

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

**CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
June 4, 2014**

THIS WAS A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP HELD IN CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 29 NORTH DAY STREET, ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4, 2014 IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE CONFERENCE MEETING.

The Chair led all assembled in a Salute to the American Flag

Roll Call:

Present:

At-Large Councilman Elroy A. Corbitt
North Ward Councilwoman Tency A. Eason
At-Large Councilwoman Gaunt-Butler
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
James Wolfe, City Attorney's Office
Margarette Homere, Clerk's Office
Kevin D. Harris, Legislative Research Officer (arrived @ 7:25)

Absent:

West Ward Councilman Abdul-Rasheed

Council President Williams reported that Council-members Elect Summers-Johnson, Johnson and Coley, were in the audience and there was a representative for the Fire Department also present and Mr. Carl Smith from the Tax office.

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 Record-Transcript and published in the Star Ledger on December 21, 2013, posted on the Bulletin Board in City Hall and filed in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

There were no minutes presented for approval.

REPORTS:

OPRA REPORTS: None

DEPARTMENTS REPORTS –

Police report – None

Fire Department report – None

Library report – None

Personnel report – None

Housing Authority report – None

Council President Williams commented on a School report that was handed out by Ms. Gloria Stewart, an Orange resident.

CONSTABLE REPORTS - NONE

COUNCIL REPORTS

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS - NONE

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.

Mr. William Lewis – commented he attended a meeting with the founders and supporters of the New Jersey School of Technology. He spoke about the degree he received from that institute. Mr. Lewis spoke about a woman that had addressed the Council at the last meeting. Commented on Ordinance 11-2014 and made suggestions to the Council.

Mr. Jeffery Feld commented that this was the 7th anniversary of the first time he spoke to the Council and at that time he was speaking on a City Pilot.

Mr. Feld spoke about 3 decisions that came out of the Appellate Division regarding the relationship of the Executive and Legislative Branches of the County.

Mr. Feld suggested that they read the decision regarding conflict of interest. Mr. Feld asked how much money the City had gotten from the Storm Sandy fund and how was it spent. Mr. Feld suggested that the Council should look at the summary of litigation. Mr. Feld spoke about a letter from the State regarding the application submitted with the Bond Ordinance. Litigation fees should

be broken down into individual item on the Bill List not joined together under one total. Mr. Feld gave his opinion on other issues.

Mr. Bergson Leneus commented that he is the President of the East Orange Board of Education and he and other residents are concerned about the reappointment of Judge Sybil Elias providing his reasons. Mr. Leneus would like to have the Mayor and Council meet with the Haitian people of Orange before making a decision. Other people in support of Judge Elias also spoke angrily regarding their vote and the Warren Administration.

The Council Members provided Mr. Leneus with information and suggested that Judge Elias supporters make an appointment to see the Mayor. The Council supports Judge Elias and her reappointment.

Mr. Josh Salcolslly – commented he was pleased to hear from Director Sims and the plans for the area parks. The fences in Orange Park that had been downed by Storm Sandy still need to be replaced. Reported on his concern regarding the Tax department spending money to send public tax data to a private organization. They should come to the Office and get the information.

Mr. Salcolslly was concerned about the litigation cost for the City. Mr. Garrett Essex County Liaison to Orange commented that he was told that the fences were repaired. Parts were ordered and replaced.

Ms. Gloria Stewart commented that she wanted the Council to see the Cleveland Street School photos that she had sent to Council Present Williams. The School needs to be repaired or rebuilt. Ms. Stewart is not in support of the Resolution 144-2014, The Signature Information Solutions Company. Ms. Stewart would prefer Council not vote on the ordinance that needs to have the impact statement. The City needs Crossing Guards and that should be taken care of right away. The overpass on Oakwood is still bad and needs improvements. Ms. Stewart asked that the outgoing Councilmembers please be active in the community. Ms. Stewart made inquiries regarding the Library and had suggestions regarding the City and the Administration.

Councilman Marable reported that the State requires the City to provide around a half a million dollars toward the Library. The City Council had provided the Library with more than a million dollars to take care of repairs but the house needed to be cleaned before you can take care of the building.

Ms. Katalin Gordon commented that she did not support Resolution 144-2014, providing the Council with her suggestions. Asked questions regarding Ms. Copper and her position as Deputy BA. Commented on the Emergency Appropriation resolution and reported on items that she was still waiting for from the Clerk's Office. Agreed that the Council and public should be able to see the financial impact statement before voting on Ordinance 12-2014.

Mr. Mayes commented that there is no requirement to have an impact statement done for this ordinance explaining the process to Ms. Gordon. Mr. NNaeto came to the podium and expressed his desire to have this ordinance voted on tonight providing his reasons.

Mr. NNaeto answered questions from the Councilmembers.

Councilman Marable questioned the documents that Mr. Feld had regarding Ms. Cooper specifically regarding the dates on the documents. Mr. Feld responded to the questions.

Ms. Gordon came back to the podium asking about large money items and how are they being spent and the rate of spending. Mr. Mapp was asked to answer and reported that item are listed on the Bill List on a monthly bases. Mr. Mapp was directed to provide the Council President with the amount of the pension payments and the amount for the Liability insurance.

Motion by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilwoman Gaunt-Butler, to Close Citizen Comments. Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Marable commented on a comment that Mr. Feld had made regarding Resolution 122-2014 and others that related to that resolution explaining that the Council was not correctly advised regarding the temporary position for a City Judge.

Councilman Marable also commented on the expired term of Judge Elias and his work with Judge Elias in the past.

Councilwoman Eason had questions regarding the 3 way stop sign at the Oakwood School and why it had not been put up. Attorney Harris responded to questions asked by Councilwoman Eason and Mr. Mayes commenting that the new City Engineer is checking the ordinance and will come back with a report. Councilwoman Eason commented that the signage was already approved by the Council and Mayor and that the new City Engineer did not have to look at it again. Why can't the sign be installed? Mr. Mayes was directed to contact Ms. Smith, the resident who had asked for the sign and explain to her why the sign was not up. Mr. Garrett was asked to make a note that there was a big pothole on Central Avenue and South Harrison which needed to be fixed. What is the status of the YWCA and memorandum of understanding? Attorney Wolfe commented that the memorandum of understanding is in process and it is moving forward. Councilwoman Eason commented to Attorney Wolfe that there needs to be a contract between the City and the WYCA; depicting what the city will be responsible for and what the YWCA will be responsible for.

How many grants have been received and inserted in the budget?

Ms. Eason asked the following to Attorney Wolfe:

Is it legal to enter into an agreement with the YWCA when they are in bankruptcy?

Would the city be responsible for some of that debt?

The Council needs something in writing that the City would not be responsible for that debt.

Councilwoman Eason requested other information which Attorney Wolfe would find out.

Councilman Marable stated that no action should be taken regarding the MOU without the Council knowledge and approval.

Councilwoman Jones-Bell commented that she did not approve of the way the Administration handled the Judge Elias reappointment.

Commented that the 3 way stop sign should have been put up already and not being reviewed again.

Councilwoman Jones-Bell congratulated the three Council Elect people and wished them luck.

Councilwoman Gaunt-Butler announced that the Senor Breeze application deadline had been extended to September 15th 2014. Councilwoman Gaunt-Butler thanked the public that came out and participated in yesterday's election and commented on how important it was to vote during elections.

Council President Williams reported that she is the President of the Board of Directors for the YWCA and she is a Councilwoman for the City of Orange. She has not been engaged in any decisions regarding the YWCA and the City. She will reclude herself from the YWCA Board and City Council if the matter is discussed. Should there be any questions before the Council

regarding the matter between the City and the YWCA they should be directed Councilwoman Eason. She is not engaged in those conversations.

Council President Williams addressed some of Ms. Gordon's questions. Council President Williams offered her condolences to the Boyd family. Council President Williams provided information regarding upcoming events.

Councilwoman Eason reminded residents to be active with the Board of Education and commented that Mr. Leneus has been the best leader of the Board of Education that the City has had in years. Council President Williams gave the date and time for the next Board of Education meeting.

Councilman Corbitt reported to Mr. Mayes, the DPW Director, an issue that a resident reported regarding recycling. Mr. Corbitt spoke of his concerns regarding the bankruptcy of the YWCA and considerations that the City may have of helping them financially.

ORDINANCES—SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING

The Council President read Ordinance 10-2014 by Title.

10-2014 An ordinance to vacate Kirke Street

The Chair declared the time open for a hearing on Ordinance Number 10-2014.

Seeing no one, the Chair declared the time closed.

Motion by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilwoman Jones-Bell, to adopt Ordinance Number 10-2014.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Councilman Abdul-Rasheed

Motion Carries.

The Council President read Ordinance 11-2014 by Title.

11-2014 An ordinance amending Chapter 23 of the Municipal Code of the City of Orange Township regarding Personnel Policies (Sponsored by: Hon. Tency A. Eason)

The Chair declared the time open for a hearing on Ordinance Number 11-2014.

Mr. Jeffery Feld commented that the ordinance was not signed by the City Attorney.
Ms. Gloria Stewart asked about the purpose of the ordinance. Legislative Research Officer Harris answered questions regarding the ordinance.

Seeing no one else, the Chair declared the time closed.

Motion by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilwoman Eason to adopt Ordinance Number 11-2014.

Councilwoman Eason commented that the ordinance was to protect employees from being pressured regarding their vote by other employees.

Councilman Marable commented that he thought the City Attorney was going to research the law to see if the ordinance infringed on anyone's free speech rights. It was reported that there was no communications with the City Attorney.

Council President Williams gave examples of employees having to buy tickets for candidates; this ordinance was to give a hands off approach to these things.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Councilman Abdul-Rasheed

Motion Carries.

The Council President read Ordinance 12-2014 by Title

12-2014 An ordinance of the City of Orange Township authorizing the execution of a financial agreement with the Living Fountain Urban Renewal Entity, LLC and granting a tax exemption for the Living Fountain Housing Project.

The Chair declared the time open for a hearing on Ordinance Number 12-2014.

Mr. Jeffrey Feld commented that the Council should move slowly on this ordinance.
Seeing no one else, the Chair declared the time closed.

Motion by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilwoman Eason, to table Ordinance Number 12-2014.

Councilman Corbitt commented that there was no financial impact statement delivered to Council.

Mr. Mayes, Director of DPW, stated that the impact statement was given but not distributed to the council.

Councilman Corbitt suggested that the ordinance be tabled till the financial impact statement is reviewed by Council.

Mr. Christopher Nathan of the Living Fountain project shared his concerns regarding the project and any delays.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Corbitt, Eason, Gaunt-Butler, Jones-Bell,

Nays: Councilman Marable, Council-President Williams

Abstain: None.

Absent: Councilman Abdul-Rasheed

Motion Carries.

The Chair reported that the Local Finance Board had not reviewed the Bond yet and had the Deputy Clerk move the agenda.

ORDINANCE TABLED FROM MAY 20, 2014 REGULAR MEETING

9-2014 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 \$8,772,000 therefor and authorizing the issuance of \$8,333,400 bonds or notes of the City to finance part of the costs thereof.

No ordinances were presented for first reading.

The Deputy Clerk read the following statement.

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 MEMBERSO REQUESTS, IN WHICH EVENT, THE ITEM WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE GENERAL ORDER OF BUSINESS AND CONSIDERED IN ITS NORMAL SEQUENCE OF THE AGENDA.

Motion by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilwoman Jones-Bell, to approve the Consent Agenda (with the corrections as noted) by the Township Council as follows:

RESOLUTIONS *138-2014-*147-2014

- *138-2014** A resolution authorizing the refund of taxes due to state board judgments in the amount of \$45,447.31.
- *139-2014** A resolution authorizing the City of Orange Township to remove 493 Madison Street from its existing City of Orange Township abandoned properties list.
- *140-2014** A resolution authorizing the awarding of a contract for the 2013 CDBG A.D.A. Accessible Crosswalk Construction in the vicinity of 300 & 400 Oakwood Avenue to P.A. Contractors, Inc., 105 Davis Avenue, Kearny, New Jersey 07032 in the amount not to exceed \$29,308.48.
- *141-2014** A resolution honoring Xivandell Emmanuel (Sponsored by Councilman Elroy A. Corbitt)
- *142-2014** A resolution honoring Danelle Welcome (Sponsored by Councilman Elroy A. Corbitt.)
- *143-2014** A resolution for emergency temporary appropriations to the Calendar Year 2014 Budget for the month of June.
(Removed)
- *144-2014** A resolution authorizing the Tax Department of the City of Orange Township to enter into an Agreement with signature information solutions for the transfer of real estate property tax information.
(Removed)
- *145-2014** A resolution approving the bill list for council meeting vote on June 4, 2014 dated May 31, 2014 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95 (Grand Total: \$ (510,906.10)
(Removed)
- *146-2014** A resolution rescinding resolution number 122-2014, appointing Michael Hackett, ESQ., as Judge of the Orange Municipal Court.
(Removed)
- *147-2014** A resolution appointing Michael Hackett, Esq., as a “Temporary” Judge of the Orange Municipal Court for a one –Year Term.
(Removed)

Consent Agenda approved by unanimous vote.

Council President read the Resolution 143-2014 by title.

**143-2014 A resolution for emergency temporary appropriations to the Calendar Year
2014
Budget for the month of June 2014.**

**Motion by Councilman Corbitt, second by Councilwoman Jones-Bell to approve Resolution
Number 143-2014**

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: Councilwoman Eason

Absent: Councilman Abdul-Rasheed

Motion Carries.

Council President read the Resolution 144-2014 by title.

**144-2014 A resolution authorizing the Tax Department of the City of Orange
Township to enter into an Agreement with signature information solutions for the transfer
of real estate property tax information.**

**Motion by Councilman Corbitt, second by Councilwoman Jones-Bell to approve Resolution
Number 144-2014**

Roll Call:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Corbitt, Eason
Gaunt-Butler, Jones-Bell,

Nays: Councilman Marable, Council President Williams

Abstain:

Absent: Councilman Abdul-Rasheed

Motion Carries.

Council President read the Resolution 145-2014 by title.

145-2014 A resolution approving the bill list for council meeting vote on June 4, 2014 dated May 31, 2014 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95 (Grand Total: \$ (510,906.10)

Motion by Councilman Corbitt, second by Councilwoman Jones-Bell to approve Resolution Number 145-2014

Roll Call:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Corbitt, Eason, Gaunt-Butler, Jones-Bell, Council President Williams

Nays: Councilman Marable

Abstain: None.

Absent: Councilman Abdul-Rasheed

Motion Carries.

Council President read the Resolution 146-2014 by title.

146-2014 A resolution rescinding resolution number 122-2014, appointing Michael Hackett, ESQ., as Judge of the Orange Municipal Court.

Motion by Councilman Corbitt, second by Councilwoman Gaunt-Butler to approve Resolution Number 146-2014

Mr. Wolfe, representing the City Attorney's Office reported that Council should be aware that by changing the term from 3 years to 1 year Mr. Hackett may have the ability to file a legal action.

Councilman Corbitt reported on a document received by the City Attorney's office regarding the change in term.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Councilman Abdul-Rasheed

Motion Carries

Council President read the Resolution 147-2014 by title.

147-2014 A resolution appointing Michael Hackett, Esq., as a “Temporary” Judge of the Orange Municipal Court for a one –Year Term.

Motion by Councilman Corbitt, second by Councilwoman Eason to approve Resolution Number 147-2014

Roll Call:

**Ayes: Councilmembers: Corbitt, Eason, Gaunt-Butler, Jones-Bell, Marable,
Council President Williams**

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Councilman Abdul-Rasheed

Motion Carries

Council President Williams reported that the Council was going into Executive Session regarding Personnel and Legal Matters.

Motion by Councilman Marable, seconded by Councilman Corbitt, to have an Executive Session.

Roll Call:

**Ayes: Councilmembers: Corbitt, Gaunt-Butler, Jones-Bell, Marable, Council
President Williams**

Nays: Councilwoman Eason

Abstain: None.

Absent: Councilman Abdul-Rasheed

Motion Carries

Motion by Councilwoman Jones-Bell, seconded by Councilwoman Gaunt-Butler to extend the meeting beyond 10:30 P.M.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Corbitt, Gaunt-Butler, Jones-Bell, Marable, Council President Williams

Nays: Councilwoman Eason

Abstain: None.

Absent: Councilman Abdul-Rasheed

Motion Carries

Discussion ensued regarding the count for Ordinance 12-2014.
If the Ordinance is tabled for two week they may lose some investors in the Pilot program.

The Chair asked for a poll to hear from the public regarding Ordinance 12-2014

Councilman Corbitt – Yes
Councilwoman Eason – Yes
Councilwoman Jones-Bell –Yes
Councilwoman Gaunt-Butler – Yes
Councilman Marable – Yes
Council President Williams – Yes

Mr. Feld came to the podium and asked questions and made comments regarding the Pilot program.

Ms. Gordon of Orange stated her concerns regarding Ordinance 12-2014.

Ms. Stewart stated her concerns regarding Ordinance 12-2014.

Motion by Councilwoman Jones-Bell, seconded by Councilwoman Gaunt-Butler to close public comments. Motion approved by unanimous vote.

Motion by Council President Williams, seconded by Councilman Corbitt, to table Ordinance 12-2014.

Roll Call:

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

Nays:

Abstain: None.

Absent: Councilman Abdul-Rasheed

Motion Carries

Motion by Councilwoman Jones-Bell, seconded by Council-President Williams to enter into Executive Session.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Councilman Abdul-Rasheed

Motion Carries

Motion by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilwoman, Williams to adopt Resolution 148-2014. A Resolution to hold an Executive Session.

Roll Call:

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

Nays:

Abstain: None.

Absent: Councilman Abdul-Rasheed

Motion Carries

The Councilmembers went into Executive Session.

The Chair did a roll call after the Executive Session.

Roll Call:

Present:

At-Large Councilman Elroy A. Corbitt
North Ward Councilwoman Tency A. Eason
At-Large Councilwoman Gaunt-Butler
East Ward Councilwoman Linda Jones-Bell
South Ward Councilman Edward B. Marable, Jr.

Absent: At-Large Council President Donna K. Williams
West Ward Councilman Abdul-Rasheed

The Chair reported that the Council would be voting on two resolutions.

The Chair read the resolution by title.

Resolutions 149-2014 A resolution amending resolution 106-2014 as to the formation of the special Investigatory Committee.

Motion by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilwoman Jones-Bell to approve resolution 149-2014.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Corbitt, Eason, Gaunt-Butler, Jones-Bell, Council President Williams

Nays:

Abstain: Councilman Marable

Absent: Councilman Abdul-Rasheed

Motion Carries

The Chair read the resolution by title.

Resolution 150-2014 – A resolution appointing Robert L. Tarver Jr. Esq., as special legal council to special investigatory committee in accordance with resolution 106-2014.

Motion by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilwoman Jones-Bell to approve resolution 150-2014.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Corbitt, Eason, Gaunt-Butler, Jones-Bell, Council President Williams

Nays:

Abstain: Councilman Marable

Absent: Councilman Abdul-Rasheed


Motion Carries

There was no pending business.

Motion by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilwoman Jones-Bell to adjourn.

By consensus the regular meeting adjourned at 11:12 P.M.

Madeline Smith
Deputy Clerk


Donna K. Williams
Council President

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Municipal Council June 17, 2014 Regular Minutes

A Regular meeting was held of the City Council of the City of Orange Township held in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 29 North Day Street, Orange, New Jersey on Tuesday, June 17, 2014, immediately following the Conference Meeting.

Deputy Clerk Smith led the **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.**

Deputy Clerk Smith Called a **Roll Call.**

PRESENT

Hon. Elroy A. Corbitt (At-Large)
Hon. Tency A. Eason (North Ward)
Hon. April Gaunt-Butler (At-Large)
Hon. Linda Jones-Bell (East-Ward)
Hon. Edward B. Marable Jr. (South Ward)
Hon. Donna K. Williams (At-Large)
Council President

ALSO PRESENT

Madeline F. Smith, Deputy Municipal Clerk
Ms. Calderon-Arnold, City Attorney's Office
Mr. Townes, Legislative Research Officer
Margarette Homere, Clerk's Office
Councilwoman Summers-Johnson
Councilman Harold Johnson

ABSENT

Hon. Hassan Abdul-Rasheed (West-Ward)
Hon. Dwayne D. Warren, Esq., Mayor
Dan S. Smith, City Attorney
Adrian Mapp, Director of Finance

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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

May 6, 2014 – Conference and Regular Meetings

A motion to adopt the approval of minutes was made by Councilwoman Eason and was seconded by Councilwoman Williams.

A motion to table the approval of minutes was made by Councilman Corbitt and it was seconded by Councilwoman Williams.

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Corbitt, Eason, Marable, Gaunt-Butler, Williams

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent: Abdul-Rasheed, Jones-Bell

Motion Carries

REPORTS

DEPARTMENTS REPORTS:

Clerk's Office – Month of May 2014- \$ 1,341.75

Department of Community Services –Month of May 2014 - \$ 17,322.22

CONSTABLE REPORTS:

Cutbert Harris- Month of May 2014-no activities

Darnell Brodie- Month of May 2014-no activities

Mohamed Toure-Month of May 2014- no activities

OPRA REPORTS:

Month of May 2014 - 34 OPRA requests were received (137) items were completed 9 items pending.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Police Liaison – No Report

Fire Department – No Report

Personnel – No Report

Library – No Report

Finance Committee – Recommends withdrawal of Resolution 161-2014 from Agenda.

Council President directs Clerk to file reports

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

None

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 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.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jeffery Feld, 268 Main Street, Orange NJ 07050

- Claimed he is being falsely sued for comments made at the public hearing.
- He elaborated about the two press releases that were made on Friday. One for East Orange and the other regarding the SCC Port Authority.
- Mr. Feld thanks the council members that are leaving the council and congratulates them on a job well done.
- He stated that there were two resolutions that were voted on last meeting were not approved by the City's Attorney. Also that it ties into a resolution tonight (June 17th) in which they plan to retain Attorney Tarver in the event that there is a regulation.
- Mr. Feld stated that he will file a motion by the end of June, also he asked the Clerk's Office to have the resolutions for the June 25th meeting ready 48hrs prior to the meeting.

Williams R. Lewis, 688 Mosswood, Orange NJ 07050

- Mr. Lewis stated that there was a lack of identity for the persons who come forth to the podium for the public comments.
- He advises the council to attend Mr. Feld court cases so they can know the results for themselves rather than believing the newspaper.
- He stated that Resolution 156-2014 and 158-2014 needs addresses added. He questioned the council asking them how a council member that is leaving the council can appoint someone at this stage of the game. Also he included Resolution 160-2014 saying that it didn't state the purpose or status.
- Mr. Lewis questioned Resolution 161-2014 asking why the calendar year budget isn't ready.

Councilwoman Williams: Clarifies that identification was given.

Ken Garret, County of Essex

- He discussed the fencing of Orange Park.

Shawn Thomas

- He explains that he is standing on behalf of his father Eugene Thomas, thanking the council for making his life better and easier with providing him a handicap parking spot at his residents.

Michael Marshall, 340 Thomas Blvd, Orange NJ 07050 (Tenant)

- He stated that you don't need a degree to know right from wrong.

Terry Brahmin, 340 Thomas Blvd, Orange NJ 07050 (Tenant)

- He recommends Betty McLeod as commissioner of the Housing Authority.

Barbara Price, 340 Thomas Blvd, Orange NJ 07050 (Tenant)

- She recommends Betty McLeod as commissioner of the Housing Authority.

Katalin Gordon, 211 Park Place, Orange NJ 07050

- She thanks city council members that are leaving the council board.
- She asked Councilwoman Eason along with Councilwoman Williams to project their voice better so they can be heard.
- She also addresses the noise issue she has been having for a while and that she did just what the council advised her to do which is to go the Police Department but nothing has yet been done about the issue.
- Ms. Gordon questioned Resolution 152-2014 asking whether or not the resolution obligates the city to approve the Income Housing Pilot Program.

Director Mayes: States that it is a resolution for the City of Orange to continue in the consortium of CDBG funds through the county.

Sheridan Benewah

- States that the YWCA has been experiencing some financial challenges and asked the council what role do they play in keeping the YWCA open if there is a possibility in it closing.
- She believes that the YWCA is not getting the support they need from the council or city at-large. She asked the question “How can the council assist them in making sure that the YWCA of Essex and West Hudson stay open”

Councilwoman Eason: stated that the request was handed over to the city attorney so that the council can help but it has to be through a contract, because Ms. Benewah is a private entity

Michael Scott

- Discusses the struggles at the YWCA and that they need support. Stating that the staff at the YWCA needs the support and help of the Council or the YWCA will be no more.
- Councilwoman Eason: States that it’s a process to lend a helping hand with the YWCA and that she requests more time so that the council can help.

A motion to Close Citizen Comments was made by Councilman Corbitt and it was seconded by Councilwoman Jones-Bell.

Deputy Smith called Roll Call

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

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent: Abdul-Rasheed

Motion Carries

COUNCIL COMMENTS

- Councilwoman Eason: inquired about the security and cleanliness of the park at High and Alden streets Orange, NJ. She also inquired about the DPW tree trimming and mulching equipment for 495 Main Street, Orange NJ.
- Dir. Mayes: stated that his department can trim the tree for that address.

- Michael Dowd: Stating in regards to the Sal & Tommy fire that they are in the process of repairing the building that was destroyed by the fire and are assisting the victims with finding new permanent residence.
- Councilman Corbitt: acknowledges the work and accomplishments of the leaving council members wishing them all the best.
- Councilwoman Gaunt-Butler: gave her farewells to her former council colleagues and asked them to stay involved in the city.
- Councilwoman Eason: thanked the former council members for the time and effort placed into the council.
- Councilwoman Williams: acknowledged her time served as a council member. She was thankful for serving with the other council members, also the opportunities and new people that came her way.
- Councilman Marable: said the council needs to stay in its lane. He thanks his wife for her support and his time served.

ORDINANCES—SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING

Second reading by title - Ordinance 13-2014 of the City of Orange Township amending Chapter 210, Development Regulations Ordinance Zoning and Land Development (adopted May 2, 2006) of the City of Orange Township, by adding a section within Article V: Development Standards Chapter 210-38 Entitled; Outdoor Landscape Water Conservation Guidelines.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Wilson, 362 Heywood Avenue, Orange NJ

- She feels that the ordinance is unnecessary and out of order in the town, considering that there is a problem with flooding.

A motion to close the public hearing was made by Councilwoman Jones-Bell and seconded by Councilman Corbitt.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent: Abdul-Rasheed

A motion to adopt the final reading was made by Councilman Corbitt and was seconded by Councilwoman Jones-Bell

ORDINANCE TABLED FROM MAY 20, 2014 REGULAR MEETING

A motion to lift from table was made by Councilwoman Eason and seconded by Councilman Corbitt.

Ordinance 9-2014 - 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 \$8,772,000 therefore and authorizing the issuance of \$8,333,400 bonds or notes of the City to finance part of the costs thereof.

ROLL CALL

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

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent: Abdul-Rasheed

Motion Carries

Second reading by title:

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jeffery Feld, 268 Main Street, Orange NJ

- The Council needs to know how they are going to market the bonds.

William Hathaway, Orange, NJ

- Encourages the council to pass the bond.
- States that every department in the city needs help because they were affected by the storm.

Murphy Wilson, Heywood Ave, Orange, NJ

- Encourages the council not to vote on the ordinance.
- States that there is not a budget so a decision cannot be made.

Gloria Stewart, 62 Hampton Terrace, Orange, NJ

- Says that the council should pass the ordinance and have accountability.

Katalin Gordon, 211 Park Place, Orange, NJ

- States what she thinks the council should do with the bond.

A motion to close the public hearing was moved by Councilwoman Jones-Bell and seconded by Councilwoman Eason.

ROLL CALL

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

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent: Abdul-Rasheed

Motion Carries

Discussion on the Motion Ordinance 9-2014

- Adrian Mapp: There was no property value placed in the ordinance. Mr. Mapp believes Mr. Feld is referring to the annual financial statement. He stated that his team was able to get the approval from the local financial board with a unanimous vote.
- Dir. Mayes: Clarifies what Ms. Gordon, he stated that he pointed out the number 1 and number 2 priorities for the bond. He stated that Mr. Feld and Ms. Murphy sent letters to the financial board with extensive questions.
- Councilwoman Gaunt-Butler: inquired the presence of the bond council with Mr. Mapp when he went to the financial board. She also questioned that if money from the bond that is spent on bond assets comes back before the council. Mr. Mapp stated saying “yes in order for the contract to be awarded it has to come back before the council.”
- Councilwoman Eason: asked Dir. Simms if he plans on putting radars on the cars. Dir. Simms implied that yes they will be doing so.

A motion was made to table ordinance 9-2014 until June 25th by Councilwoman Gaunt-Butler and it was seconded by Councilwoman Jones-Bell.

Motion Carries

ROLL CALL

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

Nays: Eason, Marable

Abstain:

Absent: Abdul-Rasheed

A motion to extend the meeting was moved by Councilman Corbitt and seconded by Councilwoman Jones-Bell.

Motion Carries

A motion to take a five minutes break was moved by Councilwoman Eason and it was seconded by Councilman Corbitt.

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Corbitt, Eason, Williams

Nays: Jones-Bell, Gaunt-Butler

Abstain:

Absent: Abdul-Rasheed

Motion Carries

- A motion to reconvene the meeting was moved by Councilman Corbitt and seconded by Jones-Bell.

ROLL CALL

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

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent: Abdul-Rasheed

Motion Carries

ORDINANCE TABLED FROM JUNE 4, 2014 REGULAR MEETING

A motion to lift from table was moved by Councilman Corbitt and seconded by Councilwoman Jones-Bell.

ROLL CALL

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

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent: Abdul-Rasheed

Motion Carries

Ordinance 12-2014 of the City of Orange Township authorizing the execution of a financial agreement with the Living Fountain Urban Renewal Entity, LLC and granting a tax exemption for the Living Fountain Housing Project.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jeffery Feld, 268 Main Street, Orange, NJ

- Implies that the council did not keep their word.
- He believes that fiscal impact studies are needed and that pilot was not placed on the agenda because the council is hiding something.

Gloria Stewart, Orange, NJ

- Thinks that city should stop giving out tax abetments.
- Wants to know the intent of the project.

A motion to close public comments was moved by Councilman Corbitt and seconded by Councilwoman Eason.

ROLL CALL

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

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent: Abdul-Rasheed

Motion Carries

A motion to adopt on final reading was moved by Councilman Corbitt and seconded by Councilwoman Eason.

COMMENTS

- Arthur Lifaunte: stated this is his first small fiscal impact study. He also states that he is looking at 90 residents coming out of the study. Also neighboring properties will rise in value due to incoming retail sales.
- Amelia Oradell: stated that she provided the council with a fiscal impact statement also the pilot numbers were calculated. Councilwoman Donna inquired the current taxes for that property as of right now. Ms. Oradell stated that it is a vacant property and Mr. Lifaunte also stated that the taxes are about \$69,000 total.

ROLL CALL

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

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent: Abdul-Rasheed

Motion Carries

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION /FIRST READING

Ordinance 14-2014 amending Chapter 23 of the Municipal Code of the City of Orange Township regarding personnel policies (Sponsored by Hon. Elroy A. Corbitt)

A motion to adopt on first reading was made by Councilman Corbitt and seconded by Councilwoman Jones-Bell

ROLL CALL

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

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent: Abdul-Rasheed

Motion Carries

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.

RESOLUTIONS *151-2014-*159-2014

- *151-2014** A resolution authorizing the inclusion in the Essex County Urban County Community Development Program for program years 2015-2017.
- *152-2014** A resolution authorizing approval to submit a grant application and execute a grant agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the 2014 safe routes to school program for the 2014 City of Orange Township Public School Accessibility Project.
- *153-2014** A resolution authorizing approval to submit a grant application and execute a grant agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the City of Orange Township Highland Avenue Station Rehabilitation Project.
- *154-2014** A resolution rejecting the bids for the janitorial services for City Hall & Polhill Law and Justice Complex.
- *155-2014** A resolution rejecting the bids for the Monroe Street Sanitary Sewer Lining Project.
- *156-2014** A resolution appointing Cordell Aarons to the City of Orange Township Historic Commission for a term of one (1) year, commencing on June 17, 2014 through June 17, 2015.
- *157-2014** A resolution appointing Betty McLeod, from Orange, New Jersey, as a Commissioner of the Housing Authority of the City of Orange Township, New Jersey for a term of five (5) years. (Voted on separately)

- *158-2014** A resolution appointing Fred Vandermeer, Jr., from Orange, New Jersey, as a third alternate member to the Zoning Board of the Adjustment of the City of Orange3 Township, New Jersey .
- *159-2014** A resolution approving the bill list for council meeting vote on June 17, 2014 dated June 13, 2014 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95 (Grand Total: \$ 2,434,339.18). (Voted on separately)
- *160-2014** A resolution authorizing the City Council to retain the Law Offices of Robert L. Tarver, Jr., Esq., to initiate litigation as is necessary to enforce the will of the Orange City Council related to the appointment of Michael Hackett, Esq. as a Municipal Court Judge. (Voted on Separately)
- *161-2014** A resolution authorizing the City of Orange Township Tax Collector to prepare and mail estimated tax bills. (Withdrawn)

A motion to adopt the Consent Agenda was moved by Councilman Corbitt and seconded by Councilwoman Gaunt-Butler.

Roll Call

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

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent: Abdul-Rasheed

Motion Carries

- *157-2014** A resolution appointing Betty McLeod, from Orange, New Jersey, as a Commissioner of the Housing Authority of the City of Orange Township, New Jersey for a term of five (5) years. (Voted on separately)

A motion was made to table resolution 157-2014 by Councilwoman Eason and seconded by Councilman Corbitt.

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Corbitt, Eason

Nays: Marable, Jones-Bell, Williams, Gaunt-Butler

Abstain:

Absent: Abdul-Rasheed

Motion does not carry

A motion to appoint Betty McLeod as commissioner of the housing authority of the City of Orange Township was moved by Councilwoman Jones-Bell, and seconded by Councilwoman Williams.

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Jones-Bell, Marable, Williams
Nays: Eason, Gaunt-Butler
Abstain: Corbitt
Absent: Abdul-Rasheed

Motion Carries

***159-2014 A resolution approving the bill list for council meeting vote on June 17, 2014 dated June 13, 2014 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95 (Grand Total: \$ 2,434,339.18).**

A motion to approve the bill list was moved by Councilman Corbitt and seconded by Councilwoman Eason.

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Corbitt, Eason, Gaunt-Butler, Williams
Nays: Marable, Jones-Bell
Abstain:
Absent: Abdul-Rasheed

Motion Carries

***160-2014 A resolution authorizing the City Council to retain the Law Offices of Robert L. Tarver, Jr., Esq., to initiate litigation as is necessary to enforce the will of the Orange City Council related to the appointment of Michael Hackett, Esq. as a Municipal Court Judge.**

A motion was moved by Councilman Corbitt and seconded by Councilwoman Williams.

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Corbitt, Eason, Marable, Jones-Bell, Williams
Nays: Gaunt-Butler
Abstain:
Absent: Abdul-Rasheed

Motion Carries

OTHER PENDING BUSINESS

None

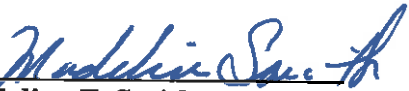
A motion to adjourn was made by Councilwoman Gaunt-Butler and seconded by Councilwoman Jones-Bell

Adjournment Time: 11:30pm

All voted yes.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The next City Council Reorganization, Conference & Regular Meetings will be held on Tuesday, July 1, 2014 in the Orange Preparatory Auditorium, 400 Central Avenue, Orange, New Jersey, preceded by the Inauguration Ceremony at 12:00 noon.



Madeline F. Smith
Deputy Municipal Clerk



Donna Williams
Council President