

**A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 29 NORTH DAY STREET, ORANGE, NEW  
JERSEY, ON TUESDAY, MAY 1, 2012 IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE CONFERENCE  
MEETING 7:57 PM.**

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

**2) ROLL CALL**

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

The Deputy Municipal Clerk announced to Council President Eason that there is a quorum.

**ALSO PRESENT**

Shinell Smith, Deputy Mun. Clerk	X	
Hon. Eldridge Hawkins, Jr., Mayor		
Marvin T. Braker, City Attorney	X	
Theresa Pollard, Assis. Legislative Research Officer	X	
Valerie Jackson, Acting Deputy Director of Admin.	X	
Shirley Bailey, Clerk's Office	X	

- 3) 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 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**

**April 3, 2012 - Conference & Regular Minutes**

**Council President Eason entertained a Motion to adopt the minutes of April 3, 2012.**

**Motion: Corbitt**

**Second: Morton**

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

**Nays: Marable**

**Abstentions: None**

**Absences: Abdul-Rasheed, Williams**

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

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April 17, 2012 - Conference & Regular Minutes

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Councilman Abdul-Rasheed & Councilwoman Jones-Bell cannot vote, because they were not present.

Council President Eason entertained a Motion to adopt the minutes of April 17, 2012.

**Motion:** Corbett

**Second:** Morton

**Yea:** Corbett, Morton, Williams and Council President Eason

**Nay:** Marable

**Abstentions:** None

**Absences:** None

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

**5) REPORTS:**

**None:**

**CONSTABLE REPORTS:**

**None**

**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 entertained a motion to close Citizen Comments.

Council President Eason recognized William R. Lewis

William R. Lewis of 688 Mosswood Avenue stated that the Council didn't follow Robert's Rules at the last meeting. If they had, then they would have known that a statement which was directed toward him could have been retracted and expunged.

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**Mr. Lewis mentioned at the previous meeting that Dwayne Warren, Legislative Research Officer should be removed from his position as per law because it is a conflict of interest. He stated in response to a comment made that he hadn't mentioned Councilman Marable because Mr. Warren's position is what stood out to him. But someone else can take the initiative to inquire as to whether or not Councilman Marable's position is of conflict as well.**

**Mr. Lewis stated that ordinance 17-2012 should be pulled from the agenda and brought back. He asked why the Council is being singled out. Mr. Lewis stated that those calls can be earmarked and dealt with apart from the other calls.**

**Mr. Lewis stated that he was glad to see resolution 100-2012 was withdrawn.**

**Council President Eason recognized Katalin Gordon**

**Katalin Gordon of 211 Park Place stated with respect to ordinance 13-2012, the redevelopment allows minimum space for parking. Ms. Gordon stated that she has an issue with retailed and shared parking as well. Ms. Gordon stated that the peak period for the current train schedule would not coincide with the parking spaces mentioned in this ordinance because they're already limited and if made into a "Transit Village" it would still be limited. She stated that the parking for the redevelopment area should be revisited.**

**Ms. Gordon stated with respect to resolution 102-2012 relative to the revaluation, she has sent a formal complaint to the City Attorney's Office.**

**Council President Eason stated to Ms. Gordon that her complaint has been forwarded to all Council Members.**

**Council President Eason recognized Joshua Sakolsky**

**Mr. Sakolsky of Olcott Street inquired as to the status of resolution 99-2012 regarding the abandoned properties.**

**Ms. Jackson stated she would provide Mr. Sakolsky with the resolution which would give the breakdown as to property status, along with an updated abandon properties list.**

**Ms. Jackson stated in response to Mr. Sakolsky that she would check with Christ Mobley as to how long it takes to get abandon properties on to the list, such as the one listed in resolution 98-2012.**

**Mr. Sakolsky stated, after sitting in many meetings with NJ Transit he realized that they're not willing to service Highland Street train station.**

**Ms. Jackson echoed the same sentiment. She said they may give it some thought after redevelopment begins in that area.**

**Ms. Jackson stated in response to Mr. Sakolsky that ShopRite has considered Orange as a location of interest. She stated that we are looking to gain a supermarket of magnitude.**

**Council President Eason recognized Ollie Marshall**

Ollie Marshall of 440 Central Avenue expressed frustration toward individuals who removed political signs from her lawn. She stated that this wrongful act will not go unpunished and the individuals involved should immediately seek legal counsel.

**Council President Eason recognized Shirley Hendrix**

Ms. Hendrix of Berkeley Avenue begin by stating that Orange has a lot to offer and it is her goal to get that message out by way of her column in the news paper or by way of our free access channel. Ms. Hendrix requested that Council consider moving the Citizen Comments closer to the beginning of the agenda or limit the minutes a citizen is allowed to speak so that everyone gets an opportunity.

Ms. Hendrix encouraged the Council to pass resolution 102-2012, relative to the revaluation. Ms. Hendrix asked that the Council reach out to her with respect to their accomplishments so that she can post them in her column. She then congratulated Council President Eason for being a recipient of the Shirley Chisholm award.

**Council President Eason recognized Shirleen Sales**

Ms. Sales of 153 Pearson Street encouraged the Council to vote in favor of resolution 102-2012, relative to the revaluation. She stated that she does not live at the property but have tenants there.

**Council President Eason recognized Gloria Stewart**

Mrs. Stewart of 62 Hampton Terrace asked for clarity as to why the reval wasn't passed.

Mrs. Stewart inquired as to the following:

- What is impact will the reval and tax appeals have on the City?
- As it relates to resolution 100-2012, how many properties will be demolished with the money provided?
- What is the status of clothes dumped behind the Reock Street development?
- There is an abandoned property next door to Oakwood Avenue School. When will the door of the property be boarded back up?
- What is the status of recycling?
- What is the status of the reservoir?
  - Mr. Braker stated that he would hope that in the next thirty days or so we'll get back to the round table in regards to the lease.)
- What is the status of the BA and the City Clerk?
  - Ms. Jackson stated that she speaks to Mr. Mason regularly and he's not on sick leave. She stated the status of the Clerk cannot be discussed because of legal issues.
- What is the status of the AFS?
- Is it guaranteed that there will be a zero percent increase?
  - Council President stated in response that the budget was prepared by the Administration, without the Council's input. She stated that there will be an increase but that number has yet to be determined.
- What is the status of the pensions being paid?

8) COUNCIL COMMENTS

**Council President Eason recognized Councilman Marable**

**Councilman Marable made announcements as follows:**

- **Congratulation to the Orange High School on a job well done for their production of the “Beauty and the Beast”.**
- **The PTA will host a fundraiser at Heywood School on June, 2, 2012. The competing teams are the Harlem Wizards vs. The Orange Dream Team**

Councilman Marable stated, after his conversation with Mr. Godfrey. He felt it was ironic that a prediction could be made that the Council Meetings would go live again on May 15<sup>th</sup>. Councilman Marable stated that he did not vote in favor of the minutes because he didn't feel it accurately reflect the conversation that was had in regards to the meetings going live. He stated that the reason the meetings were no longer live is still a mystery.

**Council President Eason recognized Councilman Morton**

**Councilman Morton requested a copy of the reservoir lease agreement from Mr. Braker.**

Councilman Morton stated that he would like to know why the security at Walter G. had been terminated. He stated that he is planning to meet with Walter McNeil to discuss why these employees who live in Orange were let go.

Councilman Morton stated that there should be parking permits provided to the residents of Wilson place because there are residents from East Orange occupying their parking spaces.

Councilman Morton stated that he will have a meeting with Ken Garrett to discuss a traffic light being placed at Orange Park for exiting traffic. Councilman Morton stated that there have been several request from parents to have a traffic light be placed at Heywood Ave. and Scotland Road, as a safety hazard for students who cross at that intersection. He also recommended that a flashing sign be placed at the same intersection which would alert drivers that they're entering a school zone.

**Council President Eason recognized Councilwoman Williams**

Councilwoman Williams stated that the report the Administration provided her did not contain specific information relative to employee salary guide. She also requested that the report include the sick, vacation and personal days for each employee. Councilwoman Williams ask that a report relative to the same be provided at the next Council Meeting.

Council President Eason stated in response to Councilwoman Williams, as it relates to resolution 103-2012, that she had been in contact with the individual responsible for conducting the raffle/tricky tray. She stated that the individual hosting the event is a resident of Orange, which is why they are having the raffle in Orange.

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**Councilwoman Williams stated that the Council is in favor of the reval but they are not in favor of the company the Administration has chosen because the residents were not pleased with their past performance.**

**Councilwoman Williams encouraged all citizens to vote on May 8, 2012. She stated that the only way to get your voice heard is to vote.**

**Council President Eason recognized Councilman Corbett**

**Councilman Corbett stated that the production of “Beauty and the Beast” was beautiful and he commended the Orange High School students on a job well done.**

**Councilman Corbett stated that there were sneakers hanging over a wire between Main & Whit on Cleveland Street, which is a sign of gang activity. He asked that they be taken down immediately.**

**Councilman Corbett asked why the planning board voted up a resolution the Council voted down regarding the Reock Street development.**

**Ms. Jackson stated that Council approved the plans for the Reock Street developments but not the payment in lieu of taxes. The planning board approved the site plan.**

**Council President Eason recognized Councilwoman Jones-Bell**

**Councilwoman Jones-Bell stressed the necessity of the curb cuts for the safety of seniors.**

**Ms. Jackson stated that the City is responsible for a part of the payments and the County is responsible for the other.**

**Councilwoman Jones-Bell stated that the AD HOC Committee may be a good idea to have as a standing committee as recommended by the CBAC.**

**Councilwoman Williams stated with respect to the curb cuts, that it should come out of the street grants opposed to the capital budget.**

**Ms. Jackson stated that the grants for streets are based on ratings.**

**Council President Eason stated that the Beauty and the Beast play was fabulous but we need more support from the family.**

**Council President Eason apprised everyone of that she spoke to Senator Weinberg in regards to streamlining the OPRA request process so that residents can pull that information themselves. She stated that it's the State's plan to require municipalities to make pertinent documents available on their website as a way to achieve the same.**

**Council President Eason announced that the PTSA will be hosting a flea market on the upcoming Saturday.**

Council President Eason stated that Orange should address foreclosures by sitting down with the banks, such as the event that they had at the Jacobs Javits Center.

Council President Eason stated, even if we do a reval there will always be tax appeals. She stated that the Council would like to do what's best for the residents, but at the right time.

Council President Eason stated that the minutes do not have to be verbatim as per state law. She stated that the Clerk's Office is making the best effort to comply.

Council President Eason stated that the Mayor is not the Mayor on May 8<sup>th</sup> and has to take a day off like everyone else. (Not figuratively but relative to the abuse of power)

## 9) ORDINANCES–SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING

**13-2012 An ordinance adopting amendments to the Central Valley Redevelopment Plan as recommended by the City of Orange Township Planning Board.**

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

Council President Eason 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 Eason recognized Gloria Stewart.

Acting Deputy Administrator Jackson stated in response to Mrs. Stewart that the difference between this plan and the last plan is the use requirements and parking requirements. She stated that Mr. Don Miesel has a list of all the changes.

Ms. Jackson stated in response to Mrs. Stewart that the parking spaces for this development is .75 per unit, 1 per every one thousand square feet per commercial and retail is one per one thousand square feet.

Council President recognized Katalin Gordon

Katalin Gordon stated that the Council should review and consider shared parking before moving forward with this ordinance.

Council President Eason entertained a Motion to close Public Hearing.

**Motion: Corbitt**

**Voice Vote**

**Second: Williams**

Council President Eason entertained a Motion to adopt.

**Motion: Corbitt**

**Second: Williams**

On the Motion, Council President Eason stated that the Council approves the redevelopment area and the site plan is approved by Planning Board.

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The roll call by the Deputy Municipal Clerk was as follows:

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

**Nay: Williams**

**Abstentions: None**

**Absences: Abdul-Rasheed**

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

**10) ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION /FIRST READING – WITHDRAWN BY COUNCIL**

**17-2012 An ordinance to amend Chapter 4 (Administration of Government) of the City of Orange Township specifying required documentation for reimbursement of cellular telephone Expenses.**

**a) Motion to adopt on first reading:**

**Second**

**b) Public hearing: June 6, 2012**

**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.**

**102-2012 A resolution awarding a contract for the revaluation of property to Appraisal Systems, Inc. of Mendham, New Jersey in an amount not to exceed \$364,900.00. WITHDRAWN**

**Council President Eason polled the Council to get a consensus as to who was in favor of withdrawing resolution 102-2012.**

**The Deputy Municipal Clerk announced the results as follows:**

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

**Nay: Williams**

**Abstentions: None**

**Absences: Abdul-Rasheed**

**Councilwoman Williams attempt to walk on a resolution regarding a street honorarium for Frances Peace Way. However, Mr. Braker stated that she must first submit a letter to the Mayor requesting his approval, which is one of the steps necessary, as per our City Code.**

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- \*94-2012 A resolution approving the bill list for council meeting vote on May 1, 2012 dated April 20, 2012 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95. (GRAND TOTAL: \$1,911.360.32)
- \*95-2012 A resolution authorizing the tax collector to refund the subsequent water paid by the outside lien holder, U.S. Bank Custodian for Tower DBW, for property known as 253 Washington Street, Block, 0802, Lot 008 in the amount of \$871.37
- \*96-2012 A resolution authorizing the refund of taxes paid due to overpayment in the total amount of \$5,399.03.
- \*97-2012 A resolution authoring the law firm of Lamb, Kretzer, Reinman & Roselle to continue as special counsel in the capacity heretofore authorized to Russo & Della Badia.
- \*98-2012 A resolution authorizing the City of Orange Township to add 358 High Street, 494 Monroe Street, 556 Liberty Street, 588 Beach Street, 508 South Jefferson Street, 512 South Jefferson Street, 88 Parrow Street and 171 Oakwood Place to its existing City of Orange Township abandoned properties list.
- \*99-2012 A resolution authorizing the City of Orange Township to remove various vacant properties from its existing City of Orange Township abandoned properties list.
- \*100-2012 A resolution authorizing the acceptance of round 4 of the Urban and Rural Centers Unsafe Building Demolition Bond Loan Program in an amount not to exceed \$325,000.00
- \*101-2012 A resolution authorizing the awarding of a contract for the demolition of various vacant structures to Yannuzzi & Sons, Inc., 152 Route 206, Hillsborough, New Jersey 08844 in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.00.
- \*103-2012 A resolution authorizing the issuance of a Raffle License to Newark School of the Arts Inc.
- \*104-2012 A resolution appointing Christopher Jackson, as a member to the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the City of Orange Township, New Jersey.
- \*105-2012 A resolution re-appointing Joann Ware, as the First Alternate member to the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the City of Orange Township, New Jersey.
- \*106-2012 A resolution appointing Coltrane Stansbury, as the Second Alternate member to the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the City of Orange Township, New Jersey.
- \*107-2012 A resolution appointing Eddie Grubbs, as the Third Alternate member to the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the City of Orange Township, New Jersey.
- \*108-2012 A resolution re-appointing Claudio Kennedy, as a member to the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the City of Orange Township, New Jersey.

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Council President Eason entertained a Motion to adopt the Consent Agenda.

**Motion: Jones-Bell**

**Second: Corbitt**

The roll call by the Deputy Municipal Clerk was as follows:

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

**Nays: Williams**

**Abstentions: None**

**Absences: Abdul-Rasheed**

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

**12) OTHER PENDING BUSINESS**

Mr. Braker stated for the record in response to a comment Council President Eason made that elected officials do not give up their office on the day of election. He stated that the Mayor or Council does not take a day off because they're running for re-election.

Council President Eason stated for clarity that she meant in terms of using their position and power to influence voters.

**13) MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Council President Eason entertained a Motion to adjourn.

**Motion: Morton**

**Voice Vote**

**Second: Corbitt**

**Adjournment Time: 10:05 pm**

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**Shinell V. Smith**  
**Deputy Municipal Clerk**

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

**MINUTES APPROVAL**

**Passed on June 19, 2012**

**Conference and Regular Meeting May 1, 2012**

Council President Eason entertained a Motion to adopt.

**Motion to Adopt: Corbitt**

**Second: Williams**

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The roll call by Municipal Clerk was as followed:

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

**Nays: None**

**Abstentions: None**

**Absences: Abdul- Rasheed, Jones-Bell and Marable**

**Council President Eason ruled the Motion was carried by Four Yeas, None Nay, No Abstentions and Three Absences.**