

**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 21, 2017 AT 7:10 P.M.**

**Roll Call:**

**Present:** Councilman Kerry J. Coley, East Ward (arrived @ 7:36)  
Councilman Christopher Jackson, At-Large  
Councilwoman Tency A. Eason, North Ward  
Councilman Harold Johnson, Jr. West Ward (arrived @ 7:36)  
Councilwoman Jamie Summers-Johnson., South Ward  
Councilwoman Adrienne Wooten, At-Large  
Council-President Donna K. Williams, At-Large

**Also Present:** Joyce L. Lanier, City Clerk  
Chris Hartwyk, Business Administrator  
Eric Pennington, City Attorney  
Marlin Townes, Acting Legislative Research Officer  
Margarette Homere, Senior Clerk,  
Adrian Mapp, Director of Finance  
Joy Lascari, Chief Financial Officer (arrived @7:39)

**Absent:** Kenneth Douglas, Fire Director,  
Marty Mayes, Director of Planning/Public Work  
Todd Warren, Police Director

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

The Council President reported on the final arrangements for Councilman Lewis.

*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.

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

**MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION**

**Rahway River Watershed Association.**

Ms. Mariam Flynn representing the Rahway River Watershed Association stated that the organization’s goal is to improve the Rahway River and its eco system. She explained what a watershed does and showed a map of the Rahway River and its paths. She reported on how the city of Orange is part of that watershed. Ms. Flynn spoke about how the water that runs off the

streets of orange, gathers in the river and contaminates it and Rahway. A rain garden filters the water and would help clean the water and prevent floods downstream. She spoke of the idea of having these rain gardens around the watershed.

**Presentation by –Group Against Smoking Pollution (GASP)**

Councilwoman Adrienne Wooten introduced the presenters from the GASP group. The Council had an ordinance on the agenda that would raise the smoking age from 18 to 21 throughout the city and the GASP group were present to support that ordinance. Different presenters spoke about the health of teenagers and what benefit it would be to then to raise the age to 21. Presenters from Essex County 4H, and students from Rutgers University spoke about how they are speaking to teenagers concerning smoking and how their group will be visiting Orange to speak to teens. Individuals answered questions from the Council.

**Presentation by- Fairview Insurance Agency regarding health benefits.**

Ms. Smith from Fairview Insurance Agency reported that the agency had done a complete market exercise for the city to review cost analysis as it relates to the State Health benefit program and after a review of the last four years it was determined the city would have a more cost effective approach using an outside agency. The Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield would be the most cost effective plan for the city. The plans are equal to or better than what the city has now. Ms. Smith provided information on the plans and how much the city would save and the benefits to retired and working employees. Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk also provided information and answered questions from the Council.

Business Administrator Hartwyk made the following agenda changes to the Council.

**Ordinance 61-2016** – The administration is suggesting that the Council reject that ordinance. In its place the administration had a walk-on which is ordinance 10-2017. The ordinance amount had been refined not to exceed \$2,150,000.00.

On March 8<sup>th</sup> there will be a Local Finance Board meeting in Trenton. There will be two (2) emergency walk-ons, which will be explained during New Business.

**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 Harold J. Johnson, Jr. - Resolution 71-2017 questioned some legal fees on the bill list from page one (1) which were answered by Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk.
- Councilman Kerry J. Coley also had questions regarding items on page 1 and 11 of the bill list. Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk asked that for the time being that certain payments for training classes be removed from the bill list.
- Council President Donna K. Williams questioned some IT supplies that were on the bill list and issues she found with the new phone system. Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk addressed those issues. Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk stated that the company for the new phones would be going to each department to train employees.

- Councilman Harold J. Johnson, Jr. stated he wanted to stay on top of the Planning Consultant Services to make sure that they are on top of the Master Plan and if the invoice includes that. Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk stated that was a partial payment on an outstanding amount some of it does apply toward the Master Plan.
- Councilman Christopher Jackson, Ordinance 8-2017 regarding the Taxi Cab code, which Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk answered.
- Council President Donna K. Williams spoke to Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk regarding a press conference which dealt with the Taxi Cab ordinance. The Business Administrator will follow up on that.
- Councilman Christopher Jackson continued - Resolution 54-2017 asked who was the qualified purchasing agent for the city and was told that it was Director Adrian Mapp.
- Council President Donna K. Williams asked if that resolution shouldn't be an ordinance. The Business Administrator stated that there was nothing in the resolution that was not already a State Statute. Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk commented that the procurement power by the Faulkner Act does rest with the administration. Procurement and the contract process is an administrative function. Council President Donna K. Williams stated she would like the resolution set aside so Attorney Townes can give the Council guidance and Attorney Eric S. Pennington can review it.
- Councilman Christopher Jackson continued – Resolution 62-2017 reported that there was a spelling error. Resolution 65-2017 question the significance of February 23<sup>rd</sup> that was in the resolution. Councilwoman Tency A. Eason stated that it was the day that the city was honoring the city's fallen Police Officers.
- Councilwoman Tency A. Eason spoke to Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk regarding the Taxi Cab resolution not having the section where the ID of the Cab driver would have to be shown. Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk stated that it was in there.
- Councilman Christopher Jackson continued. Resolution 67-2017 questioned the dates in a “whereas clause.” The Business Administrator answered his questions.

**Motion to adjourn the meeting by Councilwoman Jaime Summers-Johnson,  
Seconded by Councilwoman Tency A. Eason.**

**The meeting was adjourned by a unanimous vote at 8:48 P.M.**

**Approved:**

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**Joyce L. Lanier**  
City Clerk

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**Donna K. Williams**  
Council President