

Conference Meeting – December 18, 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 6:42 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, Council President Guarino read a proclamation for Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month. On motion made by Council President Guarino and seconded by Councilwoman Matute-Brown, Councilwoman Casalino was voted in as Council President for 2020. All members voting “Aye.” The following Council liaison appointments were made for 2020:

• <u>Council Liaison Appointments for 2020</u>	<u>Motion 1</u>	<u>Motion 2</u>	<u>Vote</u>
<u>SM</u> Planning Board	JG	MC	5-0
<u>CMB</u> Local Assistance Board	MC	JG	5-0
<u>MC</u> ERSCHA (Degnan House)	SM	JG	5-0
<u>SM</u> WOSCHA (John P. Renna House)	JG	MC	5-0
<u>JG</u> Downtown West Orange Alliance	SM	MC	5-0
<u>CMB</u> W.O. Municipal Alliance Committee	SM	MC	5-0
<u>SM</u> West Orange Arts Council	JG	CMB	5-0
<u>JK</u> Open Space & Recreation Committee	JG	MC	5-0
<u>MC</u> Public Relations Commission	JG	SM	5-0
<u>CMB</u> Oscar Schindler Performing Arts Center	MC	JG	5-0
<u>MC</u> West Orange Board of Education	SM	CMB	5-0

The Council approved the re-appointment of Anthony Campagna to the Rent Leveling Board by a 5-0 vote. Mr. Sayers gave an update as to redevelopment specifically the Edison Loft project. The Council gave their liaison announcements.

Public Meeting – December 18, 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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Public Comment

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- 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:

- b. **298-19** Resolution Authorizing Agreement with Garden State Laboratories for Laboratory Testing Services in the Amount of \$5,000. (DeNova)
- c. **300-19** 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)
- e. **301-19** Resolution Authorizing the Agreements to the Pleasantdale Senior Citizens, (2) JCC Council Senior Citizens, (3) Eagle Rock Senior Citizens, and (4) Prime Timers for the Provisions of Recreational, Educational, Informational and Social Services to the Senior Citizens of the Township of West Orange (VanDyke)
- f. **302-19** Resolution Authorizing the Township’s Application for the Municipal Alliance Grant for the Fiscal Year 2020 (VanDyke)
This resolution authorizes the Township to proceed with an application for the Municipal Alliance Grant for the fiscal year 2020. The Municipal Alliance Grant is provided through the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse that funds local prevention and treatment programs.
- g. **303-19** Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Raffle Licenses (Clerk)
- j. **306-19** 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 7 Efstis Court, West Orange, NJ (Block 167.03, Lot 34) (Tax Assessor)
- k. **307-19** 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 Mountain Drive, West Orange, NJ (Block 80.04, Lot 13) (Tax Assessor)
- l. **308-19** Resolution of Support from the Township of West Orange Authorizing an Application to the Complete Streets Technical Assistance Program (Kapura-Grant Writer)
- m. **310-19** Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Year 2020 (Lepore)
- p. **313-19** Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Police Firearms Through New Jersey State Contract #17-Fleet-00787 (DeSantis)
- r. **315-19** Resolution Authorizing the Township to take Title to a Loaner Ambulance from VCI Emergency Vehicle Specialists for a Limited Period of Time and Return When Needed (Legal-Maier)
- t. **316-19** Resolution Authorizing Execution of Master Agreement with ABC Emergency Rental for the Rental of an E-One Hush Pumper (Legal-Maier)

u. 317-19 Resolution Authorizing an Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Litigation – Tax Appeal Settlement Executive Drive/Rooney Circle

On motion made by Councilwoman Matute-Brown and seconded by Councilwoman Casalino, the executive session resolution was added to the agenda.

All members present voting “Aye.”

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

All members present voting “Aye.”

At 7:58 p.m., Megan Brill, Downtown West Orange Alliance presented her 2020 budget to the Council. On motion made by Councilwoman McCartney and seconded by Council President Guarino, the Downtown West Orange Alliance budget was approved. All members voting “Aye.”

At 8:42 p.m., Mayor Parisi gave a Power Point presentation regarding the Essex Green Redevelopment.

Resolution(s) Removed from the Consent Agenda

Resolution 297-19

297-19 PUBLIC HEARING and Adoption of Downtown West Orange Alliance Special Improvement District 2020 Budget (Brill)

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

All members present voting “Aye.”

Resolution 299-19

299-19 Resolution Authorizing the Township to Retain Matrix New World to Perform a Preliminary Assessment and Site Investigation at the Property at 8-10 Central Avenue Related to Potential Environmental Contamination on the Property Utilizing HDSRF Grant Funds Awarded by the Department of Environmental Protection (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 304-19

304-19 Resolution Approving Tax Appeal Settlement Concerning Executive Drive/Rooney Circle (Legal-Trenk)

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 voting “Nay.”

Resolution 305-19

305-19 Resolution Approving License Agreement with Bethany Evangelical Free Church (Legal-Trenk)

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

All members present voting "Aye."

Resolution 309-19

309-19 Resolution Authorizing a Memorandum of Agreement between the West Orange Public Library and the Township of West Orange (Legal-Trenk)

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

All members present voting "Aye."

Resolution 311-19

311-19 Resolution Authorizing the Local Finance Board Application Pursuant to the Provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-67(g) and 40A:12A-29(a)(3) for its Approval of the Issuance by the Township of West Orange Not-to-Exceed \$4,500,000 Aggregate Principal Amount of Non-Recourse Redevelopment Area Bonds (Legal-Cofoni)

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino 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 voting "Nay."

Resolution 312-19

312-19 Resolution Designating a Redeveloper and Authorizing the Execution of the Redevelopment Agreement with Green Essex Partners Urban Renewal, LLC, for the Property Known as Block 155, Lots 40.02, 41.02 and 42.02 on the Tax Map of the Township along with the Agreement and Exhibits to the Agreement (Legal-Cofoni)

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

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

Resolution 314-19

314-19 Resolution Authorizing the Township to Renew its Membership in the Garden State Municipal Joint Insurance Fund for an Additional Two-Year Period (Legal-Maier)

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

All members present voting "Aye."

Ordinances on Second and Final Reading

Ordinance 2592-19

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

All members present voting “Aye.”

Ordinance 2593-19

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 Green Essex Partners Urban Renewal, LLC** was taken up on second and final reading.

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

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

1. Sally Malanga – Ridge Road
2. Clare Silvestri – 20 Grandview Avenue
3. Monica Perkowski – 17 Bloomfield Way

At 9:51 p.m., on motion made by Councilwoman Matute-Brown and seconded by Councilwoman Casalino, the Council recessed the meeting and went into executive session.

All members present voting “Aye.”

At 10:16 p.m., the Council returned to the public meeting.

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

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

Ordinance 2594-19

On motion made by Council President Guarino and seconded by Councilwoman Casalino, **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.”

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 Councilwoman Matute-Brown, the above referenced ordinance was approved.

All members present voting “Aye.”

Pending Matters/New Matters/Council Discussion

ABC Hearing – None

At 12 midnight, on motion made by Councilwoman Matute-Brown and seconded by Council President Guarino the Public Meeting was recessed until January 7, 2020.

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

Michelle Casalino, Council President

Adopted: January 7, 2020