

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

**CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
March 3, 2015**

**This was a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Orange, Township held in the Council Chambers 4<sup>th</sup> Floor of City Hall, 29 North Day Street, Orange, New Jersey, on Tuesday, March 3, 2015 immediately 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  
Councilman Elroy A. Corbitt, At-Large Councilman  
Councilwoman Tency A. Eason, North Ward Councilwoman  
Councilwoman April Gaunt-Butler, At-Large Councilwoman  
Councilman Harold Johnson, Jr. West Ward Councilwoman  
Council President Donna K. Williams, At-Large Councilwoman

**Absent:** Councilwoman Jamie Summers-Johnson., South Ward Councilman

**Also Present:** Deputy Municipal Clerk Madeline F. Smith  
Finance Director Adrian Mapp  
City Attorney Dan Smith  
Legislative Research Officer Kevin Harris  
Senior Clerk Margarett Homere  
Fire Director Dowd  
Police Director Sims

**The Deputy Municipal 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 17, 2014, posted on the Bulletin Board in City Hall and filed in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES MEETINGS**

**January 6, 2015 Conference and Regular meeting**

**Motion by Corbitt, seconded by Eason, to approve minutes for January 6, 2015.**

**Roll Call:**

**Roll Call:**

Ayes: Council members: Coley, Corbitt, Eason, Gaunt-Butler, Johnson, Council President Williams

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Summers-Johnson

**Motion Carries.**

**January 20, 2015 Conference and Regular Meeting**

**Motion by Corbitt, seconded by Eason, to approve minutes for January 20, 2015.**

**Roll Call:**

Ayes: Council members: Coley, Corbitt, Eason, Gaunt-Butler, Johnson, Council President  
Williams

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Summers-Johnson

**Motion Carries.**

**REPORTS:**

No reports were available for this meeting.

**OPRA REQUEST**

No report was available for this meeting

**COUNCIL REPORTS**

The Council Reports were postponed until the next meeting.

**Council President directs Clerk to file reports**

**COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS**

There were no communications or petitions.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS ON GENERAL ISSUES/AGENDA ITEMS**

**The Deputy 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 (10) 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.

The following residents and business owners made comments.

Mr. Feld questioned resolutions and their payments via OPRA request and the Administration had not given that information to the clerk's Office yet.

Mr. Feld gave his comments and questions on the Annual Debt statement and the city tax base.

Mr. Feld suggested that the Council should read the litigations that are against the city.

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Mr. Feld commented on the bill List and made suggestions regarding what should be added to the Bill List. Also commented that a proposed budget should be presented by the March 17th meeting and his thoughts on that.

Superintend Lee from the Board of Education along with other members of the Board of Education came in front of the Council to speak of their concerns about their Bond. Mr. Lee provided the Council with some back ground on the process they went through with the board of School Estimate and information on property for a new school along with the tax base which would be set by the Board of school estimate as required by law. Mr. Lee explained that the 'Mary Lawn of Orange' property was available but the BOE was concerned about the city's part in raising money for the property.

They have a contract in hand which they are holding off on signing because he cannot get a determination whether the money will be raised by the city so the building can be purchased. The amounts that had been told to him would not be enough.

If the BOE does their own financing it will take money out of the operating budget. The ordinance Mr. Lee was told about by the Mayor was suppose to have the first reading that night and it is was not on the agenda. The owners of Mary Lawn had given Mr. Lee till Friday to tell them what the Board of Education was going to do. Mr. Lee commented that the enrollment of students is going up quickly. The Council President was not aware of an ordinance and asked Mr. Smith, the City Attorney, to check with his office to see if he could get the ordinance.

Mr. Lee was told by the city administration that there needed to be an ordinance on this matter. Councilwoman Eason stated that she had been told that the Mayor would put together an ordinance with the Law Department and it should have been on this agenda. Councilman Corbitt stated that he was under the impression that as of the day before the Mayor was looking for other ways to raise money besides adding additional burdens to the tax payers. There were meetings schedule for the following Friday with people that may help in the process.

Mr. Lee spoke further on the benefits that the residents would receive.

Mr. Lee answered questions for Councilwoman Gaunt-Butler. Mr. Lee as a closing statement commented that he has no confidence that the city would be able to pay its share.

Ms. Kat Gordon commented about the snow removal in the city, not agreeing with the city snow plan.

Mr. Hathaway disagreed with Ms. Gordon's assessment of the city snow removal providing his reasons. The Council President stated that the Citizens Comments section would not be closed at this time.

**Motion to Close Citizen Comments:**

**Second:**

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilwoman Gaunt-Butler asked Mr. Mayes where the city was in the budget process and will it be submitted by the next meeting. Mr. Mayes did not have an answer for those questions.

Ms. Knight from the Finance Department

**ORDINANCES–SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING**

**ORDINANCE TABLED FROM 2/3/2015 MEETING 2-2015**

**The Chair asked for a motion to lift 2-2015 from the table.**

**2-2015 An ordinance amending Chapter 4 of the Municipal Code of the City of Orange Township entitled Administration of government dealing with procedural rules of the City Council. (Sponsored by Hon. Donna K. Williams)**

**Receiving no response, the Chair moved the agenda forward.**

**ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION /FIRST READING**

**14-2015** An ordinance amending Chapter 4 of the Municipal Code of the City of Orange Township entitled Administration of Government regarding Department Directors. (Sponsored by: Council Member April Gaunt-Butler)  
**Postponed until next meeting.**

**15-2015** An ordinance amending Chapter 4 of the Municipal Code of the City of Orange Township entitled Administration of Government amending the section regarding Council Committees. (Sponsored by: Council Member April Gaunt-Butler)  
**Postponed until next meeting.**

**16-2015** An ordinance amending Chapter 80 of the Municipal Code of the City of Orange Township entitled dogs and other animals( Sponsored by: Council Member Tency A. Eason)  
**Motion by Corbitt, seconded by Johnson to adopt Ordinance 16-2015 on first reading with a hearing on April 7, 2015.**

**Roll Call:**

Ayes: Councilmembers: Coley, Corbitt, Eason, Gaunt-Butler, Johnson, Council President Williams  
Nays: None.  
Abstain: None.  
Absent: Summers-Johnson

**Motion Carries.**

**17-2015** An ordinance amending Chapter 210 of the Municipal Code of the City of Orange Township entitled development regulations regarding the Historic Preservation Commission.  
**Postponed until next meeting.**

**18-2015** An ordinance amending Chapter 4 of the Municipal Code of the City of Orange Township entitled Administration of Government amending the powers of the City Council regarding Council activity. (Sponsored by: Council Member April Gaunt-Butler)  
**Postponed until next meeting.**

**11) CONSENT AGENDA**

**The Deputy 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 NO. \*56-2015-\*67-2015**

- \*56-2015** 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 (1) year term, with one (1) year option to renew.
- \*57-2015** A resolution rejecting bids for the janitorial service for the Freddie Polhill Law & Justice Complex, 25-29 Park Street, Orange, NJ and City Hall, 29 North Day Street, Orange, NJ
- \*58-2015** A resolution authorizing the acceptance of Community Development Block Grant reprogramming funds for the year 2014.
- \*59-2015** A resolution authorizing the purchase of one (1) 2015 Ram Promaster 1500 Cargo Van Low Roof 136" WB under State Contract #A88212 for the City of Orange Township Community Service, Animal Control Division to Beyer Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram, 200 Ridgedale Avenue, Morristown, NJ 07936 in an amount not to exceed \$25,218.50.  
**Removed for separate vote**
- \*60-2015** A resolution awarding a contract to Ebon Environmental Services, 110 Jabez Street, Suite 105, Newark, NJ 07105 for janitorial services for the Freddie Polhill Law & Justice Complex, 25-29 Park Street, Orange, New Jersey and City Hall, 29 North Day Street, Orange, New Jersey in the Amount not to exceed \$49,000.00.  
**Removed for separate vote.**
- \*61-2015** A resolution authorizing the purchase of spray park equipment for the Central Ave. Playground Spray and Play under State Contract #A81411 to Gametime c/o MRC, P.O. Box 106, Spring Lake, New Jersey 07762 in the amount not to exceed \$142,901.80.
- \*62-2015** A resolution authorizing the awarding of a contract for the CDBG 2014 Central Avenue Spray and Play Park to Picerno Giordano Construction, 200 Market Street, Kenilworth, New Jersey 07033 in the amount not to exceed \$178,629.50.
- \*63-2015** A resolution of the City of Orange Township authorizing the Orange Fire Department to apply and accept any grant funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Assistance to the Firefighters Grant Program (SAFER) to fund the hire of twelve (12) new firefighter positions and to accept same.
- \*64-2015** A resolution authorizing the execution of a contract for emergency medical service in the City of Orange Township with Monmouth-Ocean Hospital Service Corporation from March 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015 for the amount of forty two thousand dollars (\$42,000) for option #2 with the option to extend the contract for two (2) one (1) year extensions in an amount not to exceed ninety four thousand dollars (\$94,000.00) for years 2016 and 2017.
- \*65-2015** A resolution authorizing the City of Orange Township Planning Board to conduct a public hearing for the purpose of determining whether select properties on Lincoln Avenue, Highland Avenue, Clarendon Place and Lighthipe Place meet the criteria for a non-condemnation

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redevelopment area as defined by the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law including Chapter 159.

**Removed for separate vote.**

**\*66- 2015 A resolution for the transfer of appropriation reserves.**

**\*67-2015** A resolution approving the bill list for council meeting vote on March 3, 2015 dated February 27, 2015 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95 (Grand Total: \$ 5,490,958.10)

**Removed for separate vote.**

**\*68-2015 A RESOLUTION APPOINTING KYLE ROUSTER AS MEMBER TO THE CITIZENS BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2015. (Sponsored by Councilwoman Tency A. Eason)**

**Motion by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilwoman Gaunt-Butler, to approve the Consent Agenda (with the corrections as noted) by the Township Council.**

**Roll Call:**

Ayes: Councilmembers: Coley, Corbitt, Eason, Gaunt-Butler, Johnson, Council President Williams

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Summers-Johnson

**Motion Carries.**

**59-2015 A resolution authorizing the purchase of one (1) 2015 Ram Promaster 1500 Cargo Van Low Roof 136" WB under State Contract #A88212 for the City of Orange Township Community Service, Animal Control Division to Beyer Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram, 200 Ridgedale Avenue, Morristown, NJ 07936 in an amount not to exceed \$25,218.50.**

**Motion Eason, seconded by Coley, to approve Resolution 59-2015.**

**Roll Call:**

Ayes: Councilmembers: Coley, Corbitt, Eason, Johnson, Council President Williams

Nays: Gaunt-Butler

Abstain: None.

Absent: Summers-Johnson

**Motion Carries.**

**60-2015 A resolution awarding a contract to Ebon Environmental Services, 110 Jabez Street, Suite 105, Newark, NJ 07105 for janitorial services for the Freddie Polhill Law & Justice Complex, 25-29 Park Street, Orange, New Jersey and City Hall, 29 North Day Street, Orange, New Jersey in the Amount not to exceed \$49,000.00.**

**Motion Gaunt-Butler, seconded by Eason, to approve Resolution 60-2015.**

**Roll Call:**

Ayes: Councilmembers: Corbitt, Eason, Gaunt-Butler, Council President Williams

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Nays: Coley, Johnson,  
Abstain: None.  
Absent: Summers-Johnson

**Motion Carries.**

**65-2015 A resolution authorizing the City of Orange Township Planning Board to conduct a public hearing for the purpose of determining whether select properties on Lincoln Avenue, Highland Avenue, Clarendon Place and Lighthipe Place meet the criteria for a non-condemnation redevelopment area as defined by the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law including Chapter 159.**

**CHECK THE VOTE ON 65-2015**

**Motion Eason, seconded by Gaunt-Butler, to approve Resolution 65-2015.**

**Roll Call:**

Ayes: Councilmembers: Coley, Corbitt, Eason, Gaunt-Butler, Johnson, Council President Williams  
Nays: None.  
Abstain: None.  
Absent: Summers-Johnson

**Motion Carries.**

**67-2015 A resolution approving the bill list for council meeting vote on March 3, 2015 dated February 27, 2015 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95 (Grand Total: \$ 5,490,958.10)**

**Motion Gaunt-Butler, seconded by Corbitt, to approve Resolution 67-2015.**

**Roll Call:**

Ayes: Councilmembers: Coley, Corbitt, Eason, Johnson, Council President Williams  
Nays: Gaunt-Butler  
Abstain: None.  
Absent: Summers-Johnson

**Motion Carries.**

**OTHER PENDING BUSINESS**

Motion by Councilwoman/man /, seconded by Councilwoman/man ?, to adjourn.

By consensus the regular meeting adjourned at 9:25 P.M

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**Madeline Smith**  
**Deputy Municipal Clerk**

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**Donna K. Williams**  
**Council President**

\*\*Original Copy of the Minutes can be obtained from the Office of the City Clerk.

