

A CONFERENCE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF CITY HALL, 29 NORTH DAY STREET, ORANGE, NEW JERSEY ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2016 AT 7:00PM.

Roll Call:

Present: Councilman Kerry Coley, East Ward
Councilman Elroy A. Corbitt, At-Large
Councilwoman Tency A. Eason, North Ward
Councilman Harold Johnson, Jr. West Ward
Councilwoman Jamie Summers-Johnson., South Ward
Councilwoman Donna K. Williams, At-Large (arrived @ 7:30)
Council President April Gaunt-Butler, At-Large

Also Present: Joyce L. Lanier, City Clerk

Avram White, Representing the City Attorney
Margarette Homere, Senior Clerk,
Kenneth Douglas, Fire Director,
John Wade, Acting Police Director
Marty Mayes, DPW Director
Joy Lascari, Chief Financial Officer (arrived @ 7:19)
Kevin Harris Legislative Research Officer (arrived @ 7:10)

Absent: Adrian Mapp, Finance Director

The City Clerk asked all to stand for a Moment of Silence.

SPECIAL NOTICE: Please be apprised anyone wishing to discuss Agenda or General Items shall sign one (1) book. There will be two (2) columns in the book, one (1) for Agenda Items and one for General Issues. Each person signing the book will check Agenda items (Not including Public hearing/final adoption of ordinances) or General issues or both. If they check Agenda Items or General Issues or both, they will be allowed to speak for a maximum of five (5) minutes.

The City Clerk announces that the requirement of N.J. S.A. 10:4-9 et. Seq., “Sunshine Law” has been met. A notice of this meeting was sent to the *Star Ledger* and published in the *Record-Transcript* on July 16, 2015, posted on the Bulletin Board in City Hall and filed in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

- **Plaque Presentation Carol Clark**

Councilman Corbitt had Ms. Clark come to the podium and he spoke of the many attributes of Ms. Clark as a community leader. Reported on how she helped Orange while in office as a Freeholder and presented her with a plaque from the City of Orange.

- **Presentation by a United Water Representative**

Steve House representing United Water commented that the original agreement did not cover the needs of the city today. He provided information on the services that United Water currently perform. He reported on the new technology that the company has to offer. Mr. House stated that since they did not win the contract this year he wanted to make sure that there was a smooth transition to the winning vendor. Mr. House gave a summary of issues that affect the water in the city. Mr. House answered questions from the Council Members.

The Council President state that the resolutions and ordinances to be presented at tonight's meeting are listed on the attached Regular Meeting Agenda. If any Council Member wishes to discuss any resolution or ordinance, it may be discussed at this time.

- Councilman Coley wanted Ordinance 4-2016 withdrawn.
- Councilman Johnson, Jr. reported that on the bill list was missing pages. Resolution 13-2016 - questioned were the money would come from which was answered by Mr. Mayes, he stated that the money was from the Bond.
- Councilman Corbitt questioned resolution 16-2016 a resolution to increase delinquent property taxes to 18 %. The Councilman suggested pulling resolutions 15 and 16-2016 since they both concerned tax increases until someone from the tax department could answer some questions regarding the increases.
- Council President Gaunt-Butler asked what the current delinquent tax rate was. She commented that it was not provided in resolution in 15-2016, and what was the methodology for the 18% increase and will that increase promote residents to clear up past due property taxes.
- Councilwoman Williams suggested that 15 16 and 17-2016 be removed until a representative from the tax department can be at the meeting.
- Councilwoman Eason stated that 16-2016 was basically an amnesty program so people would come in and pay their bills without penalties. She suggested that resolution 16-2016 not be removed.

**Motion to adjourn by Councilwoman Eason, seconded by Councilwoman Williams
The meeting was adjourned by a unanimous vote at 8:05 P.M.**

Approved:

Joyce L. Lanier

April Gaunt-Butler

**Joyce L. Lanier
City Clerk**

**April Gaunt-Butler
Council President**

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