

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, FEBRUARY 2, 2016 AT 7:03 P.M.

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

Also Present: Joyce L. Lanier, City Clerk
Hon. Dwayne D. Warren, Esq., Mayor(arrived @ 7:06)
Adrian Mapp, Finance Director
Dan Smith, City Attorney
Kevin Harris, Legislative Research Officer
Margarette Homere, Senior Clerk,
Kenneth Douglas, Fire Director,
John Wade, Acting Police Director
Joy Lascari, Chief Financial Officer
Marty Mayes, Acting BA

Absent: Council President April Gaunt-Butler, At-Large

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.

Sunshine Law

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 **date**, posted on the Bulletin Board in City Hall and filed in the Office of the Municipal Clerk

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

Presentation by Hon Ted Green on Toy Guns.

The Clerk reported that Mr. Green would be late.

Motion to suspend the rules and have Mr. Carl Smith, the City part time tax assessor, come to the podium and explain Resolutions 15, 16- 2016 by Councilwoman Eason, seconded by Councilman Johnson

The Motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Smith the tax collector, stated that 15-2016 allows the city to fix the rate of interest. Resolution 16-2016 is offering amnesty to the residents and he explained the reason to do it. Councilwoman Eason asked why raise the taxes and then a month later do the amnesty. Mr. Smith the tax collector explained the reasons for the timing of the amnesty and the tax increase. Councilwoman Williams had Mr. Smith confirm that the amnesty was from March 1st to April 30th.

Councilmen Johnson Jr. and Councilman Coley asked Mr. Smith about his part time status. Mr. Smith stated he works for the City around 10 hours a week.

Vice President Corbitt reported that Councilman Green had arrived and would do his presentation on toy guns.

The Council-President of East Orange Mr. Green reported that East Orange had also adopted an ordinance against toy guns after a number of incidences around the State. Mr. Green provided information on the shootings that had taken place because of toy guns and asked the Council to support the ordinance against toy guns. The toy guns now look to real and children are being killed.

Mr. Green answered questions from the Governing Body.

Acting Police Director Wade answered questions about air rifles for the Council.

The Vice-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.

Councilman Johnson Resolution 27-2016 - Vice President Corbitt stated that the Resolution should be discussed in executive session later on.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Councilwoman Eason, seconded by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson.

The meeting was adjourned by a unanimous vote at 7:37 P.M.

Approved:

Joyce L. Lanier
City Clerk

April Gaunt-Butler
Council President