

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

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.

Councilwoman Eason presented a plaque to Mr. Cordell Reginald Aaron, Sr. Mr. Aaron thanked the Council and each Council Member thanked him for his service to the City of Orange.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES MEETINGS

None

REPORTS:

- **DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REVENUE COLLECTION** **None**

- **CONSTABLE REPORTS** **None**
- **OPRA REPORTS** **None**
- **COUNCIL REPORTS**

Police Report:

Police Director Warren spoke about the ceremony for fallen officers and thanked all that helped with the ceremony. He provided a report of arrest in the city by the Police Department. Director Warren provided an update on the police recruits in training. He introduced members of a new program that will be headed by Lt. Eason. Lt. Brown and Mr. Cox spoke about the objectives of the unit. Mr. Cox will have a contract with the city and he will help with the fight against gangs in the city. Lt. Brown spoke about her recent work within the Orange School system. Mr. Cox and Lt. Eason spoke about the Secondfloor.org which helps teens get out of gangs. They answered questions from the Council Members.

Library – No report.

Planning Report:

Councilman Jackson spoke about the traffic issue by Tony Galati and that Reock St will be made into a one way street to elevate traffic coming out of the development that is located there.

Finance Report:

Council President Williams reported that the notes for the last meeting will be presented at the next Council meeting. She reported that the Finance Committee discussed L&M Company and their development area.

ABC Report:

Councilwoman Eason stated that Chris Ross’s mother had passed.

Housing Authority: No Report

Council President directs 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.

The following residents made comments:

- Past Council President, Ms. April Gaunt-Butler came to the podium and spoke about her concern regarding emergency services in Orange. She recalled what she had to do when she had an emergency in her home. It was the Orange Fire Department that actually responded quickly when she could not get anyone at the Police Department. The ambulance took 20 minutes to arrive. Only after the second ambulance arrived was the person taken care of because the first ambulance could not help her. She wanted to know why is there an automated system answering 911 calls in Orange. She also wanted to know the 911 routing system and where are the ambulances being housed for the Orange Community. Ms. Gaunt-Butler questioned the contract terms for the ambulances. She also asked for the standard response time for a 911 call. Ms. Gaunt-Butler thanked the Orange Fire Department for their quick response in her time of need.
- Mr. Jeffery Feld spoke about his heads up letter that he had sent to the Council Members. Thanked the BA and staff for getting the budget to the Council. Commented that his OPRA request are not responded to by the city. Provided some examples of what had not been responded to. Gave some suggestions to the Council and referred them to some court cases that they should review.
- Ms. Katelyn Gordon questioned ordinance 13-2017 language that was used in the ordinance. She spoke about the resolution that would contract Mr. Cox and how the Council should do more to prevent the sale of drugs on the streets.
- Ms. Gloria Stewart complimented the Mr. Hartwyk the City Business Administrator. Ms. Stewart provided some information on the upcoming events that the Orange students would be involved in. She asked about affordable housing.
- Mr. Tyrone Tarver thanked the Council for its support with the School Board election.

Responses to some of the questions by residents.

- Business Administrator Hartwyk reported that the Monarch Ambulance contract expires December 31, 2017. He will look into the issue with the automated system for 911 calls. Both ambulances should be kept within the city limits unless they are on a call.
- The Council President commented that residents may want to dial 973-266-4111 and have the police get in touch with the ambulance.
- Councilman Coley agreed with the Council President also commenting about the service that Monarch provides.
- BA Hartwyk provided information regarding an item on the bill list which concerned an employee's missing paperwork causing the fine. BA Hartwyk stated that with regards to OPRA request he would meet with the City Attorney and the City Clerk to provide a solution. Mayor's certification will be sent up to the Clerk's Office.
- Mr. Mapp provided information regarding the CAP bank, when and how it is used.

- Information was provided regarding affordable housing by Mr. McNeil.

Motion to close Citizen Comments by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson, seconded by Councilwoman Wooten.

The motion was unanimously approved.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

- Councilwoman Wooten read a statement in honor of Woman's History Month. Councilwoman Wooten provided information about upcoming events in March.
- Councilwoman Summers-Johnson reminded residents about the upcoming School Board election and encouraged everyone to come out and vote and speak to the candidates. She spoke about abandoned properties maintenance and would like Code Enforcement to check on how the home owners are maintaining their properties as well. She will be working with the Southward District leaders.
- Councilman Johnson, Jr. complimented the BA and Finance Department for having the budget in to Council on time. He reported that the Special Board of Education election forum will be held on March 12th.
- Councilman Jackson was happy to receive the budget on time and thanked the Business Administrator for his effort.
- Councilwoman Eason asked if the land line phones were working at the Police Dept. BA Hartwyk commented that they were. She commented that she went to budget training and very few people from Essex County were there. She would like to see budget training for Orange next year for the residents so they could understand the process better. Councilwoman Eason complimented Business Administrator Hartwyk for all he does and thanked all departments that helped with the Fallen Heroes ceremony. She commented that February 23 had been designated Orange Appreciation Day. Councilwoman Eason stated that she is not against an elected School Board but the timing was not right to have the election; providing her thoughts on the matter. She reported that on March 11th there would be a meeting to let everyone there know what is happening in the school district. The meeting will be held at the St. Mathews Church.
- Councilman Coley thanked the BA and Finance department for getting the budget to the Council. He would like the broadcast from the chambers to be recorded so residents can see more than one broadcast of any meeting that is broadcast.
- Council President Williams reported that there would be a job readiness fair on March 17 at St. Mathews Church. The Council President made some corrections to Councilwoman Eason's statements regarding the Special election. She also commented that the open poll hours are from 1:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. which was the School Board's chose. She reported that the City Council was willing to pay half the expense to have the polls stay open from 6:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.

ORDINANCES—SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING

The Clerk read Ordinance 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)

The Chair declared the time open for a hearing on Ordinance Number 4-2017.

Ms. Katlyn Gordon stated she was in support of the Ordinance giving her reasons why.

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

Motion to close the public hearing by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson, seconded by Councilman Johnson, Jr.

The Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Motion to adopt Ordinance Number 4-2017 by Councilman Johnson, Jr., seconded by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

Motion Carries.

The Clerk read Ordinance 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)

The Chair declared the time open for a hearing on Ordinance Number 5-2017.

Seeing no one, the Chair declared the time closed.

Motion to close the public hearing by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson, seconded by Councilman Johnson, Jr.

The Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Motion to adopt Ordinance Number 5-2017 by Councilwoman Eason, seconded by Councilman Jackson.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

Motion Carries.

Motion to extend the meeting by Councilman Johnson, Jr. seconded by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

Motion Carries.

The Clerk read Ordinance 6-2017 by Title.

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

The Chair declared the time open for a hearing on Ordinance Number 6-2017.

Seeing no one, the Chair declared the time closed.

Motion to close the public hearing by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson, seconded by Councilman Johnson, Jr.

The Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Motion to adopt Ordinance Number 6-2017 by Councilman Jackson, 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 Clerk read Ordinance 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"

The Chair declared the time open for a hearing on Ordinance Number 7-2017

Seeing no one, the Chair declared the time closed.

Motion to close the public hearing by Councilwoman Wooten, seconded by Councilman Johnson, Jr.

The Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Motion to adopt Ordinance Number 7-2017 by Councilwoman Eason, seconded by Councilman Jackson.

On the motion. Councilman Coley had a correction for paragraph G. BA Hartwyk provided the wording which would change having handicap parking signs on both sides of the street for one permit.

Motion to adopt Ordinance Number 7-2017 as amended by Councilwoman Eason, 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.

ORDINANCES INTRODUCTION/ FIRST READING

The Clerk read Ordinance 11-2017 by Title

11-2017 An ordinance to amend and supplement Chapter 188 entitled "Taxi Cabs" of the Code of the City of Orange Township.

Motion that Ordinance 11-2017 be introduced on first reading and that the public hearing would be held April 4, 2017 by Councilman Jackson, 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.

The Clerk read Ordinance 12-2017 by Title.

12-2017 An ordinance to amend Chapter 26 of the Orange Municipal Code by adding Section 6.2 to create the position of Police Chaplain with the City of Orange Township Police Department.

Motion that Ordinance 11-2017 be introduced on first reading and that the public hearing would be held April 4, 2017 by Councilwoman Eason, seconded by Councilwoman Wooten.

On the Motion. Councilman Johnson, Jr. questioned the reason for multiple Chaplains in paragraph C when the title states “create a position for a Police Chaplain”. BA Hartwyk explained that it is one position but you can have different people in that position. Same as the position Police Officer. This ordinance creates the position.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

Motion Carries.

The Clerk read Ordinance 13-2017 by Title.

13-2017 An ordinance to exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to establish a CAP Bank.

Motion that Ordinance 11-2017 be introduced on first reading and that the public hearing would be held April 4, 2017 by Councilman Johnson, Jr., 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 Clerk read Ordinance 14-2017 by Title.

14-2017 An ordinance to amend and supplement Chapter 4 Administration of Government, Article II, 4-11 (Agendas) of the Municipal Code of the City of Orange Township

Motion that Ordinance 11-2017 be introduced on first reading and that the public hearing would be held April 4, 2017 by Councilwoman Wooten, 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.

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.

RESOLUTION NUMBERS*80-2017 - *98-2017

- *80-2017** A resolution establishing a Citizen's Budget Advisory Committee (CBAC) for the 2017 annual Municipal budget process.
(Voted on separately)
- *81-2017** A resolution appointing Ashante' S.B. Connor as members to the Citizen's Budget Advisory Committee for Calendar Year 2017 Municipal Budget process. (Sponsored by Council Member Donna K. Williams)
- *82-2017** A resolution appointing Twana Barrett as members to the Citizen's Budget Advisory Committee for Calendar Year 2017 Municipal Budget process. (Sponsored by Council Member Donna K. Williams)
- *83-2017** A resolution appointing Lisa Perkins as members to the Citizen's Budget Advisory Committee for Calendar Year 2017 Municipal Budget process. (Sponsored by Council Member Adrienne Wooten)
(WITHDRAWN)
- *84-2017** A resolution appointing Stefon Ikner as members to the Citizen's Budget Advisory Committee for Calendar Year 2017 Municipal Budget process. (Sponsored by Council Member Adrienne Wooten)
- *85-2017** A resolution appointing Louis Harris as members to the Citizen's Budget Advisory Committee for Calendar Year 2017 Municipal Budget process. (Sponsored by Council Member Kerry Coley)

- *86-2017** A resolution appointing Derrick Henry as members to the Citizen's Budget Advisory Committee for Calendar Year 2017 Municipal Budget process. (Sponsored by Council Member Kerry Coley)
- *87-2017** A resolution appointing Coram Rimes as members to the Citizen's Budget Advisory Committee for Calendar Year 2017 Municipal Budget process. (Sponsored by Council Member Tency A. Eason)
- *88-2017** A resolution designating Mosswood Avenue beginning at Warwick Avenue and ending at Tremont Avenue as Honorable William R. Lewis Way-In-Memoriam.
- *89-2017** A resolution authorizing the awarding of a contract to Continental Hardware, 400 Delancy Street, Newark, New Jersey 07105 to purchase hardware supplies under the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council Contract #10 commencing March 1, 2017 through June 30, 2017 in an amount not to exceed \$4,000.00.
(Voted on separately)
- *90-2017** A resolution authorizing the awarding of a contract to Garden State Highway Products, 1740 East Oak Road, Vineland, New Jersey 08631 to purchase traffic signage materials and accessories under the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council Contract #28 commencing March 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00.
- *91-2017** A resolution authorizing an emergency contract with AIIZ Cleaning Solutions, 44 Lehigh Avenue, Newark, New Jersey for \$21,669.30 and authorizing final payment to AIIZ for emergency janitorial services at the Freddie Polhill Law & Justice Complex, 29 Park Street, Orange, New Jersey in an amount not to exceed \$21,699.30.
(Amended 3/3/17) (Voted on separately)
- *92-2017** A resolution authorizing Carl Ianiro to conduct garage sales in the city of Orange Township every Sunday from May 7th through October 29, 2017. (Withdrawn)
- *93-2017** A resolution to apply for grant funds from the New Jersey Department of Agriculture for the 2017 Summer Food Service Program (SFSP).

- *94-2017** A resolution for the transfer of appropriation reserves.
- *95-2017** A resolution for emergency temporary appropriations to the Calendar Year 2017 Budget.
- *96-2017** A resolution authorizing the Mayor or his designee to enter into a contract with Anthony Cox to assist the City of Orange Township Orange Police Department in analyzing, developing policy and reducing gang activity and violence in the City of Orange Township for a one year period for an amount not to exceed \$30,000.
- *97-2017** A resolution authorizing the award of a non-fair and open contact with Carroll Engineering Corporation, 105 Raider Boulevard, Suite 206, Hillsborough, New Jersey 08844 to provide engineering services associated with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection application, preparation of plans and specifications, bidding services, construction observation, and contract administration for the City of Orange Township water main protection at the Glen Avenue bridge in Millburn, New Jersey for an amount not to exceed \$10,750.00.
- *98-2017** A resolution approving the bill list for council meeting vote on March 7, 2017 dated March 3, 2017 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95 (Grand Total: \$ 2,303,116.64) **(Voted on separately)**

Motion to adopt the Consent Agenda by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson, seconded by Councilman Coley.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

Motion Carries.

80-2017 A resolution establishing a Citizen's Budget Advisory Committee (CBAC) for the 2017 annual Municipal budget process.

BA Hartwyk provided the amended paragraph as follows: The Municipal Council desires the expertise and advice of the citizens who have reviewed the budget book, reviewed the line item legal budget, attended the budget hearings, familiarized themselves with the local budget law and are willing and able to share their thoughts and expertise in a formal report to the City Council.

Motion to accept as amended 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.

89-2017 A resolution authorizing the awarding of a contract to Continental Hardware, 400 Delancy Street, Newark, New Jersey 07105 to purchase hardware supplies under the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council Contract #10 commencing March 1, 2017 through June 30, 2017 in an amount not to exceed \$4,000.00.

Motion to adopt Resolution 89-2017 by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson, seconded by Councilman Jackson.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Carries.

The Clerk read the amended sections of the resolution.

91-2017 A resolution authorizing an emergency contract with AIIZ Cleaning Solutions, 44 Lehigh Avenue, Newark, New Jersey for \$21,669.30 and authorizing final payment to AIIZ for emergency janitorial services at the Freddie Polhill Law & Justice Complex, 29 Park Street, Orange, New Jersey in an amount not to exceed \$21,699.30. (Amended 3/3/17)

Motion to adopt Resolution 89-2017 as amended by Councilwoman Eason, seconded by Councilman Jackson.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Carries.

The Clerk read Resolution 98-2017 by title.

98-2017 A resolution approving the bill list for council meeting vote on March 7, 2017 dated March 3, 2017 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95 (Grand Total: \$ 2,303,116.64)

Motion to adopt Resolution 98-2017 by Councilman Johnson, Jr., seconded by Councilwoman Eason.

On the Motion: Councilman Johnson, Jr. questioned page 2, the amount of \$3,279.07. He reported that the Council was supposed to receive information on this item and has not. Councilman Coley, page 13, questioned a purchased shower curtain. He was told that it was for the Police Department showers.

The Clerk reported the new amount would be 2,299,837.57

Motion to adopt Resolution 98-2017 as amended by Councilman Jackson, 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.

NEW BUSINESS AND WALK-ON ORDINANCES / RESOLUTIONS

The City Clerk reported that there were walk-on resolutions.

Motion to walk-on Resolution 99-2017, 100-2017 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.

The Clerk asked if the public which to discuss the resolutions.

Mr. Jeffery Feld asked that Resolution 100-2017 be signed by an attorney.

Motion to close the citizen comments by Councilwoman Eason, seconded by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson.

The motion was unanimously approved.

The Clerk read Resolution 99-2017 by title.

99-2017 A resolution authorizing an emergency contract for janitorial services for all Municipal buildings on an as needed basis to Cabrera's Maid Services, 520 Jersey Avenue, Elizabeth, New Jersey 07202 in an amount not to exceed \$3,500.00

Motion to adopt Resolution 99-2017 by Councilwoman Eason, seconded by Councilman Jackson.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

Motion Carries.

The City Clerk read Resolution 100-2017 by title.

100-2017 A resolution introducing and approving the 2017 Calendar year budget January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017.

Motion to adopt Resolution 100-2017 by Councilwoman Eason, 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.

Business Administrator Hartwyk thanked all departments for getting their budgets in on time. He also reported that the City settled 6 union contracts dating back 8 to 9 years. He reported that the impact on the average tax payer will be \$120.28. With a tax rate increase of 2.86%. The fund balance will be 2.7 million dollars. BA Hartwyk provided other information regarding the budget figures.

The Council President provided the residents with the scheduled budget hearing dates.

OTHER PENDING BUSINESS None.

Motion to adjourn by Councilwoman Eason, seconded by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson.

REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 7, 2017

By consensus the regular meeting adjourned at 11:06 P.M.

Approved:

Joyce L. Lanier
City Clerk

Donna K. Williams
Council President