

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 TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 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

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

Absent: Council President April Gaunt-Butler, At-Large

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Motion to approve the Conference and Regular meeting minutes from December 15, 2015 by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Johnson, Jr.

By consensus the Regular and Conference meeting minutes were approved.

Motion to approve the Conference and Regular meeting minutes from

January 5, 2015 by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Johnson, Jr.

By consensus the Regular and Conference meeting minutes were approved.

REPORTS:

DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REVENUE COLLECTION - None

CONSTABLE REPORTS- - None

OPRA REQUESTS - None

COUNCIL REPORTS -

Councilwoman Summers-Johnson Library report. The Councilwoman reported that the bathrooms in the children’s area have been restored. Some of the windows have been fixed.

There are new drawings being worked on for the children’s room.

The Matching Grant for the Library for \$ 750,000.00 The Library is currently developing a proposal for the New Jersey Historic Trust.

All printers but the one in adult area are working.

Councilman Johnson attended a Housing Authority meeting in January and they spoke about the snow storm. Councilman Johnson gave a summary on Orange Housing Authority’s Director McNeill’s report about the Walter G3 and G4 building projects.

Councilwoman Eason reported that the ABC will not meet until next week.

Councilman Coley – No report.

Councilwoman Williams – The Finance committee met on February 1 and discussed resolution 25-2016 and reported on some suggestions that the Finance asked for which Acting Director Mayes will look into. They discussed 26-2016 which is about a grant with East Orange for traffic calming in certain areas of Orange and East Orange. The Councilwoman reported on some suggestions that Acting Director Mayes will look into. Resolution 20-2016 is being pulled by the Administration and brought back at the next Council meeting. Resolutions 15, 16 and 17-2016 which was addressed by Mr. Carl Smith earlier; it is the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve those resolutions.

The Councilwoman reported that Acting BA Mayes was asked to contact one of the Planners and have them give the Council an update on what they are working on. Resolution 3-2016 the Finance Committee discussed the redevelopment of Vose Ave with the developer and the Finance Committee recommends that the resolution be passed.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS- None**CITIZEN COMMENTS ON GENERAL ISSUES/AGENDA ITEMS**

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.

Ms. Janice Morrell commented that after reviewing the citizen comments time allotment she had filed a complaint with the American Civil liberties Union requesting a full investigation of the process in the City of Orange.

Mr. William Lewis. Remarked about comments that he had made at the last meeting and the reasons why. Mr. Lewi commented that the Council needs help and why residents keep asking the same questions.

Mr. Jeffery Feld spoke about a letter he had sent to the Council and the BA' Office which he had not received any responses. Mr. Feld asked why there wasn't a backup for the Salary and Wages in the Bill List. Mr. Feld provided other items on the Bill list that were not explained. Mr. Feld stated that he was in limbo when it came to the YWCA providing his reasons. Mr. Feld stated that the City had made an agreement with the local businesses who had funded the UEZ, that the money would not be used without the consent of the local businesses. Mr. Feld stated that UEZ money was used to pay for the down payment of the YWCA in the amount of \$100,000.

Ms. Katalin Gordon gave feedback on the snow removal in her area. She was not pleased with the way the snow was removed.

Ms. Betty Brown stated that the 'No Parking' signs on her street are not enforced by the Police. All homes have driveways yet when someone parks on the street the police do not ticket them.

Ms. Gloria Stewart spoke of her good intentions when she brings up items that are on the agendas Ms. Stewart asked that the DPW think about what can be done with the snow for residents that do not have driveways. Their cars get blocked in from the snow plows moving the snow toward the sides of the streets.

Ms. Murphy Wilson questioned the amnesty resolution. Suggested alternate side of the street parking when it snows so the plows can clean the streets better and overnight parking in the

school parking lots while the plows are cleaning the snow. Ms. Wilson spoke about the lack of detailed reports on the YWCA. There is nothing that shows possible revenue for the property.

Ms. Kim Randle of 491 Valley St. asked for help with her condo. She requested laws and signs about loitering and curbing the dogs. Ms. Randle spoke of the lack of security in her area.

Motion by Councilman Johnson, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, to close the citizen comments.

The Motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Some questions responded to for the residents.

Acting Director Wade will speak to Ms. Randle and Ms. Brown about the parking and security issues.

Acting BA Mayes addressed the concerns of the snow removable.

Mayor Warren stated that all documents regarding the YWCA were given out except those that could not be given to the public yet.

Mr. Carl Smith explained why the dates for the amnesty program were picked.

Mr. Smith stated that the collection rate is about 94%.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilwoman Summers-Johnson stated that she had called into the Mayor and Acting BA snow removal problems when residents had called her to report problems. Councilwoman Summers-Johnson commented that the Council Members were not utilized by the residents when they had snow removal problems on their streets. The Councilwoman gave her phone number again for residents to call when they have problems.

Councilwoman Eason thanked the Police Dept. for the Police Conference that took place. The Councilwoman thanked the Public Works employees for their hard work during the snow storm. Councilwoman Eason reported that Mayor Warren was out with the plows all day Monday. The Councilwoman told Ms. Randle to speak with DPW and get signs that say curb your dog. The Councilwoman asked for an update on what would be done with the property that was the Cotton funeral Home on Oakwood Ave. Acting BA Mayes will check into it. The Councilwoman asked Acting BA Mayes to look into some apartment buildings owners on Cleveland St.

Councilwoman Williams commented that the snow storm was very challenging and how she and Councilwoman Summers-Johnson also used Facebook to help residents with snow removal issues by taking the issues directly to DPW. There was a quick response time by Public Works. The Councilwoman give her condolences to the Franklin family.

Vice-President Corbitt suggested that Public Works use 2 snow removal trucks; one following the other, on each street to widen the street as much as possible.

Motion to go into Executive Session by Councilwoman Eason, seconded by Councilman Johnson.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Carries.

Note: Councilwoman Williams stepped out of the room.

Roll call after the executive session and Regular session reconvened.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Carries.

Note: Councilwoman Williams had stepped out of the room.

ORDINANCES–SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING

The Clerk read Ordinance 1-2016 by Title

**1-2016 An ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Orange Township,
Chapter 200 entitled “Vehicles and Traffic”, Section 200-52-1
Handicapped Parking Spaces (239 North Center Street)**

The Chair declared the time open for a hearing on Ordinance Number 1-2016.
Seeing no one, the Chair declared the time closed.

Motion to close the public hearing by Councilwoman Eason, seconded by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Carries.

Motion to adopt Ordinance Number 1-2016 by Councilwoman Eason, seconded by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Carries.

Note: Councilwoman Williams had stepped out of the room.

The City Clerk read Ordinance Number 2 -2016 by Title.

2-2016 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 Watchung Avenue.

The Chair declared the time open for a hearing on Ordinance Number 2-2016. Seeing no one, the Chair declared the time closed.

Motion to close the public hearing by Councilwoman Eason, seconded by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Carries.

Note: Councilwoman Williams had stepped out of the room.

Motion to adopt Ordinance Number 2-2016 by Councilwoman Eason, seconded by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Carries.

Note: Councilwoman Williams had stepped out of the room.

The City Clerk read Ordinance Number 3 -2016 by Title.

3-2016 An ordinance adopting the Vose Avenue Redevelopment Plan

The Chair declared the time open for a hearing on Ordinance Number 3-2016.

Seeing no one, the Chair declared the time closed.

Motion to close the public hearing by Councilwoman Eason, seconded by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson.

The Motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Motion to adopt Ordinance Number 3-2016 by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson, seconded by Councilman Johnson.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: Williams

Absent: Gaunt-Butler

Motion Carries.

The City Clerk read Ordinance Number 5 -2016 by Title.

5-2016 An ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter 150 of the Municipal Code of the City of Orange Township entitle "Peace And Good Order" by creating Chapters regulating the sale of toys gun. (Sponsored by Council Member April Gaunt-Butler)

Motion to close the public hearing by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson, seconded by Councilwoman Eason.

The Motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Motion to adopt Ordinance Number 5-2016 by Councilwoman Eason, seconded by Councilwoman Williams.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Gaunt-Butler

Motion Carries.

ORDINANCES INTRODUCTION/ FIRST READING

The City Clerk read Ordinance Number 8 -2016 by Title.

8-2016 An ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 88-1 entitled fees for certificates of occupancy (Sales Inspections)

Motion by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson that Ordinance 8-2016 be introduced on first reading and that the public hearing would be held March 1, 2016

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Gaunt-Butler

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 to suspend the rules by Councilwoman Williams, second by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Gaunt-Butler

Motion Carries.

Motion to add Resolution 30-2016 by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Johnson.

The City Clerk read Resolution 30-2016 by title.

A resolution authorizing law offices of Robert I. Tarver Jr., Esq., to represent the City Council of the City of Orange Township in matters pertaining to the litigation under Docket Number ESX-L-7903-13

Motion to approve Resolution 30-2016 by Councilwoman Summer-Johnson, seconded by Councilman Johnson.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: Williams

Absent: Gaunt-Butler

Motion Carries.

The Clerk read the amended title of Resolution 27-2016.

“An omnibus resolution authorizing actions in preparation for the acquisition of 395 Main Street.”

The Clerk read the additional clauses that had been added to the amended resolution.

Councilman Johnson had Resolution 27-2016 and 29-2016 removed for a separate vote.

Motion to approve the consent agenda by Councilwoman Eason, seconded by Councilwoman Williams.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Gaunt-Butler

Motion Carries.

RESOLUTIONS POSPONED FROM JANUARY 19, 2016 REGULAR MEETING

- *15-2016 A resolution authorizing the City of Orange Township to fix the rate of interest to be charged on delinquent taxes and other municipal charges.**
- *16-2016 A resolution authorizing amnesty to waive interest for property taxes, water charges & sewer charges from 3/1/16 to 3/31/16 and 4/1/16 to 4/30/16.**
- *17-2016 A resolution for the Transfer of Appropriation reserves.**

RESOLUTIONS NO.*19-2016-*29-2016

- *19-2016 A resolution rescinding Resolution 12-2016 appointing Joe Jones as a Constable for the City of Orange Township.**
- *20-2016 A resolution authorizing the cancellation of outstanding checks. (Withdrawn)**
- *21-2016 A resolution authorizing the City of Orange Township to accept a donation of a permanent prescription disposal box. (Sponsored by Council President April Gaunt-Butler)**

- *22-2016** A resolution authorizing the one year of contract for professional Service of Joseph A. Garcia, Esq. of Chassan, Leyner & Lamparello, P.C. to serve as Special Legal Counsel to the Office of the City Clerk on Election Matters for the year 2016 (Sponsored by Council President April Gaunt-Butler)
- *23-2016** A resolution authorizing Lerch, Vinci & Higgins, LLP certified Municipal Accountants, 17-17 Route 208 , Fair Lawn, New Jersey 07410, to act as Budget Consultants to the City of Orange Township, New Jersey upon adoption of this resolution in an amount not to exceed \$ 35,000.00.
- *24-2016** A resolution authorizing payment to J. Keane Electric Company, Inc., 622 Schuyler Avenue, North Arlington, NJ 07031 for traffic signal repairs in an amount not to exceed \$4,124.32.
- *25-2016** A resolution authorizing the City of Orange Township to enter into an agreement with New Jersey Transit for the installation of maintenance of bus shelters.
- *26-2016** A resolution authorizing the City of Orange Township Director of Planning and Economic Development and Public Works to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of East Orange to utilize Transportation, Community and System Preservation (TCSP) grant funding towards roadway safety enhancements on Freeway Drives East and West.
- *27-2016** A resolution authorizing approval to purchase 395 Main Street utilizing funds from the Department of Community Affairs for the development and creation of the Orange Senior and Youth Recreation Center for \$1,500,000.00 (Removed for a separate vote)
- *28-2016** A resolution mourning the passing and celebrating the life and Legacy of Jessie Jeffries, Jr. (Sponsored by the Orange Municipal Council)
- *29-2016** A resolution approving the bill list for council meeting vote on February 2, 2016 dated January 29, 2016 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95 (Grand Total: \$ 1,033,542.17) (Removed for a separate vote)

Resolutions for separate vote.

The Clerk read Resolution 27-2016 by title.

27-2016 An omnibus resolution authorizing actions in preparation for the acquisition of 395 Main Street.

Motion to approve Resolution 27-2016 by Councilman Johnson, Jr., seconded by Councilwoman Eason.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Coley, Corbitt, Eason, Summers-Johnson,

Nays: Johnson Jr.,

Abstain: Williams

Absent: Gaunt-Butler

Motion Carries.

The Clerk read Resolution 29-2016 by title.

29-2016 A resolution approving the bill list for council meeting vote on February 2, 2016 dated January 29, 2016 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95 (Grand Total: \$ 1,033,542.17)

Councilwoman Williams asked Director Mapp why the Salary and Wage portion of the Bill List was missing. Director Mapp stated that it was a timing issue. They are completing the year-end processes.

Councilman Johnson, Jr. asked about payments to Nishuane Group for 16,378.75 on page 6 of the bill list. Acting BA Mayes stated that that company is working on a number of City projects and he will have a representative from Nishuane come to the next meeting. Some dollars amounts for Nishuane Group were removed from the Bill List.

Motion to approve Resolution 29-2016 as amended by Councilwoman Eason, seconded by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: Johnson Jr.,

Abstain: None.

Absent: Gaunt-Butler

Motion Carries.

NEW BUSINESS – Vice-President Corbitt asked that the Water issue be added to the next agenda.

OTHER PENDING BUSINESS - None.

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

By consensus the regular meeting adjourned at 10:15 P.M.

Approved:

Joyce L. Lanier

April Gaunt-Butler

Joyce L. Lanier
City Clerk

April Gaunt-Butler
Council President

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