (471 Hillside Avenue)

A motion to adopt Ordinance 50-2024 on First Reading was made by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III and seconded by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley.

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Tency A. Eason, Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, and Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Clifford R. Ross

Motion Adopted: Final Reading, December 3, 2024

51-2024 An ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 200, entitled “Vehicles and Traffic”, Section 200-52-1 Handicapped Parking Spaces. (477 Hillside Avenue)

A motion to adopt Ordinance 51-2024 on First Reading was made by Council President Adrienne K. Wooten and seconded by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III.

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Tency A. Eason, Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, and Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Clifford R. Ross

Motion Adopted: Final Reading, December 3, 2024

52-2024 An ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 200, entitled “Vehicles and Traffic”, Section 200-52-1 Handicapped Parking Spaces. (26 North Jefferson Street)

A motion to adopt Ordinance 52-2024 on First Reading was made by Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert and seconded by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III.

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Tency A. Eason, Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, and Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Clifford R. Ross

Motion Adopted: Final Reading, December 3, 2024

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 *496-2024 THROUGH *511-2024

***496-2024 A resolution certifying compliance with the Directive of the Division of Local Government Services, regarding the annual audit for the Calendar Year 2023.**

***497-2024 A resolution approving a final payment of services for language translation services released by the City of Orange Township and Language Line Services, One Lower Ragsdale Drive, Monterey, California 96940-5747 in an amount not to exceed \$9,995.00.**

***498-2024 An enabling resolution authorizing the acceptance of the State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Green Acres – Military Park Improvement Project #0717-21-095 in the amount of \$1,200,000.00.**

***499-2024 A resolution authorizing an agreement with Woodard & Curran, Inc., 12 Mountfort Street, Portland, Maine 04101 (New Jersey Branch located at 50 Millstone Road, Building 400, Suite 201, East Windsor, New Jersey 08520) for water/sewer connections and/or disconnections, oversight and inspection services commencing January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 with all fees paid exclusively through escrowed funds.**

***500-2024 A resolution authorizing the awarding of a contract for the 2022 NJDOT Safe Streets to Transit Project Orange Transit Station Underpass and Railroad Place Improvement Project to Portofino Builders, LLC, 69 Irwin Street, Springfield, New Jersey 07081 in the amount not to exceed \$229,535.00.**

***501-2024 A resolution of the City of Orange Township authorizing the City of Orange Township to join the Metropolitan Health Insurance Fund for Medicare Advantage to commence December 1, 2024 and ending on December 31, 2027.**

- *502-2024** A resolution authorizing the appointment of Christopher Hartwyk as Fund Commissioner of the Metropolitan Health Insurance Fund.
- *503-2024** A resolution amending Resolution Number 420-2024 adopted September 17, 2024 ratifying and authorizing an agreement with Gold Type Business Machines, Inc. (State Contract No. 89980), located at 351 Paterson Avenue, East Rutherford, New Jersey 07073 to provide e-ticketing hardware, software, supplies, maintenance, and no worry coverage plan for the Orange Police Department vehicles with e-ticketing capabilities commencing August 10, 2023 through August 10, 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$23,425.00 amending the commencement date to July 1, 2024 and end date to June 30, 2025.
- *504-2024** A resolution recognizing November as Diabetes Awareness Month in the City of Orange Township. (Sponsored by Councilmember Wooten)
- *505-2024** A resolution recognizing November 2025 as Family Caregiver Month in the City of Orange Township. (Sponsored by Councilmember Wooten)
- *506-2024** A resolution honoring the life and service of Mrs. Alize Zubar Dunston in the City of Orange Township. (Sponsored by Councilmember Wooten).
- *508-2024** A resolution authorizing payment to Hillman Consulting, LLC, 1600 Route 22 East – First Floor, Union, New Jersey 07083 for the Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund Application at 540 Mitchell Street in the amount not to exceed \$39,693.50.
- *509-2024** A resolution approving the Bill List for Council meeting vote on November 6, 2024 dated October 30, 2024 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95. (Grand Total: \$3,440,037.76)
- *511-2024** A resolution for the Transfer of Appropriations

A motion to adopt the Consent Agenda was made by Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson and seconded by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III.

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Tency A. Eason, Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, and Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Clifford R. Ross

Motion Adopted

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

- *507-2024** A resolution re-appointing Hashim Garrett, a resident of Orange, New Jersey as a Commissioner Member to the Housing Authority of the City of Orange Township, New Jersey for a term of five (5) years. (Sponsored by Councilmember Ross)

A motion to adopt Resolution 507-2024 was made by Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson and seconded by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III.

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Tency A. Eason, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III, Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, and Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten

Nays: None

Abstain: Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert

Absent: Hon. Clifford R. Ross

Motion Adopted

A motion to take a five minute recess was made by Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson and seconded by Weldon M. Montague, III.

Motion Adopted

The body entered into recess at 8:00pm.

A motion to reconvene was made by Council Vice President Tency A. Eason and seconded by Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson.

Motion Adopted

***510-2024 A resolution appointing Lavon Boykins, a resident of Orange, New Jersey as a Commissioner Member to the Housing Authority of the City of Orange Township, New Jersey for a term of five (5) years. (Sponsored by Council Member Quantavia L. Hilbert)**

A motion to table Resolution 510-2024 was made by Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson and seconded by Council Vice President Tency A. Eason.

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Tency A. Eason, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III,
Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, and Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten

Nays: Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert

Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Clifford R. Ross

Motion Adopted: Tabled

POSTPONED RESOLUTIONS

There were no Postponed Resolutions.

NEW BUSINESS AND WALK-ON ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

512-2024(WO) A resolution celebrating the retirement of Reverend William McKinley Freeman (Sponsored by Council Member Kerry Coley)

A motion to Walk-On Resolution 512-2024(WO) was made by Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson and seconded by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III.

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Tency A. Eason, Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III,
Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, and Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Clifford R. Ross

Motion Adopted

A motion to adopt Resolution 512-2024(WO) was made by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley and seconded by Council Vice President Tency A. Eason.

Roll Call:

Yeas: Hon. Kerry J. Coley, Hon. Tency A. Eason, Hon. Quantavia L. Hilbert, Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III,
Hon. Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, and Hon. Adrienne K. Wooten

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Hon. Clifford R. Ross

Motion Adopted

OTHER PENDING BUSINESS

There was no Pending Business.

Police Chief Vincent Vitiello introduced Detective Samantha Rossi which spoke about a charity event that she will be participating in. Council Vice President Tency A. Eason asked the Detective to give some background on herself. Detective Rossi stated she has proudly served the City of Orange Township for five years, first as a patrolman and now proudly as a detective. She will participate in a Police vs Fire charity boxing event called Jungle Brawls on December 13, 2024, at the VFW in Kenilworth, NJ. She thanked Council Vice President Tency A. Eason, Director Warren, Coach Bashir, Coach Steve, and Coach Madea. She gave accolades to the new business, Black Out Boxing on Central Avenue for allowing her to train there.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson and seconded by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III.

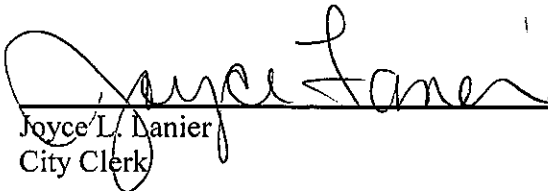
Motion adopted

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23pm.


PUBLIC NOTICE

The next City Council Conference and Regular Meeting will be held on Monday, November 18, 2024, at City Hall, 29 North Day Street, Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m.

Approved: November 18, 2024



Joyce L. Danier
City Clerk



Adrienne K. Wooten
Council President