

THIS WAS A CONFERENCE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF CITY HALL, 29 NORTH DAY STREETS, ORANGE, NEW JERSEY ON TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 2016 AT 7:05 P.M.

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 (arrived @ 7:08)
Councilwoman Donna K. Williams, At-Large (arrived @ 7:15)
Council President April Gaunt-Butler, At-Large

Also Present: Joyce L. Lanier, City Clerk
Gracia Montilus, Assistant City Attorney (arrived @ 7:18)
Margarette Homere, Senior Clerk,
Kenneth Douglas, Fire Director,
John Wade, Acting Police Director
Joy Lascari, Chief Financial Officer
Marty Mayes, Acting Business Administrator

Absent: Kevin Harris, Legislative Research Officer

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. Each person signing the book they will be allowed to speak for a maximum of five (5) minutes.

Sunshine Law

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

1. New Jersey Transit (Was not present)

The Council President made the following statement:

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 Corbitt Resolution 78-2016 - The Councilman felt that the resolution will help the City revenue. Councilman Corbitt had Mr. Copeland, the city Grant Writer, explain that the "Shop Orange" program allowed city merchants to provide rebates to participating customers, the rebate is used toward that person's property tax the following year. Renters would receive a check the following year also. The program encourages residents to shop at those stores that are in the program. Mr. Copeland continued to explain the particulars of the program.

Councilwoman Eason spoke of the lack of parking areas on Main Street for shoppers. That would have to be addressed before the program could be a success.

Councilman Johnson, Jr. asked will the program be available to all merchants, even those not on Main St. Mr. Copeland stated the program is available to all merchants.

Councilwoman Summers-Johnson commented that she was for any program that will bring business to the city.

Council President Gaunt-Butler asked who would create the program card. Mr. Copeland said 'Thin Credit' would create the cards. Mr. Copeland explained to the Council President the marketing of the program. Mr. Copeland will get stats from other communities on the success of the program in their community for the Council President.

Councilwoman Eason - Ordinance 27-2016. The Councilwoman suggested amending the ordinance to add that when there is an emergency in the building, like the flood that took place, the Council meetings can be moved to Police building, even if it is the day of the Council meeting.

Attorney Smith stated that could be done. It is legal. The Council Members agreed that it should be added to the ordinance.

It was suggested that the adjournment time should not be put in the ordinance. Other members felt that the adjournment time should be 11:00 or 11:30 P.M. in the ordinance.

The City Clerk commented that the Council has committees and the purpose of those committees is to vet legislation before it reaches the agenda. If that is done then you will not be at meetings late because the committees will have already discussed the matters and made their recommendations, which will lead to less discussion at the Council meetings.

Councilwoman Eason suggested that when there is a contract coming up a public forum should be held before hand which would shorten the meeting once the contract is considered.

Councilwoman Williams commented that items need to be given to Council in a timely manner so the Council can review the items. It was determined that the meeting would adjourn at 11:30 P.M. and a poll would be taken at a later date by the Clerk to determine when the next meeting would be held to finish up, also amending the ordinance to add that when there is an emergency in the building the Council meetings can be moved to the Police building.

Councilman Johnson -81-2016 the Bill list. The Councilman questioned items that were on the last bill list which were put on hold are not on the current Bill list and if those items were paid.

The CFO Ms. Lascari stated she would need to know the items the Councilman was questioning. Upon request the Clerk read a list of items that Ms. Lascari stated she would have for the Council at this meeting. Ms. Lascari stated that some of the items were given to the Administration to put into their report. When asked if she was aware of payments being made to Mr. Edwards and Seton Hall and that they were not approved by the Council. Ms. Lascari stated that they appeared on a bill list as previously paid items. The Clerk stated that the items were

presented on Mr. Mapp's financial reports; they were never on a bill list. Ms. Lascari was surprised to hear that. Councilman Johnson stated that after multiply request for clarification and backup documents from the Warren Administration he concluded that this Governing Body would just be ignored and disrespected on all levels. The Warren Administration paid the Nishuane group of Montclair somewhere in the neighborhood of \$45,000.00 above what the contract of \$150,000.00 called for.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Councilwoman Eason, seconded by Councilman Corbitt.

The meeting was adjourned by a unanimous vote at 7:53 P.M.

Approved:

Joyce L. Lanier

April Gaunt-Butler

Joyce L. Lanier
City Clerk

April Gaunt-Butler
Council President

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