

Conference Meeting – February 9, 2021

The West Orange Township Council met virtually due to the Covid 19 pandemic beginning at 6:35 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

Council President Matute-Brown spoke about conducting a Council workshop with regard to a potential pilot for the Executive Drive Redevelopment Project. Two dates were proposed to be discussed with the Mayor for his availability.

The Council gave their liaison announcements.

Public Meeting – February 9, 2021

The West Orange Township Council met virtually beginning at 7:10 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

Clare Silvestri – 20 Grandview Avenue

Sally Malanga – 57 Ridge Road

Joe Fagan – Public Information Officer – Township of West Orange

Joe Krakoviak – Grandview Avenue

Joyce Harley – Smith Manor Blvd.

Susan Lenczyk – 234 Eagle Rock Avenue

Loren Svetvilas – Prospect Avenue

Melgily Valdez – Elm Street

Rosary Morelli – Ralph Road

Dagmar Hobson – Tremont Avenue

Khabirah Myers – Marion Drive

Isabella Dias Freedman – 760 Northfield Avenue

Patrecia West – Giordano Drive

Paul Papasavas – Underwood Drive

Joyce Rudin – 38 Woodland Avenue

Rabbi Moshe Rudin – 38 Woodland Avenue

Betsey Valdez – Elm Street

Melinda Huerta – 17 Park Drive S.

Kevin Malanga – 57 Ridge Road

Michael Pages – Ferris Drive

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 26, 2021

***Report of Township Officers – None**

***Reading of Petitions and Communications and Bids** was removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Planning Board Resolution 21-02 Recommending that the Township Council Adopt the “Executive Drive-Rooney Circle Non-Condensation Redevelopment Plan Dated February 1, 2021, for Block 155, Lot 40.02, Block 155, Lot 42.02 and Block 155, Lot 41.02

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Council President Matute-Brown, the Council consented to the resolution.

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

***Bills - None**

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

- a. **29-21** Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Raffle Licenses (Clerk)
- b. **30-21** Resolution Authorizing the Township to Retain Matrix New World to Perform Remediation Efforts on the Property at 18 Central Avenue Utilizing Partial Grant Funding from the HDSRF Grant Fund from the Department of Environmental Protection (Legal-Moon)
- c. **31-21** Resolution Authorizing the Retention of Matrix New World to Perform a Remedial Investigation and to Prepare a Remedial Action Work Plan for the Property at 8-10 Central Avenue Utilizing HDSRF Grant Funds Awarded by the Department of Environmental Protection (Legal-Moon)

- d. **32-21** Resolution of the Township of West Orange, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey, Authorizing Application for a Historic Preservation Fund Certified Local Government Grant-In-Aid FFY 2021, and Acceptance of Same in the Event Awarded (Legal-Kayser)
- e. **33-21** Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement of Sale and Purchase for the Township to Sell the Sole Developing 17 Units of Affordable Housing on the Property (Legal-Moon)
- f. **34-21** Resolution Authorizing a Subordination of Mortgage for Property at 17 Phyllis Road, West Orange, Block 154.05, Lot 11 (Legal-Moon)
- g. **35-21** Resolution Authorizing Execution of Subordination Agreement with Walker & Dunlop, LLC Regarding Valley Road Residential Urban Renewal, LLC (Legal-Trenk)

On motion made by Council President Matute-Brown and seconded by Councilman Rutherford, the consent agenda was approved.

All members voting "Aye."

Ordinances on Second and Final Reading

Ordinance 2627-21

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

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 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 Council President Matute-Brown, the above referenced ordinance was approved.

All members voting "Aye."

Ordinance 2629-21

On motion made by Councilwoman McCartney and seconded by Councilwoman Williams, **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 tabled until the February 23, 2021 meeting.

All members voting "Aye."

Ordinance 2630-21

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

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 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.

After a discussion of the Council, and on motion made by Councilman Rutherford and seconded by Council President Matute-Brown, the above referenced ordinance was tabled.

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

Ordinance 2632-21

On motion made by Councilwoman McCartney and seconded by Councilwoman 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 taken up on second and final reading.

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

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 Williams, the above referenced ordinance was approved.

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

Ordinance 2633-21

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

All members voting "Aye."

Ordinance 2634-21

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

All members voting “Aye.”

Ordinance 2635-21

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

All members voting “Aye.”

Ordinance 2636-21

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Councilwoman McCartney, **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** 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 2637-21

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Council President Matute-Brown, **An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 3, "Rules of Council", of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange, to Comport with Current Practice and Increase Efficiency and Effectiveness of Council Meetings** was approved on first reading, ordered advertised according to law, to come up for second and final reading on February 23, 2021.

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

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Councilwoman Williams, a revision was proposed to remove the paragraph regarding the one-hour time limit for public comment.

All members voting "Aye."

At this time, Madame Clerk advised the Council President that Mr. Peter Wosh, member of the Historic Preservation Commission was on the Zoom call and wished to speak about resolution 32-21, adopted earlier in the evening.

Pending Matters/New Matters/Council Discussion

The item listed for the Rent Control Board was postponed until the next meeting on February 23, 2021.

At 11:19 a.m., on motion made by Councilwoman Williams 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 23, 2021