

Conference Meeting – January 24, 2023

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 23, 2022 and published in the West Orange Chronicle on December 1, 2022.

Roll Call – Councilwoman Casalino, Councilman Rutherford, Councilwoman Scarpa, Council President Williams

Absent- Councilwoman Ghebremicael

Mayor McCartney presented a Proclamation to Gerald and Roger Schneider on the anniversary of Schneider Hardware recognizing 100 years in the Township. A Proclamation was read by Shana Melius, on behalf of Congressman Donald Payne, celebrating the anniversary and Megan Brill, Executive Director of the Downtown West Orange Alliance presented 2 framed copies of the Mayor's Proclamation to the Schneider brothers. Council President Williams announced the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) award recipients for 2022. West Orange received \$355,300 to rehabilitate Ashwood Terrace, William Street and Valley Road, for Bethany Center, for Main Street Counseling Center, and for Jesus, Others, Yourself Church of God.

The Council gave their Liaison announcements.

Public Meeting – January 24, 2023

The West Orange Township Council meeting began at 7:01 p.m., Karen Carnevale, Municipal Clerk read the following statement:

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Absent- Councilwoman Ghebremicael

Public Comment

Joe Fagan – PIO

Doris Moses – Brook Drive

Altheia Tweiten – Acre Road

Philip Litwinoff - Linden Avenue

Brent Scott – Nestro Road

Rosary Morelli – Ralph Road

Sheila Lefkowitz – Pleasant Valley Way

Rachel Hersey – Mellon Avenue

Paula Weinberg – Mt. Pleasant Avenue

Anthony Puglisi – PIO – Essex County

Nordia Gibbs – Tremont Avenue, Orange, NJ

Kevin Kirwan – Valley Way

Sally Malanga – Ridge Road

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Mel Valdez – Elm Street

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 2, 2023 and January 10, 2023, Public Meeting

***Report of Township Officers – None**

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

- a. Correspondence from Mayor McCartney submitting for the Township Council's advise and consent, the reappointment of Dr. Marge Mingin to the W.O. Public Library Board effective January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2027.
- b. Correspondence from Mayor McCartney submitting for Township Council's advise and consent, the reappointment of Sunjana Thirumala Sridhar to the W.O. Public Library Board effective January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2027.

***Bills - None**

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

25-23 Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Raffle Licenses (Clerk)

26-23 Authorizing Shared Services Agreement with Borough of Essex Fells for Public Health Officer -2023 (T. DeNova)

27-23 Resolution Authorizing Shared Services Agreement with Borough of Essex Fells for Animal Control Services - 2023 (T. DeNova)

28-23 Resolution Authorizing Application for a Grant from the Department of Community Affairs for Approximately \$100,000.00 to Carry Out a Project to Replace the Dugouts at Degnan Park, and Acceptance of Same in the Event Awarded (Lepore/Carballo)

29-23 Resolution Authorizing the Township to Execute a Subordination of Mortgage for the Township of West Orange's Mortgage on the Property at 85 Mitchell Street for the Amount Owed as Part of the Township of West Orange's Housing Rehabilitation Program to Allow the Property Owner to Refinance Their Mortgage (Legal-Moon)

30-23 Resolution Appointing the Township of West Orange Purchasing Agent, Panayiota Reynolds as the Public Agency Compliance Officer (Gross)

31-23 Resolution Authorizing Change Order No. 2 for the New West Orange Public Library for Revised Construction Documents and to Provide Permitting Assistance to Arcari Iovino, 1 Katherine Street, Little Ferry, NJ 07643 in the Amount of \$3,500.00 (Lepore)

32-23 Resolution Authorizing a Professional Service Contract with CME Associates, 3759 Highway 1 South, Suite 100, Monmouth Junction, New Jersey 08852, Manal Baba, LSRP, to Provide Professional Services for Interim Remedial Measures and Monitoring and Reporting and Management for Motor Oil Discharge at the Public Works Building, 25 Lakeside Avenue for a Fee NTE \$27,300.00. (Lepore)

33-23 Resolution Authorizing Various Agreements for Senior Citizen Programs 2022 (Van Dyke)

34-23 Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of Grant Application to Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (Van Dyke)

35-23 Resolution Authorizing DMHAS Youth Leadership Grant Municipal Alliance Application Grant 2023 (Van Dyke)

36-23 Resolution Authorizing an Amendment to Resolution 296-22 Amending the Cost of the Work for the Reconstruction of "Upper" Mellon Avenue Due to Field Conditions Encountered During Construction (Lepore)

37-23 Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Contract to Matrix New World Engineering, Land Surveying and Landscape Architecture, P.C., 26 Columbia Turnpike, Florham Park, New Jersey 07932, to Provide Professional Services for Project Management and Site Inspection Services for a Fee Not To Exceed \$4,250.00. (Lepore)

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

All members present voting "Aye."

Ordinance(s) on Second and Final Reading

Ord. 2708-23

On motion made by Councilwoman Scarpa and seconded by Council President Williams, **An Ordinance Creating Chapter 2, Section 62 of the Revised General Ordinances of The Township of West Orange, Entitled "Older Adults Advisory Board"**, was taken up on second and final reading.

All members present 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 and the public hearing on this Ordinance was closed.

On motion made by Councilwoman Scarpa and seconded by Council President Williams, the above referenced ordinance was adopted.

All members present voting "Aye."

Ordinances on First Reading

Ord. 2709-23

On motion made by Councilman Rutherford and seconded by Council President Williams, **An Ordinance Amending Chapter 5, Section 34.3 And Section 34.6, And Chapter 25, Section 11.7, Section 24.2 And Part A: Permitted Uses Table of District Regulations of The Revised General Ordinances of The Township of West Orange (Licensed Cannabis Entities)**, was approved on first reading, ordered advertised according to law, to come up for second and final reading on February 7, 2023.

All members present voting "Aye."

Ord. 2710-23

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Council President Williams, **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 February 7, 2023.

All members present voting "Aye."

Ord. 2711-23

This ordinance was pulled from the agenda prior to the meeting.

Ord. 2712-23

A motion was made by Council President Williams and seconded by Councilman Rutherford to introduce on first reading.

After a brief discussion, on motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Councilwoman Scarpa, the motion to introduce on first reading was withdrawn.

Councilwoman Casalino, Councilman Rutherford and Councilwoman Scarpa voting "Aye." Council President Williams voting "Nay."

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Council President Williams, **An Ordinance Amending Chapter 5, Section 34.3 And Section 34.6 Of The Revised General Ordinances Of The Township Of West Orange (Licensed Cannabis Entities)**, was tabled.

All members present voting "Aye."

Pending Matters-New Matters-Council Discussion

- Council Appointments
- Cigar Bars/Hookah Lounges
- Downtown Redevelopment (Movie Studio)

ABC Hearing

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Councilman Rutherford, the Public meeting was adjourned, and the Council entered into an ABC Hearing.

All members present voting "Aye."

706-23

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Council President Williams, **Resolution Following N.J.S.A. 33:1-12.18 Special Ruling Renewing Alcoholic Beverage Retail Consumption License #0722-33-068-016, Wilshire Hospitality Services, LLC t/a Wilshire Catering (Pocket), for the 2021-2022 License Term** was approved.

All members present voting "Aye."

707-23

On motion made by Council President Williams and seconded by Councilwoman Casalino, **Resolution Following Issuance Of N.J.S.A. 33:1-12.39 Special Ruling Renewing Alcoholic Beverage Retail Consumption License #0722-33-068-016, Wilshire Hospitality Services, LLC t/a Wilshire Catering (Pocket), for the 2022-2023 Term** was approved.

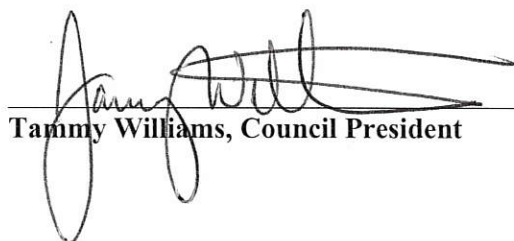
All members present voting "Aye."

At 9:28 p.m., on motion made by Council President Williams and seconded by Councilman Rutherford, 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

Tammy Williams, Council President

Adopted: February 7, 2023