

Conference Meeting – February 23, 2021

The West Orange Township Council met virtually due to the Covid 19 pandemic beginning at 6:32 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 November 30, 2020, and published in the West Orange Chronicle on December 10, 2020.

Roll Call – Councilwoman Casalino, Councilwoman McCartney, Councilman Rutherford, Councilwoman Williams, Council President Matute-Brown

On motion made by Councilwoman McCartney and seconded by Councilman Rutherford, Council President Matute-Brown was nominated for the position of liaison to the Rent Leveling Board.

Councilwoman Casalino, Councilwoman Williams and Council President Matute-Brown voting “Nay.” Councilwoman McCartney and Councilman Rutherford voting “Aye.” The motion failed.

On motion made by Council President Matute-Brown and seconded by Councilwoman Casalino, Councilwoman Williams was nominated for the position of liaison to the Rent Leveling Board.

Councilwoman Casalino, Councilwoman Williams and Council President Matute-Brown voting “Aye.” Councilwoman McCartney and Councilman Rutherford voting “Nay.” The motion was carried.

On motion made by Council President Matute-Brown and seconded by Councilwoman Williams, Councilwoman McCartney was nominated for the position of liaison to the Environmental Commission.

All members voting “Aye.”

The Council gave their liaison announcements.

Public Meeting – February 23, 2021

The West Orange Township Council met virtually beginning at 7:10 p.m., Karen Carnevale, Municipal Clerk read the following statement:

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Roll Call – Councilwoman Casalino, Councilwoman McCartney, Councilman Rutherford, Councilwoman Williams, Council President Matute-Brown

Public Comment

Joe Fagan – Public Information Officer – Township of West Orange

Camille DeLorenzo – Pleasant Valley Productions

Susan Lenczyk – 234 Eagle Rock Avenue

Hannah Munk – 14 Hoover Avenue

Brent Scott – 75 Nestro Road

Altheia Tweiten – 15 Edgar Road

Clare Silvestri – 20 Grandview Avenue

Joe Krakoviak – 20 Grandview Avenue

Kathleen Rooney – Kirk Street

Gary van Wyk – Burnett Terrace

Joyce Harley – 513 Smith Manor Blvd.

Mike Westwood – 608 Eagle Rock Avenue

Sally Malanga – 57 Ridge Road

Betsy Valdez – Elm Street

Cheryl Munk – 14 Hoover Avenue

Melgily Valdez – Elm Street

Anthony Puglisi – PIO – Essex County

Joyce Rudin – Woodland Avenue

Kevin Malanga – 57 Ridge Road

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

***Review of Consent Agenda**

***Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting-** Township Council Meeting-January 26, 2021 Revised, Continuation of Recessed Township Council Meeting-December 15, 2020 and February 9 Township Council Meeting

***Report of Township Officers – None**

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

***Bills**

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

36-21 Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Raffle Licenses (Clerk)

37-21 Resolution Determining the Form and Other Details of \$6,300,000 General Obligation Bonds (Downtown Redevelopment Area Project) of the Township of West Orange, in the County of Essex, New Jersey Providing for Their Sale (Gross)

39-21 Resolution in Support of H.R. 946, the Stop the Attack on Local Taxpayers (SALT) Act, which Eliminates the \$10,000 Cap and Fully Restores the Deduction for State and Local taxes. The measure also eliminates the cap retroactively. (Council President Matute-Brown)

41-21 Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract for Tax Collection Services (Gross)

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

All members voting “Aye.”

Resolution Removed from the Consent Agenda

Resolution 38-21

Resolution of the Township of West Orange, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, Designating a Conditional Redeveloper for Property Known as Block 155, Lots 40.02 & 42.02 on the Tax Map of the Township (Legal-Cofoni)

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

Councilwoman Casalino, Councilwoman McCartney, Councilwoman Williams and Council President Matute-Brown voting “Aye.” Councilman Rutherford voting “Nay.”

Resolution 40-21

Resolution Regarding Matching Funds for Library Development (Legal-Trenk)

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

Councilwoman Casalino, Councilwoman McCartney, Councilwoman Williams and Council President Matute-Brown voting “Aye.” Councilman Rutherford voting “Nay.”

Ordinances on Second and Final Reading

Ordinance 2629-21

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Councilwoman McCartney, **An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 7, Traffic, Subsection 7-18.1, One Way Streets Designated, Subsection 7-73.3, Temporary Parking Prohibited for Snow Plowing and Removal, Subsection 7-11, Parking Time Limited on Certain Streets During Certain Hours, Subsection 7-12, Parking Prohibited for Street Cleaning and Maintenance, Subsection 7-13, Parking Prohibited at All Times on Certain Streets, Subsection 7-14.1c, Night Parking Restricted, Subsection 7-14.7, Alternate Side Parking and Subsection 7-25, Loading Zones,** of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange was taken up on second and final reading.

All members 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 public comment was closed.

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Council President Matute-Brown, the above referenced ordinance was approved.

Councilwoman Casalino, Councilwoman McCartney, Councilman Rutherford and Council President Matute-Brown voting “Aye.” Councilwoman Williams voting “Nay.”

Ordinance 2637-21

On motion made by Council President Matute-Brown and seconded by Councilwoman Casalino, **An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 3, “Rules of Council”, of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange, to Comport with Current Practice and Increase Efficiency and Effectiveness of Council Meetings – as amended** was tabled.

All members voting “Aye.”

Ordinances on First Reading

Ordinance 2638-21

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Councilwoman McCartney, **An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 7, Traffic, Subsection 7-14.3 Parking Time Limited on Certain Streets During Certain Hours of Certain Days and Subsection 7-26.1, Bus Stops, 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 March 9, 2021.

All members voting “Aye.”

Ordinance 2639-21

On motion made by Council President Matute-Brown and seconded by Councilwoman Williams, **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** was tabled.

All members voting “Aye.”

Ordinance 2640-21

On motion made by Council President Matute-Brown and seconded by Councilwoman McCartney, **Ordinance of the Township of West Orange, County of Essex, New Jersey Approving an Application for a Long-Term Tax Exemption and Authorizing the Execution of a Financial Agreement with Green Essex Partners Urban Renewal, LLC** was approved on first reading, ordered advertised according to law, to come up for second and final reading on March 9, 2021.

Councilwoman Casalino, Councilwoman McCartney, Councilwoman Williams and Council President Matute-Brown voting “Aye.” Councilman Rutherford voting “Nay.”

Ordinance 2641-21

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Council President Matute-Brown, **An Ordinance Amending Chapter 10, Section 12.3 of the Township of West Orange Ordinances, Entitled “Sanitary Requirements”** was defeated on first reading.

Councilwoman Casalino voting “Aye.” Councilwoman McCartney, Councilman Rutherford, Councilwoman Williams and Council President Matute-Brown voting “Nay.”

Pending Matters/New Matters/Council Discussion

The Council Consensus appointment for the Rent Control Board was postponed until March 9, 2021.

At 11:09 a.m., on motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Councilwoman Williams, the Council Meeting was adjourned.

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

Cindy Matute-Brown, Council President

Adopted: March 9, 2021