

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 15, 2016 AT 7:10 P.M.

Roll Call:

Present: Councilman Kerry Coley, East Ward
Councilman Elroy A. Corbitt, At-Large
Councilwoman Tency A. Eason, North Ward
Councilman Harold Johnson, Jr. West Ward
Councilwoman Jamie Summers-Johnson., South Ward
Councilwoman Donna K. Williams, At-Large
Council President April Gaunt-Butler, At-Large

Also Present: Joyce L. Lanier, City Clerk
Dan Smith, City Attorney
Kevin Harris, Legislative Research Officer (arrived @ 7:17)
Margaret Homere, Senior Clerk,
Kenneth Douglas, Fire Director,
John Wade, Acting Police Director
Joy Lascari, Chief Financial Officer (arrived @ 7:15)
Louis Copeland, Acting Business Administrator

Absent:

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

SPECIAL NOTICE: Please be apprised anyone wishing to discuss Agenda or General Items shall sign one (1) book. There will be two (2) columns in the book, one (1) for Agenda Items and one for General Issues. Each person signing the book will check Agenda items (Not including Public hearing/final adoption of ordinances) or General issues or both. If they check Agenda Items or General Issues or both, they will be allowed to speak for a 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 July 15, 2015, posted on the Bulletin Board in City Hall and filed in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

Presentation by Orange Youth Peer Council- Councilman Elroy A. Corbitt.

Councilman Corbitt introduced the ladies from the Orange Youth Peer Council.

The Orange Youth Peer Council members encouraged the Council to pass Ordinance 20-2016 which authorized the display of notices prohibiting the sale of any product containing dextromethorphan as an active ingredient to anyone under 18 years of age.

Councilwoman Eason asked Attorney Harris if he researched the law to make sure that the City could make this law stick and it does not violate any State laws. Attorney Harris stated that he had not drafted the Ordinance.

Attorney Smith stated it was enforceable. There would have to be a civil pursuit against the store owner. The Health Officer would have to enforce the Ordinance. The Council Members asked the Youth Peer Council representatives questions regarding the dangers of using this combination of candy, soda and cough medicine.

The Youth Peer Council will come back to speak again on April 19th.

The Council President read the following statement:

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 - regarding Resolution 17-2016 – which moved the metered parking time later in the day and earlier in the morning; asked who benefits by changing the time from 5:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. The Council President said that the residents benefit from the change. Councilwoman Eason will not support the resolution providing her reasons why.
- Councilwoman Williams will support Resolution 17-2016 because she believes that 6:00 P.M. is the usual time that most communities stop parking meter payments.
- Councilwoman Summers-Johnson commented that the City needs the money and she is aware that residents park and take the train to the city, which takes up spaces that local shoppers could use.
- Councilman Corbitt commented that he felt that the timing of the Ordinance was bad because the old meters in the City had been broken for so long and the city now could make revenue from the meters if the time was not changed. He could not support the Ordinance.
- Council President Gaunt-Butler commented that there is only an hour difference in the time and she had spoken to the public and they indicated a need for parking after 6:00 P.M.

Councilman Johnson, Jr. spoke on 55-2016 and 61-2016. 55-2015 he questioned why they were selected due to their service history with the city and why the city was offering them a 3 year contract versus a 2 year contract. Mr. Copeland who was standing in for Acting Director Mayes stated that he could not answer for Acting BA Mayes but

he was aware that the contract was awarded through a bid process and they were the better bidder.

Councilman Coley suggested that the vendor come to the Council in a public forum.

Councilman Johnson spoke about a number of items on the bill list that concerned him and he felt that he should not pay vendors more money than the contract allotted. The city CFO, Ms. Lascari, commented that she would have the PO pulled to see what work had been performed at that time. The money had already been paid out. The Councilman asked that the City Clerk follow up with Ms. Lascari.

Councilwoman Williams asked what happens if the vendor exceeded the amount that the City contracted is for? Ms. Lascari will research that. Councilwoman Williams as if the finance Dept. tracks the money that is being spent to make sure that the amounts are not exceeding the contracted amount. Ms. Lascari will have to look at the original contract to see which GL account it went into.

Councilman Coley asked about a bill from Benjamin Reality and Ms. Lascari stated that it was for waste removal for a property.

Councilwoman Williams Resolution 54-2016 a resolution to provide a fixed bus route and on demand busing for seniors and the handicapped; asked how many bids were received for this service and what would their daily schedule be. Mr. Copeland stated that there would be groups of people, some personal trips and there would be an aid on the bus for the handicapped.

Motion to adjourn by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson.

By consensus the regular meeting adjourned at 8:01 P.M.

Joyce L. Lanier
Municipal Clerk

April Gaunt-Butler
Council President