

Conference Meeting – August 17, 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, Mayor Parisi

Councilwoman Tammy Williams introduced Dr. Janice Johnson Diaz gave a presentation with regard to Green Ribbon Week which is September 20-24, 2021.

The Council gave their liaison announcements.

Public Meeting – August 17, 2021

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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

Brent Draper Scott – African Heritage Organization

Susan Lenczyk – 234 Eagle Rock Avenue

Joe Krakoviak – 20 Grandview Avenue

Virginia Murchison – 7 Park Drive West

Clare Silvestri – 20 Grandview Avenue

Micaela Bennett – Old Indian Road

Todd Dubovy – 10 Burnett Terrace

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-** July 13, 2021

***Report of Township Officers – None**

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

***Bills**

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

- a. **HELDOVER - 165-21** Resolution Awarding a Contract for the Providing of Recreational Services and Athletic Services to the Residents of West Orange for the Period of January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021 in the Amount of \$12,000. for PAL Police Athletic League (Legal-Moon)
- b. **HELDOVER - 168-21** Resolution Awarding a Contract for the Providing of Recreational Services, Social Services and Activities to the Residents of West Orange for the Period of January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021 in the Amount of \$9,500.00. for Mountain Top League (Legal-Moon)
- c. **HELDOVER - 170-21** Resolution Awarding a Contract for the Providing of Recreational Services, Social Services and Activities to the Residents of West Orange for the Period of January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021 in the Amount of \$40,000.00. for the Community House (Legal-Moon)
- d. **189-21** Resolution Authorizing Execution of Settlement and Mutual Release Agreement (Legal-Trenk)
- e. **190-21** Resolution Authorizing the Retention of Christopher P. Gengaro, Esq. of Lentz & Gengaro to Assist with Finalizing the Contract, and Handling the Closing of the Acquisition of Property Owned by the Crestmont Country Club, Block 174, Lot 1.01 which Consists of Approximately 94.55 Acres of Vacant Land at the rate of \$200/hour for a Total Maximum Expenditure NTE \$20,000. (Legal-Trenk)
- f. **191-21** Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of Deputy Municipal Clerk, June Planas for a Two-Year Term beginning on August 16, 2021 through August 15, 2023.
This resolution was approved on July 30, 2021 and memorialized on 8.17.21.
- g. **192-21** Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Raffle Licenses (Clerk)
- h. **193-21** Resolution Authorizing the Auction of Abandoned Vehicles (Reynolds)
- i. **194-21** Resolution Authorizing the Collector of Taxes to Cancel Sewer Charges to the Listed Taxpayers Pursuant to Easement and Right of Way Agreement Between the County of Essex and the Township of West Orange (Tax Collector)
- j. **195-21** Resolution Authorizing the Collector of Taxes to Refund Payment to the Listed Taxpayer Due to An Overpayment of 2021 Third Quarter Taxes (Tax Collector)
- k. **196-21 REMOVED**
- l. **197-21** Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with Gabel Associates to Provide Residential Energy Aggregation Consulting Services for the Township's Government Energy Aggregation (Legal-Moon)
- m. **198-21** Resolution Authorizing the Execution and Recording of a Discharge of Mortgage as to the Property at 12 Crystal Avenue from the Township's Housing Rehabilitation Program after Repayment of the Amount Due to the Township (Legal-Moon)

- n. **199-21** Resolution Authorizes the Execution of an Agreement with Kemper Sports for the Operation, Management, and Maintenance of Rock Spring Golf Course commencing on January 1, 2022 (Legal-Moon)
- o. **200-21** Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of Funding Awarded by the State of New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety in Accordance with the SFY21 Body-Worn Camera Grant Program in the Amount of \$222,142.00 (Gross)
- p. **201-21** Resolution Authorizing the Township to Execute an Affordable Housing Agreement Governing the Tompkins Street Property Dedicated for Low and Moderate-Income Housing (Legal-Moon)
- q. **202-21** Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Service Agreement with Goose Control Technology for Removal of Canadian Geese from Degnan Park and the Oskar Schindler Performing Arts Center for 2022 – **as revised** (Legal-Moon)
- r. **203-21** Resolution Authorizing the Application for and Acceptance of Grant Funds from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs-Neighborhood Preservation Program (NPP) in the Amount of \$125,000 (Grant Writer-Kapura)
- s. **204-21** Resolution Authorizing an Award of Contract to Fire & Safety Services, 200 Ryan Street, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080 for Fire Apparatus Maintenance and Repair for the Term of 24 Months with the Option to Extend one (1) Additional Year (Reynolds)
- t. **205-21** Resolution Authorizing the Collector of Taxes to Refund Payment to the Listed Taxpayer(s) Due to Veteran Exemption - Various (Tax Collector)
- u. **206-21** Resolution Authorizing the Collector of Taxes to Rebate Payment to the Listed Taxpayer Pursuant to Final Judgment by the Tax Court of New Jersey – 10 Lynwood Way (Tax Collector)
- v. **207-21** Resolution Authorizing the Collector of Taxes to Rebate Payment to the Listed Taxpayer Pursuant to Final Judgment by the Tax Court of New Jersey – 588 Eagle Rock Avenue (Tax Collector)
- w. **208-21** Resolution Authorizing the Collector of Taxes to Rebate Payment to the Listed Taxpayer Pursuant to Final Judgment by the Tax Court of New Jersey – 3 Bachman (Tax Collector)
- x. **209-21** Resolution Authorizing an Executive Session to Discuss Contractual Negotiation concerning Crestmont Country Club, the Downtown Properties, and Related Matters (Legal-Trenk)
- w. **210-21** Requesting Planning Board to Consider Whether Properties within Township Qualify as Area in Need of Rehabilitation (Legal-Trenk)
- y. **211-21** Resolution Authorizing the Collector of Taxes to Refund Payment to the Listed Taxpayer(s) Due to Veteran Exemption – 17 Kenz Terrace and 33 Mountain Avenue (Tax Collector)
- z. **212-21** Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with Essex Regional Health Commission for the Hiring and Management of Support Staff for the Vulnerable Populations Outreach Coordinator Utilizing Grant Funds from the Strengthening Local Public Health Capacity Program through the New Jersey Department of Health, Office of Local Public Health (Legal-Moon)
- aa. **214-21** Resolution Authorizing the Municipal Budget to be Read by Title Only (Clerk)
- bb. **HELDOVER 215-21** Resolution to Adopt the 2021 Municipal Budget (Gross) (**resolution to follow**)

- cc. **216-21** Resolution to Provide Property Tax Payers the Tax Relief Benefits Offered by N.J.S.A. 40A:4-41(c) (2) (Gross)
- dd. **217-21** Resolution for the Township of West Orange to Authorize a Three-Year Average for Covid-19 Affected Revenues in the 2021 Municipal Budget (Gross)
- ee. **218-21** Resolution Canceling \$5,593,267.75 of the \$7,876,278. of the Covid Special Emergency Ordinance 2623-20 Adopted on November 24, 2020 by the West Orange Township Council (Gross)
- ff. **219-21** Resolution Authorizing an Agreement with Enterprise via Sourcewell National Cooperative – 2021 (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 213-21

gg. **213-21** Resolution to Amend Introduced Budget (Gross)

On motion made by Council President Matute-Brown and seconded by Councilwoman Williams, the above referenced resolution was approved. – **the Public Hearing will take place on September 14, 2021**

All members voting “Aye.”

Ordinances on Second and Final Reading

Ordinance 2648-21

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Council President Matute-Brown, **Calendar Year 2021 Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a CAP Bank (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)** 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 that wished to be heard.

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

All members voting “Aye.”

Ordinance 2651-21

On motion made by Council President Matute-Brown and seconded by Councilwoman Williams, **Bond Ordinance Providing for the Acquisition of Various Properties Pursuant to the Downtown Redevelopment Plan, by and in the Township of West Orange, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey; Appropriating \$13,000,000 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$13,000,000 Bonds or**

Notes of the Township to Finance the Cost Thereof the above referenced ordinance was recessed to September 14, 2021.

All members voting “Aye.”

Ordinances on First Reading

Ordinance 2652-21

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Councilwoman Williams, **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 – Handicapped Parking Spot – 14 Glennon Place** was approved on first reading, ordered advertised according to law, to come up for second and final reading on September 14, 2021.

All members voting “Aye.”

Ordinance 2653-21

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Councilwoman Williams, **An 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 Tompkins Street Apartments Urban Renewal, LLC** was approved on first reading, ordered advertised according to law, to come up for second and final reading on September 14, 2021.

All members voting “Aye.”

Ordinance 2654-21

On motion made by Council President Matute-Brown and seconded by Councilwoman Williams, **An Ordinance Supplementing Chapter 4, and Establishing Chapter 4, Section 40 of the General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange, Entitled “West Orange Township Civilian Complaint Review Board”** was approved on first reading, ordered advertised according to law, to come up for second and final reading on September 14, 2021.

All members voting “Aye.”

Ordinance 2655-21

On motion made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilwoman Casalino, **An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2, Section 15.3 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange (Department of Fire – Composition)** was approved on first reading, ordered advertised according to law, to come up for second and final reading on September 14, 2021.

All members voting “Aye.”

Ordinance 2656-21

Councilwoman Casalino made a motion to amend the ordinance, there was no second. The motion failed.

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Council President Matute-Brown, **An Ordinance Adopting Fourth Amended Downtown Redevelopment Plan** was approved on first reading, ordered advertised according to law, to come up for second and final reading on September 14, 2021.

All members voting “Aye.”

Ordinance 2657-21

On motion made by Councilwoman Williams 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 September 14, 2021.

All members voting "Aye."

Pending Matters/New Matters/Council Discussion - None

At 10:38 p.m., a motion was made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Councilwoman Williams to enter into executive session and adjourn the public meeting.

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: September 14, 2021