

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 AT CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP CITY HALL, 29 NORTH DAY STREET, COUNCIL CHAMBERS, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2024, AT 7:02PM.

Roll Call:

- Present:** Councilmember Kerry J. Coley, East Ward
Council Vice President Tency A. Eason, North Ward
Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III, At-Large
Councilmember Clifford R. Ross, At-Large
Councilmember Jamie B. Summers-Johnson, South Ward (*Arrived at 7:19pm*)
Council President Adrienne K. Wooten, At-Large (*Arrived at 7:07pm*)
- Also Present:** Joyce Lanier, City Clerk
Chris M. Hartwyk, Business Administrator
Derrick Brown, Fire Chief
Gracia R. Montilus, Esq., City Attorney
Marlin Townes, Legislative Research Officer
Vincent Vittello, Police Chief (*Arrived at 7:06pm*)
Tamara Robinson, Deputy City Clerk
Trisha Scipio, City Clerk's Office
- Absent:** Councilmember Quantavia L. Hilbert, West Ward
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The City Clerk announced a Moment of Silence. Councilmember Clifford R. Ross dedicated this moment to the memory of Council Vice President Tency A. Eason on the passing of her brother.

The City Clerk announced a "SPECIAL NOTICE: Please be apprised anyone wishing to discuss Agenda or General Items shall sign their name on the Comments Sign-Up sheet and will be allowed a maximum of five (5) minutes to interact with the Council.

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 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.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

A motion to suspend the rules to hear from Michal Gray and Reginald Bledsoe was made by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III and seconded by Councilmember Clifford R. Ross.

Motion Adopted

Michael Grey the former Chief of Staff to the late Congressman Donald Payne, Jr. and now on staff as the Advisor for Senator George Helmy. He wanted to inform the residents of resources that are available to them, grants available to the city, and assistance with the IRS, Medicare, immigration issues, or housing. He is active in the community and want to make himself available. The office number is 973-645-3030 and his mobile is 862-600-0884.

Essex County Liaison Reginald Bledsoe gave an update on the progress at Monte Irvin Park. The foundation for has been laid. The County Executive will host a dedication of Memorial Plaques honoring Alvin A. Attles, Jr. (Newark Native & NBA Hall of Famer), Hon. Bill Pascrell, Jr. (Congressman, Freeholder & Councilman), Hon. Donald M. Payne, Jr. (Congressman, Freeholder & Councilman), and Hon. Peter Shapiro (First Essex County Executive). This will be held on October 29th, 12 noon at the Essex County Veterans Court House, Governor Brendan Byrne Plaza Essex County will also hold a Recycle Day for Computers & Electronics on October 19th from 9am-3pm at Essex County Public Works Facility, 99 W. Bradford Avenue, Cedar Grove, NJ. Items accepted are: computers, monitors, printers, fax machines, scanners, telecom Equipment, Speakers, Televisions, Keyboards, Main Frames, VCR's Stereos, DVD Players, Toasters, Irons, and Cell phones. They will not accept smoke detectors or carbon monoxide alarms. Strut Your Mutt Pet Costume Parade (Free Entry) will be held on Saturday, October 19th, 9:30am at Branch Brook Park, Saturday October 26th, 9am at Brookdale Dog Park, and 1pm at Grover Cleveland Park. Trick or treating at the Turtle Back Zoo will be held on October 31st from 4-8pm, \$3 admission for current Zoological Society Member and \$5 General Admission. There will be a Recycling Day for Household Hazardous Waste on November 9th, 8:30am-4:00pm at the Essex County Public Works Facility, 99 W Bradford Avenue, Cedar Hill, NJ.

Councilmember Kerry J. Coley expressed concerns about parking, an ordinance that had push back on.

Councilmember Clifford R. Ross has concerns with the deer population and would like the County to address it.

Council Vice President Tency A. Eason expressed concerns about geese patrol and mosquitos. The Public Works number for the county is 973-293-3366 ext. 2480.

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

35-2024 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)

Councilmember Clifford R. Ross expressed concern that a valid NJ State license was not included. There was only an interim license. This will be pulled until the next agenda.

ORDINANCES – INTRODUCTION | FIRST READING

There was no discussion on Ordinances on First Reading.

RESOLUTIONS NO *448-2024 THROUGH *474-2024

***448-2024 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)**

Councilmember Clifford R. Ross would like to withdraw from the agenda.

***449-2024 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 Councilmember Hilbert)**

Council President Adrienne K. Wooten would like to pull this from agenda. City Attorney Gracia R. Montilus explained that the body must align appointments with the state statue. The Law department will look into the statue. This item will be pulled, no action will be taken.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Council Vice President Tency A. Eason and seconded by Councilmember Weldon M. Montague, III.

Motion Adopted

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Approved: November 6, 2024



Joyce L. Lanier
City Clerk



Adrienne K. Wooten
Council President