

THIS WAS A SPECIAL MEETING TO HOLD A BUDGET HEARING 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, JUNE 11, 2019 AT 7:12 P.M

Roll Call:

Present:

Councilman Tency A. Eason, North Ward
Councilman Christopher Jackson, At-Large
Councilman Harold Johnson, Jr. West Ward
Councilwoman Donna K. Williams, At-Large
Councilwoman Adrienne Wooten, At-Large
Council President Kerry Coley, East Ward

Also Present:

Joyce L. Lanier, City Clerk
Madeline Smith, City Deputy Clerk
Chris M. Hartwyk, Business Administrator
Megan O'Hanlon, Assistant Budget

Absent: Councilwoman Jamie Summers-Johnson., South Ward

The Chair asked all to stand for a Moment of Silence.

The City 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 Orange Transcript-Record and printed on Friday, May 24, 2019 and also to the Star Ledger printed on Tuesday, May 29, 2019 posted on the Bulletin Board in City Hall and filed in and filed in the Office of the City Clerk.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

Calendar Year Budget 2019 - Budget Hearing (2)

- Library, Community Services, Public Works/Planning

Library started their presentation at 7:15 p.m.

- Library- Director Wiggins made her opening statement
- Mr. McKnight the Library Board Chair accompanied Ms. Wiggins to the podium.
- Director Wiggins provided the Council with a summary of her background and goals for the Orange Library. She commented that she is part time until this December.
- She sees new technology for the library and teaching residents about the internet, Digital books to borrow from windows or MAC computers and security cameras added.
- Reported on the international Food Fest, Yoga/Meditation classes, a Spring Literary Feast and after school tutoring.
- Reported that the unemployment amount includes the past due amounts.
- BA Hartwyk spoke about the pension contracts for the library.
- The library cannot apply for grants due to the audits that need to be completed.
- The BA reported that the city would pay for the audits for the library.
- Ms. Wiggins spoke about new software for the library.
- With regard to capital improvements, she would like a new roof, window replacements and

the building to be painted.

The City Council reviewed the library's budget and the CBAC representative asked why the library is separate from the city. The Business Administrator reported that the separation is so the library is not involved in city politics. Ms. Wigfall asked Ms. Wiggins her vision of the library is. Ms. Wiggins replied that she would like air conditioning, new chairs and she would like to do book sales to remove out of date books. She was asked why the library needs legal services. The Business Administrator reported that there are ongoing collective bargaining negotiations. The presentation finished at 8:12 p.m. See Exhibit A and B.

Community Services started their presentation at 8:20 pm

Director Sykes and Mr. Pressey came to the podium. Director Sykes made an opening statement. Director Sykes presented a power point presentation. (Exhibit C) Ms. Sykes also spoke about the achievements of the Department.

- Implementation of a Strategic Task Force
- Organizational restructuring to streamline services
- New adult health clinic
- Community Health Fair
- Senior vaccine program with the Orange Health Department
- Pet health outreach initiative in collaboration with Animal Control and the Associated Humane Society.
- Flu and pneumonia clinics for children and seniors.

The Council reviewed their budget plan and asked questions. Councilwoman Williams asked about the figure for the nurses. Ms. Sykes reported that one nurse was being paid by grant money. Councilwoman Williams spoke about Comcast only broadcasting one channel not two. The CBAC representative Mr. Allen and Ms. Sykes discussed salaries between 2018 and 2019 and the redistribution of that money. The presentation concluded at 9:20 p.m.

Public Works and Planning Departments started their presentation at 9:25 pm

Director Mayes and Deputy Director Wingfield came to the podium.

Director Mayes made an opening statement and he and Deputy Director Wingfield provided information on:

- Colgate Skate Park Phase I was completed and included items that the residents requested. Phase II will start around 60 days from June. Councilwoman Williams asked about paving. Director Mayes stated that no city parking lots would be paved in 2019.
- The Central Park Field House had been paved and the building will be shipped in.
- The Highland Avenue Train Station will be able to go out to bid soon.
- 2019 Road way improvements some city roads will be paved this year.
- Brook Alley Parking lot improvements and the vehicle wash station have new roof and security.
- Signs have been ordered that will replace older signs.

Director Mayes spoke about some department highlights in Planning and DPW.

- The NJIB Roadway Pavement Project (Exhibit D)
- The Traffic signal inventory

- Snow removal equipment has been improved
- Public Works garage
- Brine solution
- Installation of gas/ diesel above ground tanks
- The increased use of parks and repairs.

Director Mayes reported on the goals for DPW:

- The renovation on Colgate Pool.
- Upgrade Central Playground play equipment.
- College Park memorial

Council Members reviewed the DPW and Planning department's budgets. Councilman Johnson reported he would like an update on the Train station. Councilwoman Williams commented that truck route signs are needed. Business Administrator Hartwyk reported that that road belongs to the Department of Transportation and he will speak with them. Councilwoman Eason commented that store employees are parking in front of stores and shoppers have nowhere to park. The Deputy Director commented that the parks are not being cleaned after events by the residents so DPW cleans park and are paid overtime. The CBAC had no questions.

The BA made an opening statement for the Planning Department. The Council reviewed their budget. The CBAC did not have any questions for Planning.

**Motion to adjourn by Councilman Jackson seconded by Councilman Johnson, Jr.
The motion was unanimously approved at 10:34 p.m.**

Approved:

Joyce L. Lanier
City Clerk

Tency A. Eason
Council President

Exhibit A- B Library
Exhibit C - Presentation Community Services
Exhibit D - NJIB Road Project