

**MUNICIPAL COUNCIL AGENDA**

**A CONFERENCE 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 5, 2013 AT 7:08 PM.**

<b>1) ROLL CALL</b>		<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Hon. Hassan Abdul-Rasheed	(West-Ward)	Arrived @ 7:47pm	_____
Hon. Elroy A. Corbitt	(At-Large)	X	_____
Hon. April Gaunt-Butler	(At-Large)	X	_____
Hon. Linda Jones-Bell	(East-Ward)	X	_____
Hon. Edward B. Marable, Jr.	(South-Ward)	X	_____
Hon. Donna K. Williams	(At-Large)	X	_____
Hon. Tency A. Eason	(North-Ward)	X	_____
Council President			

**ALSO PRESENT**

Shinell Smith, Deputy Municipal Clerk	X	_____
Hon. Dwayne D. Warren, Esq., Mayor	X	_____
James S. Wolfe, Assistant Attorney	X	_____
Kevin D. Harris, Legislative Research Officer	Arrived @ 7:35pm	_____
Shirley Bailey, Clerk's Office	X	_____

**PLEASE STAND FOR A MOMENT OF SILENCE**

***SPECIAL NOTICE:* Please be apprised anyone wishing to discuss Agenda or General Items shall sign one (1) book. There will be two (2) columns in the book, one (1) for Agenda Items and one (1) for General Issues. Each person signing the book will check Agenda Items or General Issues. If they check only Agenda Items or General Issues, they will be allowed to speak for five (5) minutes. If they check General Issues and Agenda Items, they will be allowed to speak for ten (10) minutes.**

- 2) The Deputy 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 *Record-Transcript* on July 5, 2012, posted on the Bulletin Board in City Hall and filed in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

3) **MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION**

**Plaque presentation to Honor Reverend Grace Jones**

Council President Eason, the City Council, the Administration, Police Department and Mayor Warren honored the loving memory of Rev. Grace Jones presenting her family with a plaque.

**RPM Development Presentation – Fiscal Impact Study**

Marty Mayes, Director of Planning and Public Works introduced Mr. Joe Patelli of RPM Development to present the findings of the Fiscal Impact Study. The study was conducted by Value Research Group. Mr. Patelli asked that resolution 38-2013 and 39-2013 are table tonight until the report has been reviewed and inquires answered. Mr. Patelli introduced Mr. Art Befonti of Value Research Group. Mr. Befonti prepared the Fiscal Impact Study.

Study is based on Phase 1 portion of the project.

- Determine major financial benefits and burdens to the municipality; utilized recognized methods to determine what the financial impact would be; estimated revenue benefit; allocated the income and cost analysis; and draw a conclusion of the positives and negatives based on the data.
- Project is a Mixed Use; Mixed Income Transit Dwelling. Including Commercial and Parking Area.
- Presented before and after slide assessments with demonstration boards.
- Housing impact on local educational system. Utilized\Compared RPM and Rutgers Study.
- Department of Transit oriented project forecasts. Comparison to Rutgers Study was conducted.
- All information was provided by the Board of Education and utilize/compare to Rutgers and RPM Study.

**Traffic Study (Intersection of South Harrison Street & South Center Street) presented by Police Director Hakim Simms.**

Director Hakim Simms presented the following:

Issue: Two conflicting Yield Ahead traffic signs

Proposed solution given funds made available: The removal of both signs and installation of one Yield Sign on S. Harrison; Traffic Light; Small Intersection Island; or No Left Turn – Traveling South on Center Street toward Tremont Avenue.

Councilman Marable Jr. commented on the discrepancy of the signs; as well as requested time line for resolve.

Councilman Corbitt commented on safety concern of intersection for residents and requested expedient resolve.

**Channel 35 Assessment Report presented by Keith Royster, Director of Communications, Information and Technology.**

Mayor Warren briefed the Council on the specific nature of Mr. Royster report. Mr. Royster will be providing council with data concerning blackouts, list of problems, list of

solutions and possible cost to eradicate the problems. As well, Mayor Warren informed Council that Comcast has agreed to conduct an audit of the entire City's equipment; and the equipment that is faulty in terms of the delivering images and/or sound through the cable they will correct or replace that equipment. If it's internal equipment, the City will be responsible. Comcast will conduct a total audit and then the problems that affect broadcasting.

Mr. Keith Royster presented the following assessment:

- On-going audio/video problem that is in part due to low bit-mat rate. That's the amount of information – how much data can be transmitted through any given amount of time that the station operates on. This explains lack of sound/picture during broadcast.
- Current band-width size does not support the length of the City Council meeting that presently extend over 4 hours requiring extensive space that is no longer available without interruption. Equipment that is currently in place can no longer support without continued future broadcasting problems.
- Mr. Royster encourages the Council to review the report given to them and it will address questions they may have.

#### **Council President Eason recognized Councilman Corbitt**

Councilman Corbitt inquired into the recording of the council meetings, the ability to view the meeting, and equipment that was purchased. As well, Councilman Corbitt inquired if Mr. Royster consulted with Geoffrey Campanella whom was previously responsible for broadcasting and recording.

Councilman Corbitt expressed concern with the discrepancy of information and need for this matter to be corrected as soon as possible for the residents of Orange that rely on the airing of the Council Meeting to keep them informed as well a resolution with the obligation of airing the council meeting.

#### **Council President Eason recognized Councilman Marable Jr.**

Councilman Marable Jr. commented on the timeliness of receiving Mr. Royster report and the inability of Council to question Mr. Royster from an informed position. However, Councilman Marable Jr. inquired into the length of programming stating he has viewed numerous programming on Ch. 35 without interruption and cannot understand why the Council Meetings are experiencing problems that were not present before. Councilman Marable Jr. also inquired into who makes the final decision as to what programming is aired.

#### **Council President Eason recognized Councilwoman Gaunt-Butler**

Councilwoman Gaunt-Butler inquired although the videos are stored with the vendor, do the city have ownership rights of the videos? Is there a way for the city to retrieve the videos from the vendor?

On the first page of Mr. Royster report, the report indicated the equipment was 10 years old. How did Mr. Royster come to that conclusion? What is the process for upgrading/increasing the band-width and how quickly can that take place? Also, is there an archive system in place?

**Council President Eason recognized Councilwoman Williams**

Councilwoman Williams inquired about Mr. Royster discussions and process of concluding the findings in the report (i.e. consults with Mr. Geoffrey Campanella, Comcast, and Orange School District/Board). Councilwoman Williams also made inquire into the previous vendor contract and the agreement of stored/retrievable content. In addition, Councilwoman Williams inquired about who gave the directive to not record the previous meeting and is the meeting being recorded now?

**Council President Eason inquired** as to who gave the direct order to not record the council meeting? In addition, Mr. Royster stated there was a team that decided what content is aired and asked who is on the team? Council President Eason echoed concern of content not recorded and retrieval of data. Who evaluated the equipment and developed the equipment list and cost?

**4) RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES**

The resolutions and ordinances to be presented at tonight's meeting are listed on the attached Regular Meeting Agenda. If any Council Member wishes to discuss any resolution or ordinance, it may be discussed at this time.

**Council President Eason recognized Councilman Marable Jr.**

Councilman Marable Jr. asked of Resolution 63-2013 who's the initiator of the resolution; who drafted and offered the resolution? What's the source of the notion for Resolution 63-2013?

**Council President Eason recognized Councilwoman Williams**

Councilwomen Williams provided the report for Resolution 54-2013 to 59-2013. Councilwomen Williams inquired about the delayed payment for the Legislative Research Office, Arts on the Move, Pension and Debit Payments, Bond Ordinance, UEZ Fund Balance, Hurricane Sandy Bill List Item, Orange Reservoir Lease Funds, Date of Introduction Budget, conditions of Joe Winsil services, Millennium Strategies conditions and services for payments, Resolution 64-2013, and Media Allies contract.

**Council President Eason recognized Councilman Corbitt**

Councilman Corbitt commented and made inquiry into Media Allies Contract.

**Council President Eason recognizes Mayor Dwayne Warren**

Mayor Dwayne Warren states that he would like to address Resolution 63-2013 and take action and repay Resolution 63-2013 tonight.

**Council President Eason states Resolution 73-2013, 74-2013 and 75-2013 will not be walked on tonight.**

**Council President Eason motion to move the agenda**

**5) MOTION TO ADJOURN**

MOTION: Corbitt

**Voice Vote**

SECOND: Jones-Bell

**ADJOURNMENT: 9:22PM**

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**Dwight Mitchell**  
**Municipal Clerk**

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**Tency A. Eason**  
**Council President**