

Conference Meeting – November 26, 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 6:41 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, Council President Guarino

On behalf of the Mayor and Township Council, Councilwoman McCartney presented commendations to several volunteer groups in West Orange. Mr. Sayers gave an update on redevelopment, specifically The Edison Lofts. Councilwoman McCartney mentioned that Prism Partners' Edison Village won the Urban Land Institute Northern NJ 2019 Excellence Award in the residential category. The Council gave their liaison announcements.

Public Meeting – November 26, 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 7:47 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.

At this time, Richard Trenk, Esq. made a presentation with regard to Ordinance 2593-19 on first reading which would approve a financial agreement between the Township of West Orange and Green Essex Partners Urban Renewal, LLC. Also present to answer questions were Michael Hanley, NW Financial, Jonathan Schwartz, BNE Real Estate Group and Tiena Cofoni, McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC.

Public Comment

Corrine Miller – Woodland Avenue

Anita Strauss – Morris Road

Joyce Rudin – Woodland Avenue

Rosary Morelli – Ralph Road

Megan Brill – Executive Director, Downtown West Orange Alliance

Tammy Williams – Chair, Human Relations Commission

Loren Svetvilas – Prospect Avenue

Monica Perkowski – 17 Bloomfield Way

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.

The Council continued to ask questions with regard to the above referenced Ordinance.

At 10:04 p.m., on motion made by Councilwoman McCartney and seconded by Councilwoman Casalino, Ordinance 2593-19 was approved on first reading.

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

***Review of Consent Agenda**

***Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting-** Public Meeting and Executive Sessions of November 12, 2019

***Report of Township Officers – None**

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

***Bills**

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

- a. **278-19** Resolution Authorizing Execution of Agreement with Fullerton Grounds Maintenance for Staging of Snow Removal Equipment at OSPAC (Legal-Moon)
- b. **279-19** Resolution Authorizing the Township of West Orange to Execute an Agreement with Zorm 2009, LLC and First Indemnity of American Insurance Company for the Release of Bonds Relating to Old Indian Estates (Legal-Maier)
- h. **280-19** Resolution Appointing Leonard R. Lepore and James A. Williams as the Township of West Orange Community Development Representatives to the Essex County Division of Housing and Community for 2020 (Planning)
- i. **281-19** Resolution Authorizing the Township to Extend its Current Contract with TaxServ for Private Collection of Municipal Court Debt for an Additional One Year Period (Legal-Moon)
- j. **282-19** Resolution Authorizing the Retention of DeFeo Associates to Conduct Tree Study Related to West Essex Highlands Property at a Rate of \$10,975 which Amount Shall be Escrowed by West Essex Highlands Before the Study is Performed (Legal-Trenk)
- k. **283-19** Resolution Approving Tax Appeal Settlement with Blackburn Development re Block 164 Lot 1.01 141 Old Short Hills Road (Legal-Trenk)
- l. **284-19** Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Raffle Licenses (Clerk)
- m. **286-19** Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Two Service Vehicles Through the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council (MCCPC) (DeSantis)
- n. **287-19** Resolution to Authorize the Purchase of Computer Hardware and Software Through Dell NASPO NJ Contract #A89967 (DeSantis)
- o. **288-19** Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of three (3) 2020 Police Interceptor Patrol Vehicles through the Cranford Police Cooperative Contract #47-CPCPS, Item #2 (DeSantis)
- p. **289-19** Resolution Authorizing the Auction of Abandoned Vehicles (DeSantis)

- q. **290-19** Resolution Authorizing a Contract with Reggio Construction, 1575 West Street, Fort Lee, NJ 07024, in the Amount of \$1,005,628.93 for the Improvement of Laird Dr., Lindsley Avenue, Brennan Drive, Ridgeway Avenue and Old Indian Road (Lepore)
- r. **291-19** Duplicate
- s. **292-19** Introduction of the 2020 Downtown West Orange Alliance Budget (Brill)
- t. **293-19** Resolution Authorizing the Township of West Orange to Execute an Agreement with Total Records Information Management, LLC for the Offsite Maintenance and Storage of the Township's Records (Legal-Maier)
- u. **294-19** Resolution Authorizing the Township to Use Competitive Contracting In lieu of Public Bidding for the Award of a Contract to Retain a Vendor to Operate Food and Beverage Concessions at the Rock Spring Golf Course (Legal-Trenk)

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 277-19

277-19 Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of \$1,000,000 Special Emergency Notes for the Payment of Severance Liabilities Resulting from Unanticipated Required Accumulated Absence Payouts in Connection with the Layoff or Retirement of Employees in and By the Township of West Orange, In the County of Essex, New Jersey (Gross) **(adopt after Ord. 2590-19 is approved)**

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

All members present voting "Aye."

Resolution 285-19

285-19 Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Memorandum of Grant Agreement with the Rotary Club where the Township will Provide \$3,800 to the Rotary Club to hold a Holiday Workshop wherein it Will Provide Hot Chocolate and Small Gifts to School Age Children (Legal-Moon)

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

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

Resolution 295-19

295-19 Resolution Authorizing a Memorandum of Agreement with Teamsters Local 560, Public Safety Communication Operators (Legal-Moon)

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

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

Resolution 296-19

296-19 Resolution Authorizing a Memorandum of Agreement with Teamsters Local 560, Department of Public Work Supervisors (Legal-Moon)

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

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

Ordinances on Second and Final Reading

Ordinance 2590-19

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Councilwoman McCartney, **Ordinance Authorizing Special Emergency Appropriation Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-53 for Severance Liabilities Resulting from Unanticipated Required Accumulated Absence Payouts in Connection with the Layoff or Retirement of Employees** 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 2591-19

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Council President Guarino, **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 Under the Guidelines of the New Jersey Department of Personnel** was taken up on second and final reading.

All members present voting “Aye.”

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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 McCartney, the above referenced ordinance was approved.

All members present voting "Aye."

Ordinances on First Reading

Ordinance 2592-19

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Councilwoman Matute-Brown, **An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2, Sections 6.6 and 6.7 and Chapter 15, Section 2.9 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange (Database of Residents in Need of Special Assistance)** was approved on first reading, ordered advertised according to law, to come up for second and final reading on December 17, 2019.

All members present voting "Aye".

Ordinance 2593-19-approved earlier in the meeting.

Ordinance 2594-19

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Council President Guarino, **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 Under the Guidelines of the New Jersey Department of Personnel** was approved on first reading, ordered advertised according to law, to come up for second and final reading on December 17, 2019.

All members present voting "Aye".

Pending Matters/New Matters/Council Discussion

The Council discussed a potential ordinance that would extend the ABC hours. Councilwoman Matute-Brown stated that she had a conference call with Mark Moon, Esq. and Police Chief Abbott and relayed that the Chief could arrange a tour of a medical marijuana dispensary in Secaucus if they wanted.

ABC Hearing – None

At 10:55 p.m., on motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Councilwoman Matute-Brown the Public 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

Jerry Guarino, Council President

Adopted: December 18, 2019