

A CONFERENCE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF CITY HALL, 29 NORTH DAY STREET, ORANGE, NEW JERSEY ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2016 AT 7:00PM.

Roll Call:

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

Also Present: Joyce L. Lanier, City Clerk
Adrian Mapp, Finance Director (arrived @ 7:12)
Dan Smith, City Attorney
Marlin Townes, Legislative Research Officer
Margaret Homere, Senior Clerk,
Kenneth Douglas, Fire Director,
John Wade, Acting Police Director
Joy Lascari, Chief Financial Officer
Marty Mayes, DPW Director

The City Clerk asked all to 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 for General Issues. Each person signing the book will check Agenda items (Not including Public hearing/final adoption of ordinances) or General issues or both. If they check Agenda Items or General Issues or both, they will be allowed to speak for a maximum of five (5) minutes.

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 *Star Ledger* and published in *the Record-Transcript* on July 16, 2015, posted on the Bulletin Board in City Hall and filed in the Office of the City Clerk.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION - None.

The Council President made the following statement:

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.

- Resolution 2-2016 Councilwoman Williams- asked DPW Director Mayes to explain the resolution. Director Mayes stated that the resolution was an annual maintenance contract for the elevators at Town Hall and the Police building. Councilwoman Williams stated that there were no attachments regarding the vendor doing the maintenance. Director Mayes stated that the information is in his office for review.
- Resolution 4-2016 - Councilwoman Williams questioned Mr. Smith, the City Attorney, about why the Council did not have an opportunity to interview the Judge Torkwase Y. Sekou. Mr. Smith stated that the Superior Court approved the continuation of the court progress with Judge Sekou and there was no need for another interview because she had been interviewed by the Council last year. Councilwoman Williams stated that the interview would be to make sure the goals of the city were being met.
- Resolution 5-2016 - Councilwoman Williams asked Councilman Corbitt if Resolution 5-2016 should be an ordinance. Councilman Corbitt stated that he would have to speak to the Legislative Officers that had created it.
- Ordinance 4 -2016 -Councilwoman Eason - asked who was going to do the ID cards and how was it going to be managed in the city. Councilman Coley stated that would be determined by the administration and the Governing Body. Councilwoman Eason stated it should be discussed before the vote. Councilman Coley felt that the ordinance should be approved. Councilwoman Eason was concerned on how the program was going to be handled. Councilman Coley explained that the ID card would have an expiration date on it if the person moved from Orange they wouldn't be able to renew the ID card. Council President Gaunt-Butler asked for an understanding of why he chose the period of time and the legislation. Councilman Coley stated that resident have a difficult time opening up bank accounts and getting IDs. The city ID card would help them. The ID card would help them establish an ID and help prove that they live in Orange. The term of time was decided on by looking at other ID cards from other cities. Council President Gaunt-Butler was concerned about the term because some of the residents are transients and perhaps the time should be shorter and how was is the cost of the cards going to be covered. Councilman Coley stated that the cost of the cards bought in bulk would be minimal. This would not be an 8 hours a day job for an employee, just part of their day. Councilwoman Eason stated that when she goes to the bank they ask for her driver license, they do not accept her Council ID. She was not sure that the banks would accept this city ID cards without talking to the banks first. Councilman Corbitt stated that NY tried doing an ID card and it was not accepted by the banks there. Councilman Coley disagreed because the Municipality is a form of Government so the ID is a government card. Council President Gaunt-Butler said that the County has an ID program in place so why are we duplicating that. Councilman Coley stated some residents don't have the means to go down to the County. Councilman Johnson approved of the ordinance. Councilwoman Williams stated that the New York ID is accepted at banks in New York and provided other information on where the ID card would be helpful to the residents.

Councilwoman Eason stated that more research is needed. Councilman Coley stated again that this ID card would be helpful for the residents.

Motion to adjourn by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson, seconded by Councilwoman Eason at 7:30.

The meeting was adjourned by a unanimous vote at 7:30 P.M.

Approved:

Joyce L. Lanier
City Clerk

April Gaunt-Butler
Council President