

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, MARCH 3, 2015 IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE CONFERENCE MEETING.

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

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
Council President Donna K. Williams, At-Large Councilwoman

Absent: Councilwoman Jamie Summers-Johnson., South Ward Councilman

Also Present: Deputy Municipal Clerk Madeline F. Smith
Finance Director Adrian Mapp
City Attorney Dan Smith
Legislative Research Officer Kevin Harris
Senior Clerk Margarett Homere
Fire Director Dowd
Police Director Sims

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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES MEETINGS

January 6, 2015 Conference and Regular meeting

Motion by Corbitt, seconded by Eason, to approve minutes for January 6, 2015.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Council members: Coley, Corbitt, Eason, Gaunt-Butler, Johnson, Council President Williams

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Summers-Johnson

Motion Carries.

January 20, 2015 Conference and Regular Meeting

Motion by Corbitt, seconded by Eason, to approve minutes for January 20, 2015.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Council members: Coley, Corbitt, Eason, Gaunt-Butler, Johnson, Council President Williams

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Summers-Johnson

Motion Carries.

REPORTS:

No reports were available for this meeting.

OPRA REQUEST

No report were available for this meeting

COUNCIL REPORTS

The Council Reports were postponed until the next meeting.

Council President directs Clerk to file reports

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

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.

The following residents and business owners made comments.

Mr. Feld questioned OPRA requests that the Administration had not responded to.

Mr. Feld gave his comments and questions on the Annual Debt Statement and the city tax base.

Mr. Feld suggested that the Council should read the litigations that are against the city.

Mr. Feld commented on the bill List and made suggestions regarding what should be added to the Bill List. Commented that a proposed budget should be presented by the March 17th meeting and his thoughts on that.

Superintendent Lee, from the Board of Education, along with other members of the Board of Education (BOE) came in front of the Council to speak of their concerns about their Bond. Mr. Lee provided the Council with some back ground on the process they went through with the Board of School Estimate and information on property for a new school; along with the tax base which would be set by the Board of School Estimate as required by law. Mr. Lee explained that the 'Mary Lawn of Orange' property was available but the BOE was concerned about the city's part in raising money for the property.

They have a contract in hand which they are holding off on signing because Mr. Lee cannot get a determination whether the money will be raised by the city so the building can be purchased. The amounts that had been told to him would not be enough.

If the BOE does their own financing it will take money out of their operating budget. The ordinance Mr. Lee was told about by the Mayor was suppose to have its first reading that night and it is was not on the agenda. The owners of Mary Lawn had given Mr. Lee till Friday to tell them what the Board of Education was going to do. Mr. Lee commented that the enrollment of students is going up quickly. The Council President was not aware of an ordinance and asked Mr. Smith, the City Attorney, to check with his office to see if he could get the ordinance.

Mr. Lee was told by the city administration that there needed to be an ordinance on this matter.

Councilwoman Eason stated that she had been told that the Mayor would put together an ordinance with the Law Department and it should have been on this agenda. Councilman Corbitt stated that he was under the impression that, as of yesterday, the Mayor was looking for other ways to raise money besides adding additional burdens to the tax payers. There were meetings schedule for the following Friday with people that may help in the process.

Mr. Lee spoke further on the benefits that the residents would receive by the addition of a school.

Mr. Lee answered questions for Councilwoman Gaunt-Butler. As a closing statement Mr. Lee commented that he has no confidence that the city would be able to pay its share.

Ms. Katalin Gordon came to the podium and commented about the snow removal in the city, not agreeing with the city snow plan.

Mr. Hathaway came to the podium and disagreed with Ms. Gordon's assessment of the city snow removal plan providing his reasons.

The Council President stated that the Citizens Comments section would not be closed at this time.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilwoman Gaunt-butler questioned the status of the Budget process and would it be submitted at the next Council meeting. Ms. Knight, from the Finance Office, stated that they are working on the budget and as far as she knew they were on schedule to have it submitted. The Council President stated that it should be delivered prior to the next meeting for review by the Council. Councilwoman Gaunt-Butler complimented the firemen for their brave work at the fire the other night. She complimented the Fire Director for showing up and stated that he always shows up and the Council appreciates that. She made kind mention of other Council members and employees of the city that also were there to help out. She requested that the Council Members schedule a meeting for interviews for a municipal clerk.

Councilman Corbitt questioned Mr. Mayes on government plates and city seals on every city vehicle. Also lists of who drives them, the mileage of each vehicle and repairs that are taking place.

Mr. Mayes gave various reasons as to the delay but stated he should be able to get back to the Council by the next meeting. Councilman Corbitt asked what are the City's plans to maintain Central Park property; there was a lot of money going into repairing the property. Mr. Mayes stated that the parks are maintained on a daily bases. The trees in the parks need to be cut and the drugs in the parks have to be addressed. Mr. Mayes provided information on what would be done with the grant money for the parks in Orange. Mr. Mayes addressed other questions from Councilman Corbitt.

Councilman Johnson commented on the meeting with administration regarding the budget and that since that meeting he had attended two classes on the budget process. Councilman Johnson commented that the Mayor, BA, Finance Director and CFO should be at the Council meetings to answer questions.

Councilwoman Eason thanked St. Mathew's Church, the Police Department and Fire Department for handling the funeral services and city services for the two children that died in the fire. She also commented to Ms. Gordon regarding snow removal that if there is any ice on the street and it snows on top of it the ice does not come up. Councilwoman Eason also stated that the Council needs to have conversations regarding the forming of committees and what their missions are.

Mr. Johnson thanked everyone who works for the city of orange and that make the city safe for the residents and that take care of the roads.

The Council President stated that the Finance committee will be meeting with the CBAC next Monday. The Finance Committee will give the CBAC members instructions on what they are suppose to do.

ORDINANCES-SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE TABLED FROM 2/3/2015 MEETING 2-2015

The Chair asked for a motion to lift 2-2015 from the table.

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)

Receiving no response, the Chair moved the agenda forward.

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION /FIRST READING

14-2015 An ordinance amending Chapter 4 of the Municipal Code of the City of Orange Township entitled Administration of Government regarding Department Directors. (Sponsored by: Council Member April Gaunt-Butler)
Postponed until next meeting.

15-2015 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)
Postponed until next meeting.

16-2015 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)

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Motion by Corbitt, seconded by Johnson to adopt Ordinance 16-2015 on first reading with a hearing on April 7, 2015.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Coley, Corbitt, Eason, Johnson, Council President Williams

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Summers-Johnson, Gaunt-Butler,

Motion Carries.

Motion by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilman Johnson to recess for 5 minutes.
By consensus the meeting recessed for 5 minutes.

Motion by Councilwoman Gaunt-Butler, seconded by Councilman Coley, to reconvene.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Coley, Gaunt-Butler, Johnson, Council President Williams

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Summers-Johnson, Corbitt, Eason,

Motion Carries.

Motion by Councilman Johnson, seconded by Councilwoman Gaunt-Butler to close Citizen Comments.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Coley, Gaunt-Butler, Johnson, Council President Williams

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Summers-Johnson, Corbitt, Eason,

Motion Carries.

The Council President spoke about a Special Meeting that would be held that coming Friday at 6:30 P.M. to discuss the issues with Mr. Lee and Mr. Jones. An ordinance on first reading based on the scope of items brought forth regarding the school purchasing another building. The Board of Education will be holding a number of meetings to discuss the plans for that purchase.

17-2015 An ordinance amending Chapter 210 of the Municipal Code of the City of Orange Township entitled development regulations regarding the Historic Preservation Commission.
Postponed until next meeting.

18-2015 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)
Postponed until next meeting.

11) 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.

Motion by Councilwoman Gaunt-Butler, seconded by Johnson to suspend the rules for Resolution 68-2015 to be added to the consent agenda.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Summers-Johnson,

Motion Carries.

RESOLUTIONS NO. *56-2015-*67-2015

- *56-2015** A resolution authorizing an agreement between the City of Orange Township and EIC Inspection Agency Corp., 3705 Kennedy Blvd., Jersey City, NJ 07307 to provide elevator subcode services for the City of Orange Township for a (1) year term, with one (1) year option to renew.
- *57-2015** A resolution rejecting bids for the janitorial service for the Freddie Polhill Law & Justice Complex, 25-29 Park Street, Orange, NJ and City Hall, 29 North Day Street, Orange, NJ
- *58-2015** A resolution authorizing the acceptance of Community Development Block Grant reprogramming funds for the year 2014.
- *59-2015** A resolution authorizing the purchase of one (1) 2015 Ram Promaster 1500 Cargo Van Low Roof 136" WB under State Contract #A88212 for the City of Orange Township Community Service, Animal Control Division to Beyer Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram, 200 Ridgedale Avenue, Morristown, NJ 07936 in an amount not to exceed \$25,218.50.
Removed for separate vote
- *60-2015** A resolution awarding a contract to Ebon Environmental Services, 110 Jabez Street, Suite 105, Newark, NJ 07105 for janitorial services for the Freddie Polhill Law & Justice Complex, 25-29 Park Street, Orange, New Jersey and City Hall, 29 North Day Street, Orange, New Jersey in the Amount not to exceed \$49,000.00.
Removed for separate vote.
- *61-2015** A resolution authorizing the purchase of spray park equipment for the Central Ave. Playground Spray and Play under State Contract #A81411 to Gametime c/o MRC, P.O. Box 106, Spring Lake, New Jersey 07762 in the amount not to exceed \$142,901.80.

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- *62-2015** A resolution authorizing the awarding of a contract for the CDBG 2014 Central Avenue Spray and Play Park to Picerno Giordano Construction, 200 Market Street, Kenilworth, New Jersey 07033 in the amount not to exceed \$178,629.50.
- *63-2015** A resolution of the City of Orange Township authorizing the Orange Fire Department to apply and accept any grant funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Assistance to the Firefighters Grant Program (SAFER) to fund the hire of twelve (12) new firefighter positions and to accept same.
- *64-2015** A resolution authorizing the execution of a contract for emergency medical service in the City of Orange Township with Monmouth-Ocean Hospital Service Corporation from March 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015 for the amount of forty two thousand dollars (\$42,000) for option #2 with the option to extend the contract for two (2) one (1) year extensions in an amount not to exceed ninety four thousand dollars (\$94,000.00) for years 2016 and 2017.
- *65-2015** A resolution authorizing the City of Orange Township Planning Board to conduct a public hearing for the purpose of determining whether select properties on Lincoln Avenue, Highland Avenue, Clarendon Place and Lighthipe Place meet the criteria for a non-condemnation redevelopment area as defined by the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law including Chapter 159.
Removed for separate vote.
- *66- 2015** A resolution for the transfer of appropriation reserves.
- *67-2015** A resolution approving the bill list for council meeting vote on March 3, 2015 dated February 27, 2015 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95 (Grand Total: \$ 5,490,958.10)
Removed for separate vote.
- *68-2015** **A RESOLUTION APPOINTING KYLE ROUSTER AS MEMBER TO THE CITIZENS BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2015.**
(Sponsored by Councilwoman Tency A. Eason)

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

Motion was approved by unanimous vote.
- 59-2015** A resolution authorizing the purchase of one (1) 2015 Ram Promaster 1500 Cargo Van Low Roof 136" WB under State Contract #A88212 for the City of Orange Township Community Service, Animal Control Division to Beyer Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram, 200 Ridgedale Avenue, Morristown, NJ 07936 in an amount not to exceed \$25,218.50.

Motion Eason, seconded by Coley, to approve Resolution 59-2015.

Councilwoman commented that she is happy about the van but is very concerned about the planning and spending of the Bond money.

Councilwoman Eason and Councilman Corbitt made comments approving of the purchase.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Coley, Corbitt, Eason, Johnson, Council President Williams

Nays: Gaunt-Butler

Abstain: None.

Absent: Summers-Johnson

Motion Carries.

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Motion Gaunt-Butler, seconded by Eason, to approve Resolution 60-2015.

Councilman Coley stated the bid was not the lowest and wanted to know why.

Ms. Eason stated that the lowest bidder had work for the city before and the city was not satisfied with their work so by law Ebon could get the contract.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: Coley, Johnson,

Abstain: None.

Absent: Summers-Johnson

Motion Carries.

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Motion Eason, seconded by Gaunt-Butler, to approve Resolution 65-2015.

Councilman Johnson asked a question about resolution which was answered by the Council President.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Summers-Johnson

Motion Carries.

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Motion by Gaunt-Butler, seconded by Corbitt, to approve Resolution 67-2015.

Councilwoman Eason questioned pg 25 regarding a conference.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Coley, Corbitt, Eason, Johnson, Council President Williams

Nays: Gaunt-Butler

Abstain: None.

Absent: Summers-Johnson

Motion Carries.

The Council President reported that the Council would be going into executive closed session for the purpose for personnel matters.

Coming out of Executive session the Chair asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion by Councilwoman Eason, seconded by Councilman Johnson, to adjourn at 9:25 P.M.

Approved: April 7, 2015



Madeline Smith
Deputy Municipal Clerk



Donna K. Williams
Council President