

## **Conference Meeting – September 14, 2021**

The West Orange Township Council met virtually due to the Covid 19 pandemic beginning at 6:35 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, Mayor Parisi

Lynette Sheard from the Mental Health Association of NJ gave a presentation entitled, “What’s in Your Emotional Backpack?”

## **Public Meeting – September 14, 2021**

The West Orange Township Council met virtually beginning at 7:05 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

Clare Silvestri – 20 Grandview Avenue

Sally Malanga – Ridge Road

Joe Krakoviak – 20 Grandview Avenue

Michael David Pages – 29 Ferris Drive

Darren Tobia – Columbia Street

Todd Dubovy – 10 Burnett Terrace

Anthony Puglisi – PIO – Essex County

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-** August 17, 2021 Public Meeting and Executive Session Minutes

**\*Report of Township Officers – None**

## **\*Reading of Petitions and Communications and Bids**

- a. Results of Planning Board Review of Township Council Resolution 210-21: Area in Need of Rehabilitation-Township Wide Designation

- b. Results of Planning Board Review Master Plan Consistency Review & Recommendations: Proposed Fourth Amendment to Downtown Redevelopment Plan

**\*Bills**

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

- a. **165-21** Resolution Awarding a Contract for the Providing of Recreational Services and Athletic Services to the Residents of West Orange for the Period of January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021 in the Amount of \$12,000. for PAL Police Athletic League (Legal-Moon)
- b. **168-21** Resolution Awarding a Contract for the Providing of Recreational Services, Social Services and Activities to the Residents of West Orange for the Period of January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021 in the Amount of \$9,500.00. for Mountain Top League (Legal-Moon)
- c. **REMOVED 170-21** Resolution Awarding a Contract for the Providing of Recreational Services, Social Services and Activities to the Residents of West Orange for the Period of January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021 in the Amount of \$40,000.00. for the Community House (Legal-Moon)
- d. **220-21** Resolution Authorizing Assignment of Agreement for Tree Services from Tree Tech to SavATree – 2021 (Legal-Moon)
- e. **221-21** Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Raffle Licenses (Clerk)
- f. **222-21** Resolution Authorizing Mayor to Execute Tax Adjustment Agreement and Purchase and Sale Agreement – Crestmont Country Club (Legal-Trenk)
- g. **223-21** Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Grant Agreement between the Township of West Orange and the Essex County Open Space Commission in the Amount of \$750,000 for the Acquisition of the Crestmont Country Club Property (Legal-Trenk)  
**Premised Upon the Property Being Maintained as Open Space for Passive and Active Recreational Uses**
- i. **224-21** Resolution Authorizing the Refund of Homestead Rebate – 45 Burnett Terrace
- h. **225-21** Resolution Authorizing the Collector of Taxes to Refund Payment to the Listed Taxpayer Due to An Overpayment of Taxes Due to a Duplicate Payment (Tax Collector)
- i. **226-21** Resolution Authorizing the Collector of Taxes to Refund Payment to the Listed Taxpayer Due to An Overpayment of 2021 Annual Sewer Charge (Tax Collector)
- j. **227-21** Resolution Authorizing the Rental of Specialized Equipment to be Used for the Leaf and Snow Collection Seasons 2021-2022 Through State Contract #GS-21F-0020T (Reynolds)
- k. **228-21** Resolution to Award a Contract Extension for Snow Plowing & Snow Hauling Services for 2021-2022 (Lepore)
- l. **229-21** Resolution to Award a Contract Extension for Snow Plowing & Snow Removal Services for 2021-2022 (Lepore)
- m. **230-21** Resolution Appointing Sarabraj S. Thapar, Esq., as Public Advocate (Legal-Trenk)
- n. **231-21** Resolution Authorizing Greg Cannon, Esq., Sobel Han & Cannon, LLP, 365 W Passaic St., Suite 270, Rochelle Park, NJ 07662 to Represent Mr. John W. Henry with Regard to Prism Green Associates IV, LLC v. the Township of West Orange and Various Other Parties at a Rate of \$175. Hourly (Legal-Trenk)

- o. **233-21** Resolution Authorizing an Executive Session to Discuss Contractual Negotiations concerning Crestmont Country Club and Pending Litigation concerning the Downtown Properties, and Related Matters (Legal-Trenk)
- p. **234-21** Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Employment Agreement with the Chief of Police for the for the Period of January 1, 2021 through November 30, 2025 (Gross)
- q. **235-21** Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Employment Agreement with the Fire Chief for the for the Period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2026 (Gross)
- r. **236-21** Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Employment Agreement with the Deputy Chief of Police Feula for the for the Period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2025 (Gross)
- s. **237-21** Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Employment Agreement with the Deputy Chief of Police Keigher for the for the Period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2025 (Gross)
- t. **238-21** Resolution Endorsing the Goals of the Vision Zero Network to Eliminate Traffic Related Deaths and Serious Injuries and Establishing the Vision Zero Task Force to Study and Advise the Township Council as to Potential Programs and Effort for Implementation within the Township (Legal-Moon)
- u. **239-21** Resolution Appointing Members to the Taskforce and Advisory Committee Regarding Cannabis Business for the Township of West Orange (Legal-Moon)
- v. **240-21** Resolution Accepting a Grant from the Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund Public Entity Program through the New Jersey Economic Development Authority and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (Legal-Moon)

On motion made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Council President Matute-Brown, the consent agenda was approved.

All members voting “Aye.”

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

**Resolution 215-21**

**215-21** Resolution to Adopt the 2021 Municipal Budget (Gross)

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

All members voting “Aye.”

**Resolution 232-21**

**232-21** Resolution Authorizing the Township to Award a Contract for the Township’s Insurance Broker for the Period January 1, 2021-December 31, 2021 to Fairview Insurance Agency Associates, Inc., 25 Fairview Avenue, Verona, NJ (Legal-Moon)

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

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

**Resolution 239-21**

**239-21 Resolution Appointing Members to the Taskforce and Advisory Committee Regarding Cannabis Business for the Township of West Orange (Legal-Moon)**

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

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

**Resolution 241-21**

**241-21 Resolution Authorizing Budget Amendment No. 2 (Gross)**

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

All members voting “Aye.”

**Ordinances on Second and Final Reading**

**Ordinance 2651-21**

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Councilwoman Williams, **Bond Ordinance Providing for the Acquisition of Various Properties Pursuant to the Downtown Redevelopment Plan, by and in the Township of West Orange, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey; Appropriating \$13,000,000 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$13,000,000 Bonds or Notes of the Township to Finance the Cost Thereof** 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.

Todd Dubovy – Burnett Terrace

Kevin Malanga – Ridge Road

Darren Tobia – Columbia Street

Joe Krakoviak – 20 Grandview Avenue

Jonathan Redwine – 10 Cobane Terrace

Micaela Bennett – Old Indian Road

Joyce Rudin – Woodland Avenue

Clare Silvestri – 20 Grandview Avenue

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

All members voting “Aye.”

**Ordinance 2652-21**

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Councilwoman McCartney, **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 – Handicapped Parking Spot – 14 Glennon Place** 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.

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Councilwoman McCartney, the above referenced ordinance was approved.

All members voting “Aye.”

#### **Ordinance 2653-21**

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Councilwoman McCartney, **An 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 Tompkins Street Apartments Urban Renewal, LLC** 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.

William Sullivan – Scarinci Hollenbeck

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Councilwoman McCartney, the above referenced ordinance was approved.

All members voting “Aye.”

#### **Ordinance 2654-21**

On motion made by Councilman Rutherford and seconded by Council President Matute-Brown, **An Ordinance Supplementing Chapter 4, and Establishing Chapter 4, Section 40 of the General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange, Entitled “West Orange Township Civilian Complaint Review Board”** 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.

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Councilwoman McCartney, the above referenced ordinance was approved.

All members voting “Aye.”

**Ordinance 2655-21**

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Councilwoman McCartney, **An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2, Section 15.3 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange (Department of Fire – Composition)** 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.

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

All members voting “Aye.”

**Ordinance 2656-21**

On motion made by Councilman Rutherford and seconded by Council President Matute-Brown, **An Ordinance Adopting Fourth Amended Downtown Redevelopment Plan** 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.

Joe Krakoviak – 20 Grandview Avenue

Clare Silvestri – 20 Grandview Avenue

On motion made by Council President Matute-Brown and seconded by Councilman Rutherford, the above referenced ordinance was approved as amended.

All members voting “Aye.”

**Ordinance 2657-21**

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Councilwoman McCartney **An Ordinance Creating a Reclassification and Salary Schedule of Certain Township of West Orange Employees Setting Forth Their Titles, Classification and Salary Ranges and Adopting a Salary Guide and Establishing the Employee’s Status as a Township Employee and Under the Guidelines of the New Jersey Department of Personnel** 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.

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

All members voting "Aye."

### **Ordinances on First Reading**

**Ordinance 2658-21 was pulled from the agenda and will be introduced on September 28, 2021.**

**2658-21 PULLED** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2, Section 14.5 and Establishing Chapter 2, Section 14.9 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange (Appointment of Police Department, Officers and Personnel) Legal-Moon

### **Ordinance 2659-21**

On motion made by Council President Matute-Brown and seconded by Councilwoman Casalino, **An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 7, Traffic, Subsection 7-19, Through Street and Subsection 7-21.2, Multi-Way Stops Near Schools, Playgrounds and Youth Recreational Facilities 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 September 28, 2021.

All members voting "Aye."

### **Ordinance 2660-21**

On motion made by Councilman Rutherford and seconded by Councilwoman Casalino, **Bond Ordinance Providing for the Acquisition of Real Property Commonly Known as Block 174, Lot 1 from the Crestmont Country Club, by and in the Township of West Orange, County of Essex, State of New Jersey Appropriating \$4,700,000 from the Open Space Trust Fund Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$4,476,000 Bonds or Notes of the Township to Finance Part of the Cost Thereof** was approved on first reading, ordered advertised according to law, to come up for second and final reading on September 28, 2021.

All members voting "Aye."

### **Pending Matters/New Matters/Council Discussion**

Small Business Week

At 12:34 a.m., a motion was made by Council President Matute-Brown and seconded by Councilwoman Casalino the public meeting was adjourned.

All members voting "Aye."

The Minutes of this meeting are on file in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

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

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**Cindy Matute-Brown, Council President**

**Adopted: September 28, 2021**