

THIS WAS A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 29 NORTH DAY STREET ORANGE, NEW JERSEY, ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2016, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE CONFERENCE MEETING.

The Chair led all assembled in a Salute to the American Flag.

**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  
Council President April Gaunt-Butler, At-Large

**Also Present:** Joyce L. Lanier, City Clerk  
Hon. Dwayne D. Warren, Esq., Mayor  
Adrian Mapp, Finance Director  
Dan Smith, City Attorney  
Marvin Townes, Legislative Research Officer  
Margarette Homere, Senior Clerk,  
Kenneth Douglas, Fire Director,  
John Wade, Acting Police Director  
Joy Lascari, Chief Financial Officer  
Marty Mayes, Director of DPW

**Absent:** None.

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 published in the *Star Ledger* on February 19, 2016 and sent to *the Record-Transcript*, posted on the Bulletin Board in City Hall and filed in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

**Motion to suspend the rules and have citizen comments at this time by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson.**

**The motion was approved by unanimous vote.**

**Citizen Comments was moved up the agenda so residents could comment about their water concerns and comments on the water companies.**

**CITIZEN COMMENTS ON GENERAL ISSUES/AGENDA ITEMS**

The City Clerk made the following statement:

Pursuant to section 4-10 of the Code of the City of Orange Township, each person addressing the Council shall step up to the microphone, shall give his or her name in an audible tone for

the record, and unless further time is granted by the presiding officer, shall limit his or her address to Five (5) minutes.

The public is expected to conduct themselves in a proper manner, any derogatory, abusive or threatening statements will not be permitted. The Chair will immediately rule such conduct out of order and terminate any further comments.

The following residents and business owners made comments.

Mr. William Lewis spoke about the limited time the public has to speak at the Council meetings. Mr. Lewis suggested ways of handling the water situation commenting that the Mayor is the person who should be taking care of it.

Ms. Elizabeth Jackson commented that she was at this meeting to be educated by the two water companies and spoke of a letter that she had sent to the Council Members earlier. Ms. Jackson read the letter that she composed about her concerns of why the Water Company was being changed and asked will a new company provide a better water solution and services than the current water company. She referred to other items that she would like to know before the Council makes a discussion on the water company.

Mr. Jeffery Feld questioned if the Administration had filed the usual financial end of year, beginning of year reports to the State and to the Council Members. Reported that salary and wages were not included in the bill list again. Mr. Feld spoke about other concerns that he had with the Administration, bringing up specifics that he wanted answers to.

Mr. Derick Henry was concerned that the selection process for a water company was put in the hands of a lawyer instead of a water expert. A water expert should be hired for the water quality in the City. The Administration had too many versions of the contract floating around. The water report that was circulated is too old, not telling us the current water quality.

Reverend Guyton came to the podium and questioned the time table of the YWCA renovations. Why wasn't it on the Council's agenda? Spoke about a Martin Luther King letter. Spoke about the book 'Why We Can't Wait'. The Reverend spoke about Orange's demographics.

Mr. Darrell Harrington spoke about district representatives having the information about the water quality so residents could discuss issues with them. Once the Council has the information then there should be a public forum and after that the Council should take a vote.

Ms. Katelin Gordon spoke about the Pennoni Water company contract and its lawyer. She also stated that the city does not have an environmental commission. Suggested that the city send a water quality report to residents at their homes.

Mr. Christopher Jackson spoke of the lack of information about the water companies. He felt that the amount of time that was given to evaluate the water condition in the city was not enough time. Wanted to know other qualifying factors besides finances were considered to choose Pennoni Water over United Water.

Councilwoman Williams and Councilman Johnson extended the meeting and then Mr. Jackson continued.

**Motion by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilmen Johnson, to extend the meeting past 10:30 P.M.**

All were in favor.

Mr. Jackson continued by requesting that the criteria be shared with the public on choosing a vendor. Mr. Jackson felt that an evaluation of the infrastructure and water issues should be done before a proposal is accepted.

Ms. Gloria Stewart felt that too many things were being covered that evening and they should have been separated by another meeting. The broadcasting of the meetings are done poorly and only once. Ms. Stewart felt that United Water was not given a fair opportunity at tonight's meeting. Questioned when Attorney Montilus came aboard and spoke about other concerns she had with his discussion regarding the winning bidder. Ms. Stewart wants the Council to stay with United Water. Commented about the market rate housing that was going up in the city and asked would the water supply of the city be able to handle the additions. She was happy the Mayor was at the meeting.

Ms. Loretta Creggett spoke of her concerns of switching to another water company and why it wasn't on the City website. She felt there should be a public hearing before any decision is made.

Ms. Murphy Wilson was concerned that the city had funds to hire another attorney but not enough money to hire a Zoning Officer. The bidding process should have been reviewed more openly and not by an attorney. The Administration should have had experts working on the bids. Too many things had been left out of the proposal that she listened to that evening. The proposal does not match what the resolution states.

**Motion to close the citizen comments by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson, seconded by Councilwoman Eason.**

The Motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

**Answers to some of the resident's questions.**

- Mr. Mapp answered questions regarding year-end financials and when the budget would be given to the Council stating that the budget would be delivered next month. He stated that other reports were given on time. The salary and wages according to Mr. Mapp has to be added to the Edmunds system and their primary mission is to get the budget in on time.
- The inquiry about the posting of minutes on the website was not answered but would be looked into.
- Attorney Smith stated that the status of the Acting Police Director would not be discussed in an open meeting.

- Why was the current water resolution missing the clause ‘amount not to exceed’? Director Mayes stated it was an oversight and will be added to the resolution.
- Which offices were affected by the flood? The public works, law and the recreation departments were affected by the water main break last week. Most offices on the right side of the building were damaged according to Director Mayes.
- A time table for the YWCA was answered by the Mayor stating that there would be an executive session.
- Why was the water project omitted from the agenda until that evening? An Attorney stated that it had been rescheduled from the first meeting in February.
- Mayor Warren stated that he had done a Mayor’s Commission on water quality which had a number of residents on it. It reviewed water reports and discussions with a number of departments.
- The Mayor also stated that the bids for a water company were published in the newspaper and when the bids come in they are opened and scored by the City Engineer by Mr. Mayes and Mr. Mobley with the assistance of an attorney. Once the scoring document is completed it is turned over to the attorney and the attorney makes his recommendation. The Mayor stated that the scoring document is available for the public.
- The Mayor said that the broadcasting quality will be looked into.
- The Mayor stated that Attorney Montilus has been an attorney for the city for a year and half.
- The Mayor stated the city spend around 10 million dollars in restructuring the city water capacity so it could handle the new developments.
- When asked why the water issues had not been on the website the Mayor responded by listing the bidding process and spoke about the upcoming public forum.
- The administration could not answer the question regarding other water companies that are used by neighboring municipalities they only knew the water company that East Orange used.
- The mayor stated that United Water company is not located in the USA and the city’s only concern is that they have someone here to service the water on a 24 hour basis.

The Council President announced that if the YWCA ordinance is put on the agenda the Council will have to go into Executive Session.

### **Council Comments.**

Councilwoman Eason took offense to Mr. Eric Henry and Mr. Jackson’s comments about the e-mail that was sent out. Councilwoman Eason supports Mayor Warren because he is trying to do something for the community. She asked that people get their facts straight before making comments.

Councilwoman Summers-Johnson stated that she received the e-mail and was offended by it explaining her reasons why. She finished her statement saying she would never vote for anything that would hinder the health of Orange residents.

Councilwoman Williams asked Attorney Montilus when the RFQ was put out and he responded November 16, 2015 in the star ledger and the Local Talk but it was not put on the website for no

particular reason. Mr. Montilus also stated that he oversees the legal part of the Water Department. Councilwoman Williams asked the Mayor if Mr. Mobley was still involved with the Water Department. The Mayor said he was but he was not asked to be at this evenings meeting. The Council President suggested to the Mayor that when water issues are on the agenda Mr. Mobley should attend.

Councilwoman Williams asked Mr. House from United Water, where was their headquarters located and he stated that it was in Paramus, New Jersey and they have locations in Hoboken, Jersey City, Rahway and other locations. The parent company is located overseas but the Headquarters is in Paramus, New Jersey.

Councilwoman Williams announced that there was an Environment Commission Ordinance created by the Council and reported on how it had to be staffed.

Councilwoman Williams reported that Bob Murrell had passed way and spoke about his dedication to the City.

Councilman Johnson thanked all the regulars that come to the Council Meetings and all the people that came to that evenings meeting and asked them to spread the word that there will be another meeting about the water companies.

Councilman Corbitt spoke about a letter that was circulating around the city which included his name and he had gone to the home of that person but he was not home. He had later spoken to that person and was comfortable with their conversation. He hoped that the residents now understood that the city water is safe. Councilman Corbitt reported that while he was at a meeting at the library a resident told him that the parking meter was not accounting for all the quarters that are being put in and she got a tickets after being in the library for one hour when she had put 2 hours of quarters in the meter so the meters around the library should be checked. Residents are calling and complaining about the garbage pickup. The garage is not being completely removed from the cans. He asked where is the city regarding the Police and Fire contracts and negotiations. Mr. Smith the City Attorney stated that negotiations are continuing and that is all he could say.

Councilman Coley asked about when the budget would be ready and Mr. Mapp stated that it should be ready by March 18<sup>th</sup>. Questioned the Occupation Center and what are the plans for it. Director Mayes stated that the City has no plans for it. The building had been sold. He would get more information for Councilman Coley. Mr. House answered questions on wells in the city.

Council President Gaunt-Butler spoke about the e-mail that mentioned her name regarding the last meeting and that she was not at the last meeting so that part of the letter was fiction. She reported that she was in need of an ambulance the night before and the response was too slow. The Council needs to look into that situation. Questioned Mr. Mapp if the Clerk's Office was given the Annual Debt statement and he stated that he will check into that. The Council President stated that the Council will need to see the Board of Utility application for Comcast before it is sent in. The Council President questioned if there was a letter from the Attorney's Office regarding campaigning during business hours. Attorney Smith will check on that. Councilman Coley stated that the city needs to increase the ambulance services in the city and he stated that he had spoken about that in past meetings. Council President Gaunt-Butler stated that they need some kind of medical facility within the city.

Councilman Johnson asked Director Mayes when he started as Acting BA but Director Mayes still did not have that information. Director Mayes stated it was on his desk downstairs which was ruined during the main break but he has other copies and he will get back to Councilman Johnson the next day.

**Motion to close Council Comments by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson, seconded by Councilwoman Williams.**

The Motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

**January 19- Conference & Regular Minutes**

**Motion to approve the Conference and Regular meeting minutes from January 19, 2016 by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Summers-Johnson .**

The Motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

**January 27, 2016- Special Minutes**

**Motion to approve the Conference and Regular meeting minutes from January 27, 2016 by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson, seconded by Councilman Johnson .**

The Motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

**February 2- Conference & Regular Minutes  
(Council President Gaunt-Butler was absent and cannot vote)**

**Motion to approve the Conference and Regular meeting minutes from February 2, 2016 by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson, seconded by Councilman Johnson.**

Council Members Corbitt and Eason had left the room.

**Roll Call:**

Ayes: Coley, Johnson, Jr., Summers-Johnson, Williams

Nays: None.

Abstain: Gaunt-Butler

Absent: None.

**Motion Carries.**

**REPORTS:**

**DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REVENUE COLLECTION**

**Clerk's Office- Month of January 2016- \$290.41**

**CONSTABLE REPORTS-**

- **Richard Noisy- Month of January 2016- Pro-Cops - Security Service**

- **Darnell Brodi-Month of January 2016 -No Activity**
- **Mohamad Toure- Month of January 2016- No activity**

### **OPRA REQUESTS**

**81 OPRA Items requested in January 2016, 65 were completed 16 remain outstanding.**

### **COUNCIL REPORTS**

Councilwoman Summers-Johnson reported that the Library copier had been fixed. She also stated that going forward there would be a Library report given at the first meeting of every month.

Councilman Johnson stated that he would also give his report at the first meeting of the month.

Councilwoman Williams stated she would give her report at the next meeting.

**Council President directs Clerk to file reports.**

**The City Clerk reported that the Council would be going into Executive Session to discuss the YWCA contract Police and Fire Contracts and litigation case and personnel.**

**Motion to go into Executive Session by Councilman Johnson, seconded by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson.**

Council Members Corbitt and Eason had left the room.

### **Roll Call:**

Ayes: Coley, Johnson, Jr., Summers-Johnson, Williams, Gaunt-Butler

Nays: None.

Abstain:

Absent: None.

### **Motion Carries.**

**The Clerk announced that it was 11:37 P.M.**

**COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS-       None**

### **ORDINANCES-SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING**

The Clerk read Ordinance 6-2016 by Title.

**6-2016   An ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 200, entitled "Vehicles and Traffic", Section 200-33 No**

**parking certain hours on Heywood Avenue. (Sponsored by Council Member Summers-Johnson)**

The Chair declared the time open for a hearing on Ordinance Number 6-2016  
Seeing no one else, the Chair declared the time closed.

**Motion by Councilwoman Eason, seconded by Councilman Corbitt, to close the public hearing.**

**Roll Call:**

Ayes: Coley, Corbitt, Eason, Johnson, Jr., Summers-Johnson, Williams, Gaunt-Butler  
Nays: None.  
Abstain: None.  
Absent: None.

**Motion Carries.**

**Motion by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, to adopt Ordinance Number 6-2016.**

**On the motion-** Councilwoman Summers-Johnson asked about getting the teachers a permit. It was decided that an amendment could be written for the teacher's permits.

**Roll Call:**

Ayes: Coley, Corbitt, Eason, Johnson, Jr., Summers-Johnson, Williams, Gaunt-Butler  
Nays: None.  
Abstain: None.  
Absent: None.

**Motion Carries.**

The Clerk read Ordinance 7-2016 by Title.

**7-2016 An ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 200 entitled "Vehicles and Traffic", Section 200-44 Bus Stops Designated.**

The Chair declared the time open for a hearing on Ordinance Number 7-2016.  
Seeing no one else, the Chair declared the time closed.

**Motion by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, to close the public hearing.**

The Motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

**Motion by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, to adopt Ordinance Number 7-2016**

**Roll Call:**

Ayes: Coley, Corbitt, Eason, Johnson, Jr., Summers-Johnson, Williams, Gaunt-Butler  
Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

**Motion Carries.**

**ORDINANCES INTRODUCTION/ FIRST READING**

The City Clerk read Ordinance Number 9-2016 by Title.

**9-2016 An ordinance to exceed the Municipal Budget appropriation limits and to establish a cap bank in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14 for the Calendar Year 2016.**

**Motion by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilwoman Eason that Ordinance 9-2016 be introduced on first reading and that the public hearing would be held March 15, 2016**

**On the motion –** Councilman Coley asked should the Council have the introduced budget before this ordinance. He was told this ordinance needed to be done first.

**Roll Call:**

Ayes: Coley, Corbitt, Eason, Johnson, Jr., Summers-Johnson, Williams, Gaunt-Butler

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

**Motion Carries.**

The City Clerk read Ordinance Number 10-2016 by Title.

**10-2016 An ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter 107 of the Code of City of Orange Township Municipal Source Separation and Recycling Ordinance.**

**Motion by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilwoman Eason that Ordinance 10-2016 be introduced on first reading and that the public hearing would be held March 15, 2016.**

**On the motion –**

**Roll Call:**

Ayes: Coley, Corbitt, Eason, Johnson, Jr., Summers-Johnson, Williams, Gaunt-Butler

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

**Motion Carries.**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

The City Clerk read the following statement.

All items listed with an asterisk (\*) are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council member so request, in which event, the item will be removed from the general order of business and considered in its normal sequence of the agenda.

**Motion by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilwoman Eason.  
to approve the Consent Agenda.**

**Roll Call:**

Ayes: Coley, Corbitt, Eason, Johnson, Jr., Summers-Johnson, Williams, Gaunt-Butler

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

**Motion Carries.**

**RESOLUTION NUMBERS \*31-2016 -\*43-2016**

- \*31-2016** A resolution awarding a contract to reliance Graphics, Inc., 80 Pompton Avenue Verona, New Jersey 07044; to provide Local Municipal Election Printing for local election to be held on May 10, 2016, in an amount not to exceed \$12,900.00
- \*32-2016** A resolution for the transfer of appropriation reserves.  
(Removed for separate vote)
- \*33-2016** A resolution rescinding Resolution #3-2016 adopted January 5, 2016 authoring Change Order #4-Final from Vektor Corporation, Inc. for the project known as the Roadway Improvements to Snyder Street, Fairview Avenue and Jackson Street to adjust the contract quantities to meet final as-built conditions in the amount not to exceed \$162.87.
- \*34-2016** A resolution authorizing Change Order No. 2 & 3 from JTG Construction, Inc., 188 Jefferson Street, Suite 387, Newark, New Jersey 07105 to modify the contract for the project known as the Roadway Improvements to Burnside Street and Burnside Place.
- \*35-2016** A resolution to allow filing and accepting the 2015 year recycling tonnage grant.
- \*36-2016** An enabling resolution authorizing the acceptance of a grant by the Department of Public Works and Engineering from the State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Green Acres Programs for Multi Park Development Project #0717-14-056 in the amount of \$245,000.00.

- \*37-2016** A resolution authorizing Change Order No. 1-Final from J.A. Alexander, Inc., 130-158 JFK Drive North, Bloomfield, New Jersey 07003 for a decrease to the project known as the Roadway Resurfacing of Lincoln Place to adjust the contract quantities to meet final as-built conditions in the amount of \$6,762.08.
- \*38-216** A resolution authorizing the award of a fair and open contract with Nishuane Group, LLC, 105 Grove Street, Ste. 1, Montclair, New Jersey 07042 to provide professional planning services for a period of one (1) year in the amount not to exceed \$65,000.00.  
**(Removed for separate vote)**
- \*39-2016** A resolution to amend Resolution No. 179-2015 authorizing Nishuane Group, LLC, 105 Grove Street, Ste. 1, Montclair, NJ 07042 to provide professional planning services through June 30, 2016 in the amount not to exceed \$52,000.00. **(Removed for a separate vote)**
- \*40-2016** A resolution authorizing the award of a fair and open contract with Pennoni, 2015 Fieldcrest Avenue, Ste 502, Edison, New Jersey 08837 to provide program Management of the water treatment and distribution system; wastewater collection system; and customer service, billing and collection system for the City of Orange Township, New Jersey.  
**(This resolution was withdrawn for contract errors)**
- \*41-2016** **Resolution authorizing the award of a Non-Fair and Open Contract with Maser Consulting P.A., 400 Valley Road, Ste 304 Mount Arlington, New Jersey 07856 to provide professional engineering, design and construction administration services for the High and Alden Street Park Lighting Improvements in the amount not to exceed \$29,750.00.**
- \*42-2016** A resolution ratifying and confirming the employment of Francis J. Giantomasi of the Law Firm of Chiesa, Scabinian, Giantomasi, P.C., One Boland Drive, West Orange, New Jersey 07052, in the amount of \$175.00 per hour not to exceed \$30,000 **(Removed for separate vote)**
- \*43-2016** A resolution approving the bill list for council meeting vote on February 16, 2016 dated February 10, 2016 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95 (Grand Total: \$ 2,691,335.50.) **(Removed for separate vote)**

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA FOR SEPARATE VOTE

**The City Clerk read Resolution 32-2016 by title.**

**32-2016** - A resolution for the transfer of appropriation reserves.

**Motion by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilwoman Eason to approve Resolution 32-2016.**

**On the motion** – Councilwoman Williams asked if the Clerk’s Office ever got an answer from the Fire Director about the reason for the \$15,000.00. The Clerk reported that no one has given her that information.

**Roll Call:**

Ayes: Coley, Corbitt, Eason, Johnson, Jr., Summers-Johnson, Williams, Gaunt-Butler

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

**Motion Carries.**

**The City Clerk read Resolution 38-2016 by title.**

**38-216** A resolution authorizing the award of a fair and open contract with Nishuane Group, LLC, 105 Grove Street, Ste. 1, Montclair, New Jersey 07042 to provide professional planning services for a period of one (1) year in the amount not to exceed \$65,000.00.

**Motion by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilwoman Eason to approve Resolution 38-2016.**

**On the Motion** –Councilman Johnson questioned the dates on the resolution regarding when the year begins. Attorney Smith answered question. Also questioned that Nishuane had another resolution last year for \$150,000.00 and that contract was until June 2016. Director Mayes stated that this resolution is for additional duties that have been asked of the Nishuane Group to do. The Group will be on call for the city. Councilwoman Williams asked Director Mayes to explain why they needed an on call person if the City Engineer was back as Planner. Director Mayes stated that the Administration wanted to make sure that the projects that they were working on moved forward until the City Planner could come up to speed.

Councilman Johnson wanted to know who in administration had directed Nishuane to work on the YWCA, which he believed would be coming out of tax dollars since it was prior to getting the grant and the reason why the extra money was needed. Also brought up the Project Manager for the YWCA as well as other positions in the YWCA. Director Mayes stated that Councilman Johnson was correct and that the Council should have been informed of the need for additional fees to Nishuane Group. There was confusion between Resolution 38 and 39-2016.

Councilwoman Williams stated that there obviously will be more cost coming in and could Director Mayes estimate how much the cost will be. Director Mayes will get that information for her.

The Clerk read the resolution as it was amended:

38-2016 - A resolution authorizing the award of a fair and open contract with Nishuane Group, LLC, 105 Grove Street, Ste. 1, Montclair, New Jersey 07042 to provide professional planning services for a period of one (1) year from date of adoption in the amount not to exceed \$65,000.00

**Motion by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson to approve Resolution 38-2016 as amended.**

**Roll Call:**

Ayes: Corbitt, Eason, Summers-Johnson,

Nays: Coley, Johnson, Jr. Gaunt-Butler

Abstain: Williams

Absent: None.

**Motion Fails.**

**The City Clerk read Resolution 39-2016 by title.**

**39-2016** A resolution to amend Resolution No. 179-2015 authorizing Nishuane Group, LLC, 105 Grove Street, Ste. 1, Montclair, NJ 07042 to provide professional planning services through June 30, 2016 in the amount not to exceed \$52,000.00.

**Motion by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilman Johnson to approve Resolution 39-2016 as amended.**

**On the motion** - Councilwoman Williams asked that a correction in Paragraph 2 of YMCA be changed to YWCA

**Roll Call:**

Ayes: Corbitt, Eason, Summers-Johnson,

Nays: Coley, Johnson, Jr. Gaunt-Butler

Abstain: Williams

Absent: None.

**Motion Fails.**

Council President Gaunt-Butler stated that she had worked with the Nishuane Group and that they do very good work, but her concern are tax dollars for the YWCA project which is still contingent.

**The City Clerk read Resolution 42-2016 by title.**

**42-2016** A resolution ratifying and confirming the employment of Francis J. Giantomasi of the Law Firm of Chiesa, Scalinian, Giantomasi, P.C., One Boland Drive, West Orange, New Jersey 07052, in the amount of \$175.00 per hour not to exceed \$30,000

**Motion by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Summers-Johnson to approve Resolution 42-2016.**

**On the motion** – Councilman Corbitt asked which cases would this firm be handling. Attorney Smith stated that they would handling the YWCA.

Councilwoman Williams asked Attorney Smith why didn't the city use an attorney from the conflict list.

Attorney Smith said that they did not have real-estate contract experience as this firm does so that is why this firm is being paid \$175.00 per hour.

Councilman Johnson questioned why the council was not allowed to pick the outside firm.

Attorney Smith stated that this firm was chosen for their experience and the Council does have the final say.

**Roll Call:**

Ayes: Corbitt, Eason, Summers-Johnson,

Nays: Coley, Johnson, Jr.

Abstain: Williams, Gaunt-Butler

Absent: None.

**Motion Carries.**

**The City Clerk read Resolution 43-2016 by title.**

**43-2016** A resolution approving the bill list for council meeting vote on February 16, 2016 dated February 10, 2016 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95 (Grand Total: \$ 2,691,335.50.)

**Motion by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Eason to approve Resolution 43-2016.**

**On the motion** – Williams asked Ms. Lascari, the City CFO, about the salary and wages pages. Ms. Lascari stated that it should be on the March 1, 2016 meeting.

**Roll Call:**

Ayes: Coley, Corbitt, Eason, Johnson, Jr., Summers-Johnson, Williams

Nays: Gaunt-Butler

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

**Motion Carries.**

City Clerk Lanier commented that she would have to research the vote that was taken for Resolution 42-2016 regarding a majority vote count.

**NEW BUSINESS** The Council President directed the City Clerk to take a poll to find out availability of Council Members for a public forum on the water. It would be discussed at a later date.

**OTHER PENDING BUSINESS** None.

Motion to adjourn by Councilwoman Eason, seconded by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson.

By consensus the regular meeting adjourned at 1:15 A.M **February 23, 2016.**

**Approved:**

*Joyce L. Lanier*

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**Joyce L. Lanier**  
**City Clerk**

*April Gaunt-Butler*

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**April Gaunt-Butler**  
**Council President**

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