

MINUTES CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP
NEW JERSEY

CONFERENCE MEETING MINUTES
April 15, 2014

This was a conference meeting of the City Council of the City of Orange Township, located at 29 North Day Street, Orange, New Jersey 07050. The meeting was held on Tuesday, April 15, 2014 at 7:15 P.M.

Roll Call:

Present:

Councilman Elroy A. Corbitt At-Large
Councilwoman Tency A. Eason of the North Ward
Councilwoman Gaunt-Butler At-Large
Councilwoman Linda Jones-Bell East Ward
Council President Donna K. Williams At-Large

Also Present:

Deputy Municipal Clerk Madeline F. Smith
Marty Mayes Administrative Representative
Michael Hackett, City Attorney
Kevin Harris, Representing the Legislative Research Officer
Margaret Homere, Clerk's Office
Joy Lascari, CFO

Absent:

Councilmen Hassan Abdul-Rasheed
Councilman Edward B. Marable, Jr. South Ward
Mayor Dwayne D. Warren, Esq
Adrian Mapp, Finance Director

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Matters for Discussion

Presentation by - Mr. Walt Boyett - Recent Renovations of Central Playground

- The Monty Irving baseball field has been renovated and he is thanking the city council.
- When he started 5 years ago, he had 2 main goals: improve the quality of play and to create a better playing environment that the entire Orange community could be proud of. April 3, 2014 we cut the ribbon to the new facility.
- We must thank ask Marty Mayes; the kids the coaches, the players love playing on the surface.
- Mr. Corbitt thanked the gentleman for supporting the effort and his passion.
- Not everything is regulated; and in terms of the facility; it is the state of the art. The team, the Coach, the plans – commented on how quickly things got done.
- Councilwoman Jones-Bell, she also thanked him for being there for everyone.
- Councilwoman Eason also thanks Mr. Keith Presley for assisting in making this happen.
- This year we would want to have camps.
- Council President Donna Wilson – the kids who come and play and are inspired to completing an arts project.
- There will be an alumni games in May. The game between Orange and East Orange is May 9, 2014 (Unity Cup game). Patterson game – Larry Dovie – First Black player in the American League Cleveland Indians; he signed 30 days after Jackie Robinson.
- Council President Williams stated the second Matters of Discussion speaker was Public Service Gas and Electric has been re-scheduled. Public Service company has been de-regulated. The CDC from East Orange is concerned about the – letting citizens know about the other gas and electric companies and the competitive situation. Several citizens had switched and has a very high enormous bill. She has a conversation with Curtiss Webb regarding preparing for the spring and turning on air conditioners and being proactive.

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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.

Councilwoman Eason regarding Ordinance 9-2014 Berryman Place we have been promising to pay for 12 years. Mr. Mayes spoke of a 1,000,000,00 into the bond. She is aware that it may take 90 days to approve. Burnside needs work immediately. Can patchwork be done immediately? Mr. Mayes commented that Burnside is included in the bond.

Bond Ordinance 9-2014 - new parking meters. Mr. Mayes states that with new developments there will be some shifts and patterns of parking. We need to be able to build revenue from parking. Councilwoman asked not to model the parking meters system in East Orange.

Mr. Mayes stated that the sr. buses are in terrible shape and creating a problem. These are being considered with the bond ordinance.

Councilwoman Gaunt-Butler suggested to consider Parking Mobile app; it can be downloaded and if the resident does not have money; they can pay.

Councilman Corbitt - He is still looking for central air as a priority in the bond ordinance. Williams Street paved streets Mapp – Bond ordinance will be able to handle specific.

Deputy Municipal Clerk asked for a motion to adjourn meeting. Councilwoman Jones-Bell made the motion and Councilman Corbitt seconded.

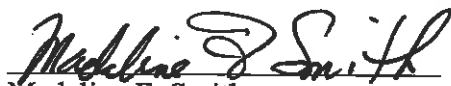
Roll Call:

Ayes: Corbitt, Gaunt-Butler, Jones-Bell, Marable and Williams

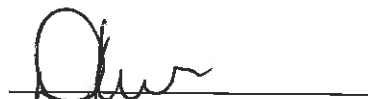
Nays: none

Absent: Abdul-Rasheed, Eason

Motion carries to adjourn the meeting at 7:45pm.



Madeline F. Smith
Deputy Municipal Clerk



Council President
Donna K Williams