

Conference Meeting – November 27, 2018

The Township Council of the Township of West Orange met in the Council Chambers, Municipal Building, 66 Main Street, West Orange, New Jersey at 6:36 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 and filed in the Township Clerk’s office on October 25, 2017 and published in the West Orange Chronicle on November 2, 2017.

Roll Call:

Present: Councilwoman Casalino, Councilman Cirilo, Councilman Guarino, Councilman Krakoviak and Council President McCartney, Mayor Parisi, Councilwoman Elect Cindy Matute-Brown

Councilwoman Casalino, on behalf of the Township Council, presented a Citation to the West Orange High School Girls Soccer, the NJSIAA North 1, Group 4 Champions. Fire Chief Anthony Vecchio recognized certain members of the Fire department in an Awards Ceremony for the heroism throughout the year.

Mr. Sayers gave a brief update on the redevelopment area.

Public Meeting – November 27, 2018

The Township Council of the Township of West Orange met in the Council Chambers, Municipal Building, 66 Main Street, West Orange, New Jersey at 7:19 p.m., Karen Carnevale, Municipal Clerk read the following statement:

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Public Comment

Marge Mingin – West Orange Public Library

Patricia Sigalis – 430 Main Street

Anthony Puglisi – Public Information Officer – Essex County

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

The Council responded at this time.

At this time, Mayor Parisi and Richard Trenk, Township Attorney had a lengthy discussion with the Council with regard to resolutions 266-18 and 267-18. All questions were asked and answered.

***Review of Consent Agenda**

***Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting-** Public Meeting and Executive Session November 13, 2018

***Report of Township Officers – None**

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

***Bills**

***Resolution(s) adopted on Consent Agenda:**

- a. 259-18 Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Joint Services Agreement with the Borough of Roseland for Animal Control Services (DeNova)
- b. 260-18 Resolution Awarding a Contract for Snow Plowing and Removal Services for Year(s) 2018-2019 (Lepore)
- c. 261-18 Resolution Awarding a Contract Extension for Snow Plowing and Snow Hauling Services for 2018-19 to Downes Tree Service, Inc., 65 Royal Avenue, Hawthorne, NJ 07506, New York Asphalt, Inc., 366 Industrial Loop, Staten Island, NY 10309 and Grabowski Construction, Inc., 770 Northfield Avenue, West Orange, NJ 07052 (Lepore)
- d. 262-18 Resolution Authorizing the Township to Retain CME Associates, 1460 Rte. 9 South, Howell, NJ 07731 to Research and Prepare a Traffic Study as Part of the Ongoing Litigation Involving West Essex Highlands, Inc.'s and its Challenge to the Township's Affordable Housing Plan (Legal-Moon)
- e. 263-18 Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Subordination of Mortgage Agreement Agreeing to Subordinate the Township's Mortgage to Allow the Property Owners to Obtain a Reverse Mortgage to Prevent a Foreclosure on their Home (Legal-Moon)
- f. 264-18 Resolution Authorizing the Collector of Taxes to Refund Payment to the Listed Taxpayer Due to an Overpayment of Taxes Due to a Duplicate Payment (Gagliardo)
- g. 265-18 Resolution Authorizing an Amendment to the License Agreement with New Jersey Transit Extending the Township's Use of the Property Located on the Easterly side of Mississippi Avenue Located North of Harrison Avenue as Part of the Mississippi Avenue Loop (Legal-Moon)
- h. 266-18 Resolution Authorizing the Planning Board to Undertake a Preliminary Investigation to Determine Whether Block 68, Lot 1 Qualifies for Designation as a Non-Condensation Area in Need of Redevelopment Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et. seq. (Legal-Moon)

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Councilman Guarino, the consent agenda was approved.

All members present voting "Aye."

***Resolution(s) removed from the Consent Agenda:**

- a. 267-18 Resolution Authorizing the Township to Retain Heyer Gruel and Associates, 236 Broad Street, Red Bank, NJ 07701 at a Rate Not to Exceed \$8,000, to Prepare a Study as to Whether the Property at 46 Mt. Pleasant Avenue (the Public Library) Qualifies as an area in Need of Redevelopment (Legal-Moon)

On motion made by Councilman Krakoviak and seconded by Councilman Cirilo, the consent agenda was approved.

Councilwoman Casalino, Councilman Cirilo, Councilman Guarino and Council President McCartney voting "Aye." Councilman Krakoviak voting "Nay."

Ordinances on Second and Final Reading

Ordinance 2556-18

On motion made by Councilman Guarino and seconded by Council President McCartney, **Bond Ordinance Providing for the Local Unit's Allocable Share of Capital Improvement Projects for the Joint Meeting of Essex and Union Counties, by and in the Township of West Orange, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey, Appropriating \$1,570,000 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$1,570,000 Bonds or Notes to Finance the Cost Thereof**, 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 who wished to be heard and the public hearing was closed.

On motion made by Council President McCartney and seconded by Councilman Guarino, the above-mentioned ordinance was approved on second and final reading.

All members present voting "Aye".

Ordinance(s) on First Reading

Ordinance 2557-18

On motion made by Council President McCartney and seconded by Councilman Guarino, **An Ordinance to Vacate, Release and Extinguish the Public Right to a Portion of Elmwood Avenue in the Township of West Orange from Roosevelt Avenue to Garfield Avenue** was approved on first reading, ordered advertised according to law, to come up for second and final reading on December 11, 2018.

All members present voting "Aye".

Pending Matters/New Matters/Council Discussion

The Township Clerk reminded the Council that the nomination for Council President and Council Liaison appointments will be discussed at the next meeting. Council President McCartney reminded residents that leaves should not be placed within 10 feet of a stormwater drain.

ABC Hearing

At 8:51 p.m., on motion made by Councilman Guarino and seconded by Council President McCartney, the Council adjourned as the Council and entered into an ABC hearing as the ABC Board.

All members present voting "Aye".

- a. 614-18 Person to Person and Place to Place Transfer of License No. 0722-33-028-004 from Rock Pro Capital Corporation to Hook & Reel West Orange, Inc. t/a Hook and Reel Cajun Seafood

On motion made by Councilman Cirilo and seconded by Councilman Guarino, the above referenced resolution was approved.

All members present voting "Aye."

- b. 615-18 Place to Place Transfer – Reduction of Premises of License No. License 0722-33-022-004, Sakura Grill & Buffet, Inc. t/a Mitasu Umi Sushi & Bar/Hook & Reel, 495 Prospect Avenue (Suite 19), West Orange, NJ 07052

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

All members present voting “Aye.”

At 8:57 p.m., on motion made by Councilman Guarino 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

Susan McCartney, Council President

Adopted: December 11, 2018