

THIS WAS 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 7, 2017 AT 7:40 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

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

Also Present: Madeline Smith, Deputy City Clerk
Chris Hartwyk, Business Administrator
Eric Pennington, City Attorney
Marlin Townes, Acting Legislative Research Officer
Margarette Homere, Senior Clerk,
Captain. Padilla, Representing the Fire Director,
Marty Mayes, Director of Planning/Public Work
Adrian Mapp, Director of Finance
Captain Dunn, Representing the Police Director
Carl Smith, Tax Collector

Absent: Joy Lascari, Chief Financial Officer

The Deputy City Clerk asked all to stand for a Moment of Silence.

SPECIAL NOTICE: Please be apprised anyone wishing to discuss Agenda or General item shall sign on (1) book. Each person signing the book will be allowed to speak for maximum of five (5) minutes.

Sunshine Law

The Deputy City Clerk announces that the requirement of N.J. S.A. 10:4-9 et. Seq. "Sunshine Law" had been met. A notice of this meeting was sent to the *Star Ledger* and published in *the Record-Transcript* on 14 July 2016, posted on the Bulletin Board in City Hall and filed in the Office of the Municipal Clerk

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

- **Mr. James Adekunle, Business Administrator-Presenting the status of the school district building.**
Mr. Adekunle could not attend this meeting. He will reschedule for the next Council meeting.

- **Presentation -Tammy Elfort of Team Life.**

Ms. Elfort gave a presentation on the portable defibrillators that will be used by the Fire and Police Departments. She spoke about the benefits of having the device. Cpt. Padilla Spoke about the support the Fire Department has for the device.

- **Army Corp of Engineers – Presentation on the Orange Reservoir.**

- Ms. Salim gave a presentation on the reasons for including the Orange Reservoir in the Rahway project that would stop the flooding of downstream towns. The study of the Rahway River Basin Feasibility Study had a notice on the handout that the views and opinions and findings in the report were not entirely made by the Department of the Army. (See attached)

- Residents Katelin Gordon, Pat Author and Gloria Stewart made comments and spoke of their concerns.

- Business Administrator Hartwyk stated that the benefits to the City were limited. A resident from Ogden St. asked how the revenue that the City receives from the reservoir would be affected. Business Administrator Hartwyk stated that if there was a negative effect to the city's revenue, the project partnership would have to address the issue.

There was a motion to close the public comment by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson, seconded by Councilman Johnson Jr. All were in favor.

- Councilwoman Eason asked Business Administrator Hartwyk what was the need to be part of the project and what are affects if the City did not agree to be part of the project. A presenter of the report stated that there could be flooding downstream of the reservoir and the City would not see any benefits, but it would help the towns downstream. The reservoir is not causing any flooding but has the potential to reduce downstream flooding. Business Administrator Hartwyk provided more information about the Rahway River and the paths that it takes and how the reservoir can help with the runoff from the river. The city would not be paying for the project, only allowing the temporary alterations to the reservoir. Council Members spoke of their concerns and opinions regarding the project. Mr. Mobley would be the point of contact for the project.

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.

There was no discussion.

Motion to adjourn by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson, seconded by Councilwoman Wooten.

Roll Call:

Yeas: Coley, Eason, Jackson, Johnson, Jr., Summers-Johnson, Wooten, Williams

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

Motion carries.

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Adjourned at 9:10 P.M.

Approved:

Joyce L. Lanier
City Clerk

Donna K. Williams
Council President