

Conference Meeting – September 10, 2019

The Township Council of the Township of West Orange met in the Council Chambers, Municipal Building, 66 Main Street, West Orange, New Jersey at 6:34 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 September 26, 2018 and published in the West Orange Chronicle on October 4, 2018.

Roll Call: Councilwoman Casalino, Councilman Krakoviak, Councilwoman Matute-Brown, Councilwoman McCartney and Council President Guarino.

A presentation was made by Bronna Lipton, Executive Director of Second Chance Toys. Andy Lewis, N.J. American Water Senior Director of Operations, North Division and Scott Brezinski, Manager, Water Quality and Environmental Compliance presented a check in the amount of \$8,500. for the N.J. American Water Environmental Grant to Nick Salese on behalf of the Township. A proclamation was presented to Tammy Williams, the founder of the West Orange Stop Suicide Advocacy Coalition for National Suicide Prevention Week, September 8 – 14, 2019 and World Suicide Prevention Day, September 10, 2019 by Council President Guarino. The Council gave their liaison announcements.

Public Meeting – September 10, 2019

The Township Council of the Township of West Orange met in the Council Chambers, Municipal Building, 66 Main Street, West Orange, New Jersey at 7:28 p.m., Karen Carnevale, Municipal Clerk read the following statement:

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Roll Call: Councilwoman Casalino, Councilman Krakoviak, Councilwoman Matute-Brown, Councilwoman McCartney and Council President Guarino.

Public Comment

Mike Brick – W.O. Environmental Commission Chair

Suzanne Pennell – 27 Fairview Avenue

Sally Malanga – Ridge Road

Joyce Rudin – Woodland Avenue

Gina Palazzolo – Wilshire Caterers

Emelyn Falcon – ADAPT Coalition of Essex County

Anthony Puglisi – Essex County Public Information Officer

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-** Public Meeting and Executive Session August 13, 2019

***Report of Township Officers – None**

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

***Bills**

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

- a. **213-19** 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)
- b. **214-19** Resolution Authorizing Electronic Tax Sale Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:5-19.1 (Gagliardo)
- c. **215-19** Resolution Authorizing an Exemption from Real Estate Taxes for a Totally Disabled Veteran for Tax Year 2019 Pursuant to N.J.S. 54: 4-3.30 et seq. for Property Located at 21 Gilbert Place, West Orange, NJ (Block 55.07, Lot 10) (Tax Assessor)
- d. **216-19** Resolution Authorizing an Exemption from Real Estate Taxes for a Totally Disabled Veteran for Tax Year 2019 Pursuant to N.J.S. 54: 4-3.30 et seq. for Property Located at 23 Belgrade Terrace, West Orange, NJ (Block 55.04, Lot 13) (Tax Assessor)
- e. **217-19** Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Raffle Licenses (Clerk)
- f. **218-19 PULLED**
- g. **219-19** Resolution Awarding a Contract for Snow Plowing and Removal Services Years 2019-20 (Lepore)
- h. **222-19** Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Contract be Awarded to Frank H. Lehr Associates, 101 South Harrison Street, East Orange, NJ 07018 for Pavement Testing Services on Curtis Avenue and Garfield Avenue in Accordance with their Proposal of August 7, 2019 for a Fee NTE \$1,775.00 (Lepore)
- i. **223-19** Resolution authorizing the Township to Enter into a Memorandum of Grant Agreement with Luna Stage whereby the Township Shall Provide a Grant of \$8,000 Towards Arts Education Programs to be Provided by Luna Stage (Legal-Moon)
- j. **224-19** Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of the FEMA FY2018 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Award (Vecchio)
This grant will fund the purchase of 44 new Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) units (Harness/Backpack, Face Piece and 2 Cylinders); 44 Additional Face Pieces; A Pack Tracker Hand Held Receiver for locating trapped or downed firefighters within a structure.
- m. **225-19** Resolution Supporting Participation in the Sustainable Jersey Municipal Certification Program (McCartney)

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

All members present voting “Aye.”

Resolution(s) Removed from the Consent Agenda

Resolution 220-19

Resolution Authorizing the Township to Execute a Municipal Services Agreement with Vizcaya Condominiums Regarding the Reimbursement for Municipal Services and Resolving Vizcaya’s Claim for Reimbursement of Municipal Services Since 2008 (Legal-Moon)

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

All members present voting “Aye.”

Resolution 221-19

Resolution Regarding the Turtle Back Zoo Expansion (Legal-Trenk)
This resolution urges the County of Essex to address environmental concerns related to proposed improvements to the Turtle Back Zoo and South Mountain Reservation.

On motion made by Councilwoman McCartney and seconded by Council President Guarino, the above referenced resolution was approved.

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

Resolution 223-19

Resolution authorizing the Township to Enter into a Memorandum of Grant Agreement with Luna Stage whereby the Township Shall Provide a Grant of \$8,000 Towards Arts Education Programs to be Provided by Luna Stage (Legal-Moon)

On motion made by Councilwoman McCartney and seconded by Council President Guarino, the above referenced resolution was approved.

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

Ordinance(s) on Second and Final Reading

Ordinance 2582-19

On motion made by Councilwoman Matute-Brown and seconded by Councilwoman Casalino, **An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2, Section 54 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange (Mayor’s Program for the Uniquely Gifted)** of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange 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 public comment was closed.

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

All members present voting “Aye.”

Ordinance 2583-19

On motion made by Councilwoman McCartney and seconded by Councilwoman Matute-Brown, **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 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange** was taken up on second and final reading.

All members present voting “Aye.”

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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 McCartney and seconded by Councilwoman Matute-Brown, the above referenced ordinance was approved.

All members present voting “Aye.”

Ordinance 2584-19

On motion made by Councilwoman McCartney and seconded by Councilwoman Casalino, **Bond Ordinance for Various Capital Improvements in and by the Township of West Orange, in the County of Essex, New Jersey Appropriating \$8,240,866. Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$7,848,441. Bond or Notes of the Township to Finance Part of the Cost Thereof** was taken up on second and final reading.

All members present voting “Aye.”

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The Council President asked if there was anyone who wished to be heard.

Clare Silvestri – 20 Grandview Avenue

There was no one else who wished to be heard and public comment was closed.

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

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

Ordinances on First Reading

Ordinance 2585-19

On motion made by Council President Guarino and seconded by Councilwoman Casalino, **An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2, Section 46 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange (Emergency Management)** was approved on first reading, ordered advertised according to law, to come up for second and final reading on September 24, 2019.

All members present voting “Aye”.

Ordinance 2586-19

On motion made by Council President Guarino and seconded by Councilwoman Matute-Brown, **An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2, Section 61.6 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange Pedestrian Safety Advisory Board – Functions** was approved on first reading, ordered advertised according to law, to come up for second and final reading on September 24, 2019.

All members present voting “Aye”.

Ordinance 2587-19

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Councilwoman McCartney, **An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 7, Traffic, Subsection 7-46.2, Parking Prohibited During Certain Hours on Certain Days on Certain Streets Servicing Residential Land Uses, Except by Permit of the Revised General Ordinance 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 24, 2019.

All members present voting “Aye”.

Pending Matters/New Matters/Council Discussion

A discussion took place about medical marijuana dispensaries.

ABC Hearing - None

At 9:44 p.m., on motion made by Councilwoman McCartney and seconded by Councilwoman Matute-Brown, the Council 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

Jerry Guarino, Council President

Adopted: September 24, 2019