

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 MAY 3, 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
Margarette Homere, Senior Clerk,
Kenneth Douglas, Fire Director,
John Wade, Acting Police Director
Jeanette Arnold, Representing the Law Office
Marty Mayes, Acting BA
Joy Lascari, City CFO (had stepped out of the room)

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.

The City Clerk reported an error in the Council meeting date that had been published and the correction that had been made.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

April 5, 2016- Conference & Regular Meeting

Motion to approve the Conference and Regular meeting minutes from April 5, 2016 by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilwoman Williams.

By consensus the Regular and Conference meeting minutes were approved.

REPORTS:

DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REVENUE COLLECTION – None.

CONSTABLE REPORTS - None

OPRA REQUESTS – None.

COUNCIL REPORTS - Council President directs Clerk to file reports

Councilwoman Summers-Johnson report that the Library was still seeking money to match a grant for \$642,000.00 historical grant.

Drawings were submitted for the Children’s room in the Library.

Reported that staff is waiting for the wage increases.

The microfilm machine had been fixed at the library.

Reported on the programs that would be taking place at the Library.

Director Wade from the Police Department came to the podium and reported on the RX drug give back program that took place. The poundage that was turned in was 60 pounds. The Director asked for the Council’s support on legislature that was on the agenda for the Police Department.

Director Wade answered questions for the Council Members.

Director Douglas from the Fire Department gave a report on grants that the Fire Department were applying for. Gave an update on the restoration that is taking place at the Fire House. Reported on the success of the Fire Department’s Open House. The Director answered questions and took suggestions from the Council Members.

Councilwoman Williams reported that the process for the Forensic Audit had started. The Finance Committee will review the results of the Bidders.

Mr. Jenkins, Essex County Liaison to Orange, reported on the events that would take place in Essex County. Mr. Jenkins reported that Scotland Road is not scheduled for paving this year. He answered other questions from the Governing Body.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS –None.

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

- Denise Monasebian did not agree with the 1000 foot restriction on similar businesses stating his reasons why.
- William Lewis spoke about the South Ward and life lessons that were learned. Spoke about his neighbors in the South Ward. Spoke about Ordinance 21-2016.
- Mr. Terry Schwartz spoke about the Orange Train Station development and the inconvenience it caused by blocking off streets. The dangerous conditions by the trestle. Barriers and a dumpster that are still on the roadway along with other issues.
- Mr. Christopher Jackson asked questions about Ordinance 21-2016 asked what its purpose was. Ordinance 25-2016 question what that ordinance was specifically doing. Ordinance 28-2016 what does that ordinance clarify with regard to the Council's powers.
- Mr. Christopher King spoke about microfilm in the library and asked about the recycling program. Spoke about an art project made from recycled items.
- William Hathaway spoke about the improvements that have been made in Orange. The City must now unite and become a family again.

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

The Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Answers to some of the resident's questions.

Councilwoman Williams spoke about when employees can and cannot campaign for a candidate. She commented that the ordinance was not directed toward the Clerk's Office.

Director Mayes stated that he would check on the barricades that were blocking the streets. Director Mayes will check on all of Mr. Schwartz items and get back to the Council before the next meeting.

Council President Gaunt-Butler stated that the City did not have a Defense and Indemnification Ordinance so Ordinance 25-2016 put one in place.

Council President Gaunt-Butler reported on Ordinance 28-2016 stating that the ordinance specifies that when approving resolutions it is done by a majority vote of the whole council.

Director Mayes reported that Pennoni Associates would be doing Roadway Improvements to North Center Street (Between Park Avenue to Washington Street) in the amount not to exceed \$28,000.00.

Director Mayes stated that he would be willing to sit down and discuss the recycling procedure with Mr. King.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilwoman Summers-Johnson commented on her South Ward Community meeting and reported on the dates of her next 2 meeting. Next year she plans to have the meeting every month.

Councilman Johnson, Jr. requested that they have a closed session to discuss a document that the Council had received.

Director Mayes stated that probably 8 streets were paved with the Bond money when asked by Councilwoman Williams. The Councilwoman asked if there was any Bond money left to pave more streets. The Director said there was no money for that. Director Mayes spoke of ways that the City is looking into finding money to make improvements on Dodd and Thomas Streets. He also spoke about under the bridge repairs at Oakwood. Councilwoman Williams encouraged the rest of the Council members to see the presentation on you-tube called 'Why do competitors open their doors next to one another'

Councilwoman Eason asked about repairs to Dodd St. by using old funds. Director Mayes stated that the funds were no longer there. Director Mayes stated that Colgate Park is open and there is no contamination. The Councilwoman commented that if your car is hit in the back. Do not get out of the car to check the damages go straight to the Police Station. Also asked residents to get involved to help the Police do their jobs. Parents should get involved with their children and their activities.

Councilman Corbitt reported on the next mayoral quorum and spoke to Director Mayes about pot holes in the area and speed bumps that needed to be painted. Councilman Corbitt reported on activities taking place in Orange.

Director Mayes gave Councilman Coley an update on the repairs to City Hall caused by the water damage and an update on the illegal stop signs which were removed. Director Mayes will provide a written report on when the budget will be presented to Council by the end of the week.

Council President Gaunt-Butler thanked the clergy for the peace rally that they held. The Council President reported that she had gone to the Youth Led Debates. She thanked the Fire and Police Departments for making sure that the community is safe. The Council President reported that she had attended the Fire Departments dedication to their new vehicles. She spoke about the medication drop box at city hall. The Council President spoke about the bill list, the amount of the bill list and the fact that the Council cannot get sufficient answers from administration on items from the bill list. She felt that there should be transparency and everything should be forth right and forth coming and that is why she had not voted for the bill lists that have come before her this past year. She questioned Director Mayes on a number of items that he had not gotten back to her on.

ORDINANCES–SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE 17-2016 TABLED FROM THE 4-19-2016 MEETING

The Clerk read Ordinance 17-2016 by Title.

**17-2016 An ordinance amend the Code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 200, entitled “Vehicles & Traffic”, Section 200-64 Parking Permit Meter Zones designated)
(Sponsored by Council Member April Gaunt-Butler)**

Motion to lift from table by Councilman Coley, seconded by Councilman Johnson.

Roll Call:

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

Motion carries.

The Chair declared the time open for a hearing on Ordinance Number 17-2016.

Motion to close Citizen Comments by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilwoman Eason.

The Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Motion for final adoption by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Johnson.

On the motion - Councilwoman Eason asked that the time be changed to 7:00 P.M. Councilwoman Williams and Councilman Johnson rescinded their motion.

Motion to rescind final adoption by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Johnson.

The Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Motion to approve the amended ordinance by Councilwoman Eason, seconded by Councilman Corbitt.

Roll Call:

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

Motion carries.

**21-2016 An ordinance amending Chapter 23 of the Municipal Code of the City of Orange Township regarding personnel policies
(Sponsored by: Council Members April Gaunt-Butler and Donna K. William)**

The Chair declared the time open for a hearing on Ordinance Number 21-2016.

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

The Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Motion to adopt Ordinance Number 21-2016 by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilwoman Williams.

On the motion – Councilwoman Williams suggested using the language that is in the employee handbook.

Motion to rescind the motion by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilwoman Williams.

The Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Motion to amend ordinance 21-2016 by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Coley.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Summers-Johnson had stepped out of the room.

Motion Carries.

The Clerk read Ordinance 22-2016 by Title.

22-2016 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. (Hawthorne Street)

The Chair declared the time open for a hearing on Ordinance Number 22-2016.

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

The Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Motion to adopt Ordinance Number 22-2016 by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilwoman Williams.

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 24-2016 by Title.

24-2016 An ordinance repealing and abolishing Section 23:1-4.16 of the code of the City of Orange Township entitled “False arrest and liability insurance: (Sponsored by Council Member April Gaunt-Butler)

The Chair declared the time open for a hearing on Ordinance Number 24-2016.

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

The Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Motion to adopt Ordinance Number 24-2016 by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilwoman Williams.

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 26-2016 by Title.

26-2016 An ordinance amending chapter 200 entitled “Vehicles and Traffic”, article XVI “Commuter Parking” to prevent predatory parking rates for commuter parking on private property within the City of Orange Township. (Sponsored by: Council Member Donna K. Williams)

The Chair declared the time open for a hearing on Ordinance Number 24-2016.

Mr. Schwartz stated that RPM is trying to raise fairs and he supports the ordinance.

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

The Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Motion to adopt Ordinance Number 26-2016 by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilwoman Williams.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

Motion Carries.

Motion to suspend the rules to add tabled item 27-2016 back on the agenda by Councilman Coley, seconded by Summers-Johnson.

Roll Call:

Ayes: None.

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

Motion Fails.

ORDINANCES INTRODUCTION/ FIRST READING TABLED FORM 4-19-2016 MEETING

The Clerk read Ordinance 23-2016 by Title.

23-2016 An ordinance calling for the establishment of a minimum wage at agencies that receive funding from the City of Orange Township (Sponsored by Council Member Donna K. Williams)

Councilwoman Williams decided to leave the ordinance on the table.

The Clerk read Ordinance 25-2016 by Title

25-2016 An ordinance amending and supplementing the code of the City of Orange Township by creating Chapter 24 entitled “Defense and Indemnification” (Tabled on April 19, 2016)

Motion to lift from the table by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Carries.

The Clerk read Ordinance 25-2016 with the amendments.

Motion that amended Ordinance 25-2016 be introduced on first reading and that the public hearing would be held date June 8, 2016 by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson.

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 28-2016 by Title

28-2016 An ordinance amending Chapter 4 of the Municipal Code of the City of Orange Township entitled Administration of Government (Sponsored by Council Member April Gaunt-Butler)

Motion that Ordinance 29-2016 be introduced on first reading and that the public hearing would be held date June 8, 2016 by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilman Coley.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Carries.

The Clerk read Ordinance 29-2016 by Title

29-2016 An ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 200, entitled “Vehicles & Traffic,” Section 200-10.2 residential parking permit

Motion that Ordinance 29-2016 be introduced on first reading and that the public hearing would be held date June 8, 2016 by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilwoman Williams.

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 30-2016 by Title

30-2016 An ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 200, entitled “Vehicles & Traffic,” Section 200-52-1 Handicap Parking Spaces. (464 Austin Place)

Motion that Ordinance 30-2016 be introduced on first reading and that the public hearing would be held date June 8, 2016 by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilwoman Williams.

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 31-2016 by Title

31-2016 An ordinance amending Chapter 185 of the Municipal Code of the City Township entitled “Street and Sidewalks”

The Clerk read the amended section of the ordinance.

Motion to approve amended Ordinance 31-2016 on first reading and that the public hearing would be held date June 8, 2016 by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Coley.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Carries.

Motion to extend the meeting past 10:30 P.M. by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilwoman Eason.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Carries.

Motion to suspend the rules and add Resolution 89-2016 to the agenda. A resolution of emergency appropriations by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilwoman Eason.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Carries.

CONSENT AGENDA

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.

TABLED FROM MARCH 15, 2016 REGULAR MEETING

***77-2016 A resolution appointing a Risk Management Consultant (RMC) for the Public Entity Joint Insurance Fund.**

Motion to lift from table by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilman Johnson, Jr.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: Williams, Gaunt-Butler

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

Motion Carries.

Motion to amend Resolution 77-2016 and add to consent agenda by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilwoman Eason.

Roll Call:

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

Nays:

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

Motion Carries.

RESOLUTION NO. *84-2016 –*88 2016

- *84-2016** A resolution authorizing the City of Orange Township to remove 207 Reynolds Street from its existing City of Orange Township Abandoned Property List.,
- *85-2016** A resolution authorizing approval to submit a grant application with the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety for Statewide Seat Belt Enforcement Mobilization.
- *86-2016** A resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City of Orange Township or his designee at the Orange Police Department to accept and utilize the United States Department of Justice Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant to purchase bullet proof vests.
- *87-2016** A resolution authorizing the award of a non-fair and open contract with Pennoni Associates, Inc., 105 Fieldcrest Avenue, Suite 52, Edison, New Jersey 08837 to provide Professional Engineering, Surveying, design and construction administration services for the 2016 NJDOT Roadway Improvements to North Center Street (Between Park Avenue to Washington Street) in the amount not to exceed \$28,000.00.
- * 88-2016** A resolution approving the bill list for council meeting vote on May 3, 2016 dated April 28, 2016 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-9 5 (Grand Total: \$2,535,703.87)
- *89-2016** A resolution for emergency temporary appropriations to the calendar year 2016 budget

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

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

Motion Carries.

(Resolutions that were taken off for separate vote)

The Clerk read Resolution 77-2016 by Title.

77-2016 A resolution appointing a Risk Management Consultant (RMC) for the Public Entity Joint Insurance Fund.

Motion to approve Resolution 77-2016 by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilwoman Eason.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: Williams, Gaunt-Butler

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

Motion Carries.

The Clerk read Resolution 88-2016 by Title.

88-2016 A resolution approving the bill list for council meeting vote on May 3, 2016 dated April 28, 2016 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-9 5 (Grand Total: \$2,535,703.87)

Motion to approve Resolution 88-2016 by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilwoman Eason.

On the motion – Councilwoman Williams commented to Director Mayes about items on the bill list that were paid without Council’s approval. Commented that the salary and wage list had been missing for a number of meetings. Councilman Johnson, Jr. asked Director Mayes if the city had been paying American Water. Director Mayes stated that there was one payment made.

Councilman Johnson asked for a copy of the bill for the next meeting.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Corbitt, Eason, Summers-Johnson

Nays: Coley, Johnson, Jr., Williams, Gaunt-Butler

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

Motion Fails.

The Clerk read Resolution 89-2016 by Title.

89-2016 A resolution for emergency temporary appropriations to the calendar year 2016 budget

Motion to approve Resolution 89-2016 by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilwoman Eason.

On the motion – Councilman Coley asked questions about the dollar amount and if there is an expiration date on this. The Clerk stated that this money is all inclusive from January to May of this year. It is what the Council had approved so far.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: Gaunt-Butler

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

Motion Carries.

NEW BUSINESS The Clerk asked everyone to make their recommendation for the Citizens Budget Advisory Committee

OTHER PENDING BUSINESS Cable Television Advisory Committee

Motion to adjourn by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Summers-Johnson.

By consensus the regular meeting adjourned at 10:43 P.M.

Approved:

Joyce L. Lanier

April Gaunt-Butler

Joyce L. Lanier
City Clerk

April Gaunt-Butler
Council President

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