

Conference Meeting – January 9, 2024

The Conference meeting began at 6:47 p.m., the 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 21, 2023, and published in the West Orange Chronicle on November 30, 2023.

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

Public Meeting – January 9, 2024

The Public meeting began at 7:07 p.m., the Municipal Clerk read the following statement:

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

Council Liaison announcements were made.

Public Comment

In Person:

Joe Fagan – Public Information Officer
Anthony Puglisi – PIO Essex County
Paul Trachtenberg
Noor Shamim – Cullen Drive
Marish Qareshi – W.O. resident
Ro – W.O. resident
Ibrahim – W.O. resident
John Blanton – Forest Hill Road
Tova – W.O. resident
Clare Silvestri – Grandview Avenue
Natania Kremer – Northfield Avenue
Rachel Cohen – W.O. resident
Julia Greenberg – Tory Corner resident
Jeremy Chatzky – Watson Avenue
Matt Dragon – Sheridan Avenue
Todd Dubovy – Burnet Terrace
A.R. – W.O. resident
Sally Malanga – Ridge Road
Sheila Lefkowitz – W.O. resident
Michael Giovine – Manger Road
Myriam – W.O. resident
Fariha Chougale – Maplewood Resident
Richard Groves – W.O. resident
Lisa Davis – W.O. resident
Joyce Rudin – W.O. Resident
Micaela Bennett – Old Indian Road

Dorene Richmond –
Joe – W.O. resident
Noha Sadany – W.O. resident
Renee Glick – W.O. resident
Monica- W.O. resident
Moshe Glick – W.O. resident
Irv Schwarzbaum – W.O. resident
Nicol Bell – W.O. resident
Rabbi Eliezer Zwickler
Gaby Guzman – W.O. resident
Rachel Klein – Howell Drive
Cheryl – W.O. resident
Rabbi R’Yoni Glatt
Suzy – W.O. resident
Amy Gallatin – W.O. resident
Oren – Sunnyside Road
Tez Roro – W.O. resident
Anusha – W.O. resident
Jane – W.O. resident
Sean Gaynor – 74 Reynolds
Larry Rein
Jason Buskin
Anna Schwartz – W.O. resident
Hadar Weiss – W.O. resident
Rabbi Marc Spivak
Arthur Dubroff – Devore Dr.
Jennifer Greenberg – Conforti Ave.
Cruz Panes
Romy Baron Cohen
Rachel Hersey – W.O. resident
Dr. Lichtman – W.O. resident
Chaim Goldman – Curtis Avenue
Norman Cantor – W.O. resident
Dammi Falastini – W.O. resident
Deborah Druce – W.O. resident

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

At this time, the following resolutions were heard:

Resolution 2-24

Resolution Authorizing the Temporary Budget – 2024 (Gross)

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

All members voting “Aye.”

Resolution 3-24

Resolution Authorizing a Cash Management Plan for 2024 (Gross)

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

All members voting “Aye.”

At this time, on motion made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilwoman Ghebremicael, the Township Council agreed to recess the meeting until Wednesday, January 17, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

All members voting "Aye."

At this time, a motion was made by Councilwoman Scarpa to vote on resolution 39-24. There was no second. The motion failed.

At 1:06 a.m., on motion made by Councilman Rutherford and seconded by Councilwoman Ghebremicael, the meeting was recessed to Wednesday, January 17, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

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



Bill Rutherford, Council President

Adopted: February 13, 2024