

Conference Meeting – January 4, 2022

The West Orange Township Council met virtually due to the Covid 19 pandemic beginning at 6:31 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 24, 2021, and published in the West Orange Chronicle on December 2, 2021.

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

The Oath of Office for Susan McCartney as Council President was administered by Mayor Robert Parisi. Michael Fonzino, Director of Health & Welfare and Nick Allegrino, OEM Coordinator explained the current CDC Safeguard updates. Council President McCartney presented a photo montage of the year in review of Community Events that took place in 2021. Police Chief James Abbott announced a grant award that the Township received from the Department of Justice for the Mental Health Pilot Program in the amount of \$525,000. Congressman Donald Payne was invited to speak about current legislative updates.

At this time, on motion made by Council President McCartney and seconded by Councilwoman Casalino, **Item 6a-Correspondence from Mayor Parisi Appointing John O. Gross as Business Administrator, Subject to the Township Council Advice and Consent** was moved over to the Conference Agenda for consideration and approval by the Council.

All members voting "Aye."

Public Meeting – January 4, 2022

The West Orange Township Council met virtually beginning at 8:28 p.m., Karen Carnevale, Municipal Clerk read the following statement:

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

Public Comment

Joe Fagan – Public Information Officer – Township of West Orange

Frank Balestriere – 275 St. Cloud Avenue

Frank Noborine – 30 Robertson Road

Clare Silvestri – 20 Grandview Avenue

Anthony Puglisi-Essex County PIO

Mark Chase – 110 Eagle Ridge Way

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-** December 14, 2021 Public Meeting Minutes

***Report of Township Officers – None**

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

- a. Correspondence from Mayor Parisi Appointing John O. Gross as Business Administrator, Subject to the Township Council Advice and Consent

***Bills – None**

Prior to the review of the Consent Agenda, the following resolution was removed from the agenda by the Administration:

- a. **REMOVED 4-22** Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Professional Services Agreement with Heyer Gruel & Associates, 236 Broad Street, Red Bank, NJ 07701, for Professional Planning Services Associated with the Preparation of an Area in Need of Redevelopment Investigation-Block 61 and Block 88, Lot 17 for a Total Cost NTE \$22,000. (Legal-Trenk)

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

- b. **1-22** Resolution Authorizing the Temporary Budget – 2022 (Gross)
- c. **2-22** Resolution Authorizing a Cash Management Plan for 2022 (Gross)
- d. **3-22** Resolution Authorizing an Emergency Temporary Appropriation for Funding of Tax Appeals (Gross)
- e. **5-22** Resolution Authorizing the Collector of Taxes to Refund Payment to the Listed Taxpayer Due to An Overpayment of Taxes Due to a Duplicate Payment (Tax Collector)
- f. **6-22** Grant Agreement Between the Township of West Orange and the State of NJ by and for the Department of Environmental Protection in the Amount of \$50,000. to Fund the Resiliency Planning – Township of West Orange Tree Inventory Project (Grant Writer – C. Kapura)
- g. **7-22** Resolution Authorizing the Execution and Recording of a Discharge of Mortgage on the Property at 214 Gregory Avenue after the Township's Receipt of the Loan Funds Repaid as Part of the Township's Housing Rehabilitation Program (Legal-Moon)
- i. **9-22** Resolution Designating the Official Newspapers for the Township of West Orange (Clerk)
- j. **10-22** Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Raffle Licenses (Clerk)

- k. **11-22** Resolution Acknowledging the Mayor's Appointment of John O. Gross as Business Administrator and his Residency (Mayor Parisi)

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 8-22

8-22 PUBLIC HEARING and Adoption of Downtown West Orange Alliance Special Improvement District 2022 Budget (Brill)

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

All members voting "Aye."

Ordinances on Second and Final Reading

Ordinance 2670-21

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Councilwoman Matute-Brown, **An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2, Section 17.5, Chapter 4, Section 33.1 and Chapter 12, Section 12-10 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange (Smoking Prohibited) 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.

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

All members voting "Aye."

Ordinance 2671-21

On motion made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilwoman Casalino, **An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2, Section 14.5 and Establishing Chapter 2, Section 14.9 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange (Appointment of Police Department, Officers and Personnel)** 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.

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

All members voting "Aye."

Ordinance 2672-21

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Councilwoman Matute-Brown, **An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 7, Traffic, Subsection 7-18.1, One-Way Streets Designated, Subsection 7-7.3, Temporary Parking Prohibited for Snow Plowing and Removal, Subsection 7-12, Parking Prohibited for Street Cleaning and Maintenance, Subsection 7-14.1c, Night Parking Restricted and Subsection 7-14.7, Alternate Side Parking of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange** was taken up on second and final reading.

All members voting "Aye."

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There was no one who wished to be heard.

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

All members voting "Aye."

Ordinances on First Reading

Ordinance 2674-21

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Councilwoman Williams, **An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2, Section 48.2 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange (Municipal Insurance Fund Commission – Definitions)** was approved on first reading, ordered advertised according to law, to come up for second and final reading on January 18, 2022.

All members voting "Aye."

Ordinance 2675-21

On motion made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilwoman Casalino, **An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 7, Traffic, Subsection 7-19, Through Streets, 7-20 Stop Intersections and 7-21 Multiway Stop Intersection 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 January 18, 2022.

All members voting "Aye."

Pending Matters/New Matters/Council Discussion

A discussion took place with regard to the following:

- Reorganization of the Abe Lando Parking Lot

At this time the Council presented their liaison reports.

At 10:39 p.m., on motion made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilman Rutherford, the public 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


Susan McCartney, Council President

Adopted: January 18, 2022