

A Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Orange Township was held in the Council Chambers of City Hall, located at 29 North Day Street, Orange, New Jersey on Tuesday, December 3, 2013 at 9:30pm.

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

2) **Roll Call:**

Present: West Ward Councilmen, Hassan Abdul-Rasheed (arrived@9:40pm)
At-Large Councilmen, Elroy A. Corbitt
North Ward Councilwoman, Tency A. Eason
At-Large Councilwoman, April Gaunt-Butler
East Ward Councilwoman, Linda Jones-Bell
South Ward Councilmen, Edward B. Marable Jr.
At-Large Council President, Donna K. Williams (arrived@9:40pm)

Also Present: Deputy Municipal Clerk, Madeline F. Smith
Administration Representative, Marty Mayes
City Attorney, Dan S. Smith
Legislative Research Officer, Keith Harvest
Senior Clerk, Margarett Homere

Absent: Mayor Dwayne D. Warren, Esq.

3) The Deputy Municipal Clerk announced 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.

4) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

November 6, 2013 – Conference & Regular Meeting

Motion to adopt: Jones-Bell **VOICE VOTE ALL IN FAVOR** **Second:** Eason

5) **REPORTS:**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

CONSTABLE REPORTS

None

OPRA REPORTS

None

Council President directs the Clerk to file reports.

6) COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

None

7) CITIZEN COMMENTS ON GENERAL ISSUES/AGENDA ITEMS

The Deputy Clerk read the following statement: 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 Williams recognized the following residents for comments:

Jamie Anderson of Tremont Avenue

- Thanked the Community, the Mayor's Administration and the City Council for supporting their Thanksgivings Community Event.

William R. Lewis of 688 Mosswood Avenue

- Commented on the following Ordinances and Resolutions:

Jeff Feld of 268 Main Street

- Thanked the Municipal Clerk's Office for posting items to the Website and following up on OPRA's requests.
- Commented on the City of Orange Township legal litigation and lawsuits.
- Commented on the Orange Housing Authority development projects.
- Commented on Resolutions 406-2013.

Ingrid Williams of 765 Valley Street

- Commented on the Library still being closed.
- Commented on Matters of Discussion – Orange Housing Authority presentation; inquiring into the number of affordable housing units, income requirements, and social services.

Stephen L. Eddy of 239 Stirling Avenue

- Made inquiry into Orange Police Department response time to residential reports of suspicious behavior / non-emergency incidents.

Joshua Sakolsky of 373 Olcott Street

- Commented on Orange Police Department response time to residential reports of suspicious behavior / non-emergency incidents.

- Commented on "Parking Permitted Residents" are still getting tickets.
- Commented on the Matters of Discussion – US Water operating agreement and presentation. Expressing concern with results of the report.

Gloria Stewart of 62 Hampton Terrace

- Requests the Council to micro-manage Residents and Council Comments.
- Update on Channel 35 showing of Council Meetings.
- Commented on United Water non-compliance performance report.
- Request update on Orange Library status.
- Commented on the absence of the Mayor at Council Meetings.
- Commented on Mr. Adrian Mapp managing several titles; asking if the various jobs create a conflict with his new position as Mayor of Plainfield.
- Commented on Matters of Discussion – Orange Housing Authority presentation; sharing her concern with Eminent Domain. Concern with the design of upcoming housing structures.
- Commented on debris cleanup behind Oakwood Avenue School and Fire Code Safety.

Council President Williams entertained a **Motion to Extend the Meeting.**

Motion: Jones-Bell **Second:** Corbitt

Council President Williams announced the roll call as follows:

Yeas: Eason, Marable, Jones-Bell and Williams
Nays: Abdul-Rasheed, Corbitt and Gaunt-Butler
Abstentions: None
Absences: None

Council President Williams ruled the motion was carried by Four Yeas; Three Nays; No Abstentions and No Absence.

Katalin Gordon of 211 Park Place

- Commented on the Matters of Discussion – US Water operating agreement and presentation. Expressing concern with results of the report.

Ashley Cartwright of 421 Lincoln Avenue

- Resolution 408-2013: Requested further clarification.
- Made inquiry into the Crime Rate and Police Patrol.

Motion to Close Citizen Comments:

Motion: Jones-Bell **VOICE VOTE ALL IN FAVOR** **Second:** Gaunt-Butler

8) COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council President Williams recognized the following Council Members:**Councilman Marable:**

- Commented on the Council Meeting not showing on Channel 35.
- Commented on the calculation of the National League of Cities Annual Dues.

Councilman Corbitt:

- Thanked the Administration for the Tree Lighting Ceremony.
- Made inquiry into the list of City Vehicle Drivers.
- Made inquiry into Super Storm Sandy ceiling damage and repair of the Council Chambers.

Councilwoman Jones-Bell:

- Express dissatisfaction with current Water Vendor. Stating she will not be voting in favor of the Council to continue their contract.
- Commented on the debris cleanup at Oakwood Avenue School.
- Commented on the Orange Police Department response time to residential reports of suspicious behavior / non-emergency incidents.

Councilwoman Eason:

- Commented on the Orange Police Department response time to residential reports of suspicious behavior / non-emergency incidents. Advising residents to call the Mayor's Office requesting more Police Officers.
- Made inquiry into the Walter G Pilot billing for payment to the City of Orange Township in the 2013 Calendar Year.
- Made inquiry into the usage a City Vehicle by a Secretary. Requesting the list of city vehicle usage drivers.

Councilwoman Gaunt-Butler:

- Commending Capt. Anderson on the successful Thanksgiving Celebration of giving and community service by the Fire Department and all those that participated.

Councilman Abdul-Rasheed:

- Thanked Mr. Mapp and Marty Mayes for replacing worn American Flag at several locations around the City.
- Thanked Marty Mayes for following up on repairs at Lincoln Avenue and Central catch-basins and Council Conference Room.
- Thanked the efforts of the Administration for addressing the City of Orange Township Telephone Service.
- Thanked Capt. Anderson on the successful Thanksgiving Celebration of giving and community service by the Fire Department and all the volunteers that participants.
- Requested the Administration look into a Traffic Light and Pedestrian Lines on Frankford and Scotland Road on Main Street.
- Requested a Public Forum to address the closing of the Library.
- Requested the availability of the Administration for Budget Hearing Dates.

- Made inquiry into why the Deputy Directors/Directors does not attend the Council Meetings.
- Made inquiry into why names are omitted on the Bill List that attend training.
- Requested quarterly updates from the Administration.
- Made inquiry into why a Recreational After-School Program from 6-9pm was terminated.
- Requested copy of the Administration Lay-Off Plan.

Council President Williams:

- Requested an update on the Boy Scout Troupe Program.
- Announced the Fire Department is having a Toy Drive for Christmas.

9) ORDINANCES—SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING

46-2013 An ordinances to amend the code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 200, entitled "Vehicle and Traffic" Section 200-52-1 Handicapped Parking Spaces. (500 S. Center Street, Apt. 9)

- a) Second Reading by Title
- b) Motion to close Public Hearing:

Motion: Corbitt VOICE VOTE ALL IN FAVOR Second: Jones-Bell

- c) Motion for final adoption:

Motion: Corbitt Second: Jones-Bell

Council President Williams announced the roll call as follows:

Yeas: Abdul-Rasheed, Corbitt, Eason, Marable, Jones-Bell and Williams

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Absences: Gaunt-Butler

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

ORDINANCES TABLED FROM AUGUST 7, 2013 REGULAR MEETING

22-2013 REMAINED TABLED

An ordinance setting forth an employee tuition reimbursement policy and guidelines or the City of Orange Township and amending and supplementing Chapter 23 of the Municipal Code and the appendix Titled City of Orange Township – Employee Handbook of personnel policies and procedures.

32-2013 REMAINED TABLED
A Bond ordinance providing for various capital acquisitions and improvements, by and in the City of Orange Township, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey (The "City"); appropriating \$9,826,000 therefore and authorizing the issuance of \$8,935,500 bonds or notes of the City to finance the costs thereof.

37-2013 REMAINED TABLED
An ordinance setting outside employment guidelines for the City of Orange Township and amending and supplementing Chapter 23 of the Municipal Code and the appendix titled City of Orange Township– Employee Handbook of Personnel Policies and Procedures.

10) ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION /FIRST READING

51-2013 WITHDRAWN by Council
An ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 200, entitled "Vehicles and Traffic" to amend through streets.

52-2013 WITHDRAWN by Council
An ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 200, entitled "Vehicles and Traffic", Section 200-40, Schedule IX; Stop Intersections: 3-Way Stop at Oakwood Avenue and Berwyn Street.

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.

Deputy Clerk Smith stated the following resolutions have been **Removed for a Separate Vote: 406-2013 and 409-2013**

Deputy Clerk Smith stated the following resolutions have been **WITHDRAWN by Council: 408-2013**

408-2013 A resolution amending resolution 283-2013 authorizing the submission of an application to the state of New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Office of Recreation for funding under the 2014 recreational programs for individuals with disabilities grant (ROID) and authorizing the mayor to sign any applications or contracts that are required.

RESOLUTIONS: *399-2013 - *405-2013, *407-2013 - *408-2013

- *399-2013** A resolution authorizing the refund of taxes due to State Board Judgments in the amount of \$80,839.99.
- *400-2013** A resolution authorizing the refund of taxes due to County Board Judgment in the amount of \$2,404.05 to Burke, Denise, 414 Adrienne Court, Block 4802, Lot 021.
- *401-2013** A resolution authorizing the refund of water/sewer paid due to an in Center Street, Account Number 6826810651, Block 4703, Lot 002.
- *402-2013** A resolution authorizing the Tax Collector to refund the premium paid by the outside lien holder, Isaac Moradi for the property known as 389 Olcott Street, Block 4701, Lot 013.
- *403-2013** A resolution authorizing the refund of 4th quarter of 2006 to Edge Point Contracting, Inc. of 8575 Sudley Rd., Manassas, VA 20110 on behalf of Marie Coriolan, 156 Parrow St., Block 3404, Lot 17 taxes paid due to an overpayment in the total amount of \$3,444.42.
- *404-2013** Resolution to accept state of New Jersey recycling tonnage 2011 grant funds in the amount of \$81,028.36.
- *405-2013** A resolution to insert special items of revenue and appropriations of equal amounts in the Calendar Year 2013 budget previously approved under resolution 269-2012.
- *407-2013** A resolution to insert a special item of revenue and an appropriation of an equal amount in the Calendar Year 2013 budget for funds received from the State of New Jersey, State Recycling Fund, Solid Waste Administration 2011 Recycling Tonnage Grant.

MOTION TO ADOPT THE CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion: Eason **VOICE VOTE ALL IN FAVOR** **Second:** Jones-Bell

Deputy Clerk Smith stated those resolutions that were Removed for a Separate Vote will now be considered.

- *406-2013** A resolution approving the bill list for council meeting vote on December 3, 2013 dated November 26, 2013; and approving checks issued by the finance department in accordance with ordinance 2-95. (Grand Total: \$3,440,672.70).

MOTION TO ADOPT AS AMENDED:

Motion: Corbitt

Second: Jones-Bell

Council President Williams announced the roll call as follows:

Yeas: Abdul-Rasheed, Corbitt, Eason, Marable, Jones-Bell and Williams

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Absences: Gaunt-Butler

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

*409-2013 A resolution appointing Ingrid Williams, Christopher Jackson, Naeema Campbell & Bruce Meyer, as members to the Citizen's Budget Advisory Committee for the upcoming 2014 Calendar Year.

MOTION TO ADOPT AS AMENDED:

Motion: Corbitt

Second: Jones-Bell

Council President Williams announced the roll call as follows:

Yeas: Abdul-Rasheed, Corbitt, Eason, Marable, Jones-Bell and Williams

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Absences: Gaunt-Butler

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

12) OTHER PENDING BUSINESS

13) MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion: Corbitt

VOICE VOTE ALL IN FAVOR

Second: Jones-Bell

Adjournment Time: 12:00AM



Madeline F. Smith, RMC
Deputy Municipal Clerk



Donna K. Williams
Council President