

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, JANUARY 3, 2012 IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE CONFERENCE MEETING AT 9:13 PM.

- 1) **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**
- 2) **ROLL CALL**

	PRESENT	ABSENT
Hon. Hassan Abdul-Rasheed (West-Ward)	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Hon. Elroy A. Corbitt (At-Large)	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Hon. Linda Jones-Bell (East- Ward)	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Hon. Edward B. Marable, Jr. (South-Ward)	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Hon. Rayfield Morton (At-Large)	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Hon. Donna K. Williams (At-Large)	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Hon. Tency A. Eason (North-Ward)	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Council President		

ALSO PRESENT

Shinell Smith, Deputy Clerk	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Hon. Eldridge Hawkins, Jr., Mayor	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
Joseph Wenzel, Assistant City Attorney	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Dwayne D. Warren, Legislative Research Officer	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Valerie Jackson, Acting Deputy Director of Admin.	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Shirley Bailey, Clerk’s Office	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>

- 3) **The Deputy 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 14, 2011, posted on the Bulletin Board in City Hall and filed in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.**

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

December 19, 2011- Executive (Closed) Session

Council Members Corbitt, Marable and Morton cannot vote because they were not present.

The Deputy Municipal Clerk entertained a motion to Adopt.

Motion to Adopt: Williams

Second: Jones-Bell

The Deputy Municipal Clerk announced the roll call as follows:

Yeas: Abdul-Rasheed, Corbitt, Jones-Bell, and Council President Eason

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Absences: None

The Deputy Municipal Clerk ruled the motion was carried by Four Yeas, No Nays, No Abstentions and No Absences.

December 20, 2011- Executive (Closed) Session

****The Deputy Municipal Clerk announced that these minutes would be voted upon at the January 17, 2012 meeting.**

Councilman Marable Jr., cannot vote because he was not present

Motion:

Second:

December 20, 2011- Conference & Regular Minutes

Council President Eason entertained a motion to Adopt.

Motion: Corbitt

Second: Jones-Bell

The Deputy Municipal Clerk announced the roll call as follows:

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

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Absences: None

The Deputy Municipal Clerk ruled the motion was carried by Seven Yeas, No Nays, No Abstentions and No Absences.

5) REPORTS:

Opra Request- Month of December 2011- Completed 7 and 3 outstanding

The Municipal Clerk announced that those request are pending response from administrative departments.

CONSTABLE REPORTS

None

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 RECORD, AND UNLESS FURTHER TIME IS GRANTED BY THE PRESIDING OFFICER, SHALL LIMIT HIS OR HER ADDRESS TO TEN (10) 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.

Council President Eason recognized Jaime Anderson

Jaime Anderson of Orange thanked the Council and specifically Councilman Abdul-Rasheed and Council President Eason for seeing him through a harsh situation that had been remedied after receiving constant attention. He stated that the Council has his full support. Mr. Anderson also apprised the Council of a recent report that placed Orange on the map as the tenth most dangerous City which he finds to be false.

Council President Eason recognized Jeffrey Feld

Jeffrey Feld of 268 Main Street stated his concerns and questions as follows:

- **Sent condolences to Mr. Sean McGovern for his lost**
- **There may be a change in the law within the next sixty days and we may have a cap referendum which says whether or not we can exceed a certain level, and it may raise issues because of the demographics of this community**
- **Recommended Council and Stakeholders to go to DCA's website; review local finance notice 32-2011 and see financial reporting disclosures**
- **Recommended all read the DCA transitional aid financial report issued on December**
- **DCA issued a newly revised handbook on the Friday prior to this meeting**
- **Sent four letters to DLGS to confirm whether you can amend and adopt an amended budget during the public hearing on the introduced amended budget**
- **Asked for transparency with regards to various financial documents should have been posted to the City website, along with the approved minutes of November 14, 2011 and video from the March 21, 2011 special budget hearing**
- **New OPRA compliance report on tonight's agenda; report should mention items that are open and why did it take over sixty days for the Hawkins Administration to provide tax lien information**
- **Travel logs have not been provided which were promised during budget hearings**
- **Asked that all of his litigation matters be discussed next Tuesday during the Special Meeting regarding pending litigation**
- **Mr. Mobley issued a memorandum on December 15th regarding Feld VII; encourage the Council to review as to reveal the City's liability**
- **Why is this City outsourcing the defense of City attorney's legal opinion and why aren't they being defended in house?**
- **Consider reservoir related litigation**

- **Tax Appeals are beginning based on a certification from 2004; asked if the financial statements and audits accurately disclose the pending cases and the sale of the tax liens because of possible security fraud**
- **Is there a cap on the Transit Village project for payments going to McManamon & Scotland? How are we paying it? Is the developer going to be paying those expenses or is it coming out of our revenue?**
- **Advise that Council look at McManimon & Scotland times sheets to find out what they have been researching**
- **Why do we have to pay another law firm to research whether the City can condemn the US Post Office?**
- **A municipality cannot condemn property of the United States government.**
- **Referencing the MO as it relates to the bill list: the State says we do not pay for travel expenses for out of state conferences; why are we paying for out of state conferences?**
- **Referenced bill list inquiring as to a late payment; In December we paid a bond payment that was due on October 15th with principle and interest to the State; also mentioned missed payments on reservoir and pension**
- **Additional payments were made to outside auditors for services which this body never approved and that's a change order, which needs to be approved before services are rendered; this is what causes problems in the bill list and budget**
- **Mentioned that there was no temporary budget resolution on this agenda**
- **How are we operating if there is no appropriations resolution to begin the calendar year?**
- **Inquired as to whether the appropriations resolution twenty-six percent based on the transitional year budget or state fiscal year budget**
- **Question why the appropriation resolution withdrawn at the prior meeting didn't allocate for statutory pension funds**
- **In July 2010 an appropriation was approved for six months when the statute only permits a quarter, at the most; public was not permitted to speak or comment at that meeting**
- **The Mayor must meet certain educational requirement to maintain his position as Office of Emergency Management coordinator and if not he's done, and there is no carry over**
- **Based on representation during the budget it was said that travel logs would be provided but they have not been received**
- **The Council should go to the governor with concerns surrounding the OEM; adopt a resolution of no confidence, send it to the governor and let him begin an investigation**

Mr. Feld asked when the financial documents will be posted on the City's website.

Mr. Feld asked when the calendar year budget will be introduced.

Council President Eason recognized Valerie Jackson, Acting Business Administrator

Ms. Jackson stated that we cannot produce the budget without the annual financial statement. Ms. Jackson referenced a contract being awarded to McEnerney & Brady to for the financial statement and audit.

Mr. Feld stated that the financial statement is already on file.

Council President Eason asked Ms. Jackson if we will be in the guidelines of the calendar year budget.

Ms. Jackson replied, yes. She stated that a memo to Council is in the works which will explain exactly how that process will work.

Council President Eason recognized William R. Lewis

William R. Lewis of 688 Mosswood Avenue stated his concerns and opinion as follows:

- **The ordinance clearly stated how to go about renaming a street**
- **Councilman Morton's matters for discussion at the previous meeting was out of order as per Robert's Rules which states how a matter should be brought before an assembly (governing body); found on page 26 of Scott Foresman's Robert's Rules of Order**
- **The packet for resolution 5-2012 should be checked because it may not be complete**
- **The Council and Administration should check the MOU to assure that they are in compliance**
- **It's suspicious that two individuals from the audience at a prior meeting in December would complain about their taxes being too high, and then the topic of a reval is mentioned soon after**
- **The Council's job is to fight on behalf of the public**

Council President Eason recognized Gloria Stewart

Gloria Stewart of 62 Hampton Terrace stated her concerns and questions as follows:

- **Believes in the government for the people by the people**
- **The free parking meter bags were beneficial to those who frequent Main Street during the holiday and they can be reused the following year; the parking meter cost will more than cover the cost of bags**
- **Tom Banker gave the same overview on tax abatements at a meeting years prior and still there are unanswered questions**
- **The engineer should be present at the meetings to answer questions as it relates to the City**
- **Request an update on the Business Administrator and City Clerk**
- **Better lights are needed throughout the City such as the ones that light Hampton Terrace**
- **Recycling could generate revenue and everyone should be educated on the process**
- **Is there a corrective action plan based on the audit?**

Council President Eason recognized Valerie Jackson, Acting Deputy Business Administrator

Deputy BA Jackson in response to Mrs. Stewart stated that there will be some changes made as per the management report. However, there are no written action plans as of yet. The new financial system and the best financial practices for directors will help provide a better explanation as to the same.

Council President Eason stated in response to Mrs. Stewart's inquiry that there was an involuntary disability resolution on the last agenda for the Clerk. A copy of this resolution can be found in the Clerk's Office.

Deputy BA Jackson stated that the Business Administrator, John Mason is working from home and she speaks to him daily.

Council President Eason asked Ms. Jackson to speak to Mrs. Stewart in detail off the record with respect to her inquiries relating to tax abatements.

Mrs. Stewart read a quote stating that "It's not what happens to you, but what you do with what happens to you and that's experience."

Council President Eason recognize Katalin Gordon- Please see the attached

Council President Eason recognized Bruce Meyer

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

- **The reason we had the discussion on tax abatements is because of the lack of transparency and/ or trust**
- **The problem with tax abatements is dealing with developers and what they can make a profit with; which may leave us with low income housing**
- **We have the most open space of any city around and the transit village**
- **There is a lot of money that can be given to us by the State through community redevelopment monies available to us**
- **The Berg Hat Factory with support of the administration and the governing body can get this city the needed funding because it will not be a low income property**
- **There can be monies received for our library because it is an historical landmark but the government does not want to deal with us because the city is not financially sound**
- **We are going forward with redevelopment projects but further from the master plan, and for that reason we need groups involved such as hands and for profit entities because they bring different things to the table, along with the public**
- **You cannot put low income housing behind important assets to the city such as the library**
- **We should have more commercial parking near train stations to accommodate commuters and generate revenue**
- **A copy machine should not be purchased for the Mayor's office since it was not in the budget**
- **Whatever happened to the IT committee? Innovative ideas are needed to streamline and bring us current with technology as a way to save money.**
- **Problems with the bill list is due to better control over finances not a new system**

Council President Eason recognized John Rappaport, Police Director

Director Rappaport stated that he and others donated food and goods to a food bank in the city because they are in need of support. Mr. Rappaport stated that there is a twenty-four year old college student who is now homeless and anyone who can provide assistance should reach out to the director's office. He stated that there will also be an event that will take place on January 25th

at Essex County Branchbrook Park rolling skating rink providing services and support to the homeless.

Mr. Rappaport in response to Councilwoman Williams stated he will provide the mentioned information to Darryl Holcomb so that it can be posted on channel 35.

Councilwoman Williams asked Director Holcomb if transportation would be provided for those homeless people who cannot get to the park.

Mr. Holcomb stated that he is part of a committee, along with Helping Hands and Ears that help register and get the word out to those who are homeless about these types of events. There is also help provided by 50 South Clinton Street with respect to transportation. However, he will do what he can to see that they get transportation.

Mr. Holcomb in response to Council President Eason stated that senior citizens are allowed to participate in this event only if they're homeless.

Mr. Holcomb in response to Councilman Morton stated as per Director Rappaport's request coats and goods can be donated in support of our local food and clothing pantries in Orange.

Council President Eason recognized Harold Johnson

Harold Johnson of 318 Highland Avenue stated his concerns and opinions as follows:

- Asked that in the future Mr. Banker provide end cost analysts as it relates to tax abatements
- The owner of the property at 319 Highland Avenue should not have to be maintained by the neighbors; the owner should be contact

Council President Eason asked Mr. Johnson to provide his e-mail information to both Acting Deputy Jackson and Mr. Chris Mobley so that they can follow up with him.

Motion to Close Citizen Comments: Corbitt Voice Vote Second: Jones-Bell

8) **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Council President Eason recognized Councilman Morton

Councilman Morton stated that there should be permit parking in our towns and bordering towns so that residents can have preferred parking.

Councilman Morton stated that the lights beneath the under paths should be well light as it contributes to the crime in the city.

Acting Deputy BA Jackson welcomed Councilman Morton to sit down with her to discuss permit parking and lighting.

Council President Eason entertained a Motion to extend the meeting at 10:33 pm.

Motion: Corbitt

Second: Williams

The Deputy Municipal Clerk announced the roll call as follows:

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

Nays: Corbitt

Abstentions: None

Absences: None

The Deputy Municipal Clerk ruled the motion was carried by Six Yeas, One Nay, No Abstentions and No Absences.

Councilman Morton asked if Ms. Jackson could provide him with a breakdown as to what the seventy-four thousand dollars covers as it relates to the paving on Center Street.

Councilman Morton stated that his “Red Zone” project to counter act drugs and prostitution. He now has an eight person team on the street and going from door to door with petitions to sign in support of this project.

Councilman Morton stated that we need a facility for kids to go after school such as Friendship House. He stated that this is a facility that helped him stay out of trouble while growing up and our children need the same today.

Council President Eason recognized Councilman Corbitt

Councilman Corbitt asked where the funding came from to scrap and paint City Hall.

Council President Eason recognized Calvin Bell, Director of Public Works

Mr. Bell in response stated that the cost to repaint the building was approximately forty-five hundred dollars and the funds were taken out of the Public Works building division.

Councilman Corbitt stated that the cameras will go up sometime in March to help curtail crime in our city. He stated that procedures will be put in place that will make fighting crime a success. We should not see our city on the top ten list for crime next year.

Council President Eason stated that prosecutor Caroline Murray is heading a committee who will come up with strategies to help fight crime. She asked if anyone is interested that they reach out to her.

Council President Eason recognized Councilwoman Jones-Bell

Councilwoman Jones-Bell echoed the same sentiment as Councilman Corbitt with stating that the cameras and procedures forthcoming will help fight the surge in crime. She was glad to hear that the area in which she lives will be one of the first to receive a camera.

Council President Eason recognized Councilman Marable

Councilman Marable asked Deputy Director Jackson when the budget related materials from John Ditinyak be forthcoming.

Ms. Jackson in response stated that she and John are working on it and they should have these materials by Monday.

Councilman Marable stated, based on the temporary current fund which is intended to be walked on tonight, as part of prior discussions of the crossing guards writing tickets there had also been talks of bringing back laid off employees, as a piece of the negotiated agreement between the city and the union. He then asked if what is being walked on this night is contemplated in this agreement and hoped someone could provide an answer to his question later.

Councilman Marable asked for a response from Mr. Joe Wenzel regarding resolution 11-2012 as it relates to the copier.

Mr. Wenzel stated that the two copiers may have been bundled to offer a better price. It is his fear that if the two are separated we may be at a lost as he does not know the terms and conditions of the contract.

Councilman Marable asked that the information for the other copier be redacted and we move forward with one copier. He then stated that going forward we should consider looking into cost saving technology.

Council President Eason recognized Dwayne Warren, LRO

Mr. Warren stated in response to Council President Eason's inquiry, if there are separate contracts then we can separate the two and move forward with the one.

Councilman Abdul-Rasheed stated if we cannot sever the two for a separate vote then we need to table it.

Council President Eason in response to Deputy Director Jackson that the Council is only interested in addressing the copier for the Clerk's Office this night, regardless of what was put in place prior to Mr. Mason's leave of absence.

Council President Eason recognized Councilwoman Williams

Councilwoman Williams stated, as it relates to the copier that the order agreement matches the the agreement for the Clerk's Office.

Councilwoman Williams stated that she attended the swearing in ceremony for our former judge Theodore Stevens who will now assume his new role as Essex County Surrogate. She asked Mr. Stevens, now, if he would be willing to hold a forum on what exactly it is that his new role consists of. Mr. Stevens replied, yes.

Councilwoman Williams encouraged those who commute to Hoboken to reach out to our State representatives as it relates to increasing the commuters tax credit back to two hundred and

thirty dollars. She stated that those funds make a difference to commuters who are spending much more in traveling expenses.

Council President Eason stated in response to Councilwoman Williams that we are confirmed for the executive closed session on January 10th.

Councilwoman Williams stated, with preparing for the budget season she requested Mr. McEnerney give a presentation relative to the annual financial statement and he agreed to do so. She stated that way the citizens can be educated on the process.

Council President Eason stated that Mr. McEnerney would have to come in as invited by the administration because that's who he's contracted with.

Both Council President and Councilman Abdul-Rasheed suggested that Councilwoman Williams send a written request to the Acting Deputy BA and Director of Finance to secure a date and time in which Mr. McEnerney will be available.

Council President Eason stated that Ms. Smith discovered through research that we did not need to go out for bid for another budget consultant. We can use continue to utilize the services of Mr. Dieter Lerch. A resolution will be on the next agenda to enter into an agreement to contract with Mr. Lerch.

Council President Eason in response to Councilwoman Williams stated, we will not be carrying over CBAC members but Council can re-appoint their current members if they so choose. The deadline to submit names was January 6th.

There was further conversation as it relates to the copier for the Clerk and Mayor's Office.

Councilwoman Williams stated that the copier was not forecasted for in the Administrations budget as it was in the Clerk's budget. She stated for that reason she is only in agreement with the agreement for the Clerk's Office copier.

The Deputy BA stated that she was instructed to inform the Council that the Administration will not move forward with approving the purchase order for the copier for the Clerk's Office, if one isn't approved for Mayor's Office.

Councilman Abdul-Rasheed stated that the Council should not vote in favor of anything the Administration put before them, if that's the case. Councilman Corbitt stated that this is a childish act on the part of the Administration.

Council President Eason asked Ms. Smith to get a list from Mr. Feld relative to the missing documents he's insisting should be posted to the City's website. She stated that those documents need to be sent to Mr. Baraff so he can post them. She then stated that Mr. Feld had a number of valid questions according to his blog and she commended him with respect to the same. Council President stated that she will at times agree and disagree with Mr. Feld. However, that is her prerogative.

Acting Deputy Director Jackson stated that she will work with Ms. Smith with respect to the same.

Council President Eason stated, as per being a five star Council it is important that they stick to what they believe and stand firm on all decisions; despite what the Feld, Lewis and others.

Council President Eason stated there should be a process put in place in which a fellow Council Member is wished well if they are out sick.

Council President Eason recognized Councilman Abdul-Rasheed

Councilman Abdul-Rasheed requested that resolution 1-2012 be taken out of order and place it last on the bill list. He stated that he wanted to extrapolate items from the bill list since the administration was not willing to cooperate with Council relative to the copier.

Point of Order, Councilwoman Williams asked that Director Rappaport speak to the crimes that are taking place in the City.

Council President Eason recognized Director Rappaport

Director Rappaport echoed the same sentiment as Councilman Corbitt with stating that there are a number of things in the works which will help the fight against crime. He stated that we should see a decrease in crime going forward because of the same.

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

None

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION /FIRST READING

- 10) 1-2012 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. (230 Washington Street- South- East)

Council President Eason stated that the public hearing and final adoption of this ordinance will be on February 7, 2012, 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 Eason entertained a Motion Adopt on First Reading.

Motion: Corbitt

Second: Jones-Bell

On the Motion, Council President Eason stated that the parking spot is for a three year old child.

Mr. Bell stated that the child is legally handicap so the spot is designated.

Councilman Marable asked who’s signature of advice and consent is on the form. It was said that Mr. Sean McGovern signed off on it. At which time Councilman Marable stated that is his point, exactly.

The Deputy Clerk announced the roll call as follows:

Yeas: Abdul-Rasheed, Corbitt, Jones-Bell, Marable, Morton, Williams, Council President Eason
Nays: None
Abstentions: None
Absences: None

Council President Eason ruled the Motion was carried by Seven Yeas, No Nays, No Abstentions, and No Absences.

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

Council President Eason asked to suspend the rules of the agenda to the consent agenda resolution 12-2012.

Councilman Corbitt read resolution 12-2012 into the record by title as follows:

12-2012 A resolution for the adoption of a temporary current fund for water/sewer utility budget for calendar year 2012 in the amount of \$15,775,109.00.

The Deputy Municipal Clerk entertained a motion to suspend the rules of the agenda to add to the Consent Agenda resolution 12-2012

Motion: Corbitt

Second: Jones-Bell

The Deputy Clerk announced the roll call as follows:

Yeas: Abdul-Rasheed, Corbitt, Jones-Bell, Morton, Williams Council President Eason
Nays: Marable
Abstentions: None
Absences: None

Council President Eason ruled the Motion was carried by Six Yeas, One Nays, No Abstentions, and No Absences.

RESOLUTIONS NO. *2-2012-*8-2012 &*10

***2-2012 A resolution authorizing the award of a non-fair and open contract with Hatch Mott MacDonald, 27 Bleeker Street, Millburn, New Jersey 07041-1008 to provide professional engineering and landscape architectural design services for a new park located at High Street and Alden Street, Phase 3 in the amount not to exceed \$74,250.00.**

- *3-2012** A resolution authorizing the execution of an agreement with the Orange Board of Education for Project Graduation as a component of the Municipal Alliance Program funded through the New Jersey Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse from January 1, 2011 – December 31, 2011 in an amount not to exceed \$9,000.00.
- *4-2012** A resolution authorizing the execution of an agreement with Valley Arts Inc. as a component of the Municipal Alliance Program funded through the New Jersey Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse from January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011 in the amount not to exceed \$4,500.00.
- *5-2012** A resolution authorizing the execution of an agreement with the Orange Board of Education for Brother to Brother as a component of the Municipal Alliance Program funded through the New Jersey Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse from January 1, 2011 – December 31, 2011 in an amount not to exceed \$3,000.00.
- *6-2012** A resolution authorizing the City of Orange to enter into a contractual agreement with Rosario Zambrano, M.D. for physician services in the Tuberculosis Control Clinic for Children in the Orange Health Department in an amount not to exceed \$3,000.00.
- *7-2012** A resolution authorizing the City of Orange to enter into a contractual agreement with the Associated Humane Societies to provide animal shelter and other veterinary services for the City of Orange Township for the period of January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012 in an amount not to exceed \$70,814.90.
- *8-2012** A resolution authorizing the City of Orange to enter into a contractual agreement with Patrick Van Martin-Yeboah, M.D. for physician services in the Child Health Clinic in the Orange Health Department in an amount not to exceed \$17,000.00.
- *10-2011** A resolution appointing David Rossi, 538 Joyce Street, Orange, New Jersey, as a Member to the Housing Authority of the City of Orange Township, New Jersey for a two and a half year term.

The Deputy Clerk entertained a Motion to adopt.

MOTION TO ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA: Corbitt

Second: Jones-Bell

The Deputy Clerk announced the roll call as follows:

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

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Absences: None

Council President Eason ruled the Motion was carried by Seven Yeas, No Nays, No Abstentions, and No Absences.

The Deputy Clerk recognized those resolutions that were removed for a separate vote

1-2012

A resolution approving the bill list dated December 21, 2011 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95. (PAGES 1-25, GRAND TOTAL: \$912,622.93)

Council President Eason entertained a Motion to adopt.

Motion: Corbitt

Second: Williams

On the Motion, in response to Councilman Abdul-Rasheed Acting Deputy BA stated that IT Director Saheed Baksh only stayed overnight for the NJLM conference and it was covered under the Administrations budget. Councilman Abdul-Rasheed stated that Ms. Jackson had stated previous meetings that the Directors and Deputy Directors would pay their own way. He stated that the same should apply to Mr. Baksh.

The Deputy Clerk announced the roll call as follows:

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

Nays: Abdul-Rasheed Abstentions: None

Absences: None

Council President Eason ruled the Motion was carried by Six Yeas, One Nay, No Abstentions, and No Absences.

9-2012

A resolution appointing Harold W. Fullilove, Jr., Esq. as Judge of the Orange Municipal Court.

Council President Eason entertained a Motion to adopt.

Motion: Corbitt

Second: Jones-Bell

On the Motion, Councilman Corbitt stated that he feels Judge Fullilove and Judge Elias are what Orange needs as it relates to the help fighting crime.

Councilman Abdul-Rasheed stated that he Judge Fullilove is highly qualified to perform the job. However, he will not be voting in favor of this resolution because of his disapproval as to the lack of response from the administration, as it relates to human resource inquiries surrounding Fullilove's salary, work schedule and etc.

The Deputy Clerk announced the roll call as follows:

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

Nays: Abdul-Rasheed

Abstentions: Marable

Absences: None

Council President Eason ruled the Motion was carried by Five Yeas, One Nay, One Abstentions, and No Absences.

11-2012 A resolution authorizing the City of Orange Township to enter into an agreement with Konika Minolta business solutions USA., 101 Williams Drive, Ramsey New Jersey for two (2) photocopiers, one for the office of the Municipal Clerk and one for the office of the Mayor.

The Deputy Municipal Clerk read the amended resolution into the record, which reflected one copier for the Municipal Clerk's Office.

Council President Eason entertained a Motion to adopt.

Motion: Williams

Second: Jones-Bell

On the Motion, there was further discussion amongst the Assistant City Attorney and the Council. The Council decided to withdraw the resolution as to create a clear and concise resolution separating the Clerk's Office copier from that of the Mayor's Office copier. The Clerk's Office copier also needed the lease agreement such as that of the Mayor's agreement, which was not included.

The Assistant City Attorney and the Legislative Research Officer agreed that the Council should withdraw this resolution until all documents are present and in support of the proper resolution, if each is to be presented separately.

Councilwoman Williams and Councilwoman Jones-Bell both agreed to rescind their motion and second.

Council President Eason concluded by stating resolution 11-2012 will be removed and brought back at the January 17th meeting.

12-2012 A resolution for the adoption of a temporary current fund for water/sewer utility budget for calendar year 2012 in the amount of \$15,775,109.00.

Council President Eason entertained a Motion to adopt.

Motion: Corbitt

Second: Williams

On the Motion, Councilman Corbitt asked if there was money in this temporary budget to bring back laid off workers.

Council President Eason recognized John Ditinyak, Director of Finance

Mr. Ditinyak stated that the Budget Consultant Mr. Dieter Lerch agreed with this resolution and the fact that it fell within the twenty-six point five percent State guideline.

Mr. Ditinyak stated that they did not appropriate to bring back workers by way of this boiler point twenty-six, point five percent budget.

Council President Eason asked if the pension payment have been made.

Mr. Ditinyak in response stated that pension payments are being made this week and we have the money to make them. He stated that April 1st we will make our first pension payment on time as well.

Council President Eason asked how much are we paying out.

Mr. Ditinyak in response stated a little over four million dollars. In calendar year 2012 we'll have our pension payment and that which was deferred in 2008.

Councilwoman Williams asked if Acting Deputy BA provide a report on how many people were laid off and how many were brought back.

Acting Deputy BA stated that she will talk to Councilwoman Williams offline.

Councilman Marable asked if the current budget is sufficient for our current need and enough to bring back public works employees.

Mr. Ditinyak stated that we would have to do a temporary appropriation to do so because we are currently at the max as per State statutes.

There was further discussion that states that public works employees were brought back.

The Deputy Clerk announced the roll call as follows:

- Yeas: Corbitt, Jones-Bell, Marable, Morton, Williams and Council President Eason
- Nays: Abdul-Rasheed
- Abstentions: None
- Absences: None

Council President Eason ruled the Motion was carried by Six Yeas, One Nay, No Abstentions, and No Absences.

RESOLUTIONS TABLED FROM 11/14/2011 MEETING

308-2011 A resolution authorizing and appointing Crossing Guards in the City of Orange Township as Parking Enforcement Officers for the City.

Motion to lift from table: Second:

MOTION TO ADOPT: Second:

RESOLUTION TABLED FROM DECEMBER 20, 2011 REGULAR MEETING

345-2011 A resolution of the City of Orange Township Municipal Council regarding the Office of Emergency Management.

Motion to lift from table: Second:

MOTION TO ADOPT: Second:

- 12) **OTHER PENDING BUSINESS**
- 13) **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Motion: Corbitt

Voice Vote

Second: Jones-Bell

Adjournment Time: 12:18 PM

MINUTES APPROVAL

Passed on February 7, 2011

Conference and Regular Meeting January 3, 2012

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

Council President Eason entertained a Motion to adopt.

Motion to Adopt: Corbitt

Second: Williams

The roll call by Municipal Clerk was as followed:

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

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Absences: Abdul- Rasheed

Council President Eason ruled the Motion was carried by Five Yeas, No Nays, No Abstentions and One Absence.