

**MINUTES CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP
NEW JERSEY**

**CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP
CONFERENCE MEETING MINUTES
February 4, 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. The meeting was held on Tuesday, February 4, 2014 at 7:00 P.M.

Roll Call:

Present:

West Ward Councilman Abdul-Rasheed (arrived @ 7:45 P.M.)
At-Large Councilman Elroy A. Corbitt
North Ward Councilwoman Tency A. Eason
At-Large Councilwoman Gaunt-Butler (arrived @ 7:10 P.M.)
East Ward Councilwoman Linda Jones-Bell
South Ward Councilman Edward B. Marable Jr.
At-Large Council President Donna K. Williams

Also Present: Deputy Municipal Clerk Madeline F. Smith
Marty Mayes Administrative Representative
City Attorney Dan Smith
Director of Finance Adrian Mapp (arrived @7:15 P.M.)
CFO Joy Lascari
Legislative Research Officer Kevin Harris (arrived @ 7:20 P.M.)
Senior Clerk Margarete Homere
Fire Director Dowd

Absent: Mayor Dwayne D. Warren, Esq.

The assembly stood for a moment of silence.

Councilman Marable asked the status of the Acting Business Administrator because Mr. Mayes was standing in as an Administrative Representative.
It was determined that the discussion would take place during matters for discussion.

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 18, 2013, posted on the Bulletin Board in City Hall and filed in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

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MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

Council President Williams had Mr. Mayes make a statement regarding the upcoming weather.

Mr. Mayes reported on the winter storms that have occurred this year and the financial effect it has on the city. Mr. Mayes reported on how the city handles snow removal throughout the city.

Mr. Mayes commented on the condition of some of the trucks that the city uses and then asked that residents to be mindful of the following::

- Park their cars in their driveways if they have one; that is one of the city's main problems with snow removal.
- Do not throw the snow back into the streets when shoveling out their cars.
- If residents have a problem on their street after the storm report it to DPW.
- Residents should do their shopping before the storm so they do not hamper the snow plows from cleaning the snow away.
- Move cars on streets that have alternate side of the street parking so the snowplows can remove the snow from that side.

Councilman Marable asked Mr. Mayes about parking places for residents that have nowhere to park their cars such as the residents of Lincoln Avenue. Mr. Mayes reported that the City Engineer is looking into that problem but no decision had been made. At the present time the Police will come to those blocks that are affected and flash their lights for a time to remind residents to move their cars, after that the residents will be ticketed. Councilman Marable suggested that the Court should be made aware of this situation which is beyond a resident's control. Attorney Smith suggested that DPW put up signs telling the residents where to park instead of alerting the Court. Council President Williams asked Attorney Smith to send a letter to the Court advising them that DPW is working on solutions for the various streets that the city is having issues with. Attorney Smith agreed to do so.

Councilwoman Gaunt-Butler commented that a possible solution to the Lincoln Avenue parking issue could be parking at the old Police Station or the old Tremont Avenue School. It was noted that those lots would have to be plowed before residents could park there. Mr. Mayes commented that could be done.

Councilman Marable asked if there was a change in Mr. Mapp's status as Acting Business Administrator since Mr. Mayes was now sitting as the Administrative Representative.

Attorney Smith commented that Mr. Mapp had indicated that he is Director of Finance and Mr. Mayes is setting in place of Mr. Mapp to handle the business of the city.

Mr. Mapp was called to the podium to answer the question if he was still holding the title of Acting Business Administrator. Mr. Mapp answered that question by stating he was at this meeting solely as the Director of Finance.

After further discussion between the Council and Mr. Mapp it was determine that Mr. Mapp had not answered the question. Follow up questions presented by Councilman Marable were not answered forthrightly by Mr. Mapp as to his status as the Acting

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Business Administrator; however, it was determined that his 90 days as being the Acting Business Administrator had expired around early January.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

The Deputy Clerk read the following statement. "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 requested a review of Resolution 40-2014, the Bill List.

Council President Williams addressed page 1 regarding the \$95.00 which had to be removed, it had been put there in error.

Discussion took place regarding desk computers for Mr. Mayes's office staff and it was determined that the request for those desk computers was justified.

Council President Williams stated that in order to manage the City the Council had asked for and had not received a list of computers that is used by city employees. Ms. Eason suggested that the city purchase needed computers in bulk and not one by one since there are other departments that have requested new computers.

The Council had asked the Mayor to give an estimate of needed funds for the 69 Program so funds could be put into the budget but amounts were not given to the Council and now the program was not in place.

Mr. Mapp was asked to forward to the Council the amount received from the Sandy fund and perhaps the total amount expected. Also a report on how those received funds had been spent. It was also requested that the report be broken down by the three components of that funding. The CFO will provide that information.

Mr. Mapp answers questions regarding Grants to the Orange Library and where that money would be reflected in the budget.

The \$95.00 was taken off the Bill List and the new amount would be reflected.

Council President Williams adjourned the meeting with a motion by Councilwoman Eason and seconded by Councilwoman Jones-Bell.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Abdul-Rasheed Corbitt, Eason, Gaunt-Butler, Jones-Bell, Marable and Council President Williams

Nays: None

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Motion Carries.

The Conference meeting was adjourned 8:10 P.M.



Madeline Smith
Deputy Municipal Clerk



Donna K. Williams
Council President