

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

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, JANUARY 20, 2015, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE CONFERENCE MEETING.

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

The Deputy Clerk then did a roll call.

Roll Call:

Present: Councilman Kerry Coley, East Ward Councilman
Councilman Elroy A. Corbitt, At-Large Councilman
Councilwoman Tency A. Eason, North Ward Councilwoman
Councilwoman April Gaunt-Butler, At-Large Councilwoman
Councilman Harold Johnson, Jr. West Ward Councilwoman
Councilwoman Jamie Summers-Johnson., South Ward Councilman
Council President Donna K. Williams, At-Large Councilwoman

Also Present: Deputy Municipal Clerk Madeline F. Smith
City Attorney Office Mr. White
Legislative Research Officer Kevin Harris
Senior Clerk Margarett Homere

Absent: Mayor Dwayne D. Warren, Esq

The Deputy Municipal Clerk announces that the requirement of N.J. S.A. 10:4-9 et. seq., The Sunshine Law had been met. A notice of this meeting was sent to the Record-Transcript and published in the Star Ledger on July 17, 2014, posted on the Bulletin Board in City Hall and filed in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson seconded by Councilman Johnson to approve the Conference and Regular meeting minutes from December 16, 2014.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Coley, Corbitt, Eason, Gaunt-Butler, Johnson, Summers-Johnson, Williams

Nays: None.

Motion Carries.

Fees collected by the Building, Plumbing, Electrical Elevator and Fire Divisions for the Calendar Year 2014- \$697,741.00.

CONSTABLE

Darnell Brodie- Month of December 2014-no activity

OPRA REQUEST

Month of December 2014-Opra Request 29 received, 112 items completed and 1 pending

The Council President asked for Committee Reports.

Library – Councilwoman Summers-Johnson reported that she would be meeting with the Library Director on Thursday.

Housing Authority – Councilman Johnson. Will give a report at the next meeting.

Police report Councilman Corbitt – No report.

A.B.C Councilwoman Eason – No Report.

Fire – Councilwoman Gaunt-Butler – No report,

Personnel – Council President – No report.

Finance – Council President – No report.

The Chair directed the Deputy Clerk to file the reports.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

The Deputy Clerk reported that there were no communications or petitions.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON GENERAL ISSUES/AGENDA ITEMS

The Deputy Clerk made 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 (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, resident of Orange, commented on the responsibility of the Council members. Mr. Lewis provided the Council with his background in the Orange Council and in the public sector .Questioned resolution 31-2015 and resolution 22-2015.

Mr. Jeffrey Feld, Store owner in Orange, reported on his visit to the Local Finance Board. Mr. Feld had asked that two resolutions be removed from the agenda and his thoughts about the Council not removing them from the agenda. Made comments about who in Town Hall should be creating agreements for the City. Mr. Feld spoke of other concerns he had.

Ms. Cartwright of Orange was looking for an update from Director Sims on crosswalks and the shooting that took place in the valley.

Ms. Katalin Gordon of Orange commented that the council does not answer her questions and provided examples. The Council President addressed all of her concerns point by point or had city staff address issues of concern. The Council President spoke to Director Mayes regarding the resolution on the Salt Dome project. Mr. Mayes reported what the current contract would cover Mr. Mayes commented that this project had just started and is very important to the City.. A representative from McManamon Scotland and Bauman, reported that the company works with the City on some redevelopment projects and she reviewed what was being considered for the rehabilitation of site 400 Oakwood Ave.

Director Sims gave a report on what has been done to obtain money for the cross-walks. The shooting in the Valley is still under investigation and could not be discussed.

Motion by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilman Johnson, to close citizen comments.

The Motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilwoman Eason asked Director Mayes to repair a fence and lock the gate on a lot on Cleveland St. Please Check curb cuts on Clay and Oakwood, it may need repair. Councilwoman Summers-Johnson commented that she did not state that she wanted to silence any Orange resident. She reported that she host meetings in her ward so that residence can have additional time to speak to her with their concerns. She reported that she will have meetings in March and June for the residents of her ward. Councilman Corbitt spoke to Mr. Mayes about a list of vehicles owned by the City and how often that report would be given to the Council.

Director Mayes will look into putting the City Seal on all vehicles except Police cars.

Councilman Corbitt commented on the written procedure by Deputy Clerk Smith, for the agenda packets and hoped that everyone stayed with that schedule so the Council could get their packets on time. Councilman Johnson requested a hard copy of some reports that were given out by the Finance Department. He was happy that the Police Department received their requested vehicles and items. Councilwoman Gaunt-Butler reported on inquiries she made to different departments within the city concerning the dangerous conditions during the storm and what is being done for the future storms. She wanted a status on the broadcasting of the Council meetings.

Councilwoman Gaunt-Butler reported that she was at the Firemen's workshop that was held on Saturday. She read a quote from one of the MLK events she had attended. Commented that she wanted a status on the budget process. Ms. Knight came to the podium and reported to

Councilwoman Gaunt-Butler that the Finance Department's plan is to meet the Budget deadline given by the State. Councilwoman Eason reported that she attended the MLK day celebration. The Council President reported on what she had done since the last meeting. She suggested that everyone go see Selma, the movie.

The Deputy Clerk moved the agenda.

ORDINANCES-SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING

The Deputy Clerk reported that there were no ordinances for second reading.

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION /FIRST READING

The Deputy Clerk reported that this ordinance was withdrawn by Administration.

- 3-2015** **An ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 88, entitled "Fees", Section 88-15, Article VII, Pavement and Sidewalk Openings.**

CONSENT AGENDA

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 member so request, in which event, the item will be removed from the general order of business and considered in its normal sequence of the agenda."

Items were removed from the Bill list. Page 1 and Page 11 – for Attorney fees.

The Deputy Clerk reported that the new dollar amount for the bill list was \$1,744,432.35.

RESOLUTIONS 18-2015 -34-2015

- 18-2015** **A resolution authorizing the tax collector to refund the subsequent taxes paid by the outside lien holder, Issac Moradi, 520 Elm St., Kearny, NJ 07032 for property known as 351 Alden Street, Block 601, Lot 10 in the amount of \$3,794.80.**
- 19-2015** **A resolution authorizing the tax collector to refund the subsequent taxes paid by the outside lien holder, Richard Leonardis for property known as 679 Haxtun Avenue, Block 6601, Lot 10 in the amount of \$311.51.**
- 20-2015** **A resolution authorizing the tax collector to refund the subsequent taxes paid by the outside lien holder, Richard Leonardis for property known as 510 Morris Street, Block 6206, Lot 5 in the amount of \$52.00.**

- 21-2015** A resolution authorizing the tax collector to refund the subsequent taxes paid by the outside lien holder, Virgo Municipal Finance Fund LP c/o Blue Virgo for property known as 268 Mt. Vernon Avenue, Block A1204, Lot 8 in the amount of \$52.00.
- 22-2015** A resolution authorizing the reduction of 2014 taxes and refund on the property known as 299-301 Reynolds Terrace, Block 4201 Lot 23 in the amount of \$1,379.19 due to an error in the property assessment.
- 23-2015** A resolution authorizing the purchase of one (1) 2015 Ford Transit Commercial Van for the Public Works Department, Parks Division under the MCCPC #15-C; ITEM #35 TO Beyer Ford, 170 Ridgedale Avenue, Morristown, New Jersey 07960 in the amount not to exceed \$33,760.00.
- 24-2015** A resolution authorizing the purchase of one (1) 2015 Ford F-450 Reg CAB 141" WB 60" CA XL for the City of Orange Township Public Works, Street/Highway Division under State Contract #A88214 to Beyer Ford, 170 Ridgedale Avenue, Morristown, NJ 07960 in an amount not to exceed \$60,276.50.
- 25-2015** A resolution authorizing the acceptance of a grant totaling \$15,215.00 from the County of Essex, Division of Senior Services for the partial funding of senior citizen public health nurse for January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015.
- 26-2015** A resolution authorizing the award of a non-fair and open contract with Carroll Engineering, 105 Raider Boulevard, Suite 206, Hillsborough, New Jersey 08844 to provide construction observation and contract administration services for the salt dome at Public Works Facility – South Center Street amount not to exceed \$5,450.00.
- 27-2015** A resolution appointing Brenda Swann-Douglas and Melissa McCoy as members to the Citizen's Budget Advisory Committee for the upcoming Calendar Year 2015.
(Sponsored by Hon. Harold J. Johnson, Jr.)
- 28-2015** A resolution appointing Laressa Bradshaw and Ingrid Williams as members to the Citizen's Budget Advisory Committee for the upcoming Calendar Year 2015.
(Sponsored by Hon. Elroy A. Corbitt)
- 29-2015** A resolution appointing Arthur J. Griffa as member to the Citizen's Budget Advisory Committee for the upcoming Calendar Year 2015. (Sponsored by Hon. April Gaunt-Butler)

- 30-2015** **A resolution appointing Christopher Jackson and Marques Bragg as members to the Citizen’s Budget Advisory Committee for the upcoming Calendar Year 2015. (Sponsored by Hon. Jamie Summers-Johnson)**

- 31-2015** **Form of resolution of need from the City of Orange Township and the Municipal Council supporting Preservation Development Partners, LLC and its application to the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency for the project located at 1 East Highland Avenue within the City of Orange Township, New Jersey.**

- 32-2015** **A resolution approving the bill list for council meeting vote on January 20, 2015 dated January 16, 2015 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95 (Grand Total: \$ 1,816,063.35.**

- 33-2015** **A resolution ratifying the labor negotiation between the City of Orange Township (The City) and Orange Municipal Employees Benevolent Association Essex County No.1/Block 32 O.P.E.I.U. (OMEBA) regarding salary adjustment and training stipend conditions.**

- 34-2015** **A resolution designating a representative and alternate to the Essex County Community Development Block Grant Committee for the Year 2015**

Motion by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilwoman Gaunt-Butler to approve the Consent Agenda (with the corrections as noted) by the Township Council.

Resolutions removed for separate votes.

- 19-2015** **A resolution authorizing the tax collector to refund the subsequent taxes paid by the outside lien holder, Richard Leonardis for property known as 679 Haxtun Avenue, Block 6601, Lot 10 in the amount of \$311.51.**

Motion by Corbitt, seconded by Eason to approve Resolution 19-2015

Roll Call:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Coley, Corbitt, Eason, Summers-Johnson, Williams

Nays: Councilmembers: Gaunt-Butler, Johnson

Motion Carries.

- 20-2015** **A resolution authorizing the tax collector to refund the subsequent taxes paid by the outside lien holder, Richard Leonardis for property known as 510 Morris Street, Block 6206, Lot 5 in the amount of \$52.00.**

Motion by Corbitt, seconded by Summers-Johnson to approve Resolution 20-2015.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Coley, Corbitt, Eason, Summers-Johnson, Williams

Nays: Councilmembers: Gaunt-Butler, Johnson

Motion Carries.

22-2015 A resolution authorizing the reduction of 2014 taxes and refund on the property known as 299-301 Reynolds Terrace, Block 4201 Lot 23 in the amount of \$1,379.19 due to an error in the property assessment.

Motion by Corbitt, seconded by Gaunt-Butler to approve Resolution 22-2015.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Coley, Corbitt, Eason, Gaunt-Butler, Summers-Johnson, Williams

Nays: Councilmembers: Johnson

Motion Carries.

31-2015 Form of resolution of need from the City of Orange Township and the Municipal Council supporting Preservation Development Partners, LLC and its application to the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency for the project located at 1 East Highland Avenue within the City of Orange Township, New Jersey.

Motion by Corbitt, seconded by Gaunt-Butler to approve Resolution 31-2015.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Coley, Corbitt, Eason, Gaunt-Butler, Summers-Johnson, Williams

Nays: Councilmembers: Johnson

Motion Carries.

32-2015 A resolution approving the bill list for council meeting vote on January 20, 2015 dated January 16, 2015 and approving checks issued by the Finance

**Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95 (Grand Total: \$ 1,816,063.35)
New amount \$1,744,432.35**

Motion by Corbitt, seconded by Eason to approve Resolution 32-2015.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Coley, Corbitt, Eason, Summers-Johnson, Williams

Nays: Councilmember Gaunt-Butler

Abstain: Councilman Johnson

Motion Carries.

The Council President reported that Resolution 33-2015 was postponed till the next meeting.

**Motion by Gaunt-Butler, seconded by Councilman Corbitt, to go into closed session
Regarding Personnel matters.**

Roll Call:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Corbitt, Eason, Gaunt-Butler, Summers-Johnson, Johnson,
Williams

Nays: Councilmember: Coley

Motion Carries.

Motion by Eason, seconded by Gaunt-Butler to reconvene the Regular meeting.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Coley, Corbitt, Eason, Gaunt-Butler, Summers-Johnson, Johnson,
Williams

Nays: None.

Motion Carries.

Councilwoman Eason commented that she wanted the 7 Council members to hear the information regarding the union contracts. The Council President stated that it would be heard by the Finance Committee and then again during "Matters for Discussion" for the entire Council.

Motion by Corbitt, seconded by Summers-Johnson to adjourn at 10:05 P.M.

Approved March, 2015



Madeline Smith
Deputy Municipal Clerk



Donna K. Williams
Council President