

Conference Meeting – August 1, 2023

The Conference meeting began 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 West Orange Chronicle on July 22, 2023.

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

Administration of Oaths of Office to Probationary Firefighters by Mayor McCartney
PFF Jagger Garguilo
PFF Jonathan Delgado-Escobar
PFF Matthew Daly
PFF Zachary Coppola
PFF Alexandre Romero

The following Board Chairpersons gave an update on their Commissions.

Mike Brick, Chair and Joe Berwind, Member – Environmental Commission
Elizabeth Milhim, Chair-Human Relations Commission
Patricia Mitrano, Chair-Arts Council
Sam Bernstein, Chair-Older Person Advisory Board
Susan Dolinko - Farmers Market
Joseph McCartney, Chair-Open Space & Recreation
Megan Brill, Executive Director-Downtown West Orange Alliance

Public Meeting – August 1, 2023

The West Orange Township Council meeting began at 7:32 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 West Orange Chronicle on July 22, 2023.

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

Public Comment

Daniel Risis – Linden Avenue

Todd Dubovy – Burnet Terrace

Sheila Lefkowitz – Pleasant Valley Way

Claire Silvestri – Grandview Avenue

Lisa Steadwell – Chestnut Road

Rosary Morelli – Ralph Road

Sally Malanga – Ridge Road

Vikas Mehta – Hooper Avenue

Kevin Malanga – Ridge Road

M.K. Adams – Park Drive S.

Mel Valdez – Elm Street

Phil Litwinoff – Linden Avenue

There was no one else who wished to be heard and the public comment portion of the agenda was closed.

At 9:11 p.m., Stephanie Santana, Deputy Finance Officer read into the record, Budget Amendment No. 1 in full.

Resolution 265-23

On motion made by Council President Williams and seconded by Councilwoman Ghebremicael, the resolution entitled Budget Amendment No. 1 was approved.

All members voting “Aye.”

The hearing on this amendment will take place on August 22, 2023.

PUBLIC HEARING ON 2023 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

At 9:37 p.m., on motion made by Council President and seconded by Councilwoman Ghebremicael, the hearing for the 2023 Municipal Budget was opened.

John Gross, Chief Financial Officer presented a detailed power point presentation on the 2023 Municipal Budget and what is included. After the presentation the Council had the opportunity to ask questions.

Public Comment was opened to the public.

Kevin Malanga – Ridge Road

Mark Rosenberg – Fernwood Circle

Todd Dubovy – Burnet Terrace

Phil Litwinoff – Linden Avenue

At 10:50 p.m., on motion made by Council President Williams and seconded by Councilwoman Ghebremicael, the Budget Hearing was closed.

All members voting “Aye.”

Approval of Resolution 266-23

On motion made by Councilwoman Ghebremicael and seconded by Councilman Rutherford, **Resolution Authorizing the Retention of Angelo Genova, Genova Burns, LLC, 494 Broad Street, Newark, NJ 07102 as Special Counsel to the Township Council for an Amount NTE \$17,499.00.** was approved.

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

ABC Hearing

At 10:54 p.m., on motion made by Councilwoman Ghebremicael and seconded by Councilwoman Casalino, the public meeting was adjourned and the Council entered into an ABC Hearing.

All members voting "Aye."

Resolution 723-23

Hearing on Renewal for 2023-2024 License Term-**Harrison Avenue Tavern, Inc.** 0722-33-058-006
(Special Conditions)

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

All members present voting "Aye."

Resolution 724-23

Hearing on Renewal for **Plenary Retail Consumption, Distribution and Club Licenses** for the 2023-2024 License Term

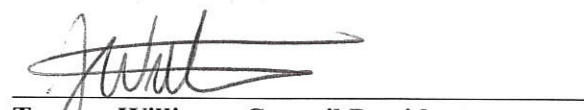
On motion made by Council President Williams and seconded by Councilwoman Ghebremicael, the above referenced resolution was approved.

All members present voting "Aye."

At 11:01p.m., on motion made by Councilman Rutherford and seconded by Council President Williams, 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. Carneyale, R.M.C.
Municipal Clerk
Tammy Williams, Council President

Adopted: August 22, 2023