

Conference Meeting – June 25, 2024

The Conference meeting began at 6:36 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

Pledge of Allegiance

- **Swearing In Ceremony – West Orange Fire Department Probationary Firefighters**
 - Recruit Frank Moleski
 - Recruit Neftaly Rivera
 - Recruit Shai Bialer
 - Recruit Christopher Parsons
 - Recruit Raymond Larsen
 - Recruit Vincenzo Abbattista
 - Recruit Shane Kistner
 - Recruit Patrick Bolan
- **Proclamation Commemorating Juneteenth 2024**
- **PIC (Public Information Center) for 12 Traffic Signals and Roadway Improvements - Various Municipalities-Asif Mahmood, Adam Allen and Anthony Mariani**

Project purpose & need
Project funding
Project locations
Proposed Improvements
Intersection specific improvements
Timeline/Schedule
Next Steps
Q & A session

Public Meeting

The Public meeting began at 8:06 p.m., the Municipal Clerk read the following statement:

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Public Comment

Joe Fagan – PIO
Anthony Puglisi – PIO Essex County
Megan Brill-Downtown West Orange Alliance Executive Director
Joe Berwin – Environmental Commission
Paul Trachtenberg – Sullivan Drive
Susan Goldstein – West Essex Highlands
Phil Litwinoff – Linden Avenue
Sally Malanga-Ridge Road
Danielle DiPalma – Randolph Circle
Jonathan Redwine – Cobane Terrace
Lawrence Cohen – Lincoln Avenue
Rachel Klein – Howell Drive
Joseph Pannullo – Essex Fells, NJ
Debra Salters – Newark, NJ

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

Report of Township Officers-None

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

Minutes - Public Meeting 6.10.24 and revised Public Meeting minutes of January 23, 2024

Resolution(s)

- a. **191-24** Resolution Authorizing an Abandoned Car Auction (P. Reynolds)
- b. **192-24** Resolution Authorizing Award of Professional Services Agreement for Consultant Public Health Nurse Supervisor Services with Courtney Reinisch – 2024 (Fonzino)
- c. **193-24** Resolution to Award a Contract Extension for Snow Plowing, Salting, Removal and Snow Hauling for 2024-2025 – Grabowski (L. Reynolds)
- d. **194-24** Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Raffle Licenses (Clerk)
- e. **195-24** Resolution to Award a Contract Extension for Snow Removal Services from Sidewalks, Paths, et. al. for 2024-2025 American Asphalt & Trucking, LLC (L. Reynolds)
- f. **196-24** Resolution to Award a Contract Extension for Snow Plowing, Salting, Removal and Snow Hauling for 2024-2025-American Asphalt & Trucking, LLC., Downes Tree Service, Inc. and Grabowski Construction (L. Reynolds)
- g. **197-24** Resolution Authorizing an Emergency Appropriation to Colonelli Bros., Inc., 409 So. River Street, Hackensack, NJ 07601 for Emergency Storm Sewer Outfall Replacement to the Township's Storm Sewer Main at 71 Seaman Road, West Orange in the Amount NTE \$161,261.71 (Carballo)

- h. 199-24** Resolution Authorizing the Submission of a Grant Application and Execution of a Grant Contract Identified as “MA-2025-Helen Ave., Lawrence Ave., Flore-00109” to the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Helen Avenue, Lawrence Avenue, Florence Place, and Lowell Avenue Improvements Project (Carballo)
- i. 202-24** Resolution Authorizing an Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Contract Negotiations/Litigation Specifically Prism Green Associates and Matrix Development (Legal-Beckelman)

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

All members present voting “Aye.”

Resolution(s) Removed from the Consent Agenda

Resolution 198-24

Resolution Authorizing the Disposal Of Shelving (P. Reynolds)

On motion made by Councilwoman Ghebremicael and seconded by Councilwoman Williams, the above referenced resolution was amended to include the words “at no cost”.

All members present voting “Aye.”

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

All members present voting “Aye.”

Resolution 200-24

Resolution Authorizing Award of Professional Services Agreement for National Diagnostic Services, 28700 Cabot Drive, Suite 500, Novi, MI 48377, for Cancer Screening for WO Fire Department (P. Reynolds)

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

All members present voting “Aye.”

Resolution 201-24

Resolution Authorizing Award of Professional Services Agreement for Dr. Michael Kelly, 776 Northfield Ave., West Orange, NJ for Cancer Screening for WO Fire Department (P. Reynolds)

On motion made by Councilwoman Ghebremicael and seconded by Councilwoman Scarpa, the above referenced resolution was TABLED.

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

At 10:21 p.m., on motion made by Council President Rutherford and seconded by Councilwoman Ghebremicael, the entered into Executive Session to discuss a matter of Contract Negotiations/Litigation specifically Prism Green Associates and Matrix Development.

All members present voting “Aye.”

At 11:29 p.m., on motion made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilwoman Ghebremicael, the Executive Session was adjourned and the Council entered into their Public meeting.

All members present voting “Aye.”

Ordinance(s) on Second and Final Reading

Ord. 2857-24-Pulled from Agenda by Administration prior to consideration by Council.

Ord. 2858-24

On motion made by Councilwoman Williams and Seconded by Councilwoman Casalino, **An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 7, Traffic, Subsection 7-26.1, Bus Stops, of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township Of West Orange – Roosevelt Middle School** 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 Council President Rutherford and seconded by Councilwoman Williams, the above referenced ordinance was adopted.

All members present voting “Aye.”

Ordinance(s) on First Reading

Ord. 2859-24

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Councilwoman Ghebremicael, **An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 7, Traffic, Subsection 7-32.2 Restricted Parking Zones of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange – 52 Hazel Ave. and 122 Whittlesey Ave.** was approved on first reading, ordered advertised according to law, to come up for second and final reading on **July 23, 2024.**

All members present voting “Aye.”

Ord. 2860-24 – DUPLICATE-Removed from Agenda

Ord. 2861-24

On motion made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilwoman Casalino, **An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 20, Streets and Sidewalks, and Subsections 20-1 Et. Seq. of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange** was approved on first reading, ordered advertised according to law, to come up for second and final reading on July 23, 2024.

All members present voting “Aye.”

Ord. 2862-24

An Ordinance Amending the Effective Date of Ordinance 2846-24, An Ordinance Repealing and Replacing Chapter 25, Section 27 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange and Establishing Chapter 28 for Environmental Protection to Amend the Effective Date (Tree Protection, Removal And Replacement) (Legal-Gengaro)

There was no motion offered for the above referenced ordinance, therefore it FAILED.

Pending Matters/New Matters/Council Discussion

- CCRB Representative

At 11:46 p.m., on motion made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilwoman Casalino, the Public meeting was adjourned and the Council entered into an ABC Hearing.

All members present voting “Aye.”

ABC Hearing

ABC 742-24

On motion made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilwoman Ghebremicael, **Hearing on Renewal for 2023-2024 License Term – Fan & Jade, Inc., 0722-33-067-010** was approved.

All members present voting “Aye.”

ABC 743-24

On motion made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilwoman Ghebremicael, Hearing on Renewal for **2024-2025 License Term – Las Palmeras, Inc. 0722-33-045-005 (Special Conditions)** was approved.

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

ABC 744-24

On motion made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilwoman Ghebremicael, Hearing on Renewal for **2023-2024 License Term – 2001 Proof, LLC, 0722-33-031-007** was approved.

All members present voting “Aye.”

ABC 745-24

- a. On motion made by Councilwoman Ghebremicael and seconded by Council President Rutherford, Hearing on Renewal for **2024-2025 License Term-Harrison Avenue Tavern, Inc. 0722-33-058-006 (Special Conditions)** was approved.

All members present voting “Aye.”

ABC 746-24

On motion made by Councilwoman Ghebremicael and seconded by Councilwoman Williams, Hearing on Renewal for Plenary Retail Consumption, Distribution and Club Licenses for the **2024-2025** License Term (Clerk) was approved.

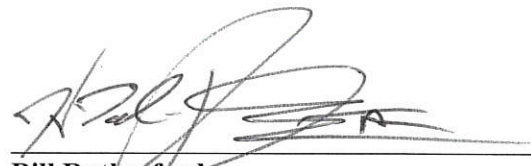
All members present voting "Aye."

At 11:59 p.m., on motion made by Council President Rutherford and seconded by Councilwoman Ghebremicael, 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

Bill Rutherford
Council President

Adopted: July 9, 2024