

Conference Meeting – October 25, 2022

The Conference meeting began at 6:34 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

Lt. Patrick Matullo gave a presentation with regard to the West Orange Police Department Community Services Unit and their visit to Kelly Elementary School for School Violence Awareness Week. He also spoke about the Community Outreach Program Coffee with a Cop that recently took place.

The Council gave their Liaison announcements.

Public Meeting – October 25, 2022

The West Orange Township Council meeting began at 7:03 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

Public Comment

Joe Fagan – PIO

Meryl Dorf – Hepworth Court

Susan Scarpa – Gregory Avenue

Sheila Lefkowitz – Pleasant Valley Way

Michelle Malik – Buckingham Road

Lee Saul – Carteret Street

Arshad Aziz - Cedar Avenue

Joe Krakoviak – Grand View Avenue

Susan Lenczyk – Eagle Rock Avenue

Mark Meyerowitz – Howell Drive

Darnell Gibbs – Tremont Avenue, Orange, NJ

Anthony Puglisi – PIO – Essex County

Sally Malanga – Ridge Road

Micaela Bennett – Old Indian Road

Nora Gibbs – Tremont Avenue, Orange, NJ

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-** October 11, 2022 Public Meeting Minutes

***Report of Township Officers – None**

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

***Bills**

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

- a. **262-22** Resolution Authorizing an Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Contract Negotiations Specifically Downtown Redevelopment
This resolution was removed prior to voting on the Consent Agenda.
- b. **263-22** Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Agreement with Matt MacDonald, 111 Wood Avenue South, Iselin, NJ 08830, to Provide Professional Services for Updating the Municipal Stormwater Management Plan, Outfall Pipe Mapping for Compliance with the NJDEP Tier A MS4 Current Permit Cycle for a Fee of \$74,000. (Lepore)
- c. **264-22** NJDOT Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Grant - West Orange Safe Routes to School Project (Lepore)
- d. **265-22** Resolution Authorizing The Approval To Submit A Grant Application And Execute A Grant Contract With The New Jersey Department Of Transportation For The Walker Rd, South Valley Rd, And Rooney Circle Improvements Project (M. Ludwinski)
- e. **266-22** Resolution Of The Township Of West Orange, In The County Of Essex, State Of New Jersey Authorizing Township Officials To Undertake Certain Actions In Connection With The Issuance And Sale Of (A) \$51,559,136 General Obligation Notes, Series 2022a (Tax-Exempt) Consisting Of \$45,301,136 Bond Anticipation Notes, \$4,476,000 Open Space Trust Fund Notes And \$1,782,000 Special Emergency Notes And (B) \$1,826,408 Special Emergency Notes, Series 2022b (Federally Taxable) (L. Thompson/Gross)
- f. **267-22** Resolution Authorizing Temporary Extension of Towing Licenses for C&L Towing Services, 517 Prospect Street, East Orange, NJ and Twin Towing, 1 Lakeside Avenue, West Orange, NJ (Gross)
- g. **268-22** Resolution Authorizing a Contract to Grabowski Construction, Inc. of 770 Northfield Avenue, West Orange, NJ 2022-2023 Snow Plowing, Salting, Removal and Snow Hauling (Lepore)
- h. **269-22** Resolution Authorizing an Award of Contract to Cerbo's Parsippany Greenhouses, Inc., 440 Littleton Road, Parsippany, NJ 07054 for the Fall 2022/Spring 2023 Tree Planting at Various Locations in the amount of \$82,500 (Lepore)
- i. **270-22** Resolution Authorizing Change Order No. 3 for the MA-2016 Improvements to Curtis Avenue and Garfield Avenue Project with A & J General Contractors Group, Inc., 105 Federal Building, Monroe Township, New Jersey 08831 in the amount of \$291.57 (Lepore)

- j. 271-22** Resolution Authorizing Execution of Professional Service Agreement with ED Arborist and Foresters, 976 Old School House Road, Blairstown, NJ 07825, to Provide Forestry Services for the Remainder of the Calendar Year 2022 in an Amount NTE \$17,500.00 (Lepore)
- k. 272-22** Resolution Authorizing a Contract with Thor Guard Inc, 1193 Sawgrass Corp Pkwy, Sunrise, Florida 33323 to Provide One (1) Lighting Prediction and Warning System for Stagg Field and Rock Spring Golf Course, in the Amount of \$48,790.00 (Gross)
- l. 273-22** Resolution of Approval to Submit a Grant Application and Execute a Grant Contract with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection for a Project to Design and Construct Rain Gardens to Improve Stormwater Quality and Reduce Runoff through the NJ DEP Hudson Raritan Estuary Urban Rain Garden Grant Program (Lepore/Ludwinski)
- m. 274-22** Resolution Authorizing Discharge of Mortgage on 40 Edgewood Avenue (Legal-Moon)
- n. 275-22** Resolution Authorizing Extension of Contract with RTR Financial for the Private Collection of Municipal Court Debt – 2022 (Legal-Moon)
- o. 276-22** Form of Resolution Requesting Approval of Items of Revenue and Appropriation N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 – 2022 TD Tree Days (Gross)
- p. 277-22** Resolution Authorizing Agreements with the Department of Community Affairs for the Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (Legal-Moon)
- q. 278-22** Resolution Authorizing an Additional Expenditure for Professional Services Contract Tributary to Wigwam Brook Additional Services with Suburban Consulting Engineers, Inc., 96 US Highway 206, Suite 101, Flanders, NJ 07836 to Complete the Work in the Amount of \$2,500.00 (Lepore)
- r. 279-22** Resolution Authorizing the Certification of the 2021 Annual Audit by the Governing Body (Gross)
- s. 280-22** Resolution Designating Domenic Allegrino the OEM Coordinator for the Township of West Orange (Legal-Trenk)
- t. 281-22** Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Contract be Awarded to, Greenman-Pederson, Inc., 301 Gibraltar Drive, Suite 2A, Morris Plains, NJ 07950 for Professional Land Engineering Services Associated with the 2022 Street Improvements - Phase I (Lepore)
- u. 282-22** Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Access Agreement with Hackman Capital Acquisition Company, LLC for Block 115, Lots 15, 16 And 17 (Legal-Beckelman)
- v. 286-22** Resolution Authorizing the Township to Execute a Subordination Agreement for the Township's Mortgage as Part of the Housing Rehabilitation Program to Allow the Owners at 85 Mitchell Street to Refinance Their Mortgage (Legal-Moon)
- w. 287-22** Resolution Approving 2nd Amendment to Purchase and Sale Agreement between the Township and West Orange Senior Housing Urban Renewal, LLC (Legal-Trenk)

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

All members present voting "Aye."

Resolution(s) Removed from the Consent Agenda

Resolution 283-22

Resolution Revoking Resolution of Local Support for Kemistry, LLC (Legal-Moon)

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

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

Resolution 284-22

Resolution of Local Support of Proposed Cannabis Related Business-The Library of New Jersey Inc. (Legal-Moon)

Mr. Corey Dishman, CEO, Mr. Charles Penn, President and COO and Mr. Andre Dishman, COO representatives of The Library of NJ, introduced themselves and there was a brief question and answer period that took place.

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

All members present voting "Aye."

Resolution 285-22

Resolution Temporarily Suspending the Acceptance of Applications for Local Support of Proposed Cannabis Businesses (Legal-Moon)

A motion was made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Council President McCartney, to amend the language referencing the date of acceptance of applications from January 1, 2023 to December 1, 2022.

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

On motion made by Councilman Rutherford and seconded by Councilwoman Casalino, the above referenced resolution was approved as amended.

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

Ordinance(s) on Second and Final Reading-None

Ordinance(s) on First Reading

Ord. 2698-22

On motion made by Councilman Rutherford and seconded by Councilwoman Casalino, **Bond Ordinance Funding An Emergency Appropriation Providing For The Local Unit's Allocable Share Of The Unfunded Portion Of Phase I Of The Flood Mitigation Facilities Project Of The Joint Meeting Of Essex And Union Counties, By And In The Township Of West Orange, In The County Of Essex, State Of New Jersey (The "Local Unit"); Appropriating \$2,725,000 Therefor And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$2,725,000 Bonds Or Notes To Finance The Cost Thereof,** was approved on first reading, ordered advertised according to law, to come up for second and final reading on November 22, 2022.

All members present voting "Aye."

Ord. 2699-22

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Councilwoman Matute-Brown, **An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of a License Agreement with Pleasant Valley Productions, Inc. for Use and Operation of the Oskar Schindler Performing Arts Center**, was approved on first reading, ordered advertised according to law, to come up for second and final reading on November 22, 2022.

All members present voting "Aye."

Pending Matters-New Matters-Council Discussion

A conversation with regard to Cannabis Retail Businesses and how many licenses will be allowed.

ABC Hearing

On motion made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilwoman Casalino, the Public meeting was adjourned at 11:12 p.m., and the Council entered into an ABC Hearing.

All members present voting "Aye."

704-22

On motion made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilwoman Matute-Brown, **Resolution Renewing Alcoholic Beverage Retail Consumption License No. 0722-33-068-016, Wilshire Hospitality Services, LLC t/a Wilshire Catering (Pocket), for the 2022-2023 Term and to Issue a New License Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 33:1-12.18** was approved.

All members present voting "Aye."

At 11:14 p.m., on motion made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilwoman Matute-Brown, the ABC Hearing was adjourned.

All members present 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: November 22, 2022