

Conference Meeting – January 26, 2021

The West Orange Township Council met virtually due to the Covid 19 pandemic beginning at 6:32 p.m., Karen Carnevale, Municipal Clerk read the following statement:

This is to inform the general public that this meeting is being held in compliance with Section 5 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, Public Law 1975. The annual notice was emailed to the Star Ledger and filed in the Township Clerk's office on November 30, 2020, and published in the West Orange Chronicle on December 10, 2020.

Roll Call – Councilwoman Casalino, Councilwoman McCartney, Councilman Rutherford, Councilwoman Williams, Council President Matute-Brown

A presentation was made regarding the relocation of West Orange Public Library by Dave Cubie, Library Director, Marge Mingin, Library Board President and Anthony Iovino, Architect-Arcari & Iovino.

The Council gave their liaison announcements.

Public Meeting – January 26, 2021

The West Orange Township Council met virtually beginning at 7:01 p.m., Karen Carnevale, Municipal Clerk read the following statement:

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Roll Call – Councilwoman Casalino, Councilwoman McCartney, Councilman Rutherford, Councilwoman Williams, Council President Matute-Brown

Public Comment

Joe Fagan – Public Information Officer – Township of West Orange

Sally Malanga – 57 Ridge Road

Shannon Gattens – 17 Orange Heights Avenue

Sarah Zorn – 74 Watson Avenue

Phil Litwinoff – 11 Linden Avenue

Gerry Sweeney – 24 Oak Bend Road

Joyce Harley – 513 Smith Manor Blvd.

Darren Tobia – 24 Columbia Street

Rob Reese – 73 Valley Way

Zasah Khademi – 4 Dawes Avenue

Susan McAbee – 2 Mountain Way

Rosary Morelli – Ralph Road

Pastor Douglas Adams – 9 Westover Terrace
Greg Boyle – 57 Benvenue Avenue

Alexandra Mizrahi – 35 Watchung Avenue

Joyce Rudin – 38 Woodland Avenue

Michael D. Pages – Ferris Drive

Robin Miller – Forest Hill Road

Anthony Puglisi – PIO – Essex County

There was no one else who wished to be heard and the public comment portion of the agenda was closed.

***Review of Consent Agenda**

***Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting-** January 5, 2021

***Report of Township Officers – None**

***Reading of Petitions and Communications and Bids**

- a. **Planning Board Resolution 21-01**-Recommending that the Township Council Adopt the “Executive Drive-Rooney Circle” Non-Condemnation Redevelopment Plan for Block 155, Lot 40.02, Block 155; Lot 42.02; and Block 155, Lot 41.02

***Bills - None**

***Resolution(s) adopted on Consent Agenda**

- b. **10-21** Resolution Accepting a Grant from the Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund Public Entity Program Through the State of New Jersey Economic Development Authority and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (Lepore)
- c. **11-21** Resolution Condemning the Anti-Democratic Insurrection at the Capitol Building in Washington D.C. (Council)
- d. **12-21** Resolution Authorizing a Subordination of Mortgage for Property at 12 Eagle Terrace, West Orange, Block 148, Lot 13 (Legal-Trenk)
- e. **13-21** Resolution Authorizing a Subordination of Mortgage for Property at 181 High Street, West Orange, Block 122, Lot 13 (Legal-Trenk)
- f. **14-21** Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract to Community Grants, Planning & Housing for Administrative Agent Services for the Township’s Affordable Housing Program for a Term of One-Year with an Option to Extend the Contract for an Additional One Year at an Annual Cost NTE \$15,250. (Legal-Moon)

- g. **15-21** Resolution Authorizing the Funding of Any Potential Shortfalls for the Township's Affordable Housing Program as Part of the Township's Settlement Terms in its Affordable Housing Declaratory Judgment Action (Legal-Moon)
- h. **16-21** Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of the Township's Chief Financial Officer John Gross as the Township's Municipal Housing Liaison (Legal-Moon)

Resolution 16-21 was inadvertently pulled off the consent agenda by Council Rutherford. The Councilman asked that the resolution be included on the Consent Agenda. On motion made by Councilwoman Tammy Williams and seconded by Susan McCartney, the resolution was added back to the Consent Agenda. All members voting "Aye."

- i. **17-21** Resolution Endorsing the Housing Element and Fair Share Plan Adopted by the West Orange Planning Board and Authorizing Publication of Notice (Legal-Moon)
- j. **18-21** Resolution Designating the Official Newspapers for the Township of West Orange (Clerk)
- k. **19-21** Resolution Regarding Deferral of Assessment of 6% Penalty for Unpaid Real Estate Taxes for 2020 (Legal-Trenk)
- l. **22-21** Resolution Authorizing the Collector of Taxes to Rebate Payment to the Listed Taxpayer Pursuant to Final Judgment by the Tax Court of New Jersey (Gagliardo)
- m. **23-21** Resolution Awarding a Contract to Ferno Washington, Inc. through the Use of the NPPGOV National Cooperative Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:34-6.2 (Desantis)
- n. **24-21** Resolution Authorizing the Competitive Contracting Process for Vehicle Maintenance and Repair Services (Desantis)
- o. **25-21** Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Radio System Equipment Through a NJ State Contract with Eastern Communications, LTD (Desantis)
- p. **26-21** Resolution Authorizing an Extension to the Existing Contract for Janitorial Services for Year 2021 (Desantis)
- q. **27-21** Resolution Appointing Panayiota Reynolds as Temporary Qualified Purchasing Agent from February 1, 2021 to January 31, 2022 (Gross)

On motion made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilwoman Casalino, the consent agenda was approved.

All members voting "Aye."

***Resolution(s) Removed from the Consent Agenda:**

Resolution 20-21

20-21 Resolution Authorizing the Township to Submit Applications for the 2021 Community Development Block Grant Program with a Priority List Revised January 20, 2021 (Lepore)

On motion made by Councilman Rutherford and seconded by Councilwoman Williams, the above referenced resolution failed.

Councilman Rutherford and Councilwoman Williams voting “Aye.” Councilwoman Casalino, Councilwoman McCartney, and Council President Matute-Brown voting “Nay.”

Resolution 21-21

21-21 Resolution Authorizing Interlocal Services Agreement with the Town of Dover Regarding Financial Services (Legal-Trenk)

On motion made by Council President Matute-Brown and seconded by Councilwoman Williams, the above referenced resolution was approved.

Councilwoman Casalino, Councilwoman McCartney, Councilwoman Williams and Council President Matute-Brown voting “Aye.” Councilman Rutherford voting “Nay.”

Ordinances on Second and Final Reading

Ordinance 2626-21

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Councilwoman Williams, **An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 7, Traffic, Subsection 7-19, Through Streets and Subsections 7-21.2, Multi-Way Stops Near Schools, Playgrounds and Youth Recreation Facilities of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange** was taken up on second and final reading.

All members voting “Aye.”

The Council President stated that this is the scheduled time for the public hearing and asked the Clerk to read the ordinance by title only.

The Council President asked if there was anyone who wished to be heard.

There was no one who wished to be heard and public comment was closed.

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Councilwoman McCartney, the above referenced ordinance was approved.

All members voting “Aye.”

Ordinances on First Reading

Ordinance 2627-21

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Councilwoman McCartney, **An Ordinance Authorizing the Offer by Private Sale of the Property at Block 175.13, Lot 3, on the Township of West Orange Tax Map to the Adjacent Property Owners Pursuant to the Local Lands Use and Building Law** was approved on first reading, ordered advertised according to law, to come up for second and final reading on February 9, 2021.

All members voting “Aye.”

Ordinance 2628-21

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Councilwoman McCartney, **An Ordinance Authorizing the Offer by Private Sale of the Property at Block 175.13, Lot 4, on the Township of West Orange Tax Map to the**

Adjacent Property Owners Pursuant to the Local Lands Use and Building Law was approved on first reading, ordered advertised according to law, to come up for second and final reading on February 9, 2021.

All members voting "Aye."

Ordinance 2629-21

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Council President Matute-Brown, **An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 7, Traffic, Subsection 7-18.1, One Way Streets Designated, Subsection 7-73.3, Temporary Parking Prohibited for Snow Plowing and Removal, Subsection 7-11, Parking Time Limited on Certain Streets During Certain Hours, Subsection 7-12, Parking Prohibited for Street Cleaning and Maintenance, Subsection 7-13, Parking Prohibited at All Times on Certain Streets, Subsection 7-14.1c, Night Parking Restricted, Subsection 7-14.7, Alternate Side Parking and Subsection 7-25, Loading Zones, of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange** was approved on first reading, ordered advertised according to law, to come up for second and final reading on February 9, 2021.

All members voting "Aye."

Ordinance 2630-21

On motion made by Councilwoman McCartney and seconded by Councilwoman Casalino, **An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 7, Traffic, Subsection 7-32.2, Restricted Parking Zones, of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange – 571 Valley Road and 8 Cross Street** was approved on first reading, ordered advertised according to law, to come up for second and final reading on February 9, 2021.

All members voting "Aye."

Ordinance 2631-21

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Council President Matute-Brown, **An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 2, Section 51 of the General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange, Entitled "Human Relations Commission"** was approved on first reading, ordered advertised according to law, to come up for second and final reading on February 9, 2021.

All members voting "Aye."

Ordinance 2632-21

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Council President Matute-Brown, **An Ordinance of the Township of West Orange, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey, Adopting a Redevelopment Plan Relating to the Executive Drive-Rooney Circle Redevelopment Area** was approved on first reading, ordered advertised according to law, to come up for second and final reading on February 9, 2021.

All members voting "Aye."

On motion made by Councilman Rutherford and seconded by Council President Matute-Brown, an amendment was suggested to make lead certification a mandatory requirement as a part of the Redevelopment Plan. Councilwoman Casalino, Councilwoman McCartney and Councilwoman Williams voting "Nay." Councilman Rutherford and Council President Matute-Brown voting "Aye." The motion failed.

Ordinance 2633-21

On motion made by Council President Matute-Brown and seconded by Councilwoman Casalino, **An Ordinance Amending Chapter 15, "Rent Control", Section 15-3, "Rent Leveling Board"; Subsection 15-3.1, "Rent Leveling Board; Creation; Organization", of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange, to Add a Council Liaison to the Rent Leveling Board's Membership** was approved on first reading, ordered advertised according to law, to come up for second and final reading on February 9, 2021.

All members voting "Aye."

Ordinance 2634-21

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Council President Matute-Brown, **An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2, "Administration", Section 2-47, "Environmental Commission", Subsection 2-47.2m "Membership", of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange, to Add a Council Liaison to the Commission's Membership** was approved on first reading, ordered advertised according to law, to come up for second and final reading on February 9, 2021.

All members voting "Aye."

Ordinance 2635-21

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Council President Matute-Brown, **An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 20, Streets and Sidewalks, and Subsections 20-1, et. Seq., of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange** was approved on first reading, ordered advertised according to law, to come up for second and final reading on February 9, 2021.

All members voting "Aye."

Ordinance 2636-21

On motion made by Council President Matute-Brown and seconded by Councilwoman Casalino, **An Ordinance Creating a Reclassification and Salary Schedule of Certain Township of West Orange Employees Setting Forth Their Titles, Classification and Salary Ranges and Adopting A Salary Guide and Establishing the Employee's Status as a Township Employee and Under the Guidelines of the New Jersey Department of Personnel** was approved on first reading, ordered advertised according to law, to come up for second and final reading on February 9, 2021.

All members voting "Aye."

Pending Matters/New Matters/Council Discussion

The item listed for the Rent Control Board was postponed until the next meeting on February 9, 2021. On motion made by Council President Matute-Brown and seconded by Councilwoman Casalino, the appointment of Mr. Bart Quentzel, Alternate No. 1 for a one-year term and Dr. Michael Straker, Alternate No. 4 for a 2-year term on the Zoning Board was approved. All members voting "Aye."

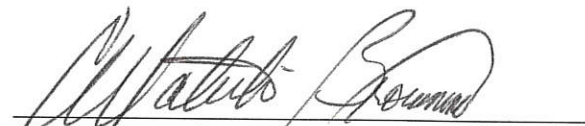
Council President discussed the following items: the length of council meetings, council workshops as needed, reduction in the time limit for public comment. A poll was taken of the Council. Councilwoman Casalino, Councilwoman McCartney, Councilwoman Williams and Council President Matute-Brown were in favor, Councilman Rutherford was not. The Council had a discussion with regard to the West Orange Animal Shelter.

At 12:04 a.m., on motion made by Council President Matute-Brown and seconded by Councilwoman Casalino, the Council Meeting was adjourned.

All members voting "Aye.

The Minutes of this meeting are on file in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.


Karen J. Carnevale, R.M.C.
Municipal Clerk


Cindy Matute-Brown, Council President

Adopted: February 9, 2021