

Conference Meeting – April 9, 2024

The Conference meeting began at 6:34 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 Scarpa, Councilwoman Williams, Council President Rutherford, Mayor McCartney

Councilwoman Ghebremicael was absent from the meeting due to surgery.

- Promotion Ceremony – John Hamilton-W.O. Police Officer to Rank of Sergeant
- Proclamation – Presented to Sandy Guerrero-All American Wrestler and National Champion
- Presentation - HomeSharing - Steven Nagel, Executive Director

Public Meeting – April 9, 2024

The Public meeting began at 7:06 p.m., the Municipal Clerk read the following statement:

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

Councilwoman Ghebremicael was absent from the meeting.

Public Comment

Joe Fagan – PIO

Anthony Puglisi-PIO Essex County

Robert Hoatsen – 10 Gaston Street

Jonathan Redwine – 10 Cobane Terrace

Darnell Gibbs – Tremont Avenue

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

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

Resolution(s)

- 118-24** Resolution Authorizing Agreement with Garden State Laboratory 410 Hillside Avenue, Hillside, NJ for Laboratory Testing Services Effective January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 for a Total Cost of \$5,000.00 (Legal-Moon)

- b. **119-24** Resolution Authorizing the Application to the New Jersey Clean Energy Program Community Energy Planning Grant Program (Legal-Gengaro)
- c. **120-24** Resolution Authorizing Reimbursement for 2023 Fire Hydrant Rental Costs for the Hilltop Villas Condominium Associations on Herbert Terrace, a Condominium which is a Qualified Private Community with the Formula for Reimbursement as set Forth in Ordinance No. 1384-96 and Codified as West Orange Revised General Ordinance No. 2-72 (Carballo)
- d. **121-24** Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Contract be to Greenman-Pederson, Inc. to Provide Professional Engineering Services for Various Street Improvements, Phase I in the Amount of \$17,455.00 (Carballo)
- e. **122-24** Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Contract be to Greenman-Pederson, Inc. to Provide Professional Engineering Services for Various Street Improvements, Phase II in the Amount of \$23,285.00 (Carballo)
- f. **123-24** Resolution Authorizing the Collector of Taxes to Rebate Payment to the Listed Taxpayer Pursuant to Final Judgment by the Tax Court of New Jersey (Longo)
- g. **126-24** Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Memorandum of Understanding Between the Township of West Orange and the County of Essex for the Installation and Maintenance of Surveillance Cameras and Equipment on Traffic Signals and Rights of Way Belonging to the County Of Essex (Legal-Gengaro)
- h. **127-24** Resolution Authorizing Execution of Professional Services Agreement with Matrix for General Engineering Consultant Pursuant to the Terms and Conditions Set Forth in the Agreement (Legal-Gengaro)
- i. **128-24** Resolution Authorizing Execution of Professional Services Agreement with Samuel Klein for Auditor Services Pursuant to the Terms and Conditions Set Forth in the Agreement (Legal-Gengaro)
- j. **130-24** Resolution Authorizing Agreement with Statewide Striping Corporation, 499 Pomeroy Road, Parsippany, New Jersey 07054, to Perform the Required Crosswalk Resurfacing for an Amount NTE \$29,115.25 (Legal-Moon)
- k. **131-24** Resolution Authorizing Extension of Professional Services Agreement with Phillips Preiss Grygiel for Township Planner ending May 31, 2024. (Legal-Moon)
- l. **132-24** Resolution Authorizing Community Services Agreement with Pleasant Valley Production for the Contribution of Funds in the Amount of \$20,000. to be Utilized for the Programming and Shows at OSPAC – 2024 (Gross)
- m. **133-24** Resolution Authorizing Community Services Agreement with Luna Stage to be Utilized for the Provision of Arts Education Program in 2024 (Gross)
- n. **134-24** Resolution Authorizing an Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Contract Negotiations Specifically Resident Redevelopment RFP (Abbott)

- o. 135-24** Resolution Authorizing an Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Contract Negotiations Specifically **129-24** Resolution Authorizing Professional Services Agreement with GPI for Expert Engineering Consultation Pursuant to the Terms and Conditions Set Forth in the Agreement

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 117-24

Resolution Granting Application for Local License to Operate a Cannabis Retail Business - Pure Natural Vibes (Legal-Moon)

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

All members present voting "Aye."

Resolution 124-24

Resolution of the West Orange Township Council Requesting that the Law Firms of Genova Burns and Jardim Meisner Salmon Sprague & Susser Provide a Specific Detailed Budget as to the Cost to be Incurred in Concluding Litigation-In re: Township of West Orange Docket No. ESX-L-004687-23 (Legal-Trenk)

On motion made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilwoman Casalino, the above referenced resolution failed to be approved.

Councilwoman Casalino and Councilwoman Williams voting "Aye."

Councilwoman Ghebremicael, Councilwoman Scarpa and Council President Rutherford voting "Nay."

Resolution 125-24

Resolution Authorizing Execution of Professional Services Agreement with PKF O'Connor Davies for Financial Services Pursuant to the Terms and Conditions Set Forth in the Agreement (Legal-Gengaro)

On motion made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilwoman Scarpa, the above referenced resolution was amended to reflect a 90-day extension of the contract.

All members present voting "Aye."

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

All members present voting "Aye."

Resolution 129-24

Resolution Authorizing Professional Services Agreement with GPI for Expert Engineering Consultation Pursuant to the Terms and Conditions Set Forth in the Agreement (Legal-Gengaro)

On motion made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilwoman Casalino, a second Executive Session was added to the agenda for the purpose of discussing Contract negotiations, specifically, the above referenced resolution.

All members present voting "Aye."

Ordinance(s) on Second and Final Reading

Ord. 2845-24

On motion made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilwoman Casalino, **An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 7, Traffic, Subsection 7-13 Parking Prohibited at all Times on Certain Streets and Subsection 7-32.2, Restricted Parking Zones of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange-(15 High St., 14 Washington St., 16 Llewellyn Ave., 77 Kirk St.),** 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 Williams and seconded by Council President Rutherford, the above referenced ordinance was adopted.

All members present voting "Aye."

Ord. 2846-24

Was removed because it needs to be heard by the Planning Board before approval by the Township Council.

Ord. 2847-24

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Councilwoman Williams, **An Ordinance Supplementing Chapter 14 and Establishing a Section for Lead-Based Paint Hazard Inspection Requirements for Rental Dwellings to the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange (Lead-Based Paint Hazard Inspection Requirements for Rental Dwellings),** 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 Williams and seconded by Councilwoman Casalino, the above referenced ordinance was adopted.

All members present voting “Aye.”

Ordinance(s) on First Reading

Ord. 2848-24

On motion made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilwoman Casalino, **An Ordinance Amending Chapter 5, Section 34.2, Section 34.4, Section 34.5, And Chapter 25, Section 24.2 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-date to be determined, as the Ordinance must be reviewed by the Planning Board.

Councilwoman Casalino, Councilwoman Williams and Council President Rutherford voting “Aye.”

Councilwoman Scarpa voting “Nay.”

Ord. 2849-24

On motion made by Council President Rutherford and seconded by Councilwoman Williams, **An Ordinance Amending Chapter 16, Section 3 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange (Swimming Pools—Plot Plan Required; Review Fee)** was approved on first reading, ordered advertised according to law, to come up for second and final reading on April 24, 2024.

All members present voting “Aye.”

Ord. 2850-24

On motion made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilwoman Casalino, **An Ordinance Amending Chapter 16, Section 4 Of The Revised General Ordinances Of The Township Of West Orange (Swimming Pools—License Fees)** was approved on first reading, ordered advertised according to law, to come up for second and final reading on April 24, 2024.

All members present voting “Aye.”

Pending Matters/New Matters/Council Discussion

- Selection of CCRB to be listed on the April 24, 2024 meeting agenda

ABC Hearing-None

At 8:54 p.m., on motion made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilwoman Casalino, the Council adjourned the Public meeting and entered into an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Contract Negotiations specifically the Resident Redevelopment RFP, and a second Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Contract Negotiations specifically Resolution 129-24 Authorizing Professional Services Agreement with GPI for Expert Engineering Consultation Pursuant to the Terms and Conditions Set Forth in the Agreement.

All members present voting "Aye."

At 10:06, on motion made by Council President Rutherford and seconded by Councilwoman Williams, the executive session(s) were adjourned and the Public meeting was re-opened for the purpose of voting on resolution 129-24.

Resolution 129-24

Resolution Authorizing Professional Services Agreement with GPI for Expert Engineering Consultation Pursuant to the Terms and Conditions Set Forth in the Agreement (Legal-Gengaro)

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

All members present voting "Aye."

At 10:07 p.m., on motion made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilwoman Casalino the meeting 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
Bill Rutherford, Council President

Adopted: April 24, 2024