

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL AGENDA

THIS IS THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP HELD VIA AUDIO-VIDEO CONFERENCING ON TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2022 FOLLOWING THE CONFERENCE MEETING.

1) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

2) ROLL CALL

| | | PRESENT | ABSENT |
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| Hon. Tency A. Eason | (North Ward) | _____ | _____ |
| Council Vice President | | | |
| Hon. Harold J. Johnson, Jr. | (West Ward) | _____ | _____ |
| Hon. Weldon M. Montague, III | (At-Large) | _____ | _____ |
| Hon. Clifford R. Ross | (At-Large) | _____ | _____ |
| Hon. Jamie Summers-Johnson | (South Ward) | _____ | _____ |
| Hon. Adrienne Wooten | (At-Large) | _____ | _____ |
| Hon. Kerry J. Coley | (East Ward) | _____ | _____ |
| Council President | | | |

ALSO PRESENT

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| Joyce L. 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 | | _____ | _____ |
| Adrian Mapp, Finance Director | | _____ | _____ |
| Marty Mayes, Public Works Director | | _____ | _____ |
| Gracia R. Montilus, City Attorney | | _____ | _____ |
| Chris Murray, Tax Assessor | | _____ | _____ |
| Wendy Sykes, Director of Community Services | | _____ | _____ |
| Marlin G. Townes, Legislative Research Officer | | _____ | _____ |
| Vincent Vitiello, Police Chief | | _____ | _____ |
| Margarette Homere, City Clerk’s Office | | _____ | _____ |
| Tamara Robinson, City Clerk’s Office | | _____ | _____ |
| Trisha Scipio, City Clerk’s Office | | _____ | _____ |
| Gabrielle Sims-Shelton, City Clerk’s Office | | _____ | _____ |

3) 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, published in the Star Ledger on September 2, 2021, posted on the Bulletin Board in City Hall and on the Council’s website (www.orangetwpnjcc.org), the City’s website (www.ci.orange.nj.us) and filed in the Office of the City Clerk.

4) APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

- **May 3, 2022 Conference Meeting Minutes**
(Councilmember Wooten was absent and should abstain)

Motion to adopt: _____ **Second:** _____

- **May 3, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes**

Motion to adopt: _____ **Second:** _____

- **January 18, 2022 Conference & Regular Meeting Minutes**
(Councilmember Wooten was absent and should abstain)

Motion to adopt:

Second:

5) REPORTS:

DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REVENUE COLLECTION:

- **Historic Preservation Commission – April 2022: \$140.00**
- **Planning & Economic Development – April 2022: \$171,175.00**

CONSTABLE REPORTS:

None.

OPRA REPORTS:

Month of April 2022: 58 OPRA requests received, 30 completed and 28 remaining.

COUNCIL REPORTS - Council President directs Clerk to file reports.

6) COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

None.

7) CITIZEN COMMENTS ON GENERAL ISSUES/AGENDA ITEMS

“SPECIAL NOTICE: Please be apprised anyone wishing to discuss Agenda or General Items shall be allowed to participate in this portion of the Council Meeting via the audio call in number and video conferencing platform by stating their name and address when directed to do so by the Council President. All public comments submitted though electronic mail or written letter before the meeting shall be read aloud by the City Clerk. The City Council reserves the right to respond to not respond during the meeting to any citizen’s questions or comments. If the Council wishes to address any comments, it shall be done during the remote public meeting.

Motion to Close Citizen Comments:

Second:

8) COUNCIL COMMENTS

9) ORDINANCES – SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING

21-2022 An ordinance to amend the code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 200, entitled “Vehicles and Traffic”, Section 200-40, Schedule IX: Stop Intersections (4-way stop) (Valley Street and Freeman Street) (Sponsored by Councilmember Summers-Johnson)

a) Motion to close Citizen Comments:

Second:

b) Motion for final adoption:

Second:

22-2022 An ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 200, entitled “Vehicles and Traffic” Section 200-40, Schedule IX: Stop Intersections (4-way stop) (Valley Street and Forest Street) (Sponsored by Councilmember Summers-Johnson)

a) Motion to close Citizen Comments:

Second:

b) Motion for final adoption:

Second:

23-2022 An ordinance to amend the code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 200, entitled “Vehicles and Traffic”, Section 200-40, Schedule IX: Stop Intersections (4-way stop)

(Valley Street and McChesney Street) (Sponsored by Councilmember Summers-Johnson)

- a) Motion to close Citizen Comments: Second:
- b) Motion for final adoption: Second:

24-2022 An ordinance to amend the code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 200, entitled “Vehicles and Traffic”, Section 200-40, Schedule IX: Stop Intersections (4-way stop) (Valley Street and Nassau Street) (Sponsored by Councilmember Summers-Johnson)

- a) Motion to close Citizen Comments: Second:
- b) Motion for final adoption: Second:

25-2022 An ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 200, entitled “Vehicles and Traffic” to amend through streets.

- a) Motion to close Citizen Comments: Second:
- b) Motion for final adoption: Second:

26-2022 An ordinance to amend the code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 200, entitled “Vehicles and Traffic”, Section No Parking & Prohibited Parking During Certain Hours (Sponsored by Councilmember Coley)

- a) Motion to close Citizen Comments: Second:
- b) Motion for final adoption: Second:

27-2022 An ordinance amending Chapter 51, “Alcoholic Beverages”, Article I, “Regulations and Licensing”, Section 51-4, “Sales to Certain Persons Restricted” (Sponsored by Councilmember Wooten)

- a) Motion to close Citizen Comments: Second:
- b) Motion for final adoption: Second:

28-2022 A bond ordinance providing for various acquisitions and improvements to the City’s water and sewer systems, by and in the City of Orange Township, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey; appropriating \$3,320,000 therefor and authorizing the issuance of \$3,320,000 bonds or notes of the water and sewer utility of the City to finance costs thereof.

- a) Motion to close Citizen Comments: Second:
- b) Motion for final adoption: Second:

10) 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. *235-2022 THROUGH *252-2022

- *235-2022** A resolution introducing and approving the 2022 Calendar Year Budget (January 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022)
- *236-2022** A resolution recognizing and celebrating Juneteenth in the City of Orange Township. (Sponsored by Councilmember Wooten)
- *237-2022** A resolution of the City of Orange Township pledging support for the New Jersey Wildlife Action Plan.
- *238-2022** A resolution authorizing the City of Orange Tax Collector to prepare and mail estimated tax bills in accordance with P.L. 1994, c.72.
- *239-2022** A resolution authorizing the award of a professional services contract to Gail Mitchell, Esq. of Schwartz, Barkin and Mitchell LLC to provide legal services to the Orange Municipal Zoning Board of Adjustment of the City of Orange Township in matters relating to zoning and land use in an amount not to exceed \$7,500.00 for the Calendar Year 2022.
- *240-2022** A resolution to extend a contract with CivicPlus, a software platform that assists with city website and management of township business in the City of Orange through SHI International, 290 Davidson Avenue, Somerset, New Jersey 08873 under contract #081419 commencing May 14, 2022 until December 31, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00.
- *241-2022** A resolution authorizing awarding of a contract to Pugliese Pool Service, Inc., 15 Standish Avenue, West Orange, New Jersey 07052 for the maintenance of pools and spray park commencing June 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$70,418.00 per year.
- *242-2022** A resolution authorizing the award of an emergency contract for HVAC repairs to municipal buildings to Millennium Mechanical, LLC, P.O. Box 1020, Little Falls, New Jersey 07424 in an amount not to exceed \$13,120.01.
- *243-2022** A resolution authorizing Remington & Vernick Engineers, 232 Kings Highway East, Haddonfield, New Jersey 08033 to provide professional support services related to the “Administrative Compliance Order” for municipal separation storm sewer systems (MS4) violations in an amount not to exceed \$49,550.00.
- *244-2022** A resolution renewing a professional service agreement with Lamb Kretzer LLC as special counsel with regard to various legal matters and litigation involving Judith Feld, Jeffrey S. Feld, the Four Felds, etc. in an amount not to exceed \$7,500.00 for Calendar Year 2022.
- *245-2022** A resolution authorizing payment to the law firm of Florio, Kenny & Raval, LLP as tax appeal counsel for an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00 for services rendered in connection with tax appeal matters.
- *246-2022** A resolution renewing a professional service agreement with Lamb Kretzer LLC to represent the City of Orange Township in the matter of “Keith Butts v. City of

Orange Township, et al.” Docket No. ESX-L-7756-19 in an amount not to exceed \$7,500.00 for Calendar Year 2022.

- *247-2022 A resolution authorizing an amendment to the contract with Lamb Kretzer LLC to provide legal services in the matter **“Orange Commons SG LLC v. City of Orange Township and Planning Board of the City of Orange Township”** Docket No. ESX-L-1395-21 for a period beginning January 1, 2022 and continuing through December 31, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00.
- *248-2022 A resolution amending Resolution No. 433-2021 to authorizing additional attorney fees for The Antoine Law Firm, LLC as special counsel in calendar year 2022 with regard to **“Anthony Antonucci, et al., v. City of Orange Township”** Docket No ESX-L-005093-21 in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00.
- *249-2022 A resolution of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township, in the County of Essex, New Jersey authorizing the execution of a settlement agreement and release with Orange Commons, SG, LLC and the City of Orange Township Planning Board.
- *250-2022 A resolution amending Resolution 2-2021 to accept in part and modify in part the Planning Board’s recommendation to designate the expanded Reock Street Study Area between South Center Street and border with the City of East Orange as an area in need of redevelopment with condemnation and an area in need of rehabilitation in accordance with the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq.
- *251-2022 A resolution approving the utilization of the three-year average method to determine anticipated revenues.
- *252-2022 A resolution approving the bill list for council meeting vote on May 17, 2022 dated May 11, 2022 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95. (Grand Total: \$7,825,671.95)

MOTION TO ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA: **Second:**

11) POSTPONED RESOLUTION

215-2022 A resolution authorizing payment of legal fees to Scarinci & Hollenbeck, LLP as labor counsel for an amount not to exceed \$35,000.00 for services rendered in prior years. *(Postponed since the 04/19/2022 meeting)*

12) NEW BUSINESS AND WALK-ON ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

13) OTHER PENDING BUSINESS

MOTION TO ADJOURN: **Second:**

Adjournment Time: _____

PUBLIC NOTICE

The next City Council Conference and Regular Meeting will be held on Wednesday June 8, 2022 virtually at 7:00 p.m.