

Conference Meeting – March 9, 2021

The West Orange Township Council met virtually due to the Covid 19 pandemic beginning at 6:30 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, Mayor Parisi

A brief overview regarding the Rock Spring Club was given by Mayor Parisi.

The Council gave their liaison announcements.

Public Meeting – March 9, 2021

The West Orange Township Council met virtually beginning at 7:11 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

Megan Brill – Executive Director – Downtown West Orange Alliance

Henry Johnson – 22 Rock Spring Road

Joe Fagan – Public Information Officer – Township of West Orange

Harvey Grossman – Public Advocate

Christopher Pitoscia – 24 Woods End Road

Clare Silvestri – 20 Grandview Avenue

James Macfarlan – 3 West Road

Joe Krakoviak – 20 Grandview Avenue

Melgily Valdez – Elm Street

David Heide – 42 Gregory Avenue

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-** Township Council Meeting- February 23, 2021

***Report of Township Officers – None**

***Reading of Petitions and Communications and Bids – None**

***Bills**

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

- a. **34-21** Amended Resolution - Resolution Authorizing a Subordination of Mortgage for Property at 17 Phyllis Road, West Orange, Block 154.05, Lot 11 (Legal-Moon)
- b. **42-21** Resolution Authorizing Issuance of Raffle Licenses (Clerk)
- c. **43-21** Resolution Authorizing the Collector of Taxes to Refund to the Listed Taxpayer Due to An Overpayment of Taxes Due to a Duplicate Payment (Gagliardo)
- d. **44-21** Resolution Authorizing the Township to Enter into and Execute an Agreement with Goose Control Technology for the Calendar Year 2021, at a Rate of \$3,250. for Implementation of a Nuisance Related Geese Control Program
- e. **45-21** Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with Garden State Labs for Laboratory Services for 2021 (DeNova)
- f. **46-21** Resolution Designating a Redeveloper and Authorizing the Execution of a Redevelopment Agreement for the Property Known as Block 155, Lots 40.02, 41.02 and 42.02 on the Tax Map of the Township of West Orange (Legal-Cofoni)
- g. **47-21** Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of New CAD/RMS Software to Support the Operations of the Police, Fire and Municipal Departments within the Township under State Contract # ITS58 Sub contract # 89851 (Purchasing-Reynolds)
- h. **48-21** Resolution Authorizing Change Order No. 1 with Absolute Protective Services, 51 Suttons Lane, Piscataway, NJ 08854 in the Amount of \$1,286.00 for Strobe Lights to be Installed in the Two First Floor Public Restrooms as Part of the Upgrade to the Fire Alarm System in the Municipal Building (Lepore)
- i. **49-21** Resolution Authorizing an Executive Session to Discuss a Matter of Litigation and Contractual Negotiation Specifically Executive Drive (Legal-Trenk)

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

All members voting “Aye.”

At approximately 8:50 p.m., on motion made by Council President Matute-Brown and seconded by Councilwoman McCartney, the Council entered into an Executive Session.

All members voting “Aye.”

At approximately 9:50 p.m., on motion made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilwoman Casalino, the executive session was adjourned and the Council returned to their public meeting.

All members voting "Aye."

Ordinances on Second and Final Reading

Ordinance 2638-21

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Councilwoman Williams, **An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 7, Traffic, Subsection 7-14.3 Parking Time Limited on Certain Streets During Certain Hours of Certain Days and Subsection 7-26.1, Bus Stops, of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange, 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.

Megan Brill – Executive Director – Downtown West Orange Alliance

There was no one else that wished to be heard.

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

All members voting "Aye."

Ordinance 2640-21

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Councilwoman Williams, **Ordinance of the Township of West Orange, County of Essex, New Jersey Approving an Application for a Long-Term Tax Exemption and Authorizing the Execution of a Financial Agreement with Green Essex Partners Urban Renewal, LLC** 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.

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Clare Silvestri – 20 Grandview Avenue

Joe Krakoviak – 20 Grandview Avenue

There was no one else that wished to be heard.

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

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

Ordinances on First Reading

Ordinance 2639-21

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Councilwoman McCartney, **An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 7, Traffic, Subsection 7-32.1 Handicapped Parking on Streets and Subsection 7-32.2, Restricted Parking 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 March 23, 2021.

All members voting "Aye."

Ordinance 2642-21

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Councilwoman Williams, **An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter XXV Land Use Regulations of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange to Implement a Settlement Agreement with Fair Share Housing Center** was approved on first reading, ordered advertised according to law, to come up for second and final reading on March 23, 2021.

All members voting "Aye."

Pending Matters/New Matters/Council Discussion

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Councilwoman McCartney, Rodolfo Rodriguez was nominated and approved for a 2-year appointment on the Rent Leveling Board.

The following topics were discussed, Edison Redevelopment Project – Phase II, Economic Development Commission Consensus Appointment, One Year Anniversary of the First Case of Covid in the Township, NJLM Legislation regarding the legalization of marijuana.

All members voting "Aye."

At 11:14 a.m., on motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Councilwoman McCartney, 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: March 23, 2021