

THIS WAS A REGULAR 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 TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2017, FOLLOWING THE CONFERENCE MEETING.

The Chair led all assembled in a Salute to the American Flag.

Roll Call:

Present: Councilman Kerry Coley, East Ward
Councilman Christopher Jackson, At-Large
Councilwoman Tency A. Eason, North Ward
Councilman Harold 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 (BA)
Eric Pennington, City Attorney
Marlin Townes, Acting Legislative Research Officer
Margarette Homere, Senior Clerk,
Cpt. Padilla, representing the Fire Director,
Marty Mayes, Director of Planning/Public Work
Adrian Mapp, Director of Finance
Cpt. Dunn, representing the Police Director
Carl Smith, Tax Collector

Absent: Joy Lascari, Chief Financial Officer

The Deputy 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 14, 2016, posted on the Bulletin Board in City Hall and filed in the Office of the City Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES MEETINGS

December 20, 2016 Conference and Regular Minutes (Hon. Summers-Johnson cannot vote, because she was not present.)

Motion to adopt the Conference and Regular meeting minutes from December 20, 2016 by Councilman Johnson, Jr., seconded by Councilman Jackson.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Coley, Eason, Jackson, Johnson, Jr., Wooten, Williams
Nays: None.

Board Members. He asked about the bill list and the missing salary report. He commented on the OPRA reports. He provided other comments regarding Attorney Tarver and questioned when the budget would be completed.

- Ms. Burnadel thanked the Council for the lights that were added to Ogden Street. She had concerns about the abandoned homes on Ogden Street.
- Katelin Gordon commented on the following items:
 - reservoir plan and it's future use and the 20 year lease on it.
 - When did the City joined the insurance fund, she thought the city was self-insured.
 - Resolution 32-2017, who owns the building and once it is reconditioned who will own it.
 - Resolution 33-2017, will the streets be fixed by the grants and which streets were at the top of the list for paving.
 - Resolution 43-2017 how did Pennoni get the contract?
 - the Board of Education members should be elected and stated her reasons.
- Gloria Stewart - thanked Councilman Johnson for his comments. And wanted to know about the following:
 - Why does the Mayor not come to the meetings?
 - When will the person in charge of televising the meetings give a report as to why it cannot be better?
 - Why did the Acting Directors status change to Directors?
 - Requested a report on the City's recycling program.
 - What does the Chief of Staff resolution means.
 - She supports resolutions 24 and 25-2017.
 - She commented that if the plan for the reservoir does not benefit the city they should reject the plan. She supports that idea of an elected Board of Education and provided her reasons.
- Ms. Dianna Hovenou, Policy Counsel with the American Civil Liberty Union of NJ commented that the ACLU supports Resolution 15-2017 providing the reasons why.
- Ms. Krystel Lemonas supports resolution 15-2017 stating her reasons why.
- Ms. Audrey Murdock works for the University of Orange and spoke about the classes that are offered to the diverse community.
- Mr. John Lasell a candidate for the School Board supports resolution 15-2017. He spoke about an incident that he came upon and how the people involved were afraid to call the police because some of them might be illegal.
- Ms. Betty Blard supports Resolution 15-2017. She also read a section of Martin Luther's King's speech about good people not being silenced.
- Mr. Charles Wirere, Director of the HUB, supported Resolution 15-2017 Ms. Patricia Arthur spoke about the resolution for Vivian Gaunt..
- Mr. Derick Henry spoke about resolution 43-2017 and the past failure of Pennoni and asked why they had been chosen again. He did not support he did not support the resolution. He commented that the Board of Education might have people think that the residents do not comprehend the language or the their right to vote. He felt that the Board of Education was stalling so the matter would still be in court well after March 14th.
- Mr. Tyrone Tarver asked about a project on Central Avenue and Ogden Street. He wanted to know if a market or a strip mall was being built. He stated he was disappointed with the Board of Education because they are trying to stop the election in March. It is what the residents want. He stated that they hired an Attorney for \$15,000.00 to fight the March election but complained they didn't have four thousand dollars to keep the polls open a full day.

- Ms. Mindy Fullilove, President of the Board of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Essex County, supports Resolution 15-2017 providing her reasons why.
- Ms. Campbell commented that she supports Resolution 15-2017.
- Ms. Alexandra Charles thanked Councilwoman Wooten for being so active in the community and for inviting Ms. Charles to so many things that Councilwoman Wooten had been doing. She thanked the Council for the resolution dedicated to Ms. Fields.
- Ms. Michele Williams thanked the Council for the Resolution dedicated to Ms. Fields speaking of what Ms. Fields had done for the City.
- Ms. Lori Depps thanked the Council for the resolution dedicated to Ms. Fields.

Motion to close citizen's comments by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson, seconded by Councilwoman Wooten. The Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

A resident stated that she did not get her 5 minutes.

Motion to rescind the Motion to close Citizen's Comments by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson, seconded by Councilwoman Wooten. The Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

- Ms. Patricia Arthur Came back to the podium commented that she felt that there should have been more communication with the board of education before the citizen's vote was taken. She felt that the community should have been informed about the difference between a type 1 and type 2 school district. She also said that the Board of Education did not know how to file papers to stop the election in March.

Motion to close citizen's comments by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson, seconded by Councilwoman Wooten. The Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Motion to extend the meeting past 10:30 P.M. by Councilman Johnson, Jr., seconded by Councilman Coley.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

Motion Carries.

Some answers to resident's questions.

- Council President Williams spoke about when and how the residents were informed about the referendum regarding the Board of Education and the meeting with the Board of Education and County Officials and that they discussed the time line for the March election. Residents also attended that meeting.
- With regard to the strip mall comment by Mr. Tarver, BA Hartwyk reported that besides having a save-a-lot there would also be a grocery store and three store fronts that face Central Avenue. All residents were notified and the application is going forward.
- Business Administrator Hartwyk will give a report on the dollar amounts coming into the city by recycling.

- With regard to the Acting Director positions, the Law Department determined that those Directors do not have to be reappointed by the Council.
- Council President Williams asked the Business Administrator to provide a report on Channel 35.
- Director Mayes spoke about the streets that were chosen for repair stating that they were in the top ten streets that were to be repaved which were determined by an engineering firm. A presentation is being planned for the public.
- Business Administrator Hartwyk provided information regarding the JIF program.
- The Council President commented that 335 Ogden Street property was owned by the Bank of America.
- Business Administrator Hartwyk stated that the City will try to give the Council a draft budget by February 21st or the first meeting in March.
- Business Administrator Hartwyk reported that the salary report did not come in time to be attached to the bill list.
- With regard to adding Mr. Feld's heads up comments to the agenda the Deputy Clerk stated there is no requirement to do so.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

- Councilwoman Summers-Johnson commented that she was in favor of a sanctuary city she felt that residents were confused when the resolution was tabled at the last meeting and is in favor of an elected school board. She spoke about parent conferences with teachers and how light the turnout is. Parents need to be more involved. She spoke about her South Ward meeting and how communications for the residents is getting better thanks to the Business Administrator. He answers questions at the meetings. The response to resident's questions of "I'll get back to you" is no longer acceptable. She reported on her talks with the residents on what Councilmembers do at one of her meetings. She reported on a basketball program at an Orange school that would be starting up.
- Councilwoman Wooten stated that she supports a sanctuary city and an elected school board and would like a report on the process to see if it was done correctly. She reported that there will be a civil rights reading on February 17 at the Library. This will be a sleep in for the students. On February 11th there will be a street naming event for Herman Hick.
- Councilman Johnson, Jr. commented that he had been in touch with Director McNeil of the Housing Authority with regard to being at the next Council meeting. He spoke about the upcoming school board election and about all the effort that went into having it in March.
- Councilman Jackson commented that the Board knew the election was coming and he did not feel that it was the Council's obligation to describe the difference between a type 1 and type 2 board. Perhaps the school board should have been proactive informing the parents during their monthly meetings.
- Councilwoman Eason announced that on February 23rd at the Police building the city will be honoring the falling Police from 4 to 7 P.M. She reported that Councilwoman Wooten will be receiving an award of excellence at the Hall of Records on February 22nd. She questioned Mr. Mapp about employees that cannot cash there checks until after 3:00 P.M. He will look into that issue.
- Councilman Coley agreed with Councilman Jackson regarding the school board election. He thanked the Administration for withdrawing resolution 33-2017 for the failure of the Housing Authority to come and update the Council on those properties. Councilman Coley stated that the city should be benefitting for the use of the reservoir which will help other cities. He spoke of

properties that should be on the abandoned property list. The Councilman spoke about Channel 35 and the issues that the residents have with their broadcasting of Council meetings.

- Council President Williams gave her condolences to the Dodd and Davis families. She spoke about the School Board Election and how the residents had voted to go to an elected school board. She spoke about the public meeting that was held to discuss the election. She also stated that with a referendum the bond for the school can be added to the November election to be voted on by the residents.

ORDINANCES–SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING

The Clerk read Ordinance 1-2017 by Title.

1-2017 An ordinance to amend the code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 200, entitled “Vehicles and Traffic”, Section 200-33 no parking certain hours on Ogden Street.

The Chair declared the time open for a hearing on Ordinance Number 1-2017.

Seeing no one else, the Chair declared the time closed.

Motion to close the public hearing by Councilman Johnson, seconded by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson. The Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Motion to adopt Ordinance Number 1-2017 by Councilman Jackson, seconded by Councilwoman Eason.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

Motion Carries.

10) **ORDINANCES INTRODUCTION/ FIRST READING**

The Deputy Clerk read Ordinance Number 4 -2017 by Title.

4-2017 An ordinance to amend and supplement Chapter 4, Article XIV, 4-63.2 of the Municipal Code of the City of Orange Township (Public Works Committee)

Motion that Ordinance 4-2017 be introduced on first reading and that the public hearing would be held March 7, 2017 by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson, seconded by Councilman Johnson.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

Motion Carries.

The Deputy Clerk read Ordinance Number 5 -2017 by Title.

5-2017 An ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 200, entitled “Vehicles and Traffic” Section 200-52-1 Handicapped Parking Spaces. (48 Ridge Street)

Motion that Ordinance 5-2017 be introduced on first reading and that the public hearing would be held March 7, 2017 by Councilwoman Eason, seconded by Councilman Johnson.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

Motion Carries.

The Deputy Clerk read Ordinance Number 6 -2017 by Title.

6-2017 An ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 200, entitled “Vehicles and Traffic” Section 200-52-1 Handicapped Parking Spaces. (324 Gist Place)

Motion that Ordinance 6-2017 be introduced on first reading and that the public hearing would be held March 7, 2017 by Councilwoman Eason, seconded by Councilman Johnson.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

Motion Carries.

The Deputy Clerk read Ordinance Number 7 -2017 by Title

7-2017 An ordinance amending Chapter 200, Vehicles and Traffic, Article VI, Special Zones and Areas, Section 18.1, and titled “Handicapped Parking Spaces Designated”

Motion that Ordinance 7-2017 be introduced on first reading and that the public hearing would be held March 7, 2017 by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson, seconded by Councilman Johnson.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

Motion Carries.

TABLED RESOLUTION

***15-2017 A resolution affirming that the City of Orange shall be a welcoming and inclusive city for all residents irrespective of background or immigration status. (TABLED ON 1-17-2017 at the REGULAR MEETING)**

Motion to lift by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson, seconded by Councilman Johnson Jr.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

Motion Carries.

Motion to approved Resolution 15-2017 by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson, seconded by Councilman Coley.

On the motion

- Councilwoman Summers-Johnson commented that she was in favor of it and just needed more time to read up on it.
- Councilwoman Wooten is also in support of the resolution but she would like the Law Department to look into the executive order of President Trump.
- Councilwoman Eason is in support of the resolution except Newark, E. Orange and other cities have not yet passed the their resolutions. This resolution is already on our book, it was passed as Resolution 83-2010. She reported that the current resolution was supposed to be rewritten by Councilman Jackson and the Law Department and it was not. This resolution will get the city in trouble, providing the reason why. The Council President stated that the Law Department did look at it and took out some damaging language. Councilwoman Eason stated that what is already on the books should be modified. She suggested that the resolution be tabled again.
- Councilman Jackson stated that he supports the sentiment of the resolution but it may suggest that the city was not a welcoming town before the resolution, providing his reasons and made suggestions about policies that the police could create.
- Attorney Pennington provided his opinion on what the resolution does versus what the older resolution does for the residents. He commented that the section that stated the city would violate the law was taken out of the new resolution.
- The Council President provided information on where the wording of the resolution came from and how towns were considering the resolution. She also stated that she and the City Attorney had discussed the resolution. She also spoke about a social document that was created in support of a sanctuary city.
- Councilwoman Eason commented that she felt that the Council should continue to review the resolution and not rush to approve it so the city is not in a financial bind with the tax payers, with regard to the ID for residents and legal funding. Council President Williams stated that the resolution urges it does not require anything, she provided other information. She and Councilwoman Eason discussed changes to the resolution that Councilwoman Eason suggested such as removing the section that provides legal representation from the resolution. The Council President stated that the city court already provides counsel to residents that can't afford a lawyer so why take it out. It was decided to take a vote on the resolution as is.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Coley, Jackson, Johnson, Jr., Summers-Johnson, Wooten, Williams

Nays: None.

Abstain: Eason

Absent: None.

Motion Carries.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Deputy City Clerk read the following statement.

All items listed with an asterisk (*) are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council member so request, in which event, the item will be removed from the general order of business and considered in its normal sequence of the agenda.

RESOLUTION NUMBERS*24-2017-*50-2017

- *24-2017** A resolution designating Tremont Avenue beginning at S. Center Street and ending at Mosswood Street as Vivian Gaunt Way (Sponsored by Councilwoman Jamie Summers-Johnson, Orange Municipal Council and Orange Cultural Affairs)
- *25-2017** A resolution designating Hampton Terrace beginning at Oakwood Avenue and ending at the border of the City on Hampton Terrace as Isabelle Jean Fields way –in memoriam (Sponsored by Council Members Kerry Coley, Donna K. Williams and Adrienne Wooten and the City of Orange Township)
- *26-2017** A resolution appointing a wellness coordinator for the City of Orange Township.
- *27-2017** A resolution appointing an Alternate Special Fund Commissioner for the Public Entity Joint Insurance Fund.
- *28-2017** A resolution appointing Augustus Mitchell as a Citizen Member to the Public Works Committee of the City of Orange Township
- *29-2017** A resolution for the transfer of appropriation reserves.
- *30-2017** A resolution authorizing the Tax Collector to cancel the property taxes for four properties owned by the Housing Authority of the City of Orange Township as per the attachment for property taxes in the amount of \$42,379.68 plus accrued interest, due to exempt property status.
- *31-2017** A resolution authorizing the refund of 2nd quarter 2011 taxes paid due to overpayment in the total amount of \$4,292.85 to Tri-State Realty Invest Co., Inc.
- *32-2017** A resolution authorizing approval to submit with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the City of Orange Township Orange Transit Station Improvement Project.**
- *33-2017** A resolution authorizing approval to submit a grant application with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the City of Orange Township Roadway Improvements for 2017 various streets project .**

- *34-2017** A resolution to submit an application for the Federal Surplus Property Program through the New Jersey State Agency for surplus property.
- *35-2017** A resolution authorizing the submission of applications to the Federal Emergency Management Agency of the United States Department of Homeland Security for the year 2017.
- **Resolutions 32-2017 and 33-2017 numbers were flipped on the agenda only.**
- *36-2017** A resolution awarding BRS, Inc., 739 Stokes Road, Unit A-B, Medford, New Jersey 08055, a contract to provide environmental engineering services for several sites in the City of Orange Township.
- *37-2017** A resolution authorizing the law firms of David Stanziale, LLC, Scarinci & Hollenbeck, LLC, Anthony Belotta, LLC, Lamb Kretzer, LLC, Genova Burns, LLC, Eric M. Bernstein & Associates, LLC, Linder & Wing, LLC, Connie Bentley McGhee, Michael A. Armstrong, LLC, Florio, Kenny & Raval, LLP, John Zidziunas, LLP, John H. Watson, LLC, Clarence Barry-Austin, LLC and Evelyn Latse, LLC to participate on an as needed basis in the pool of qualified defense counsel on behalf of the City, its officers and employees for a one (1) year period.
- *38-2017** A resolution authorizing the law firms of Connie Bentley McGhee, Genova Burns, Eric M. Bernstein & Associates, LLC, Linder & Wing, Cleary, Jacobbe, Alfieri, Jacobs, LLC, Michael A. Armstrong, Florio, Kenny & Raval, Weiner, Lesniak, LLP and Scarinci & Hollenbeck to participate on an as needed basis in the pool of qualified labor counsel on behalf of the City for a one (1) year period.
- *39-2017** A resolution authorizing the law firm of Gluck Walrath, LLP, Connie Bentley McGhee and McManimon4 & Scotland, LLP to participate on an as needed basis in the pool of qualified redevelopment counsel on behalf of the City for a one (1) year period.
- *40-2017** A resolution authorizing the law firm of Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer to serve as municipal bond on an as needed bases commencing January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017.
- *41-2017** A resolution authorizing the law firms of Eric M. Bernstein & Associates, LLC, Feinstein, Raiss, Kelin & Booker, LLC, Weiner Lesniak, LLP and Kochansky, Baron & Galfy, P.C. to represent the City of Orange Township in regard to tax appeal matters.
- *42-2017** A resolution retaining Robert L. Tarver, Jr., to investigate the legality of the position of Chief of Staff and to take steps to recoup funds if appropriate. **(Removed for separate vote)**

- *43-2017** A resolution authorizing the award of a non-fair and open contract with Pennoni Associates, Inc., 105 Fieldcrest Avenue, Suite 52, Edison, New Jersey 08837 to provide professional engineering, surveying, design and construction administration services for various wells for the hazard mitigation grant program in the amount not to exceed \$37,500.00. **(Removed for separate vote)**
- *44-2017** A resolution authorizing the purchase of emergency generators for various wells under State Contract #221821514-00 to Warshauer Generator LLC in the amount not to exceed \$105,500.00.
- *45-2017** A resolution authorizing the purchase of twenty five (25) Powerheart Automated External Defibrillators from Team Life, Inc., 291 Route 34, Suite B, Colts Neck, NJ 07722-1114 in an amount not to exceed \$41,387.50.
- *46-2017** A resolution designating February 16 as “Save A Heart, Save A Life” in the City of Orange Township (Sponsored by Council Member Jamie Summers-Johnson).
- *47-2017** A resolution awarding a contract to Unitemp, Inc. 26 Worlds Fair Drive D. Somerset, New Jersey 08873 for heating and air conditioning maintenance services at the Freddie Polhill Law & Justice Complex, 25-29 Park Street, Orange, New Jersey, in an amount not to exceed \$45,840.00
- *48-2017** A resolution celebrating Black History Month. (Sponsored by Council Member Donna K. Williams)
- *49-2017** A resolution approving the bill list for council meeting vote on February 7, 2017 dated February 3, 2017 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95 (Grand Total: \$4,315,936.46)
- *50-2017** A resolution retaining Robert L. Tarver, Jr. to represent the interests of the City Council of Orange Township in the matter of City of Orange Township Board of Education versus City of Orange Township. **(Removed for separate vote)**

Motion to adopt the Consent Agenda by Councilwoman Wooten, seconded by Councilman Johnson.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

Motion Carries.

The resolution was read by title.

- 42-2017** A resolution retaining Robert L. Tarver, Jr., to investigate the legality of the position of Chief of Staff and to take steps to recoup funds if appropriate.

Motion to adopt Resolution 42-2017 by Councilman Johnson, seconded by Councilman Coley.

On the motion. Councilwoman Eason stated she would not support the resolution because of the amount of money that has already been spent on litigation.

Councilwoman Wooten asked if an RFQ was used for an attorney. The Council President stated that this attorney had been handling this matter so no RFQ had been created.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Coley, Jackson, Johnson, Jr., Williams

Nays: Eason, Summers-Johnson, Wooten

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

Motion Carries.

The resolution was read by title.

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Motion to adopt Resolution 43-2017 by Councilman Johnson, seconded by Councilman Coley.

On the Motion. Councilman Johnson commented that the work need to be done and he would be support the resolution.

BA Hartwyk stated that the resolution is for the engineering of backup generators which are referenced in resolution 44-2017.

Councilman Jackson sated that he recalled that this work is what they do best.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

Motion Carries.

The resolution was read by title.

50-2017 A resolution retaining Robert L. Tarver, Jr. to represent the interests of the City Council of Orange Township in the matter of City of Orange Township Board of Education versus City of Orange Township.

Motion to adopt Resolution 50-2017 as amended by Councilman Johnson, seconded by Councilman Jackson.

On the motion. Councilwoman Wooten asked if there was someone that was already contracted with or hired that could do the job. Attorney Pennington stated probably, providing reasons why. Councilwoman Wooten asked about the rate paid to attorneys which was answered by Attorney Pennington.

Councilman Johnson stated that Mr. Tarver is more than qualified for the case proving his reasons.

Councilwoman Eason discussed the attorney fees on the resolution and changed the fee to \$150.00 an hour

Roll Call:

Ayes: Coley, Jackson, Johnson, Jr., Summers-Johnson, Wooten, Williams

Nays: Eason, Summers-Johnson, Wooten

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

Motion Carries.

The Council President stated the fees is changed from \$150 to \$250.00 per hour.

42-2017 A resolution retaining Robert L. Tarver, Jr., to investigate the legality of the position of Chief of Staff and to take steps to recoup funds if appropriate.

Motion to adopt Resolution 42-2017 as amended by Councilman Johnson, seconded by Councilman Jackson.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Coley, Johnson, Jr., Williams

Nays: Eason, Jackson, Summers-Johnson, Wooten

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

Motion Fails

Motion to extend the meeting past 10:30 P.M. by Councilman Johnson, Jr. seconded by Councilman Jackson.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

Motion Carries.

13) NEW BUSINESS – WALK ON RESOLUTIONS

The Council President asked for a motion to add resolutions 51, 52 and 53, 2017 to the agenda and read each resolution by title.

***51-2017** A resolution appointing Hassan Abdul-Rasheed, a resident of Orange, New Jersey as Commissioner to the Municipal Alcohol Beverage Control Board of the City of Orange Township.

***52-2017** A resolution appointing Shara Morrow, a resident of Orange, New Jersey as Commissioner to the Municipal Alcohol Beverage Control Board to fulfill the remaining time of a three year term commencing January 19, 2017 and expiring September 30, 2017 for the City of Orange Township.

***53-2017** A resolution celebrating the life of Bredell R. Aarons

Motion by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson, second by Councilwoman Eason to add resolution 51, 52 and 53-2017 to the agenda.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

Motion Carries.

The Council President asked if anyone from the public would like to speak on resolutions 51, 52 or 53-2017.

Motion to close the public hearing by Councilwoman Eason, seconded by Councilman Johnson. The motion was unanimously approved.

51-2017 A resolution appointing Hassan Abdul-Rasheed, a resident of Orange, New Jersey as Commissioner to the Municipal Alcohol Beverage Control Board of the City of Orange Township.

Motion to approved Resolution 51-2017 by Councilwoman Eason, seconded by Councilwoman Wooten

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

Motion Carries.

52-2017 A resolution appointing Shara Morrow, a resident of Orange, New Jersey as Commissioner to the Municipal Alcohol Beverage Control Board to fulfill the remaining time of a three year term commencing January 19, 2017 and expiring September 30, 2017 for the City of Orange Township.

Motion to approved Resolution 52-2017 by Councilwoman Eason, seconded by Councilwoman Wooten

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

Motion Carries.

53-2017 A resolution celebrating the life of Bredell R. Aarons

Motion to approved Resolution 53-2017 by Councilwoman Eason, seconded by Councilwoman Wooten

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

Motion Carries.

The Council Members conducted a poll to determine if they would have an executive session. All were in favor.

Coming out of the Executive Session they adjourned.

**Motion to adjourn by Councilwoman Johnson, seconded by Councilwoman Wooten
All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 A.M. March 8, 2017.**

Approved:

**Joyce L. Lanier
City Clerk**

**Donna K. Williams
Council President**