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PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA

**Township of West Orange
66 Main Street – 6:30 p.m.
July 17, 2024-Meeting No. 14**

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 notice for this meeting was emailed to the Star Ledger and the West Orange Chronicle on July 12, 2024.

Statement of Decorum

**In all matters not provided for in subsection 3-15.1 and except upon consent of the Council President, each person addressing the Council pursuant to this subsection shall be required to limit his or her remarks to five (5) minutes and shall at no time engage in any personally offensive or abusive remarks. The chair shall call any speaker to order who violates any provision of this rule.
(1972 Code § 3-15.2)**

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

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Public Comment

3.*Resolutions

- a. 219-24 Resolution Authorizing an Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Personnel Specifically the Position of Chief Financial Officer of the Township of West Orange**
- b. 220-24 Resolution Authorizing Vincent Buono, CMFO, of VB Logic, LLC, to Perform the Responsibilities of the Chief Financial Officer on an Interim Basis at the Rate of \$200/hour, NTE \$50,000. (Legal-Trenk)**
- c. 221-24 Resolution Appointing _____ as Chief Financial Officer of the Township of West Orange**

4. Adjournment

**The Council President may at his/her discretion modify with consent the order of business at any meeting of the Council if he/she deems it necessary and appropriate.
(1972 Code § 3-8; Ord. No. 726-84; Ord. No. 1157-93; Ord. No. 2128-07 § II)**

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Public Comment – In Person Only

Next Meeting Date(s): July 23, 2024

Agenda is subject to change.

RESOLUTION TO HOLD A CLOSED SESSION

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4. et seq.) provides for the exclusion of the public meetings of the governing body during the discussion of certain matters; and

WHEREAS, prior to the exclusion of the public from a meeting of the Township Council it is required that the Council adopt a Resolution stating the general nature of the subject to be discussed and stating as precisely as possible the time when the minutes of the discussion conducted in closed session can be disclosed to the public; and

WHEREAS, this body is about to consider a matter which falls within the purview of N.J.S.A. 10-4-12, and can properly exclude the public from such discussions; now, therefore, be it

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Council of the Township of West Orange, now assembled in public session at its regular meeting of **July 17, 2024** enter into a closed session to consider the following matter(s).

- () 1. Discussion of any material, the disclosure of which constitutes an invasion of individual privacy.
- () 2. A collective bargaining agreement or the terms of provisions of same.
- () 3. Techniques or tactic utilized to protect the safety and property of the public provided that their disclosure could impair such protection.
- () 4. An investigation of violations or possible violations of the laws of the State of New Jersey and/or the Township of West Orange Administrative Code.
- () 5. Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation in which this body is or maybe a party.
- () 6. A matter falling within the attorney-client privilege to the extent that confidentiality is required in order for the attorney to exercise his ethical duties to this body.
- (X)** 7. Personnel matters.
- () 8. Discussion of any matter which by express provision of Federal law or State statute or rule of Court shall be rendered confidential.
- () 9. Discussion of any matter in which the release of information would impair a right to receive funds from the Government of the United Sates.
- () 10. Discussion of any matter involving the purchase, lease or acquisition of real property with public funds, the setting of banking rates or investment of public funds, where it could adversely affect the public interest if discussion of such matters were disclosed.

() 11. Deliberations occurring after a public hearing that may result in imposition of a civil penalty or suspension or loss of a license or permit.

More specifically, the Council may discuss in closed session the following topic(s):

Resolution Authorizing an Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Personnel Specifically the Position of Chief Financial Officer of the Township of West Orange.

(the general subject matter(s) of discussion shall be indicated by a check mark in the appropriate box and shall be more specifically referred to thereafter to the extent such additional disclosure can be made without compromising the need for confidentiality giving rise to the closed session.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the minutes of said discussion shall be made public as soon as the matter under discussion is no longer of a confidential or sensitive nature such that the public interest will no longer be served by such confidentiality.

The foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Township Council of the Township of West Orange at a public meeting held on **July 17, 2024.**

Motion:

Second:

Vote

Aye:

Opposed:

Karen J. Carnevale, R.M.C.
Municipal Clerk

Bill Rutherford
Council President

Adopted: July 17, 2024

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:9-140.10 the Township of West Orange is required to appoint a Chief Financial Officer (“CFO”); and

WHEREAS, the Township Council is in the midst of selecting and designating a new Chief Financial Officer; and

WHEREAS, Vincent Buono of VB Logic, LLC is a Certified Municipal Finance Officer has the skill and experience to perform the responsibilities of the Chief Financial Officer on an interim basis; and

WHEREAS, the Township seeks to appoint Vincent Buono as the Township’s Interim Chief Financial Officer until the new Chief Financial Officer transitions into the position; and

WHEREAS, the terms of this engagement as the Interim Chief Financial Officer shall be at the rate of \$200/hour for a maximum cap of \$50,000; and

WHEREAS, Vincent Buono shall exercise all the functions and perform the duties of CFO in accordance with all applicable ordinances and statutes; and

WHEREAS, due to the exigencies of the current circumstances, this award is a non-fair and open contract as permitted under the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Mayor be and hereby is authorized to engage Vincent Buono of VB Logic, LLC as Interim Chief Financial Officer at the rate of \$200/hour not to exceed \$50,000.

Karen J. Carnevale, R.M.C.
Municipal Clerk

Bill Rutherford
Council President

Adopted: July 17, 2024

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:9-140.10 the Township of West Orange requires the services of a Chief Financial Officer (“CFO”); and

WHEREAS, in or about April, 2024, John O. Gross gave notice of retirement as Township Chief Financial Officer effective August 1, 2024; and

WHEREAS, on or about April 24, 2024, and again on June 24, 2024 the Township provided notice to the New Jersey League of Municipalities of the opening of the CFO position; and

WHEREAS, on June 18, 2024, the Township provided notice of the Chief Financial Officer position with the Government Finance Officer Association, New Jersey Chapter (“GFOA”); and

WHEREAS, on July 17, 2024, the Township Council interviewed certain candidates for CFO; and

WHEREAS, _____ has the skill and experience to perform the responsibilities of the Chief Financial Officer; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council seeks to appoint _____ as the Township’s Chief Financial Officer for a term of beginning September 1, 2024 until August 31, 2028; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer shall exercise all of the functions and perform the CFO duties in accordance with all applicable ordinances and statutes;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Township Council hereby appoints _____ as Chief Financial Officer on terms and conditions to be negotiated and presented to the Township Council within sixty (60) days.

Karen J. Carnevale, R.M.C.
Municipal Clerk

Bill Rutherford
Council President

Adopted: July 17, 2024