

**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 15, 2011 IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE CONFERENCE MEETING AT 7:11 PM.**

**1) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

<b>2) ROLL CALL</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Hon. Elroy A. Corbitt (At-Large)	___X___	_____
Hon. Tency A. Eason (North Ward)	___X___	_____
Hon. Linda Jones-Bell (East Ward)	___X___	_____
Hon. Edward B. Marable, Jr. (South Ward)	___X___	_____
Hon. Rayfield Morton (At-Large)	_____	<u>Arrived@7:28PM</u>
Hon. Donna K. Williams (At-Large)	___X___	_____
Hon. Hassan Abdul-Rasheed (West Ward)	___X___	_____
<b>Council President</b>		

**ALSO PRESENT**

Claude L. Wallace, Acting Municipal Clerk	___X___	_____
Hon. Eldridge Hawkins, Jr., Mayor	_____	<u>Arrived@8:00PM</u>
Marvin T. Braker, City Attorney	_____	<u>Arrived@7:50PM</u>
Dwayne D. Warren, Legislative Research Officer	___X___	_____
John F. Mason, Business Administrator	___X___	_____
Shinell Smith, Clerk's Office	___X___	_____

**3) Municipal 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 Orange Transcript on July 8, 2010, posted on the Bulletin Board in City Hall and filed in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.**

**4) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

**Conference & Regular Meeting January 4, 2011**

**Councilwoman Jones-Bell cannot vote, because she was not present.**

**Council President Abdul-Rasheed entertained a motion to Adopt.**

**Motion: Corbitt**

**Second: Eason**

**The Municipal Clerk announced the roll call as follows:**

**Yeas: Corbitt, Eason, Marable, Williams and Abdul- Rasheed**

**Nays: None**

**Abstentions: None**

**Absences: Morton**

**Council President Abdul-Rasheed ruled the motion was carried by Five Yeas, No Nays, No Abstentions and One Absence.**

**Conference & Regular Meeting January 18, 2011**

**Councilwoman Williams cannot vote, because she was not present**

**Council President Abdul-Rasheed entertained a motion to Adopt.**

**Motion: Corbitt**

**Second: Jones-Bell**

**The Municipal Clerk announced the roll call as follows:**

**Yeas: Corbitt, Eason, Jones-Bell, Marable and Abdul- Rasheed**

**Nays: None**

**Abstentions: None**

**Absences: Morton**

**Council President Abdul-Rasheed ruled the motion was carried by Five Yeas, No Nays, No Abstentions and One Absence.**

**Special meeting- February 1, 2011**

**Council President Abdul-Rasheed entertained a motion to Adopt.**

**Motion: Corbitt**

**Second: Jones-Bell**

**The Municipal Clerk announced the roll call as follows:**

**Yeas: Corbitt, Eason, Jones-Bell, Marable and Abdul- Rasheed**

**Nays: None**

**Abstentions: Williams**

**Absences: Morton**

**Council President Abdul-Rasheed ruled the motion was carried by Five Yeas, No Nays, One Abstentions and One Absence.**

**5) REPORTS:**

**Clerk's Office the Month of January 2011- \$381.10**

**Department of Community Services the month of January 2011- \$11,894.00**

**CONSTABLE REPORTS**

**Cuthbert Harris-Month of January 1, 2011-Security Officer- Newark City Court  
Miguel Galarza- Month of January 2011- No activity  
Eddie J. Stone-Month of January 2011- No activity**

**President directs Clerk to file reports.**

**6) COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS**

**None**

**7) 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 RECORDS, AND UNLESS FURTHER TIME IS GRANTED BY THE PRESIDING OFFICER, SHALL LIMIT HIS OR HER ADDRESS TO TEN (10) MINUTES".**

**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.**

**Council President Abdul-Rasheed recognized William R. Lewis**

**William R. Lewis of 688 Mosswood Avenue gave a brief overview of his extensive employment history and accomplishments, which made him a valuable representative of the City of Orange. Mr. Lewis accredited his math background to his ability to solve problems. He then stated that even educators define their students based on their ability in math, and the State report card shows that only thirty-eight percent of our students passed math. Mr. Lewis pride himself on being a driving force with getting a number of students into NJIT, along with a few teachers who were able to participate in a profession development program this past summer. Mr. Lewis stated that he's insulted when someone says that he has an attitude, when he sees it as confidence in what he can do; which is how you earn respect.**

**Mr. Lewis stated that the budget needs to be cut so why would you pass a budget that exceeds the cap. Mr. Lewis stated the Council needs an explanation with respect to resolution 24, 25 and 26-2011 for themselves and/or the public. Mr. Lewis stated with respect to resolution 31-2011, as it relates to the temporary Clerk, he asked where is the permanent Clerk. He stated that the Clerk is one of the most important officials, next to the Mayor and someone should be kind enough to reach out to him as to learn his status. 15:44**

**Council President Abdul-Rasheed recognized Jeffrey Feld- Please see the detailed statement attached**

**Jeffrey Feld 268 Main Street asked who has been supervising and monitoring the Clerk's Office for the last sixty days to assure OPRA compliance and that all mandatory pay to play and availability of funds certification, and operating documents such as the proposed budget were attached to tonight's proposed legislation.**

**Council President Abdul-Rasheed in response stated that the City Council and Business Administrator have been supervising and monitoring the Clerk's Office.**

**Council President Abdul-Rasheed recognized Jamie Anderson**

**Jamie Anderson of Tremont Avenue thanked those who stood up for themselves and the fire fighters at the last Council Meeting. Mr. Anderson stated that there are only ten men a shift which isn't enough to cover all aspects of a fire fighter. He stated that overtime is mandatory because the department is already dangerously under staffed. Mr. Anderson stated that it only takes a gasp for air for someone to lose their life in a fire.**

**Mr. Anderson stated to Mr. William Lewis that he has much love and respect for him but he must learn how to talk to the Council and not at them. He stated that Mr. Lewis has a lot of knowledge that he could impart to the Council if he were to take a different approach.**

**President Abdul-Rasheed recognized Charles A. Barner**

**Charles A. Barner of 445 Central Avenue stated that he came to the meeting in support of the library. Mr. Barner then presented an award to Councilwoman Eason and Councilman Morton on behalf of himself, Director McMillan and her staff because of their support with the program he designed called the "Icon Award". Mr. Barner thanked Councilwoman Eason and Councilman Morton for their continuous support.**

**Council President Abdul-Rasheed recognized Shirley Hendricks**

**Shirley Hendricks of 731 Berkeley Avenue- Please see the detailed statement attached**

**Council President Abdul-Rasheed recognized Katalin Gordon**

**Katalin Gordon of 211 Park Place asked questions and stated her concerns as follows:**

- **Ms. Gordon asked Councilman Marable if he could reintroduce his resolution to change the fiscal year to a calendar year.**
- **What interest yield is the Citizens tax money invested at while waiting to be used up?**
- **Which item in the revenue side is used to balance the expenditure for the taxes refunded to do reassessments.**

- Ms. Gordon stated that she too wonders who is governing the Clerk's Office as she has OPRA requests that are beyond the seven day mark. She then asked Council President to look into this matter if he is the one to address it.
- Ms. Gordon asked Council President if anything had been done with respect to having Jack Kelly removed from his position.
- Ms. Gordon commended the Mayor for holding onto the Orange Reservoir as these resources are priceless.

Council President Abdul-Rasheed that Ms. Smith from the Clerk's Office briefed him on the OPRA request in question. However, he feels that it is private at this point and he then deferred to John Mason, BA. Council President told Mr. Mason that he would follow up with him with respect to this request. He then stated to Ms. Gordon that she can have all of his contact information to further discuss this issue, if that is her will.

Ms. Gordon in response agreed to take Council President's contact information to further dialog about this matter.

Council President stated that a Municipality has to have a part-time CFO and Mr. Kelly can't be released until we find a replacement.

Ms. Gordon stated that it's hard to believe that we couldn't even find a part-time CFO in twelve months.

Council President stated in defense of the City that they have put out ads for those seeking employment but no one has responded with respect to the amount of pay being offered.

Council President Abdul-Rasheed recognized John Mason, BA

Mr. Mason stated with respect to the interest gained on the money in the account varies from month to month. However, he has a report in which Ms. Gordon can view and would send her an e-mail in that regard.

Mr. Mason stated that there is no specific revenue to offset the cost due to tax appeals. He stated, with a lower tax base the tax levy would need to rise to make up that lost.

Ms. Gordon asked it that covers what was lost in the previous years or just that particular year.

Mr. Mason stated that we do have a reserve to cover successful tax appeals. Mr. Mason stated that the property owner generally takes a credit and there is then a short fall to cover which is made up the following year.

Council President Abdul-Rasheed recognized Bruce Meyer

**Bruce Meyer of 500 Berkeley Avenue stated his opinions and concerns as follows:**

- **Mr. Meyer stated that we are not only losing out on funding at a local level but nationally as well.**
- **Mr. Meyer stated, for years it has been known that cuts were coming and now there is no money which could lead to future cuts.**
- **Mr. Meyer stated that the budget is something we should be working on year round.**
- **It is time to take care of the basic needs of the City before we move forward with anything.**
  
- **Mr. Meyer stated that he has filed an OPRA request and has never received an answer. He stated that the City Clerk was dragging his feet with providing the documents and there is no way to get the documents from the appropriate departments because of the type of system we're using, which makes these documents not readily accessible.**
- **Mr. Meyer stated that line items of the budget cannot be obtained because the system we're using is obsolete. He stated that it shouldn't take two months to get a document that someone can read from a team of people.**
- **Mr. Meyer stated that he's all for committees but what good is it to have a committee for Public Works if we don't have the essential workers needed.**
- **Mr. Meyer stated, let's pay our bills. He stated that it was mentioned that a credit card was used to purchase these items so now it's time to pay the bill. Mr. Meyer asked that Council pass the bill list.**
- **Mr. Meyer stated that he would like to see the budget hearings set in motion so that the public can be educated as to what's going on.**

**Council President Abdul-Rasheed recognized Elvin Padilla, Fire Fighter/ Local 10**

**Elvin Padilla of 419 Center Street apologized to Councilman Abdul-Rasheed as a statement that he made at the last meeting was misinterpreted and it wasn't anything directed towards him. He stated that there was once a thirty- three percent minority base at the fire department. However, after the lay-offs there are only five percent minority left.**

**Mr. Padilla voiced his concerns and opinions as follows:**

- **Mr. Padilla stated that he's in agreement with the President with respect to placing the tax burden on the upper class. He stated that it's always the middle and lower class who carry the weight.**
- **Mr. Padilla stated that Civil Service was designed to protect the middle class and now they want to do away with it. He stated, if it's antiquated then it should be upgraded but not done away with.**
- **Mr. Padilla stated that the outburst at the last meeting was all for a good reason as everyone is tired of hearing the same story over and over. Mr. Padilla stated that this is the only platform that individuals have to voice their opinions. He stated that the fire**

- **fighters have been fair with the Administration since 2008, as they have turned over monies to preserve jobs. He then asked Councilman Corbitt if he could meet with him so he could bring him up to date with what's happening in the fire department.**
- **Mr. Padilla stated that it seems as if the employees are the ones that they are trying to balance the budget on.**
- **Mr. Padilla stated with respect to the budget, it is time that the Council role up their sleeves and go to work on IT.**
- **Mr. Padilla thanked City Attorney Marvin Braker for stepping in on negotiations, which were considered to be unfair.**
- **Mr. Padilla stated that we are in trouble with respect to the lay-off of essential services. He stated that our services have been reduced but the taxes still have increased by fourteen percent.**

**Council President Abdul-Rasheed recognized Gloria Stewart**

**Gloria Stewart of 62 Hampton Terrace stated with respect to the school crossing guards, it was good to see them standing out in seven degree weather as they are always there for the children.**

**Mrs. Stewart stated her concerns and opinions as follows:**

- **Mrs. Stewart read a letter of thanks from her daughter principal Erika Stewart who gave thanks to the Council for their time and contributions to those students that participated in the mock trial.**
- **Mrs. Stewart stated that she doesn't understand in this day and time that we aren't people jumping at the job opportunity as our City's CFO. She then stated that maybe Mr. Mason is still trying to do more with less.**
- **Mrs. Stewart stated that the sidewalks had not been shoveled in front of the burnt houses on Oakwood Avenue, making it difficult for herself and school students to walk.**
- **Mrs. Stewart asked with respect to resolutions 31-2011 and 38-2011, are these the same resolution.**
- **Mrs. Stewart stated with respect to the West Orange reservoir we must sell our resources.**
- **Mrs. Stewart stated with respect to resolution 39-2011, there is no need for a public works committee as there are already people being paid for the job.**
- **Mrs. Stewart stated that we need to keep essential services such as police and fire.**
- **Mrs. Stewart stated that nothing is being said about the killings of our young people.**
- **Mrs. Stewart stated that the Mayor should consider those he appoints to the Board of Education. She stated that she's in favor of public schools over charter schools because we can get more funding for public schools.**

**Council President Abdul-Rasheed recognized Councilman Marable**

**Councilman Marable stated that the purposes of the Temporary Clerk resolutions are to appoint Mr. Wallace for this Council Meeting as he had been appointed to prior meetings. However, it would be wise to considered appointing him temporarily for a set period, which is during the Clerk's absence. Councilman Marable stated that Mr. Wallace is only temporary and is no way replacing the Clerk.**

**Motion to Close Citizen Comments: Corbitt**

**Voice Vote**

**Second: Morton**

**8) COUNCIL COMMENTS**

**Council President Abdul-Rasheed recognized Councilman Marable**

**Councilman Marable asked that the Clerk's Office bring back the resolution to change a fiscal year to a calendar year and put it on the agenda for the March 1, 2010 meeting.**

**Councilman Marable stated, just so there is no misunderstanding, the library board of directors have been notified with respect to the cancellation of the presentation. However, there are some members in attendance.**

**Councilman Marable stated in response to former Councilman Lewis and his position as a lawyer; prior to December 2010 the terms and conditions of his employment precluded him from practicing law or giving legal advice, with respect to assisting the Council. Councilman Marable stated, while he is no longer employed and status has changed dramatically his skills can now be put to use. However, in no way is he in competition with Mr. Brakers.**

**Councilman Marable stated Mrs. Stewart is correct as he has agreed to work with Orange High School students and welcome volunteers to join him. He stated that it is his dream to build a terrifying team.**

**Councilman Marable offered his condolences to Mr. Dwight Mitchell for the lost of his father, who was in friendly masonry work competition with his father over the years. He stated that Mr. Ollie Mitchell, Sr. was a good man.**

**Council President Abdul-Rasheed recognized Councilwoman Jones-Bell**

**Councilwoman Jones-Bell stated that she is in agreement with Councilman Marable, with respect to bringing Mr. Claude Wallace on as "Temporary Clerk" until Mr. Mitchell returns.**

**Councilwoman Jones-Bell stated the National Organization of African American Administrators has chosen to recognize Dr. Miran Hackett of Park Avenue School for the leadership award; which is the first time that anyone in Orange has been given this award. She stated that the date for this event is Saturday March 19<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am, at the Sheraton Hotel at the airport. Councilwoman Jones-Bell announced that she is the president of the Washington Manor**

Tenants Association and they are having a Black History Month program on Friday February 25<sup>th</sup> and the keynote speaker will be Dr. Gunther.

**Council President Abdul-Rasheed recognized Councilwoman Williams**

Councilwoman Williams apologized to the constituents for the cancellation of the February 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. She stated that the meeting had been cancelled because the broiler was down and there was no heat in the Council Chambers. Councilwoman Williams stated that the employees had been working in a building with on and off heat for over the past ten days.

Councilwoman Williams asked Mr. Mason if the boiler had been fixed since the heat was on.

Mr. Mason replied, no. It hadn't been fully repaired.

Councilwoman Williams stated to Ms. Shirley Hendricks that there is something called the Open Public Meetings Law, which is commonly referred to as the "Sunshine Law", which was enacted in 1975. It establishes the right of all citizens to have adequate advance notice of all public meetings and the right to attend meetings at which any business affecting the public is discussed or acted upon. She stated that everyone would like to get out at a reasonable time but there is business at hand that must be discussed and constituent's questions that must be answered.

Councilwoman Williams stated to the constituents that the position of a CFO isn't an easy one to fill because of the statutory requirements. She stated that research shows other municipalities have been looking for a CFO as well, and it took one particular municipality up to two years to fill that position.

Councilwoman Williams stated to Mrs. Stewart that the recent deaths of our youth have not gone unnoticed. She stated that they are constantly looking for solutions and alternatives to keep our youth out of trouble.

Councilwoman Williams expressed her heartfelt condolences to the families of those who recently passed away as follows:

- Mr. Dwight Mitchell's father (Ollie Mitchell, Sr.)
- Kellie Copeland of HANDS
- Marilyn Jackson- Zoning Board Member

Councilwoman Williams apologized for the way she conducted herself at the January 18<sup>th</sup> meeting with respect to the heated dialogue between she and the Administration. However, she didn't apologize for standing up for what she believed. Councilwoman Williams stated that she and the Administration may not agree but they should always conduct themselves in a professional manner.

**Council President Abdul-Rasheed recognized Councilwoman Eason**

**Councilwoman Eason expressed her condolences to the Grasti family for their lost of Mr. Robert Grasti. She stated that Mr. Grasti had worked in City Hall for over forty years. Councilwoman Eason stated that his funeral was on Saturday past and at some point and time he should be recognized for his contributions to the City. Councilwoman Eason also expressed her condolences to Mr. Mitchell for the lost of his father and wanted him to know that she's praying for his speedy recovery.**

**Councilwoman Eason stated to the Firemen present that there is a young man in her church by the name of Malik Smith, and he's asking for assistance with a project to assure all homes have smoke detectors. She stated that his goal is to become an Eagle Scout through his project initiative. Therefore, if anyone could use a smoke detector they will provide and install them. Councilwoman Eason asked both the Council and Firemen support Malik Smith, and his telephone number is 347- 204-2473. She then asked if one of the firemen would give Mr. Smith's number to the Acting Chief.**

**Council President Abdul-Rasheed recognized Councilman Morton**

**Councilman Morton expressed his concern for those youth who have recently lost their lives to violence. He stated that it's time to take our town back to where it use to be, in regards to**

**showing respect and love for one another. He stated that the youth don't respect one another and therefore have no regards for life. Councilman Morton stated that a woman died of an asthma attack in front of his home, leaving behind a seven year old. He stated that we all need to get prepared and stop the nonsense because life is short and you never know when you'll receive that call.**

**Councilman Morton asked if we received compensation for the Shauger Group truck that had been stuck in the snow for hours, during the snow storm.**

**Director Arlene Kemp stated that they would not have been paid for that time, if that was the case. Director Kemp stated that she would go over the bills with Councilman Morton.**

**Councilman Morton stated that wouldn't be necessary because his sources told him that we had been changed. He then advised Director Kemp to review the bills again.**

**Councilman Morton stated asked Mr. Braker is a woman had contact him, per his request, with respect to starting a homeless shelter in Orange.**

**Mr. Braker in response stated that he had not heard from the individual but advised Councilman Morton that he is willing to speak with this individual.**

**Councilman Morton stated that he would reach out to this person again because it is imperative that we have a place to shelter those who may be displaced by fire or a given situation.**

**Councilman Morton stated that he, Councilman Marable and Council President Abdul-Rasheed are currently working on the budget along with the Budget Consultant; although it has not yet been approved.**

**Council President Abdul-Rasheed recognized Councilman Corbitt**

**Councilman Corbitt stated to Councilwoman Williams that it was commendable of her to apologize to the constituents, with respect to the outburst at a prior meeting. However, there should be no apologies given to the Council as he could concur with her disgust.**

**Councilman Corbitt stated with respect to the ‘Introduced Budget’ that there are still names and salaries that should not have been included, along with the fourteen percent increase.**

**Councilman Corbitt stated that the flag hanging outside of City Hall is weather beaten and should be replace because it is a poor representation of what we stand for.**

**Councilman Corbitt stated that he had received a phone call on February 8<sup>th</sup> between the hours of 8 and 9, in regards to the 8 shots that rang out in the area of Scotland Road and Chestnut. He stated that he is concerned about these shooting and hope that the police are taking a proactive stance against violence.**

**Council President Abdul-Rasheed recognized Captain Sooy, Orange Police Department**

**Captain Sooy stated that they are on top of it and in fact found a firearm in that area in question. He stated that they have patrolman on foot and who drive by those areas, and interact with the community.**

**Councilman Corbitt stated that he was glad to see Captain Sooy was on top of things and hope that his efforts pay off.**

**Councilman Corbitt stated in response to comments made by the Mayor, it was the Council’s idea to stall the lay-offs by hiring an attorney, not to interfere with the negotiation process.**

**Councilman Corbitt stated in response to a comment made Ms. Hendricks that it is extremely difficult to work with the Administration, as they continue to disregard any ideas the Council may have. Councilman Corbitt stated that a citizen who rather not be identified, reached out to him in regards to individuals hanging the corner, and disrupting the neighborhood during the warm weather months. Councilman Corbitt stated that the citizen only wished to meet with himself and Acting Director Webster. He then stated that he e-mailed Mr. Mason, as per protocol with respect to addressing the citizen’s concerns. However, the citizen clearly stated that wasn’t the way in which he wanted to proceed because he already reached out to the Mayor and Director Rappaport, and was unsatisfied with their response.**

**Councilman Corbitt asked Mr. Mason where the Administration stands with respect to this critical issue.**

**Council President Abdul-Rasheed recognized John Mason, BA**

**Mr. Mason in response stated that his response has not changed. He stated that the individual can arrange a meeting with him, Mr. Webster or contact the Mayor's Office.**

**Councilman Corbitt stated, again that is selfishness on the part of the Administration, as the citizen's wish is to only meet with him and Acting Director Webster.**

**Council President Abdul-Rasheed asked Mr. Mason to have Director Kemp replace the flag outside of City Hall and to take a look at the building to see what can be done cosmetically; although we do not have the funding.**

**Council President Abdul-Rasheed stated that he will be in favor of passing the bill list as he previously discussed with Councilwoman Jones-Bell and Councilman Corbitt. He stated that the vendors have certainly performed their duties over the past ninety days and certainly deserve to get paid. Council President stated that he will also be voting in favor of the budget. However, his colleagues should note that there is a budget from the Administration and one from the Budget Consultant so they need to be clear as to which one they're voting on.**

**Council President reiterated to Mr. Warren, per Councilman Marable's request he would like to see a resolution in place on the next agenda, which will appoint Mr. Claude Wallace as temporary Acting Clerk until further notice.**

**Council President Abdul-Rasheed asked Fire Figher Padilla how many meetings had he had with the Administration as it has been over a month and a half.**

**Mr. Padilla in response stated that they have had three and until Mr. Braker stepped in there had been no movement on the part of the Administration with respect to negotiations; but they are now meeting.**

**Council President Abdul-Rasheed asked Mr. Padilla if he had any idea as to any whether or not other unions were in meetings as well.**

**Mr. Padilla replied, no.**

**Council President Abdul-Rasheed commended the Public Works department for doing an excellent job with the snow removal, after being hit time and time again since December. He stated that they did the very best that they could under such strenuous circumstances.**

**Council President Abdul-Rasheed stated that his condolences go out to Mr. Dwight Mitchell for the lost of his father. Council President stated that he and his colleagues did attend Mr.**

**Mitchell's father's wake. Council President in response to a comment made by Mr. Lewis stated that he and his colleagues receive updates from the Business Administrator as to Mr. Mitchell's status, and have received them ever since his car accident, on December 8<sup>th</sup>. Council President stated to everyone in the sound of his voice that Mr. Mitchell will be out on leave until May at the earliest, as per our Business Administrator/ Personnel Director.**

**Council President Abdul-Rasheed stated, as Council President he used his discretion with respect to allowing the Mayor to speak, which then turned into a shouting match. He stated that there was no reason for the out burst as others have been allowed to speak and voice their opinions without creating such a scene. Council President stated that it was said to him that certain individuals should have been escorted out of the meeting by police because they were out of control. Council President stated, at no time, there is no excuse for disrupting a meeting in such a manner.**

**9) ORDINANCES–SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING**

- 1-2011 An ordinance to exceed the Municipal Budget appropriation limits and to establish a Cap Bank (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14) for State Fiscal Year 2011**

**The Acting Municipal Clerk read the ordinance by title that constitutes a second reading pursuant to law.**

**Council President Abdul-Rasheed then announced that there would be a public hearing on this ordinance and any persons wishing to speak on this ordinance should come forward, state his/her name and address for the record, all remarks should be directed to the Presiding Officer.**

**Council President Abdul-Rasheed entertained a Motion to close Public Hearing.**

**Motion: Corbitt**

**Second: Jones-Bell**

**On the Motion, Councilman Marable suggested that Budget Consultant Dieter Lerch speak to this ordinance as to give clarity.**

**Council President Abdul-Rasheed agreed to allow Mr. Dieter Lerch expound on this ordinance.**

**Mr. Lerch stated that the ordinance deals with the old spending limit and not the levy. Mr. Lerch stated that the City of Orange is three million dollars below its spending cap. He stated the budget submitted to the City Council by the Administration is below the spending cap; and if the Council choice to go with that budget it will then become the responsibility of the Council. He stated that the Council has the right to amend that budget based on the full membership of the Council. Mr. Lerch stated that there is a minimum twenty-eight days from tonight if it's introduced and twenty-eight days have to pass before they can take any action via the amendment to that budget.**

**Mr. Lerch stated, procedurally if the Council wanted to add or delete something back into the budget such as the hundred thousand dollars for the school crossing guards they can do so by way of resolution, in which he provided for them this night. Mr. Lerch stated the Administration's budget exceeds the allowable tax levy cap by more than four percent, which is calculated to be approximately two to four million dollars more than it should be. He stated that the State would not allow this budget to be adopted without approval from Local Government Services.**

**Mr. Lerch stated that he prepared a resolution for the Council to get a waiver to exceed the four percent cap. The Council would have to pass the resolution and then file a ten page application with the Local Finance Board. He stated that a hearing would be schedule for the City of Orange at which time a case would be made before the Local Finance Board as to why they felt it was necessary to exceed the four percent cap. Mr. Lerch stated that the alternative is that the Council would be faced with cutting another two point four percent from this budget.**

**Council President Abdul-Rasheed recognized Councilman Corbitt**

**Councilman Corbitt asked if the line item for the crossing guards could be added back into the budget.**

**Mr. Lerch in response stated after twenty-eight days.**

**Council President Abdul-Rasheed recognized Councilwoman Williams**

**Councilwoman Williams asked Mr. Lerch what is the benefit of doing it now opposed to when they do the departmental hearings.**

**Mr. Lerch stated that it was asked of him how could the school crossing guard line item be added back to the budget and he advised that this would be the time to do it.**

**Councilwoman Williams asked if the Administration would have to approve it.**

**Mr. Lerch in response stated that the Administration does not have to agree to the resolution.**

**Councilwoman Eason asked if the hundred thousand dollars for the school crossing guards coming out of the police budget.**

**Mr. Lerch and Mr. Mason agreed that it is not coming out of the police budget because it's a separate line item.**

**Councilwoman Eason asked if there would be an impact, if they don't make changes tonight but instead wait until the budget process.**

**Mr. Lerch stated that it creates a larger appropriation. He stated that it simply increases the budget by a hundred thousand dollars.**

**Council President Abdul-Rasheed asked Mr. Lerch what his suggestion would be.**

**Mr. Mason asked Mr. Lerch to explain because he believes there is a misunderstanding as there are two caps; one being the levy and the other appropriations.**

**Mr. Lerch stated that the tax levy cap to present to the Local Finance Board is not on the agenda. Mr. Lerch stated, without a waiver they'll be forced to cut another two to four million dollars from the budget. Mr. Lerch stated, next year the cap will go to two percent and there will be no waivers. Mr. Lerch stated, with there already being significant cuts to the City of Orange, it would be in the best interest of the Council to pass the resolution and submit the application to the Local Finance Board. He stated that another two million dollar cut could significantly impact services. Mr. Lerch suggested that they pass the resolution and submit an application so that the option to go to the Local Finance Board.**

**Council President Abdul-Rasheed recognized Councilwoman Williams**

**Councilwoman Williams asked if the resolution/application is passed would it be the Administrations responsibility to follow through.**

**Mr. Lerch in response stated that once this is passed it becomes the responsibility of the City Council. He stated that the Administration cannot submit an application but hopefully it's a collaborative effort on the part of the Administration and City Council. However, if the two cannot agree then the Council can submit the application on behalf of the City.**

**Councilman Marable asked Mr. Lerch if the hundred thousand dollars would in fact come out of the budget or be added to. He stated that we are two point six million dollars over so why would we add it back in.**

**Mr. Lerch in response stated that the Council may see fit to change one line item for another. He stated that there will definitely be a reduction.**

**Councilman Marable stated that the Council would need to pass the resolution if it means adding the hundred thousand back in to save the jobs of the crossing guards.**

**Council President stated that he's in favor of it.**

**The Acting Municipal Clerk announced the roll call as follows:**

**Yeas: Corbitt, Eason Jones-Bell, Marable, Morton, Williams and Council President Abdul-Rasheed**

**Nays: None**

**Abstentions: None**

**Absences: None**

**Council President Abdul-Rasheed ruled the motion was carried by Seven Yeas, No Nays, No Abstentions and No Absences.**

**Council President Abdul-Rasheed entertained a Motion to Adopt.**

**Motion: Corbitt**

**Second: Jones-Bell**

**The Acting Municipal Clerk announced the roll call as follows:**

**Yeas: Corbitt, Eason Jones-Bell, Marable, Morton, Williams and Council President Abdul-Rasheed**

**Nays: None**

**Abstentions: None**

**Absences: None**

**Council President Abdul-Rasheed ruled the motion was carried by Seven Yeas, No Nays, No Abstentions and No Absences.**

**10) ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION /FIRST READING**

- 2-2011 An ordinance to amend Chapter 201 Development Regulations Ordinance of the City of Orange Township, Section 11.9(J) fees and entitled fees of Chapter 88-1, as to establishment of amended fee schedules and guidelines for development applications to the Orange Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment.**

**Council President Abdul-Rasheed stated that the public hearing and final adoption of this ordinance will be on March 15, 2011, in the Council Chambers, Orange City Hall, 29 North Day Street, Orange, New Jersey, and the City Clerk shall publish the notice of first reading, and the time and place the ordinance will be considered for final passage.**

**Council President Abdul-Rasheed entertained a Motion to Adopt on First Reading.**

**Motion: Corbitt**

**Second: Eason**

**On the motion, Councilwoman Williams asked Director Jackson what is she being lead by with respect to the increase.**

**Director Valerie Jackson stated that both the Planning Board and Zoning Board increased the amount by comparing cities other than Orange and what they're charging and based on our fees not being raised since 1988, and not being able to cover our expenses.**

**Councilwoman Williams asked if Director Jackson could summarize the fees and increase to present at the departmental budget hearing.**

**Director Jackson replied, yes.**

**The Acting Municipal Clerk announced the roll call as follows:**

REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 15, 2011

**Yeas: Corbitt, Eason Jones-Bell, Marable, Morton, Williams and Council President**

**Abdul- Rasheed**

**Nays: None**

**Abstentions: None**

**Absences: None**

**Council President Abdul-Rasheed ruled the motion was carried by Seven Yeas, No Nays, No Abstentions and No Absences.**

- 3-2011 An ordinance of the City of Orange Township to amend Chapter 4, Article 1, Section 4-17 of the Code of the City of Orange Township to set forth the scope of duties of the Standing Committees of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township.**

**Council President Abdul-Rasheed stated that the public hearing and final adoption of this ordinance will be on March 15, 2011, in the Council Chambers, Orange City Hall, 29 North Day Street, Orange, New Jersey, and the City Clerk shall publish the notice of first reading, and the time and place the ordinance will be considered for final passage.**

**Council President Abdul-Rasheed entertained a Motion to Adopt on First Reading.**

**Motion: Corbitt**

**Second: Williams**

**The Acting Municipal Clerk announced the roll call as follows:**

**Yeas: Corbitt, Eason Jones-Bell, Marable, Morton and Williams**

**Nays: Council President Abdul-Rasheed**

**Abstentions: None**

**Absences: None**

**Council President Abdul-Rasheed ruled the motion was carried by Six Yeas, One Nays, No Abstentions and No Absences.**

## **11) CONSENT AGENDA**

**The Acting Clerk announced that resolutions 40-2011 to 44-2011 will be brought from the floor.**

**Council President entertained a Motion to suspend the rules to add resolutions 40-2011 to 44-2011 to the agenda.**

**Motion: Corbitt**

**Second: Williams**

**The Acting Municipal Clerk announced the roll call as follows:**

**Yeas: Corbitt, Eason Jones-Bell, Marable, Morton, Williams and Council President Abdul-Rasheed**

**Nays: None**

**Abstentions: None**

**Absences: None**

**Council President Abdul-Rasheed ruled the motion was carried by Seven Yeas, No Nays, No Abstentions and No Absences.**

**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 REQUESTS, IN WHICH EVENT, THE ITEM WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE GENERAL ORDER OF BUSINESS AND CONSIDERED IN ITS NORMAL SEQUENCE OF THE AGENDA.**

**RESOLUTIONS NO. \*21-2011- \*23-2011, \*27-2011 to \*28-2011, \*32-2011 & \*37-2011**

- \*21-2011** A resolution approving the bill list dated December 22, 2010 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95. (Pages 1-12, Grand Total: \$1,521,221.86)
- \*22-2011** A resolution approving the bill list dated January 5, 2011 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95. (Pages 1-11, Grand Total: \$119,839.68)
- \*23-2011** A resolution approving the bill list dated January 19, 2011 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95. Pages 1-16, Grand Total: \$532,569.99)
- \*27-2011** A resolution authorizing the City of Orange Township to subordinate its mortgage it holds on 51 Hampton Terrace to permit the property owner to refinance his first mortgage with the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.
- \*28-2011** A resolution authorizing the City of Orange Township to subordinate its mortgage it holds on 51 Hampton Terrace to permit the property owner to refinance his first mortgage with Bank of America.
- \*29-2011** A resolution introducing and approving the 2011 Fiscal Year Budget (July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011). **WITHDRAWN BY THE CITY COUNCIL**
- \*31-2011** *A resolution appointing a Temporary Clerk. (Approved @ the February 1, 2011 Special Meeting.)*
- \*32-2011** A resolution appointing an investigative Committee to investigate Matters Related to The West Orange Reservoir.

- \*37-2011** A resolution amending Resolution 325-2010 approving a redevelopment agreement and designating RPM Development, LLC as redeveloper for Block 3501, Lots 27, 28 and 29 within the Central Orange Redevelopment Area.
- \*38-2011** A resolution appointing Temporary Clerk. **(VOTED ON DURING CONFERENCE MEETING)**
- \*39-2011** A resolution of the City of Orange, New Jersey, Township, creating a public works committee members, and setting forth their duties and responsibilities. **(WITHDRAWN BY COUNCIL)**

**Council President entertained a Motion to Adopt the Consent Agenda.**

**Motion: Corbitt**

**Second: Morton**

**The Acting Municipal Clerk announced the roll call as follows:**

**Yeas: Corbitt, Eason Jones-Bell, Marable, Morton, Williams and Council President Abdul-Rasheed**

**Nays: None**

**Abstentions: None**

**Absences: None**

**Council President Abdul-Rasheed ruled the motion was carried by Seven Yeas, No Nays, No Abstentions and No Absences.**

**The Acting Clerk will now address those resolutions that were removed for a separate vote.**

- 24-2011** A resolution authorizing the award of a non-fair and open contract with Birdsall Services Group, 611 Industrial Way West, Eatontown, New Jersey 07724 to provide professional

**engineering and design services for the Central Avenue Streetscape Improvements Phase II in the amount not to exceed \$44,700.00.**

**Council President entertained a Motion to Adopt.**

**On the Motion, Councilwoman Williams asked if this is a continuing project going on with Central Avenue.**

**Director Arlene Kemp replied, yes and there will probably be a third phase.**

**Councilwoman Williams asked why we didn't bid this contract.**

**Director Kemp stated that we only had little over a million dollars in funding which would only take care of the Central Avenue and the Center Street line.**

**Councilwoman Williams asked if this is the most sufficient price we've been offered.**

**Director Kemp replied, yes because we're only paying a third of what the cost should be.**

**Motion: Corbitt**

**Second: Williams**

**The Acting Municipal Clerk announced the roll call as follows:**

**Yeas: Corbitt, Eason Jones-Bell, Marable, Morton, Williams and Council President Abdul-Rasheed**

**Nays: None**

**Abstentions: None**

**Absences: None**

**Council President Abdul-Rasheed ruled the motion was carried by Seven Yeas, No Nays, No Abstentions and No Absences.**

**25-2011 A resolution authorizing the award of a non-fair and open contract with Neglia Engineering Associates, 34 Park Avenue, PO Box 426, Lyndhurst, New Jersey 07071 to provide professional engineering and landscape architectural services for improvements to Metcalf Park Phase II in the amount not to exceed \$79,200.00.**

**Council President entertained a Motion to Adopt.**

**Motion: Corbitt**

**Second: Marable**

**On the Motion, Councilman Corbitt asked where this money is coming from.**

**Director Kemp stated that this is a Green Acres Grant.**

**Councilman Corbitt asked if there were plans to upgrade Central Playground as well.**

**Director Kemp replied, yes. She stated that each of the parks is in a different phase but it will be upgraded through a Green Acres fund. Director Kemp stated that one of her main goals will be to secure the park from vandalism by placing steel fence all around.**

**Councilwoman Williams stated to Director Kemp that it sounds as if most of the money will be spent on steel fencing. She stated that those who want to vandalize will find a way around the fence. She then stated that a parent informed her that the baseball field had never been redone.**

**Director Kemp stated that the baseball field and running track had been done about fifteen to twenty years ago. She then stated with respect to the steel fencing, solid steel fencing will have to put in, not hollow steel fencing.**

**Councilwoman Eason asked Director Kemp will the swimming pool at Central be re-opened.**

**Director Kemp replied, yes. She stated that she's hoping to get the re-programming to have the pool open by summer.**

**Councilwoman Eason asked Director Kemp if there is anything we can do to get something done before baseball season.**

**Director Kemp stated that's possible. She stated that she will meet with Daryl and Keith to see what needs to be done.**

**Councilman Morton echoed the same sentiment as Councilwoman Williams with respect to vandalism. He stated if kids want to get in, they will.**

**Director Kemp stated that resolution 26-2011 is the existing grant in which she had Green Acres to increase.**

**There was further discussion with respect to the parks and Council President suggested that the Council Members meet with Director Kemp behind the scenes.**

**The Acting Municipal Clerk announced the roll call as follows:**

**Yeas: Corbitt, Eason Jones-Bell, Marable, Morton, Williams and Council President Abdul-Rasheed**

**Nays: None**

**Abstentions: None**

**Absences: None**

**Council President Abdul-Rasheed ruled the motion was carried by Seven Yeas, No Nays, No Abstentions and No Absences.**

**26-2011 An enabling resolution authorizing the amendment to the project agreement by the Department of Public Works and Engineering from the State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Green Acres Programs for Orange Multi-Parks.**

**Council President entertained a Motion to Adopt.**

**Motion: Corbitt**

**Second: Williams**

**The Acting Municipal Clerk announced the roll call as follows:**

**Yeas: Corbitt, Eason Jones-Bell, Marable, Morton, Williams and Council President Abdul-Rasheed**

**Nays: None**

**Abstentions: None**

**Absences: None**

**Council President Abdul-Rasheed ruled the motion was carried by Seven Yeas, No Nays, No Abstentions and No Absences.**

**30-2011 A Resolution Honoring Orange High School Football Coach Randy Daniel (Sponsored By Councilmember's: Elroy A. Corbitt, Tency A. Eason, Linda Jones-Bell, Edward B. Marable, Jr., Rayfield Morton, Donna K. Williams and Hassan Abdul-Rasheed)**

**Council President entertained a Motion to Adopt.**

**Motion: Corbitt**

**Second: Morton**

**The Acting Municipal Clerk announced the roll call as follows:**

**Yeas: Corbitt, Eason Jones-Bell, Marable, Morton, Williams and Council President Abdul-Rasheed**

**Nays: None**

**Abstentions: None**

**Absences: None**

**Council President Abdul-Rasheed ruled the motion was carried by Seven Yeas, No Nays, No Abstentions and No Absences.**

**33-2011 A resolution appointing member to Board of Directors of the Orange Housing Development Corporation.**

**Council President entertained a Motion to Adopt.**

**Motion: Corbitt**

**Second: Morton**

**On the Motion, Councilwoman Williams stated that she would rather make his appointment for three months and to make a decision as to his status on June 30<sup>th</sup>. She stated that we need to decide as to how these appointments will be made.**

**Council President Abdul-Rasheed stated that it makes no sense to appoint him for three months and whatever is the will of the Council is fine with him as the balance of the term is eighteen months.**

**Councilwoman Eason asked if we receive a resume.**

**Council President Abdul-Rasheed replied, no.**

**Councilwoman Williams reiterated that the criteria should be set as to how the appointments will be made.**

**The Acting Municipal Clerk announced the roll call as follows:**

**Yeas: Corbitt, Morton, Williams and Council President Abdul-Rasheed**

**Nays: Eason and Jones-Bell**

**Abstentions: Marable**

**Absences: None**

**Council President Abdul-Rasheed ruled the motion was carried by Four Yeas, Two Nays, One Abstention and No Absences.**

- 34-2011      A resolution approving the bill list dated February 2, 2011 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95. (Pages 1-15, Grand Total: \$14,494.374.30)**

**Council President entertained a Motion to Adopt.**

**Motion: Corbitt**

**Second: Morton**

**On the Motion, Councilman Corbitt asked were bills still paid after Council voted the bill list down.**

**Mr. Mason stated that essential bills were paid such as electric and heating. He stated that he acted accordingly.**

**Councilwoman Williams asked Mr. Mason if he could provide the Council with bank statements by the next meeting.**

**Mr. Mason replied, yes.**

**The Acting Municipal Clerk announced the roll call as follows:**

**Yeas: Eason Jones-Bell, Marable and Williams**

**Nays: Corbitt and Abdul-Rasheed**

**Abstentions: None**

**Absences: Morton**

**Council President Abdul-Rasheed ruled the motion was carried by Four Yeas, Two Nays, No Abstentions and One Absence.**

- 35-2011      A resolution authorizing the purchase of a computer for the Department of Business Administration from Dell Marketing LP in an amount not to exceed \$440.00.**

**Council President entertained a Motion to Adopt.**

**On the Motion, Councilwoman Williams asked Mr. Mason why the computers of those being laid off aren't used for this purpose.**

**Mr. Mason stated because our IT person has determined that most of the computers are out dated.**

**Councilman Corbitt stated that the Administration ignored his request to look for a bulk deal for new computers.**

**Motion: Corbitt**

**Second: Williams**

**The Acting Municipal Clerk announced the roll call as follows:**

**Yeas: Eason Jones-Bell, Marable, Morton, Williams and Council President Abdul-Rasheed**

**Nays: Corbitt**

**Abstentions: None**

**Absences: None**

**Council President Abdul-Rasheed ruled the motion was carried by Six Yeas, One Nay, No Abstentions and No Absences.**

- 36-2011      A resolution authorizing Change Order No. 2 to modify the contract for the project known as the Ogden Street and Chapman Street Roadway Improvements due to unforeseen conditions in the amount not to exceed \$35,187.00.  
Council President entertained a Motion to Adopt.**

**Motion: Corbitt**

**Second: Williams**

**On the Motion, Councilwoman Williams asked if the change order would prevent this from getting done.**

**Director Kemp replied, no.**

**The Acting Municipal Clerk announced the roll call as follows:**

**Yeas: Corbitt, Eason Jones-Bell, Marable, Morton, Williams and Council President Abdul-Rasheed**

**Nays: None**

**Abstentions: None**

**Absences: None**

**Council President Abdul-Rasheed ruled the motion was carried by Seven Yeas, No Nays, No Abstentions and No Absences.**

**40-2011 A Resolution Honoring Kelli Copeland**

**Council President entertained a Motion to Adopt.**

**Motion: Williams**

**Second: Morton**

**On the Motion, Councilwoman Williams stated that she would like to have this resolution mounted and presented to Mrs. Copeland's family during matters for discussions.**

**The Acting Municipal Clerk announced the roll call as follows:**

**Yeas: Corbitt, Eason Jones-Bell, Marable, Morton, Williams and Council President Abdul-Rasheed**

**Nays: None**

**Abstentions: None**

**Absences: None**

**Council President Abdul-Rasheed ruled the motion was carried by Seven Yeas, No Nays, No Abstentions and No Absences.**

**41-2011 Resolution Re: Introduction of 2011 Budget**

**Council President entertained a Motion to Adopt.**

**Motion: William**

**Second: Morton**

**On the Motion, Councilwoman Williams asked if we need to fill in the dates.**

**Mr. Braker stated that the dates should be in there but it can be done later.**

**Councilman Marable stated that 29-2011 didn't have dates either.**

**Councilwoman Williams asked if the library's budget had been included.**

**Mr. Mason in response stated that it's in the works but should be presented at the budget hearing.**

**The Acting Municipal Clerk announced the roll call as follows:**

**Yeas: Corbitt, Eason Jones-Bell, Marable, Morton, Williams and Council President Abdul-Rasheed**

**Nays: None**

**Abstentions: None**

**Absences: None**

**Council President Abdul-Rasheed ruled the motion was carried by Seven Yeas, No Nays, No Abstentions and No Absences.**

**42-2011 Resolution of the City of Orange Township making application to the Local Finance Board Pursuant to N.J.S.A 40A:4-45.46**

**Council President entertained a Motion to Adopt.**

**Motion: Williams**

**Second: Corbitt**

**The Acting Municipal Clerk announced the roll call as follows:**

**Yeas: Corbitt, Eason Jones-Bell, Marable, Morton, Williams and Council President Abdul-Rasheed**

**Nays: None**

**Abstentions: None**

**Absences: None**

**Council President Abdul-Rasheed ruled the motion was carried by Seven Yeas, No Nays, No Abstentions and No Absences.**

**43-2011 Resolution Re: Increasing City Budget**

**Council President entertained a Motion to Adopt.**

**Motion: Corbitt**

**Second: Williams**

**The Acting Municipal Clerk announced the roll call as follows:**

**Yeas: Corbitt, Eason Jones-Bell, Marable, Morton, Williams and Council President Abdul-Rasheed**

**Nays: None**

**Abstentions: None**

**Absences: None**

**Council President Abdul-Rasheed ruled the motion was carried by Seven Yeas, No Nays, No Abstentions and No Absences.**

**44-2011 Resolution Honoring Marilyn O. Jackson**

**Council President entertained a Motion to Adopt.**

**Motion: Corbitt**

**Second: Morton**

**The Acting Municipal Clerk announced the roll call as follows:**

**Yeas: Corbitt, Eason Jones-Bell, Marable, Morton, Williams and Council President Abdul-Rasheed**

**Nays: None**

**Abstentions: None**

**Absences: None**

**Council President Abdul-Rasheed ruled the motion was carried by Seven Yeas, No Nays, No Abstentions and No Absences.**

**12) OTHER PENDING BUSINESS**

**13) MOTION TO ADJOURN**

**Council President entertained a Motion to adjourn.**

**Motion: Corbitt**

**Second: Jones-Bell**

**The Acting Municipal Clerk announced the roll call as follows:**

**Yeas: Corbitt, Eason Jones-Bell, Marable, Morton, Williams and Council President Abdul-Rasheed**

**Nays: None**

**Abstentions: None**

**Absences: None**

**Council President Abdul-Rasheed ruled the motion was carried by Seven Yeas, No Nays, No Abstentions and No Absences.**

**Adjournment Time: 11:00 PM**

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**Dwight Mitchell  
Municipal Clerk**

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**Hassan Abdul-Rasheed  
Council President**

**MINUTES APPROVAL**

**Passed on March 1, 2011**

**Conference & Regular Meeting on February 15, 2011**

**Motion to Adopt: Marable**

**Second: Morton**

**The roll call by Municipal Clerk was as followed:**

**Yeas: Corbitt, Eason, Jones-Bell, Marable, Morton, Williams & Abdul-Rasheed**

**Nays: None**

**Abstentions: None**

**Absences: None**

**Council President Abdul-Rasheed ruled the Motion was carried by Seven Yeas, No Nays, No Abstentions and No Absences.**