

A CONFERENCE 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 WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2013 AT 7:00 PM.

1) ROLL CALL	PRESENT	ABSENT
Hon. Hassan Abdul-Rasheed (West-Ward)	_____	_____
Hon. Elroy A. Corbitt (At-Large)	_____X_____	_____
Hon. April Gaunt-Butler (At-Large)	_____X_____	_____
Hon. Linda Jones-Bell (East-Ward)	_____X_____	_____
Hon. Edward B. Marable, Jr. (South-Ward)	_____	_____X_____
Hon. Donna K. Williams (At-Large)	_____	_____X_____
Hon. Tency A. Eason (North -Ward)	_____X_____	_____
Council President		

ALSO PRESENT

Shinell Smith, Deputy Municipal Clerk	_____X_____	_____
Hon. Dwayne D. Warren, Esq., Mayor	_____X_____	_____
Dan S. Smith, City Attorney	_____X_____	_____
Kevin D. Harris, Temp. Legislative Research Officer	_____X_____	_____
Shirley Bailey, Clerk's Office	_____X_____	_____

PLEASE STAND FOR A MOMENT OF SILENCE

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 General Issues and Agenda Items, they will be allowed to speak for ten (10) minutes.

- 2) 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 5, 2012, posted on the Bulletin Board in City Hall and filed in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

Council President Eason entertained a Motion to recess.

Motion: Corbitt Voice Vote Second: Gaunt-Butler

Council President Eason entertained a Motion to reconvene.

Motion: Corbitt Voice Vote Second: Jones-Bell

- 3) **MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION**

Temporary Budget- Adrian Mapp, Director of Finance

Mr. Mapp expressed the need to walk on the Bond Ordinances, Temporary Budget, with a forty- six thousand dollar increase for the Auditor. The temporary budget is imperative and without it the City will not be able to function in the start of a new year.

Mr. Mapp suggested that the time in which the agenda is due to the Clerk's office be revisited to avoid walk-ons.

The Deputy Clerk in response to Mr. Mapp stated that the Clerk's office works with the Administration and try to accommodate them as much as possible, even when the agenda is late.

Mr. Mapp in response to Councilwoman Williams and Gaunt-Butler stated that the resolution to approve the auditor has increased from seventy-five thousand to eighty-five thousand because the Annual Financial Statement has been included.

4) RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

The resolutions and ordinances to be presented at tonight's meeting are listed on the attached Regular Meeting Agenda. If any Council Member wishes to discuss any resolution or ordinance, it may be discussed at this time.

Councilman Corbitt stated, under rentals and leases such as Konica Minolta, is this equipment that we are currently leasing or have purchased.

Mr. Mapp in response to Councilman Corbitt stated that the equipment listed is for various machines leased throughout City Hall. Mr. Mapp stated that he was able to contract the lease agreements because it did not exceed the bid threshold and therefore did not need Council's approval.

Council President Eason stated that the previous Administration would bring all lease agreements before the Council whether big or small. She requested that the current Administration follow suit.

Councilwoman Williams stated that no bills should be paid prior to the bill list being approved. She asked that there be no hand checks given out without Council's approval. She then stated that the Legislative Research Officer will draw up something appropriate to speak to the same.

Mr. Mapp in response to Council President Eason stated that he is not at liberty to say who received new furniture in the Finance Department.

Mr. Mapp in response to Council President Eason stated that he would find out who the events on the bill list were provided for and respond in kind. However, he believes that they may have been senior events.

Ken Garret (Essex County Liaison) stated in response to Councilwoman Williams that he would have to check to see if Orange is responsible for paying the County for events. He stated that he would inquire and respond in kind.

Mr. Mapp in response to Council President Eason stated that \$615 and \$720 represented

Councilwoman Williams stated for the record that Mr. Royster has left the building and unable to explain why the meeting was not being televised. She then stated that Mr. Royster's assistant was told not to give a statement by Mr. Edwards.

5) MOTION TO ADJOURN

Council President Eason entertained a Motion to adjourn.

Motion: Corbitt

Voice Vote

Second: Gaunt-Butler

ADJOURNMENT: 8:26 PM

Shinell V. Smith
Deputy Municipal Clerk

Tency A. Eason
Council President

MINUTES APPROVAL

Passed on February 5, 2013

Conference and Regular Meeting, January 2, 2013

Councilman Abdul-Rasheed and Councilman Marable cannot vote because he was not present.

Council President Eason entertained a Motion to adopt.

Motion to Adopt: Corbitt

Second: Jones-Bell

The roll call by Deputy Municipal Clerk was as follows:

Yeas: Corbitt, Gaunt-Butler, Jones-Bell, Williams and Eason

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Absences: None

Council President Eason ruled the Motion was carried by Five yeas, No Nays, No Abstentions and No Absences.