

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, MARCH 7, 2017 AT 7:01 P.M.

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: Joyce L. Lanier, City Clerk
Chris Hartwyk, Business Administrator (BA)
Eric Pennington, City Attorney
Marlin Townes, Acting Legislative Research Officer
Margarette Homere, Senior Clerk,
Deputy Chief Sako, representing the Fire Director,
Madeline Smith, Deputy City Clerk
Todd Warren, Police Director
Marty Mayes, Director of Planning/Public Work

Absent:
Adrian Mapp, Director of Finance
Joy Lascari, Chief Financial Officer

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

City Clerk Lanier made the following statement.

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

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

- **Presentation – Housing Authority Update**

Mr. Rhine's, Chairman of the Housing Authority, introduced Dr. Walter McNeil the Executive Director of the Housing Authority. Dr McNeil came to the podium and introduced members of his staff to the Council. He provided Council Members with a packet containing information on projects that are being worked on and those being considered. The packet had information on their short and long term strategies for the projects. He reported that Walter G facilities house teachers, public servants and other working people. He spoke about the security that has been placed in and around the facilities. The Water G 4 project will be a tax credit development. Dr McNeil spoke about how the banks would take back properties and then only pay the taxes on those properties and not keep up maintenance on them, which affected the market value of the areas. He spoke about taking properties by eminent domain, paying fair market value for the property, demolishing the building and using tax dollars from the federal government or grant money to build new buildings and reestablishing the neighborhood. Mr. Brown a designer that works for Housing Authority, designing the Walter G properties spoke about the design of the new Walter G 4 proposed site areas, security and parking areas for Walter G renters. He reported on the look of the units.

Mr. McNeil spoke about the need for senior buildings in the area. The baby boomers are retiring and the Council should start to think about where those seniors will live. Answers were given to the Council's questions Dr. McNeil and Mr. Brown.

- **Plaque Presentations**
(Ms. Hunter and Mr. Aaron's presentation were cancelled till a later date.)
 - **Karen Hunter**
 - **Cordell Reginald Aarons, Sr.**

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.

- **Councilwoman Eason Ordinance 7-2017.** The Councilwoman asked for an inventory of handicap spots in Orange. She felt that many of them were not being used anymore.
- **Councilman Coley Resolution 92-2017.** The Councilman questioned the reason for allowing the extended garage sale. Director Mayes stated that he had researched this and that it had been granted before. Director Mayes will have to investigate if the extended garage sale fee is only \$5.00. There should be a \$5.00 a day fee not a flat \$5.00. It was determined that Resolution 92-2017 would be pulled from the agenda pending more information.
- **Councilwoman Eason Resolution 86-2017.** Councilwoman Eason questioned why this person was being considered when they do not live in Orange for the Budget Advisory Committee.

- **Councilman Johnson, Jr. Resolution 98-2017.** Questioned item on the bill list that had been pulled during the last meeting till paperwork were reviewed. It was determine to discuss the matter in an Executive Session. Councilman Johnson also reported that there was a customer of his on the bill list so he would abstain from voting.
- **Councilman Jackson Resolution 80-2017.** Suggested more detailed information of the responsibilities of the Budget Advisory Committee members be added to the resolution. BA Hartwyk commented that he would update the resolution with those suggestions.
- The Council President reported that the person being suggested for the Budget Advisory Committee is an Orange resident; there was a typo of the address in the resolution.
- The City Clerk reported that Resolution 83-2017 was withdrawn from the agenda and Resolution 91-2017 was amended. Resolution 93-2017 was withdrawn and there were two walk-ons that are on the hall table for review.
- **Councilwoman Eason Resolution 93-2017.** Questioned when the city would be getting a cleaning company. BA Hartwyk gave the Council an update also stating that the job would be going out to bid soon.

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

The meeting was adjourned by a unanimous vote at 8:25 P.M.

Approved:

Joyce L. Lanier
City Clerk

Donna K. Williams
Council President

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