

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 21, 2017, FOLLOWING THE CONFERENCE MEETING.

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

Roll Call:

Present: Councilman Kerry J. Coley, East Ward
Councilwoman Tency A. Eason, North Ward
Councilman Christopher Jackson, At-Large
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: Joyce L. Lanier, City Clerk
Chris Hartwyk, Business Administrator
Eric Pennington, City Attorney
Alvin Spearman, Acting Fire Director
Adrian Mapp, Finance Director
Joy Lascari, Chief Financial Officer
Marlin Townes, Acting Legislative Research Officer
Margaret Homere, Senior Clerk,

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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES MEETINGS

January 3, 2017 Conference & Regular Minutes after amendments made.

Motion to adopt the Conference and the Regular meeting minutes from January 3, 2017 by: Councilman Christopher Jackson, Seconded by: Councilman Harold J. Johnson, Jr. Regular and Conference meeting minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

REPORTS:

DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REVENUE COLLECTION - None

CONSTABLE REPORTS

Cory Perkins- Month of January 2017- No activity

OPRA REPORTS - None

COUNCIL REPORTS

- Acting Fire Director Alvin Spearman reported the Save A Heart Save A Life initiative went well on Thursday. Classes are being planned. There were no updates on fires due to computer issues in the Fire Department.
- Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk gave a summary report on Emergency Management.
- A representative from the Police Department reported that there would be a ceremony for fallen Police Officers the following Thursday.
- Councilwoman Adrienne Wooten reported that the Housing Authority would be having a public meeting regarding Walter G. Alexander phase IV.
- Councilman Harold J. Johnson, Jr. reported that via e-mail Mr. McNeil, Housing Authority Director not be present to give a report. Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk provided information on how Mr. McNeil would be available to provide a report in a public forum to update the Council. Councilman Kerry J. Coley questioned why Mr. McNeil would not address the public.
- Council President Donna K. Williams had Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk give a status on the budget and that it would be presented at the next meeting. Council President Donna K. Williams continued with the Finance Committee report.
- Councilman Christopher Jackson provided a report on the Public Library.

Council President direct Clerk to file reports

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS - None

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON GENERAL ISSUES/AGENDA ITEMS

The City Clerk made the following statement:

Pursuant to section 4-10 of the Code of the City of Orange Township, each person addressing the Council shall step up to the microphone, shall give his or her name in an audible tone for the record, and unless further time is granted by the presiding officer, shall limit his or her address to Five (5) minutes.

- The public is expected to conduct themselves in a proper manner, any derogatory, abusive or threatening statements will not be permitted. The Chair will immediately rule such conduct out of order and terminate any further comments.
- Mr. Jeffrey Feld commented on the Acting Fire Director's position. Commented on the new health care package the city has. Spoke about more transparency by the city. Will the current

water system in the city be able to keep up with the new PILOTs. Questioned the dollar amounts being spent.

- Mr. William Hathaway concerned about New Jersey Transit not being open long enough and lack of service directly to midtown. He requested that a representative from NJ Transit come to a meeting so NJ Transit can address the residents' concerns.
- Mr. Sean Connor spoke about his concerns regarding Central Place. Failing Commercial stores are bring the property value down in the area.
- Mrs. Connor spoke about the Housing Authority being very transparent. She had attended some of their meetings. Mr. McNeil had addressed all of her concerns while at the meeting.
- Ms. Gloria Stewart commented that Mr. McNeil should come to a Council meeting and give a report to the Council. She hoped that the elected officials of the Board of Education do a good job and are transparent. The Haywood School had a wonderful Black History Program. She would like a nonsmoking campaign in the schools.
- Ms. Katalin Gordon questioned the water bills and abandoned list.

Motion to close Citizen Comments by Councilwoman Jaime Summers-Johnson, Seconded by Councilwoman Adrienne Wooten. The motion was unanimously approved.

Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk commented that properties on the abandoned property list are governed by State Statutes and they are followed. He further explained the process that is used in the City. Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk spoke about the Water Company's billing system and how it does not communicate with the City's Edmunds software so the different billing system has to be reconciled by the Tax Department personnel.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

ORDINANCES—SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING

The Clerk read Ordinance 61-2017 by Title.

61-2016 A refunding Bond Ordinance authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$2,500,000 aggregate principal amount of refunding Bonds and/or refunding notes by the City of Orange Township, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey, for the purpose of funding an emergency appropriation for the water utility system.

The Chair declared the time open for a hearing on Ordinance Number 61-2017. Seeing no one, the Chair declared the time closed.

Motion to close the public hearing by Councilwoman Tency Eason, Seconded by Councilman Harold J. Johnson, Jr.

The Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

**Motion to adopt Ordinance Number 61-2017 by Councilwoman Tency Eason,
Seconded by Councilman Christopher Jackson.**

Roll Call:

Yeas: None.

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

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

Motion Carries

ORDINANCES INTRODUCTION/ FIRST READING

Ordinance Number 8-2017 was withdrawn by the Administration.

**8-2017 An ordinance to amend and supplement Chapter 188 entitled “Taxi Cabs” of
the Code of the City of Orange Township.**

The Clerk read Ordinance 9-2017 by Title.

**9-2017 An ordinance creating Chapter 188A of the Municipal Code of the City of Orange Township
prohibiting tobacco and nicotine sales to person under the age of 21**

**Motion that Ordinance 9-2017 be introduced on first reading and that the public hearing would be
held March 21, 2017 by Councilwoman Tency A. Eason,
Seconded by Councilwoman Adrienne Wooten.**

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

Motion Carries.

CONSENT AGENDA

The 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.

RESOLUTIONS NUMBERS *54-2017 - *76-2017

- *54-2017** A resolution establishing the procurement procedures for the City of Orange Township for the issuance, advertisement, acceptance and opening of Bids, RFPs and RFQs. (Withdrawn)
- *55-2017** A resolution establishing a tax and municipal charge amnesty program for 92 days from 3/1/17 to 5/31/17 authorizing the Tax Collector to waive interest for delinquent property taxes, delinquent water charges, and delinquent sewer charges and penalties thereon from 3/1/17 to 5/31/17.
- *56-2017** A resolution authorizing the tax collector to refund the subsequent water charges paid by the outside lien holder, Richard Leonardis, for property known as 423 Alden Street, Block 703, Lot 25 in the amount of \$298.63.
- *57-2017** A resolution authorizing a performance bond release to RPM Contracting, LLC for the project known as Tony Galento Plaza, Block 2704, Lots 1 & 2 and Block 2705, Lot 1.
- *58-2017** A resolution authorizing the City of Orange Township to add 335 Ogden Street and 199 Reynolds Street to its existing City of Orange Township abandoned properties list.
- *59-2017** A resolution authorizing the City of Orange Township to remove 434 Tremont Place and 207 Reynolds Street from its existing City of Orange Township abandoned properties list. (Withdrawn)
Motion: Councilwoman Jaime Summers-Johnson
Second: Councilman Christopher Jackson,
Yeas: Coley, Eason, Jackson, Johnson, Jr., Summers-Johnson, Wooten, Williams
Nays: None.
Abstain: None.
Absent: None
- *60-2017** A resolution authorizing the release of escrow funds to White Castle System, Inc. for the Property located at 467 Central Avenue, Orange, New Jersey 07050, Block 380, Lot 1.
- *61-2017** A resolution authorizing an agreement between the City of Orange Township and EIC Inspection Agency Corp., 3705 Kennedy Blvd., Jersey City, NJ 07307 to provide elevator subcode services for the City of Orange Township for a (2) year term, with one (1) one year option to renew.
- *62-2017** A resolution awarding a contract to American Wear, Inc., 261 North 18th Street, East Orange, New Jersey 07018 for the public works uniform rental and cleaning

services for two (2) years commencing March 1, 2017 through February 28, 2019 in the amount not to exceed \$18,046.60 per year. (Amended to correct spelling of American)

Motion: Councilwoman Tency A. Eason

Second: Councilwoman Adrienne Wooten,

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None

- *63-2017 A resolution authorizing the award of a non-fair and open contract with Netta Architects, 1084 Route 22 West, Mountainside, New Jersey 07092 to provide professional architectural and engineering services for the feasibility study to the Washington Street Fire House in the amount not to exceed \$12,000.00**
- *64-2017 A resolution authorizing the submission of the Governor's Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Grant under the 2017 Municipal Alliance Grant for Prevention and Awareness Education Programs in the City of Orange Township.**
- *65-2017 A resolution acknowledging February 23, 2017 and hereafter, annually, as "Orange Police Appreciation Day" in the Township of Orange, NJ.**
- *66-2017 A resolution to support the display of art work in the City of Orange Township created by students In the Orange High Visual Arts Program, designed to educate youth about the dangers of illicit drugs from April 2017 to June 2017.**
- *67-2017 A resolution authorizing the retention of Theresa Pollard as Special Counsel to ensure compliance with Alcotest Protocols at a rate of \$150.00 per hour up to a maximum of \$10,000.00**
- *68-2017 A resolution confirming Cassandra A. Corbett as Judge of the Orange Municipal Court.**
- *69-2017 A resolution celebrating the life of Hazel Virginia Martin-Pollard.**
- *70-2017 A resolution authorizing the emergency award of a non-fair and open contract with M2 Associates, Inc., 56 Country Acres Drive, Hampton, New Jersey 08827 to provide professional hydrogeologic evaluation services to the City of Orange Township's wells in an amount not to exceed \$48,605.00**
- *71-2017 A resolution approving the bill list for council meeting vote on February 7, 2017 dated February 17, 2017 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95 (Grand Total: \$ 4,204,944.07). (Withdrawn)**
Motion: Councilman Harold Johnson, Jr.

Second: Councilwoman Adrienne Wooten,
Yeas: Coley, Eason, Jackson, Johnson, Jr., Summers-Johnson, Wooten, Williams
Nays: None.
Abstain: None.
Absent: None

***72-2017 A resolution of the Township Council of the City of Orange Township awarding a contract for health benefit insurance services to Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield. (Withdrawn)**

Motion: Councilwoman Jamie Summers-Johnson
Second: Councilman Christopher Jackson
Yeas: Eason, Jackson, Johnson, Jr., Summers-Johnson, Wooten, Williams
Nays: None.
Abstain: Coley.
Absent: None

***73-2017 A resolution honoring Senator Nia H. Gill for Women’s History Month.**

***74-2017 A resolution honoring Assemblywoman Sheila Y. Oliver for Women’s History Month**

***75-2017 A resolution honoring Karen Hunter for Women’s History Month. *** (was not listed in the original agenda)**

***76-2017 A resolution in celebration of St. Patrick’s Day and honoring Assemblymen Thomas P. Giblin as Irishmen of the Year**

Motion to adopt the Consent Agenda: Councilman Johnson, Jr., Second: Councilwoman Eason
Ayes: Eason, Jackson, Johnson, Jr., Summers-Johnson, Wooten, Williams
Nays: Coley
Abstain: None.
Absent: None

NEW BUSINESS – WALK ON RESOLUTIONS

Introduction / First Reading

10-2017(WO) A REFUNDING BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$2,150,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF REFUNDING BONDS AND/OR REFUNDING NOTES BY THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION FOR THE WATER UTILITY SYSTEM.

**Motion: Councilwoman Tency Eason
Second: Councilman Harold Johnson, Jr.**

Yeas: Coley, Eason, Jackson, Summers-Johnson, Williams
Nays: Johnson, Jr, Wooten.
Abstain: None.
Absent: None

77-2017(WO) A resolution authorizing, affirming and ratifying the award of an emergency contract to Sylint Group for emergency technical services to respond, investigate, and contain the ransomware malware attack.

Motion: Councilman Johnson, Jr.

Second: Councilman Jackson

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None.

Absent: None

78-2017(WO) A resolution authorizing, affirming and ratifying the award of an emergency contract to McDonald Hopkins PLC for emergency legal services to respond, investigate, and contain the ransomware malware attack.

Motion: Councilman Johnson, Jr.

Second: Councilman Jackson

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

Nays: Coley

Abstain: None.

Absent: None

OTHER PENDING BUSINESS

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

By consensus the regular meeting adjourned at 11:30pm

Approved:

Joyce L. Lanier
City Clerk

Donna K. Williams
Council President