

MINUTES CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP
NEW JERSEY

THIS WAS 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, FEBRUARY 17, 2015, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE CONFERENCE MEETING.

The Deputy Municipal Clerk, lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call:

Present:

East-Ward Councilman Kerry J. Coley
At-Large Councilman Elroy A. Corbitt
North Ward Councilwoman Tency A. Eason
At-Large Councilwoman April Gaunt-Butler
West Ward Councilman Harold J. Johnson, Jr.
South Ward Councilwoman Jamie Summers-Johnson
At-Large Council President Donna K. Williams Arrived at 7:02pm

Also Present:

Madeline Smith, Deputy Municipal Clerk
Dan S. Smith City Attorney
Adrian Mapp, Director of Finance
Kevin D. Harris, Legislative Research Officer
Margaret Homere, Clerk's Office
Marty Mayes, Representing Administration

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 17, 2014, posted on the Bulletin Board in City Hall and filed in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

SPECIAL NOTICE: Please be apprised anyone wishing to discuss Agenda or General Items shall sign one (1) book. There will be two (2) columns in the book, one (1) for Agenda Items and one (1) for General Issues. Each person signing the book will check Agenda Items or General Issues. If they check only Agenda Items or General Issues, they will be allowed to speak for five (5) minutes. If they check both General Issues and Agenda Items, they will be allowed to speak for ten (10) minutes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None:

REPORTS:

Clerk's Office Report

Deputy Clerk Smith reported:

- Clerk's Office -January 2015 - \$348.20
- Department of Community Services- January 2015- \$20,146.00
- Department of Planning ,Economic & Development- December 2014 - \$46,840.00
- Department of Planning Economic & Development- January 2015 - \$ 44,042.00

OPRA REPORTS

Month of January 2015 – 33 OPRA received 92 items completed and 1 outstanding.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Council President Williams wanted to know if there is any report from the Police Department

Police Department

Councilman Corbitt stated that he has been in contact with Police Director Sims regarding a vehicle on the Bill List and if it is from the Police Department.

Hon. Eason cautioned the Chair that the council has to refrain from discussing any vehicles on the Bill List from the Police Department, rather discuss off line due to confidentiality.

Fire Department

There were no reports.

Public Work Committee

Ms. Gordon stated; several issues were discussed snow plans was one of the issue. She is pleased that different departments will be involved regarding abandon buildings.

Council President Williams called Mr. Douglass

Kenneth Douglas, Acting Fire Director, stated because of the cold weather there has been several complaints from citizens regarding space heaters being used in some departments and other facilities. He has visited those sites along with his fire prevention team to let them be aware of the danger these heaters could cause. Council President asked about how to prevent pipes from being frozen and also questioned him about receiving phone calls regarding frozen pipes. Fire Director Kenneth Douglas stated that it will be helpful to wrap clothes around the pipes and a hair dryer could be used.

Hon. Summers-Johnson wanted to know who is responsible for removing snow from around the hydrants, the Fire Director replied his department was responsible.

Council President Williams called out the Housing Authority

There were no reports

Council President Williams called out the Library

Hon. Summers- Johnson stated there are no reports, a meeting will be held on February 21, and its open to the public and question could be asked.

Council President Williams called out the Planning

There were no reports

Council President Williams called out the ABC

There were no reports

Council President Williams called out the Personnel Committee

Council Presidents Williams stated that there were no reports, the Clerk sent an ad out for the Municipal Clerk's position, and there were no Finance reports.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

None

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

Council President Williams wanted to know if Councilmember's had any questions for the Bond Attorney, Mr. Johnson asked about the Bond ordinance no. 4-2015.

Council President Williams asked the former Liaison for Orange, Kent Garrett to introduce the new Liaison.

Mr. Ike Jenkins introduced himself as the Essex County Liaison and was looking forward to work with the Council and announced several events that will take place in March.

Deputy Clerk Read

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.

William R. Lewis, 688 Moss Wood Avenue, Orange, NJ

- Mr. Lewis added more names on the list that he spoke about from the last meeting
- Mr. Lewis cautioned council.
- Mr. Lewis made a statement regarding the population of college graduates from other towns except Orange.
- Mr. Lewis made comments regarding ordinance 8-2015.
- Mr. Lewis made comments regarding ordinance 9-2015.
- Mr. Lewis made comments regarding ordinance 10-2015.

Jeffrey Feld, Local Businessman; 268 Main Orange, NJ wwnj.com website

- Mr. Feld made comments regarding the Agenda.
- Mr. Feld made comments about waiting for list of outstanding litigations.
- Mr. Feld comments regarding quarterly reports.
- Mr. Feld made comments on the budget process.
- Mr. Feld made comments on the Annual Debt Statement.
- Mr. Feld made comments on the Financial Statement.
- Mr. Feld wanted to know the name of the person who handles payroll.

Katlalin Gordon, 211 Park Place, Orange, NJ

- Ms. Gordon commented on resolution no. 49-2015.
- Ms. Gordon commented on the rehired of United Water Company for one year.
- Ms. Gordon commented on payment to Mr. Lerch, Budget Consultant.
- Ms. Gordon wanted to know if we are in the position to receive transitional aid
- Ms. Gordon commented on a letter sent to Council regarding Opra Request.

Ashley Cartwright, 421 Lincoln Avenue, Orange, NJ

- Ms. Cartwright commented on ordinance 11-2015.
- Ms. Cartwright commented on a Police car.
- Ms. Cartwright thanked Acting Fire Director for a job well done on a fire that took place last night.

The Chair made a motion to closed Citizen's comment: Motion by Councilwoman Gaunt-

Butler, seconded by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson to close Citizen's Comments. The motion carries unanimously to close Citizen's Comments.

- Council President Williams responded to Ms. Cartwright regarding the police cars.
- Council President Williams questioned Hon. Eason regarding Ordinance 2-2015.
- Council President Williams responded to Ms. Gordon regarding the OPRA letter to the Council that was received in the Clerk's Office.
- Council President Williams addressed Mr. Map regarding the Transitional Aid.
- Mr. Map replied that he will have to check with the Mayor on that.
- Council President Williams asked Mr. Mobley about the United Water contract.
- Council President Williams regarding hiring a mechanic for the city.
- Council President Williams wanted to know the status of the Budget and asked Mr. Map
Mr. Map responded that the due date had been extended by DLGS to March 13, 2015
- Council President Williams wanted to know the name of the Payroll Person.
Mr. Map responded TaQuisha Knight.
- Council President Williams stated that the Annual Dept Statement was delivered to the Clerk's Office on February 10, 2015.
- Hon. Summers-Johnson made an announcement regarding her upcoming meeting and also other events in the city.

- Councilwoman Gaunt-Butler wanted to know what budget year funding ordinance 4-2015 will come from, 2014 or 2015.
- Mr. Map replied that it will come from last year's budget balance.
- Hon. Gaunt-Butler questioned about Smith Boring Auto Part.
- Hon. Gaunt-Butler wanted to get a Grant update on Millennium Strategies.
- Hon. Corbitt commented on a meeting that Marty Mayes mentioned regarding the City.
- Hon. Corbitt requested that Legislative Research Officer, Mr. Harris draft a resolution of appreciation.
- Hon. Corbitt commented on Ordinance #4-2015 regarding Central Playground.
- Hon. Eason wanted to have a resolution for Ms. Cunningham.
- Hon. Eason talked about notifying next of kin right away when an emergency occurred.
- Hon. Eason talked about heating issues in the Senior's Building.
- Hon Johnson commented on refurbishing the Tennis Court in Central Playground
- Hon. Chris Mobley addressed where money will come from to fix the Tennis Court.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Hon. Coley Commented about receiving the budget and questioned Mr. Map about receiving the Transitional Aid, Mr. Map replied it has not yet been received. Hon Eason interjected the reason why. Hon. Coley commented on the Memo of Understanding.
 President Williams complimented Code Enforcement employees for being very responsive to the Citizen regarding heat issues.

ORDINANCES—SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE TABLED FROM 2/3/2015 MEETING

- 2-2015 An ordinance amending Chapter 4 of the Municipal Code of the City of Orange Township entitled Administration of government dealing with procedural rules of the City Council. (Sponsored by Hon. Donna K. Williams)**

Council President Williams stated that the ordinance is not ready to lift from table

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION /FIRST READING

- 4--2015 Capital Ordinance appropriating \$102,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund to pay for the improvements to basketball courts at Central Avenue Park in and by the City of Orange Township, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey.**

MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 4-2015 FIRST READING

Motion was made by Councilman Corbitt, seconded, by Councilwoman Gaunt-Butler to adopt Ordinance 4-2015 on first reading, on the motion, seeing none.

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Coley, Corbitt, Eason, Gaunt-Butler, Johnson, Jr., Summers-Johnson, & Williams

Nays: none

Motion Carries.

5-2015 An ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 200, entitled "Vehicles and Traffic", Section 200-52-1 Handicapped Parking Spaces (206 North Center Street)

MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 5-2015 FIRST READING

Motion was made by Councilman Corbitt, seconded, by Councilman Johnson to adopt Ordinance 5-2015 on first reading, on the motion, seeing none.

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Coley, Corbitt, Eason, Gaunt-Butler, Johnson, Jr., Summers-Johnson, & Williams

Nays: none

Motion Carries

6-2015 An ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 200, entitled "Vehicles and Traffic", Section 200-52-1 Handicapped Parking Spaces (162 Summer Street – East Side)

MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 6-2015 FIRST READING

Motion was made by Councilman Corbitt, seconded, by Councilman Johnson to adopt Ordinance 6-2015 on first reading, on the motion, seeing none.

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Coley, Corbitt, Eason, Gaunt-Butler, Johnson, Jr., Summers-Johnson, & Williams

Nays: none

Motion Carries

7-2015 An ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 200, entitled "Vehicles and Traffic", Section 200-52-1 Handicapped Parking Spaces (765 Valley Street, Apt. #34 – South Side)

MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 7-2015 FIRST READING

Motion was made by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilman Johnson to adopt Ordinance 7-2015 on first reading, on the motion, seeing none.

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Coley, Corbitt, Eason, Gaunt-Butler, Johnson, Jr., Summers-Johnson, & Williams

Nays: None

Motion carries

Ayes: None

Nays: none

Motion Carries.

- 8-2015** An ordinance amending Chapter 4 of the Municipal Code of the City of Orange Township entitled Administration of Government amending the duties of the Office of the City Clerk. (Sponsored by: Council Member April Gaunt-Butler)

MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 8-2015 FIRST READING

Motion was made by Councilman Corbitt, seconded, by Councilman Johnson to adopt Ordinance 8-2015 on first reading

On the motion Councilwoman Gaunt-Butler wants to encourage Councilmember's to approve this ordinance regarding the Deputy Clerk.

Hon. Coley wanted to know the difference between "Municipal Corporation and Municipal Government Body" Attorney Smith and Legislative Harris gave clarity.

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Coley, Corbitt, Eason, Gaunt-Butler, Johnson, Jr., Summers-Johnson, & Williams

Nays: none

Motion Carries.

Council President Williams made announcement that Ordinances 9-2015-through 13-2015 are being removed from the Agenda.

REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA

- 9-2015** An ordinance amending Chapter 4 of the Municipal Code of the City of Orange Township entitled Administration of Government amending the powers of the City Council regarding Council activity. (Sponsored by: Council Member April Gaunt-Butler)
- 10-2015** An ordinance amending Chapter 4 of the Municipal Code of the City of Orange Township entitled Administration of Government amending the section regarding Fiscal procedures. (Sponsored by: Council Member April Gaunt-Butler)
- 11-2015** An ordinance amending Chapter 80 of the Municipal Code of the City of Orange Township entitled dogs and other animals(Sponsored by: Council Member Tency A. Eason)
- 12-2015** An ordinance amending Chapter 4 of the Municipal Code of the City of Orange Township entitled Administration of Government amending the section regarding Council Committees. Sponsored by: Council Member April Gaunt-Butler)
- 13-2015** An ordinance amending Chapter 4 of the Municipal Code of the City of Orange Township entitled Administration of Government regarding Department

CONSENT AGENDA

The Deputy Clerk Read: 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 *46-2015- -*55-2015

- 46-2015** Resolution to accept State of New Jersey Recycling Tonnage 2012 Grant funds in the amount of \$10,277.91.
- *47-2015** A resolution authorizing the purchase of one (1) 2015 International Workstar Chassis with hook lift, spreader, container and snow plow to Deluxe International Trucks, Inc., 600 S. River Street, Hackensack, New Jersey 07601 in the amount not to exceed \$184,400.00.
- 48-2015** A resolution authorizing the award of a non-fair and open contract with Remington & Vernick Engineers, 300 Penhorn Avenue, 3rd Floor, Secaucus, New Jersey 07094 to provide professional engineering design and bidding support services for the air conditioning repairs at the Polhill Law and Justice Complex in the amount not to exceed \$4,685,00,
- *50-2015** A resolution appointing Dennis Motley, from Orange, New Jersey, as a member to Board of Directors of the Orange Housing Development Corporation for a term of four (4) years. (Sponsored by Hon. Donna K. Williams)
- *51-2015** A resolution re-appointing Ernest C. Williams, from Orange, New Jersey, as a Commissioner to the Orange Housing Authority of the City of Orange Township, New Jersey for a term of five (5) years. (Sponsored by Hon. Jamie Summers-Johnson)
- *52-2015** A resolution appointing Lerch, Vinci & Higgins, LLP certified Municipal Accountants, 17-17 Route 208 , Fair Lawn, New Jersey 07410, to act as Budget Consultants to the City Council of the City of Orange Township, New Jersey upon adoption of this resolution in an amount not to exceed \$ 30,000.00.
- *54-2015** A resolution for the transfer of appropriation reserves.
- *55-2015** A resolution to cancel Summer Food 2013 and 2014 grant receivable and appropriation balances.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA: Motion was made by Hon. Summers-Johnson, seconded by Hon. Johnson, Jr. on the motion seeing none.

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Coley, Corbitt, Eason, Gaunt-Butler, Johnson, Jr., Summers-Johnson, & Williams
Nays: none

Motion Carries.

RESOLUTION REMOVED TO BE VOTED SEPERATELY

***49-2015** A resolution awarding a contract to Smith Boring Auto Parts, Inc., 10 Elm Street, Montclair, New Jersey 07042 for the purchase of automotive parts for one (1) year commencing March 1, 2015 through February 29, 2016 in the amount not to exceed \$150,000.00.

Motion was made by Hon. Summers-Johnson, Seconded by Hon. Johnson, Jr. to adopt Resolution 49-2015. on the motion, seeing none.

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Corbitt, Eason, Summers-Johnson & Williams
Nays: Coley, Gaunt-Butler and Johnson, Jr.

Motion carries.

53-2015 A resolution approving the bill list for Council Meeting vote on February 17, 2015 dated February 13, 2015 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95 (Grand Total: \$ 5,198. 855.79).

Motion was made by Hon. Corbitt, Seconded by Hon. Eason to adopt Resolution 53-2015 as amended. Page I was withdrawn from the Bill list until back up is provided

As amended MBG Stragedies

ROLL CALL

Yeas: Corbitt, Eason, Summers-Johnson & Williams
Nays: Gaunt-Butler
Abstention: Johnson
Absences: None

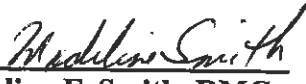
Motion carries.

Council President announced to the Public that hearings on the ordinances for 2nd reading will be March 17, 2015.

OTHER PENDING BUSINESS-None

Motion was made by Councilman Corbitt seconded by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson to adjourn the meeting by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 9:50 P.M.

Approved on April 7, 2015



Madeline F. Smith, RMC
Deputy Municipal Clerk



Donna K. Williams
Council President