

**MINUTES CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP
NEW JERSEY
MARCH 17, 2015**

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 17, 2015 AT 7:06 PM.

Roll Call:

Present:

East-Ward Councilman Kerry J. Coley
At-Large Councilman Elroy A. Corbitt
North Ward Councilwoman Tency A. Eason
At-Large Councilwoman April Gaunt-Butler
South Ward Councilwoman Jamie Summers-Johnson

Also Present:

Dan S. Smith City Attorney
Margarette Homere, Clerk's Office
Tia Thomas, Clerk's Office

Absent:

West Ward Councilman Harold J. Johnson, Jr.
At-Large Council President Donna K. Williams

The Council Vice- President Coley asked all to stand for a Moment of Silence

Council Vice-President Read SPECIAL NOTICE: Please be apprized 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 (1) for General Issues. Each person signing the book will check Agenda Items or General Issues. If they check only Agenda Items or General Issues, they will be allowed to speak for five (5) minutes. If they check both General Issues and Agenda Items, they will be allowed to speak for ten (10) minutes.

Sunshine Law

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.

Matters for Discussion

Noise Ordinance- Vincent Defilippo, Health Department.

Mr. Defilippo talked about the Noise Ordinance and how an Officer could take the course to become a certified Noise Ordinance Reader.

Hon. Eason wanted to know what will done difference from the ordinance that is in place. Mr. Defilippo replied not too much he was told to comments about.

Hon. Eason stated that she has no problem on her ward with the ordinance that is in place

Mr. Defilippo talked about doing outreach work for shingles and also talked about Merck Vaccination for shingle.

Vice-President Coley asked if there were any questions and also announced the arrival of Hon. Johnson, Jr. 7:10PM

Matters for Discussion

Central Planning Redevelopment Presentation- Don Meisel

Mr. Meiseil gave a brief overview regarding the new amendment to the Orange Central redevelopment and Tony Galento Plaza.

Mr. Meiseil stated that the plan have been amended several times in the past because of the area ever changing. He stated that Tony Galento Plaza is a part of the Central Orange Redevelopment. He talked about different areas. He also talked about the Senior Center going to construction and talked about Orange plan to build in Orange Hospital if the plan goes through and that is the changing and no affordable units are planned.

Hon. Coley wanted to know how the historic designation for new hospital site for someone building

Mr. Meiseil replied it preserve those building. Hon. Coley stated that they are in horrible condition. preservation will benefit Orange

Mr. Meisel stated that there is a public hearing on April 2nd. And there are also a lot of planning for the Planning Board.

Hon. Coley wanted to know if there were other questions, there were none, and he thanked Mr. Meisel.

Hon. Coley announced another Matter for Discussion “Millennium Strategies)

Ed Palmer greeted the Councilmembers and introduced himself as the President of Millennium Strategies; he also introduced Dave Jenkins, the Principal Grant Writer.

He gave a brief statement how he well he worked for the City for the past year and wish for City to continue working with them.

Hon. Corbitt, questioned about last year report and stating that he does not seeing any plan for resurfacing the street , and wanted to know if there was any plan, Mr. Palmer replied they do not do Municipal A. Grant. Most municipal handled that internally. Hon. Corbitt wanted to see the report on a monthly basis. Hon. Corbitt asked if they are currently under contract. Mr. Palmer replied the contract expired last December and they are hoping to continue working for the City.

Hon. Coley asked if there were more questions. Hon. Johnson Jr. Stated that he does not see anything on the report regarding the Police Department. Mr. Palmer stated that the police have staff that can write their own grants as they directed.

Hon. Eason questioned about a grant that should a be used to fix City Hall Façade.

Mr. Dave thanked the Council members for having him here, and looking forward to continue to work for the City of Orange.

Hon. Coley recognized Mr. Ike Jenkins; the Essex County Liaison Mr. Jenkins made announcements regarding activities that will be taking place in different locations in t Essex County.

Mr. Jenkins made announcement regarding grant funding ability offered by Association of New Jersey Environment Commission, to help local community to complete open space project, assistance will be offered at no cost.

Mr. Jenkins talked about improvement that will be taking place on High Street. Hon. Corbitt made comments regarding resurfacing Scotland. Mr. Jenkins made comments regarding the condition of Orange Park.

Hon. Coley asked Councilmembers if there were any questions, there were none, he thanked Mr. Jenkins.

Resolutions and Ordinances

Councilman Corbitt had a question on Resolution # 85-2015 pertaining to the Bill Lists.

- Councilman Johnson, Jr. had a question pertaining to the Bill regarding salary and wage.
- Councilman Coley announced the arrival of Council President Williams in order to continue with the meeting.
- Council President Williams wanted to know if there were any questions.
- Councilman Corbitt questioned resolution 82-2015 and requested to be tabled.
- Councilwoman Eason questioned on Ordinance 17-2015. Hon. Williams stated that it will be postponed.
- Hon. Eason wants clarity on Ordinance 8-2015, 14-2015, 15-2015 and 18-2015.
- Attorney Smith commented on Ordinance #18-2015.
- Hon. Johnson commented on Resolution 73-2015 regarding transfer funds.
- Hon. Eason made a comment about introducing the 2015 Calendar Year Budget.
- Council President asked if there were any other questions regarding the Bill List. Seeing none.

Council President Williams entertained a motion to adjourn.

A motion was made by Hon. Corbitt and Hon. Gaunt-Butler seconded. Motion to adjourn unanimous vote. **Adjournment time: 8:00 P.M.**

Approved: May 19, 2015

Madeline Smith
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Municipal Clerk

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The original signed copies of the Council Minutes are on file in the Office of the City Clerk.