

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 17, 2012 IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE CONFERENCE MEETING AT 8:57 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> </u>	<u> X </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>
Marvin T. Braker, 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) APROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Deputy Clerk Shinell Smith announced the Minutes would be removed from tonight's agenda and would be available for approval at the February 7, 2012 Council Meeting.

December 20, 2011-Executive (Closed) Session

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

Motion:

Second:

January 3, 2012-Conference & Regular Meeting

Motion:

Second:

5) REPORTS:

Clerk's Office month of December 2011-\$48.55

CONSTABLE REPORTS

- **Eddie Stone-Month of December 2011-No Activity**
- **Cuthbert Harris-Month of December 2011- No activity**
- **Miguel Galarza- Activities for the Month of December 2011- 12-11, 12- 18 and 12- 25, Armed Security.**

OPRA REPORTS – WILL BE AVAILABLE ON FEBRUARY 7, 2012 AGENDA

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.

Harold Johnson – 235 Fuller Terrace

Mr. Johnson stated he thinks it is important for the taxpayers to get a true assessed value for the properties in Orange from the County Taxation Board. He asked about Resolution 15-2012, 16-2012 and 17-2012.

Ms. Jackson stated these were properties that were erroneously put into the tax sale.

Mr. Johnson asked about Resolution 18-2012.

Mr. Braker stated this is a matter before the tax board that was settled or adjudicated for these amounts of money.

Mr. Johnson said he would be hosting a forum at his house (235 Fuller Terrace) on January 25, 2012, 6:45pm. He said no sitting politicians or candidates running for office can attend this meeting. He said there will be a keynote speaker from the education department to talk about how to navigate and deal with dialogue within municipalities. He said you can go to www.jointhecampaign.com for more information. He said his contact information is hjjr51@aol.com.

Alvenia Jones – OMEBA

Ms. Jones asked the Council to please lift Resolution 308-2011 from the table and pass it. She said she has spoken with the Administration and this was included in the bargaining agreement. She said she had given a copy of the State Statute to the Council and the Crossing Guards have to be given statutory authority to write the tickets and this is what this resolution is for. Ms. Jones stated the union negotiated with the City in good faith and this resolution should be passed. She said the crossing guards will be trained properly by the police department how to write the tickets.

Stephanie Blaine – 341 Highland Avenue

Mrs. Blaine read a statement into the record about the revaluation. (SEE ATTACHED)

Mrs. Blaine had requested information through an OPRA request. With this information she questioned Councilman Abdul-Rasheed's qualifications to hold public office. She then read a letter from Winkler & Winkler, Attorneys at Law, concerning him. (SEE ATTACHED).

Council Abdul-Rasheed stated this is an assassination of his character and orchestrated by Mayor Eldridge Hawkins, Jr. He asked for Mr. Braker to intervene and have Mrs. Blaine cease reading the letter.

Council President Eason asked for an opinion from the City Attorney, Mr. Braker.

Mr. Braker stated he cannot rule because he does not know what she is going to say.

Council President Eason stated Mrs. Blaine cannot make any derogatory or threatening statements.

Mrs. Blaine stated she would not make any derogatory or threatening statements.

Councilman Abdul-Rasheed stated the cases were adjudicated. He said he is holding office and asked what can be brought up at this time.

Mr. Braker stated if this is ruled as a public document, then it can read into the record.

Councilman Abdul-Rasheed stated this is dirty work done by Mayor Hawkins.

Council President Eason stated if this was a letter from 2006, why is it being discussed now.

Mrs. Blaine then read the letter into the record. (SEE ATTACHED).

Councilman Abdul-Rasheed stated Mr. Braker should have stopped Mrs. Blaine. He said Mr. Braker works for the Mayor. He said this is discrimination against him and his religion.

Mr. Braker stated he does not know Mrs. Blaine and he works for the City of Orange. He said Mrs. Blaine is reading from a criminal statute. He said she obtained the information through an OPRA request. He said there are some things he does not give out.

Council President Eason stated there is a Municipal Election this year and she will not let this become a political football field. She said Councilman Abdul-Rasheed is in his second term and this should have been addressed before now if it was a problem.

William R. Lewis – 688 Mosswood Avenue

Mr. Lewis stated a person should be able to speak once and only for five minutes. He said the conversation should not go back and forth.

Mr. Lewis stated across the whole world, the time for a person in an acting position is 90 days.

Mr. Lewis stated the tax courts are asking the municipalities to have a reval because the tax courts are overcrowded.

Mr. Lewis said the county cannot run the restaurant. He said we need a cost analysis.

Mr. Braker said he and Mr. Warren will meet with Councilman Abdul-Rasheed to review Ordinance 39-2012.

Jeffrey Feld – 268 Main Street

Mr. Feld thanked the CBAC for their presentation, allowing him to attend some of their meetings and listening to some of his input. He said in light of what happened between Mrs. Blaine and Councilman Abdul-Rasheed you should remember some of the principles that guided Martin Luther King and use them for educational purposes.

Mr. Feld stated there are documents that are not posted on the City's website. He said he requested information by way of an OPRA request on the two bids and he has not received anything yet. He said a criteria memo was not included in the agenda packet. He said there are issues involving the reval company in Montclair.

Mr. Feld said the company that does the reval should be thorough and not just drive by the property.

Mr. Feld said he asked what the 26.25% was based on. He said we had a six month transitional budget and how did we get to \$19 million. He said no money was allocated for the pension payment in April so where is the money going to come from. He said the bill list is not completely published on the City's website. He asked if this governing body can retain a budget consultant under the Faulkner Act. He questioned Mr. Lerch's qualifications and said what happened November 14, 2011 should be grounds for not rehiring him. He said Mr. Lerch made a representation during the public hearing that you could amend and adopt the budget on the same day. He said no one from the state confirmed that. Mr. Feld stated there are bills that have not been paid.

Councilwoman Williams stated the reason the budget was amended and adopted the same night.

Council President Eason stated the approval was given by the state to amend and adopt the budget the same night.

G. Solar – 523 Chestnut Street

Ms. Solar stated she was here to translate for her neighbors (Mr. & Mrs. Fernandez). She said their concern is the high taxes for their two houses. She said she is sad to see the people in Orange losing their homes because they cannot pay the taxes.

Council President Eason referred Ms. Solar and the Fernandez's to the tax assessor.

Ms. Jackson stated the tax assessor can explain the value of their houses, but he cannot change the amounts.

Councilman Abdul-Rasheed asked if Ms. Jackson could get their number and guide them to the proper procedure.

Ken Garrett – Essex County Liaison to the City Council

Mr. Garrett said he is speaking tonight for the safety of residents because of the Essex County deer management program taking place January 17, 2012 - February 23, 2012. He advised residents not to go to the areas where deer hunting will be taking place which will be Tuesdays and Thursdays. The deer management program will be in Eagle Rock Reservation, Hilltop Reservation and the old hospital center site and involves experienced marksmen. The reservations will be closed during these times for obvious reasons. He said if any additional information is needed, you may call (973) 621-4400.

Council President Eason stated Mr. Garrett is bringing additional help starting January 23 (for three days, weather permitting) to clean High Street from Central Avenue to Washington Street. (County road)

Joshua Sakolsky – 393 Olcott Street

Mr. Sakolsky thanked Ms. Jackson for the proper boarding up of 380 Olcott Street. He asked about the appropriation for the reval company. He said what if we do not like or want this company, what would happen. He expressed his concern because of the poor reviews and experiences tax payers are voicing from the previous reval by Appraisal Systems.

Ms. Jackson stated she did not know if it could be amended to cover a new company.

Mr. Braker stated the process would have to start again.

Ms. Jackson reminded the taxpayers that the last reval was done at the height of the market and now at the downturn, taxpayers are now filing tax appeals.

Mr. Sakolsky stated that Orange uses an animal shelter in Newark and asked if we could get a new shelter. He said he is a dog lover and is not fond of kill shelters.

Gloria Stewart

Mrs. Stewart said she hopes the Council will make the CBAC a standing committee. She said the more she heard about the appraisal company the more she thinks we should not use them again.

Mrs. Stewart asked how much money has been realized through recycling.

Mrs. Stewart asked the status of the Business Administrator and the City Clerk. She said the City Engineer, Mrs. Kemp used to attend the Council Meetings and now she doesn't. She asked why not.

Mrs. Stewart asked about Resolution 308-2011.

Council President Eason stated that Resolution 308-2011 is still Tabled and cannot be discussed until Lifted from the Table.

Mrs. Stewart said she was really saddened by the information from Ms. Stephanie Blaine about Councilman Abdul-Rasheed. She said that was really bad. She said this was old news and should not be discussed now.

Mrs. Stewart talked about the activities East Orange has for their residents.

Ms. Jackson stated the BA is still out on medical leave and will be coming in to work twice a week. The status of the City Clerk is still unknown at this time but a procedure is being placed. She said the Directors are the ones required to attend the Council Meetings and Mrs. Kemp is no longer a Director, she is the City Engineer.

Darrell Holcomb, Director of Community Services, stated the City of Orange does not have a senior center but we do provide activities for our seniors i.e. movies, bowling, line dancing etc.

Katalin Gordon – 211 Park Place

Ms. Gordon stated a few weeks ago, Mr. Riccio talked about property tax assessment. Ms. Gordon then read a prepared statement. (SEE ATTACHED

Ms. Gordon asked why we did not get a higher amount for recycling.

Council President Eason entertained a Motion to Extend the Meeting

Motion: Morton

Second: Eason

Yeas: Abdul-Rasheed, Marable, Morton, Eason

Nays: Corbitt

Abstentions: None

Absences: Jones-Bell, Williams

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

Mr. Bell, Director, Public Works stated we did not receive a higher amount for recycling because last year and previous years it was not in our contract with our sanitation provider for us to own our recyclables. He said one of the things Public Works did with the most recently awarded contract was to make sure we maintain ownership of our recyclables so that going forward we will be able to recoup a higher amount of money towards what they do pick up from us.

Ms. Gordon stated this does not answer her question. She was questioning an amount on the bill list about two weeks ago.

Ms. Jackson stated she will get the questions from Ms. Gordon and respond.

Bruce Myer

Mr. Myer stated this is an election year and there are papers going around saying zero taxes and everything is fine. He said we have a transition year budget which gives us a windfall that no matter what we do it looks good. He said taxes include school taxes, municipal taxes and county taxes. He said in most cities 60% goes to the school, 35% to municipality and 5% to the county. He said we have a certain municipal budget and most of it cannot be touched. He said if people go to tax court and are able to get a successful tax appeal, which is money the City will never see again and other taxpayers will have to pay for. He said a reval is needed.

Council President Eason entertained a Motion to Close Citizen Comments.

Motion: Eason

Voice Vote

Second: Williams

8) COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council President Eason announced Mr. Braker, City Attorney had a family emergency and had to leave early.

Council President Eason recognized Councilman Marable.

Councilman Marable read the definition of “derogatory” into the record. He said he agreed with Mr. Braker at the point he was asked to intervene, nothing had been said. He said it was not proper to step in and stop what not had been heard. He said he agrees once it was out, it was out. He said after he sat here and heard what was said and how it was said, it was derogatory. He said he sat here in shock, and it is very unfortunate that is where we are in the City of Orange right now. He said it is unbelievable what he has heard about himself in the last six months, but it is the price you pay. He said he is hearing it because he is taking a stand and standing up. He said it is the price Councilman Abdul-Rasheed paid tonight and the price we will all pay at some point. He said politics in Orange is dirty. He said he is suggesting to the residents who are listening or may be here, that you really have to be careful at what you listen to. He said to look at the person saying and the motivation behind it. He said it will get worse before it gets better. He said he felt badly for Councilman Abdul-Rasheed, this Council and the City of Orange based on what happened tonight.

Councilman Marable stated he has been an advocate for endorsing the ratified agreement between union and the City only because it was their job to do that. He said it was their agreement to reject or accept. He said he is not a fan of crossing guards writing traffic tickets. He said he does not think it will generate the revenue or income we are anticipating. He says he thinks it will actually cost us money. He said his personal understanding is they agreed to it, and for that reason, he will vote for it.

Councilman Marable stated it is for the Council to decide if they want to embark on the process of a reval. He said he thinks the Council should embark on this process because it is not ideal and certainly not perfect, but it does provide some much needed relief particularly to residential home owners. He said he was new on the Council in 2006 when it was done the first time and he did not play a part in the decision of Appraisal Systems. He heard the many concerns of the company. He said he thinks there is

time to assess if we want to go with Appraisal Systems. He said approving the funding does not guarantee we will endorse the contract for them. He talked about the presentation given by Appraisal Systems and said the African-American gentleman was given a new title for our benefit tonight because there was different title for him in the book. He said that concerned him.

Council President Eason recognized Councilman Morton.

Councilman Morton stated he agreed with Councilman Marable that the writing of traffic tickets by crossing guards has been accepted in the contract.

Councilman Morton stated he is for the reval as it may help some. He said the Council should decide what is best for the people.

Councilman Morton asked again for lights under the bridge.

Mr. Bell said he has been working with PSE&G and NJ Transit. He said it was determined that it is the responsibility of the City of Orange to supply the lights under the bridge. He said there is no power and PSE&G wants a deposit, but there are two different amounts for two locations. He said he has been working on this for a while.

Councilman Morton stated there is private security in the Wilson Place and Parrow Street area. He said he and Councilwoman Williams worked together to get them there and the drugs and prostitution is being cleaned up because of the presence of security.

Council President Eason recognized Councilwoman Williams.

Councilwoman Williams had Mr. Warren hand out a sample resolution. She said she would like to introduce legislation to accept partial payments on municipal liens.

Ms. Jackson stated she would discuss this with Carl Smith, Tax Collector.

Councilwoman Williams asked if Mr. Smith could come to a Council Meeting and discuss senior discounts and other discounts available for tax payers.

Councilwoman Williams stated she asked questions about Central Playground and is still waiting for a response.

Ms. Jackson stated she has her request and she knows Councilwoman Williams would like answers.

Councilwoman Williams stated the citizens should know if the City is going to do a reval or not. She also stated she would like to have the Tax Assessor give a presentation.

Council President Eason said she thinks we should have a public forum.

Councilwoman Williams asked that the number for the heat hot-line is put on the first page of the City's website.

Councilwoman Williams asked everyone to go the movies this weekend to see Red Tails. She said there was a gentleman in Orange who was a Tuskegee Airman.

Councilwoman Williams stated she attended the MLK Classic in which East Orange beat Orange. She congratulated Jason Green, Athletic Director.

Council President Eason recognized Councilman Corbitt.

Councilman Corbitt stated there is a lot of talk about the reval and he just wants it to be done correctly. He said if Appraisal Systems is as bad as they were in the past, then maybe we should look for another company. He said he can support the reval. He said the property owners should make themselves available to the company so that they can get a fair assessment. He said he believes the property values have declined even more.

Councilman Corbitt said Public Service has been doing a lot of work in the City of Orange and asked what is going on.

Mr. Bell stated he does not have any information at this time, but will look into the matter and get back to the Council.

Councilman Corbitt asked if a person is operating a City vehicle and received a traffic ticket, where would the ticket go.

Ms. Jackson stated someone in her department got a ticket and gave it to her. She said she never got any notification about the ticket. She said she personally paid the ticket.

Mr. Bell said a notification would come from the issuing municipality and they would send it to the address on record. He said he does not know of a policy in force.

Ms. Jackson said E-Z violations on a City vehicle would come to the City.

Mr. Holcomb stated there have been traffic tickets given in his department and he was able to determine who was driving at that time. He is not aware of records being kept.

Ms. Jackson said the tickets would go to Public Works and it would be determined who was driving.

Councilman Corbitt said he always votes no to extend the meeting because he thinks the Council Meetings are entirely too long. He said we need to look at ways to shorten the meetings.

Council President Eason recognized Councilman Abdul-Rasheed.

Councilman Abdul-Rasheed apologized for his outburst and the outburst of his daughter. He said he attended the MLK Classic also. He said it was a big turnout and he is looking forward to the next one.

Councilman Abdul-Rasheed said he asked Ms. Jackson for a list of employees who attended the League and what the cost was to the taxpayers. He said he has not received any information yet.

Councilman Abdul-Rasheed said he asked Mr. Warren to put forth legislation to extend the time for the CBAC to serve two years instead of one that would coincide with the current budget year effective 1/1/2012. He said people on other boards (Zoning, Planning, etc.) are appointed for more than one year. He asked that the legislation is drafted and available to the Clerk's Office for the City Council to get and review before the next meeting. He also asked Mr. Warren for legislation that would say any

director and/or deputy director that comes before this Council for consent and approval, advice would be we would not be able to interview unless we had their resume and pay requirements 30 days before said interview. He said his colleagues can vote this up or down.

Councilman Abdul-Rasheed said the lights are out on Scotland Road to Mechanic Street. He said many citizens walk over the hill and it is dark. He asked the administration to take a drive to Scotland Road to see for themselves how dark it is.

Councilman Abdul-Rasheed said he forwarded to the Acting BA the IT draft that was put together. He said it was 99% completed but because of Mr. Mason's unfortunate medical leave; it has been on the shelf. He said he would hope she would discuss it with the appropriate parties and get back to him and the Council. He would like a resolution so that it can be voted up or down.

Councilman Abdul-Rasheed asked if the City Engineer, Arlene Kemp could attend the Council Meeting on February 7, 2012.

Councilman Abdul-Rasheed wanted to hold the payments on the bill list to PSE&G because they are not responding to our lighting issues. He said the lights would not go out in Orange if that happened. He said we did the same thing for United Water and got results.

Councilman Abdul-Rasheed said he thinks the Council Meetings are long because some Council members inquire about when perhaps we could reach out to certain department heads or administration before the meeting. He said he thinks it has to do with matters for discussion.

Councilman Abdul-Rasheed said he thought the way the situation earlier was handled was inappropriate, unfair and discriminatory. He said here is a person asking about some allegations from 2006 City Council Meeting which he won fair and square. He said she never called him up and asked about it. He said this is the same person running for Council Member at Large as he is that would ask him to look her in the face and ask about that. He said Mrs. Blaine came to the Council Meeting and asked him questions on camera at the request of Mayor Hawkins, Jr. He said he met Mrs. Blaine when his former district leader (female part) did not want to run. He said he told some folks about that and they suggested Mrs. Blaine. He said after that he won re-election He said Mrs. Blaine did work on his campaign at a minimal level. He said he won the election but he and Mrs. Blaine lost the district in 2010. He said he is not sure if he would win but he had a knee transplant and did not have the energy to continue campaigning for district leader. He said Mrs. Blaine has never been to a Council Meeting, has never talked to him, has never asked him any questions. He said this matter was adjudicated before Judge Castello (and another judge whose name he does not remember) and he has all of his paperwork. He said he felt Council President Eason should have stopped Mrs. Blaine. He asked if all OPRA requests are forwarded to the Law Department. Deputy Clerk Smith answered yes. He said Mr. Braker works at the pleasure of Mayor Hawkins and knew what was coming. He said he is not the Emergency Management Coordinator riding around in a vehicle paid for by taxpayers, the Mayor is. He said the Mayor's mother; Linda Cofer is a volunteer spokesperson who commented on a litigated matter of the firing of a police officer. He said he read it in the *Star Ledger* and asked why and how can that be. He said when Judge Fullilove was appointed, he asked how much he was making, the hours he

would work and is he receiving benefits. He said he received an e-mail from Mayor Hawkins's Chief of Staff, Stephanie Gidigbi, in red letters with no grammar saying items will be provided at interview and we did not have an interview date. He said that is why he did Occupy 29 North Day Street. He said he had to request the information through an OPRA request. He said all of his inquiries with respect to the Administration and the Mayor is factual. He said there is no need to fear. He said he will

be unyielding in his determination to represent the citizens of Orange and he will not attack the Mayor or Mrs. Blaine, he will deal with the facts and if something is done inappropriately he will speak on it. He said he will be unyielding to win the Councilmember at Large position. He said even though the Mayor has the resources of City Hall, he has the resources of the citizens of Orange.

Council President Eason stated we have two attorneys here and she is the Council President. She said she could not stop Mrs. Blaine without hearing what she had to say. She said there is freedom of speech and she did not want a law suit for not allowing Mrs. Blaine her right to speak even though she knew where it was going. She said this is not the first time this has happened. She said we have to abide by the rules of the attorney. She said when something is said that is not liked by someone in the audience, please do not yell out. If you do, you can be escorted out of the Council Chambers by an officer.

Council President Eason stated the first PCC (Police Community Council) Meeting will be held Thursday, January 19, 2012 at 7:00pm at the police station and she is asking that we all attend.

Council President Eason then announced the opening of a new soul food restaurant in Orange, NJ called Southern Comfort on Central Avenue and asked that we all support this business. She said the food is delicious.

Council President Eason asked the citizens to make their decisions on who they think is best for the job.

Council President Eason stated she had a full page of signatures of persons wanting to speak tonight. She said not one is here now except for Mr. Feld. She said no one should pre-register anyone.

Council President Eason stated if the Council speaks during Council Comments, we should not repeat the same thing and go around and around.

Council President Eason said let's make sure we get the right vendor and they do the right thing for the reval.

Council President Eason stated the bags put on the meters for the holidays cannot be reused because the Mayor's name is on them if he is not re-elected. She said maybe the merchants could purchase the bags.

Council President Eason read Section 23:1-2.8 from the Employee Handbook. (SEE ATTACHED) She said the employees have protection.

Council President Eason stated the Mayor had his kickoff on January 6. She said there were firemen in uniform and a fire truck was in front of the establishment. She said she got e-mails concerning the Mayor and she wanted to know why firemen on duty were taking pictures with the Mayor. She said when the Mayor is having a political function; he is not the Mayor of this city. She said sanctions should be given out because you don't go to a political function in full uniform and you are off duty. She said she thinks the Fire Chief should let the Council know who was at the Mayor's kickoff from the Fire

- 10) 2-2012 An ordinance authorizing a Special Emergency Appropriation in the amount of \$364,900.00 for the complete revaluation of all properties in the City of Orange Township.

Council President Eason stated that the Public Hearing and Final Adoption of this ordinance will be on February 21, 2012, in the Council Chambers, Orange City Hall, 29 North Day Street, Orange, New Jersey and the City Clerk shall publish the notice of the First Reading, and the time and place the ordinance will be considered for final passage.

Council President Eason entertained a Motion to Adopt on First Reading.

Motion: Corbitt

Second: Williams

On the Motion, Councilman Abdul-Rasheed asked to Table this resolution.

Motion: Abdul-Rasheed

Second: Morton

The Deputy Clerk announced the roll call as follows:

YEAS: Abdul-Rasheed, Morton, Council President Eason

NAYS: Corbitt, Marable, Williams

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENCES: Jones-Bell

Council President Eason ruled the Motion was not carried by Three Yeas, Three Nays, No Abstentions, One Absence.

On the original Motion

The Deputy Clerk announced the roll call as follows:

YEAS: Corbitt, Marable, Morton, Williams

NAYS: Abdul-Rasheed, Council President Eason

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENCES: Jones-Bell

Council President Eason ruled the Motion was not carried by Four Yeas, Two Nays, No Abstentions, One Absence.

Council President Eason stated that the Public Hearing and Final Adoption of this ordinance will be on February 21, 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.

- 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 entertained a Motion to Suspend the Rules to Add Resolution 27-2012 to the Consent Agenda.

Motion: Williams

Second: Corbitt

The Deputy Clerk announced the roll call as follows:

YEAS: Corbitt, Marable, Morton, Williams, Council President Eason

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: Abdul-Rasheed

ABSENCES: Jones-Bell

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

RESOLUTIONS NO. *15-2012-*19-2012, *21-2012-*23-2012, *26-2012-*27-2012

- *15-2012** A resolution authorizing the cancellation of Tax Sale Certificate No. 11-838 and authorizing refund payment to lien holder in the amount of \$360.75.
- *16-2012** A resolution authorizing the cancellation of Tax Sale Certificate No. 11-785 in the amount of \$302.79.
- *17-2012** A resolution authorizing the cancellation of Tax Sale Certificate No. 11-740 in the amount of \$8,824.73.
- *18-2012** A resolution authorizing the refund of taxes due to state board judgments in the amount of \$9,499.54.
- *19-2012** A resolution authorizing the first one-year extension of a contract to with Universal Uniform Sales Co., Inc., 33 William Street, Newark, New Jersey 07101 in an amount not to exceed \$26,741.00.
- *21-2012** A resolution authorizing the City of Orange Township and East Orange Township to collaborate on a grant application to the Federal Highway Administration for transportation project funds where identified projects will impact both communities.
- *22-2012** A resolution designating a representative and an alternate to the Essex County Community Development Block Grant Committee for the Year 2012.
- *23-2012** A resolution authorizing the employment of Jeanette Calderon-Arnold, Esq. to represent the City of Orange Township as attorney to the rent leveling board and as hearing officer to the Office of Rent Leveling in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00.

***26-2012** A resolution authorizing the City of Orange Township to enter into an agreement with **Konica Minolta Business Solutions USA, Inc. 101 Williams Drive, Ramsey, New Jersey** for one photocopier for the Office of the Municipal Clerk not to exceed \$4,107.60 per year

***27-2012** A resolution awarding a contract for a site survey for a wireless network for cameras for the City of Orange Township to **New Jersey Business Systems, Inc., 7C Marlen Drive, Robbinsville, New Jersey 08691** in an amount not to exceed \$11,172.00.

Council President Eason entertained a Motion to Adopt Consent Agenda.

Motion: Corbitt

Second: Williams

YEAS: Abdul-Rasheed, Corbitt, Marable, Morton, Williams, Council President Eason

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENCES: Jones-Bell

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

14-2012 A resolution approving the bill list dated January 4, 2012 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95. (PAGES 1-6, GRAND TOTAL: \$720,696.80)

Council President Eason entertained a Motion to Adopt.

Motion: Corbitt

Second: Williams

On the Motion, Councilman Abdul-Rasheed asked that the bills for PSE&G are pulled until they fix the streetlights in question.

The roll call by the Deputy Clerk was follows:

YEAS: Abdul-Rasheed

NAYS: Corbitt, Marable, Morton, Williams, Council President Eason

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENCES: Jones-Bell

Council President Eason ruled the Motion did not carry by One Yea, Five Nays, No Abstentions, One Absence.

The roll call by the Deputy Clerk was follows:

YEAS: Corbitt, Marable, Morton, Williams, Council President Eason

NAYS: Abdul-Rasheed

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENCES: Jones-Bell

Council President Eason ruled the Motion did not carry by Five Yeas, One Nay, No Abstentions, One Absence.

20-2012 A resolution authorizing an agreement between the City of Orange Township and EIC Inspection Agency Corp., 3705 Kennedy Blvd., Jersey City, NJ 07307 to conduct

20-2013 plumbing sub codes services for the City of Orange Township (1) year term, with two (2) one-year options to renew.

Council President Eason entertained a Motion to Adopt.

Motion: Corbitt

Second: Morton

The roll call by the Deputy Clerk was follows:

YEAS: Corbitt, Marable, Morton, Williams, Council President Eason

NAYS: Abdul-Rasheed

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENCES: Jones-Bell

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

24-2012 A resolution authorizing Lerch, Vinci and Higgins, LLP Certified Municipal Accountants, 17-17 route 208, Fair Lawn, New Jersey 07410, to serve as budget consultants to the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township, New Jersey upon adoption of this resolution in an amount not to exceed \$17,500.00

Council President Eason entertained a Motion to Adopt.

Motion: Corbitt

Second: Williams

The roll call by the Deputy Clerk was follows:

YEAS: Corbitt, Marable, Morton, Williams, Council President Eason

NAYS: Abdul-Rasheed

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENCES: Jones-Bell

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

25-2012 A resolution authorizing the City of Orange Township to enter into an agreement with Konica Minolta Business Solutions USA, Inc. 101 Williams Drive, Ramsey, New Jersey for one photocopier for the Office of the Mayor not to exceed \$3,638.04 per year.

Council President Eason entertained a Motion to Adopt.

Motion: Corbitt

Second: Morton

On the Motion, Councilwoman Williams asked where we are in terms of meeting with the Saheed Baksh.

Ms. Jackson stated there has not been a citywide plan as of yet. She said the copiers should be networked. She said he talk with her about the inefficiencies with the copiers we have. She said the Mayor should have a working copier for his office as should the City Clerk’s Office.

The roll call by the Deputy Clerk was follows:

YEAS: Corbitt

NAYS: Abdul-Rasheed, Marable, Morton, Williams, Council President Eason

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENCES: Jones-Bell

Council President Eason ruled the Motion was not carried by One Yea, Five Nays, No Abstentions, One Absence.

RESOLUTIONS TABLED FROM 11/14/2011 MEETING

Council President Eason asked the Council to leave the two resolutions tabled until the next 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: Morton

Adjournment Time: 12:53am

**Dwight Mitchell, RMC
Municipal Clerk**

**Tency A. Eason
Council President**

MINUTES APPROVAL

Passed on February 7, 2011

Conference and Regular Meeting January 17, 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: Abdul-Rasheed, Corbitt, Morton, Williams and Eason

Nays: Marable

Abstentions: None

Absences: None

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