

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

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 17, 2015, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE CONFERENCE MEETING.

1) The Council President led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

2) **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
West Ward Councilman Harold J. Johnson, Jr.
South Ward Councilwoman Jamie Summers-Johnson
At-Large Council President Donna K. Williams

Also Present:

Dan S. Smith City Attorney
Adrian Mapp, Director of Finance
Kevin D. Harris, Legislative Research Officer
Margaret Homere, Clerk's Office
Tia Thomas, Clerk's Office
Marty Mayes, Representing Administration

3) The Council President 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.

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 (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.

4) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

December 2, 2014 Conference & Regular Meeting

A motion to adopt the minutes was made by Hon. Corbitt and Hon. Summers-Johnson seconded Motion was carried to approved the minutes

February 3, 2015 Conference, Regular & (Closed) Session

A motion to adopt the minutes was made by Hon. Corbitt and Hon. Summers-Johnson seconded Motion was carried to approved the minutes

5) REPORTS:

Council President reported:

- Clerk's Office –February 2015 - \$201.50
- Department of Planning ,Economic & Development- February 2015 - \$98,676.00

CONSTABLE REPORTS

Darnell Broddi- Month of January & February-No activity
Mohammad Toure- Month of January & February 2015- No activity

OPRA REPORTS

41 OPRA received 152-completed 7 outstanding

COUNCIL REPORTS

Council President asked for the Housing Authority report.

There were no reports

The Council President called out the Library report.

Hon. Summers- Johnson stated there was no report.

The Council President called out the Planning report.

There were no reports

Council President Williams asked the A.B.C.report.

There were no reports.

The Council President reported that the Personnel Committee interviewed for a Municipal Clerk.

No report, only interview was done to hire a Municipal Clerk.

6) **COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS**

The Council President stated that one petition was received in the Clerk's Office from Ms. Gordon

7) **CITIZEN'S COMMENTS**

Council President Read

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 ten (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.

Jeffrey Feld, Local Businessman; 268 Main Orange,

- Mr. Feld made comments regarding Tax Exemptions that need to be approved by the Council
- Mr. Feld made comments regarding the budget deadline
- Mr. Feld made comments regarding a law suit that is being filed against Budget Consultant
- Mr. Feld made comments on a Capital Bond Ordinance that was approved by the Council last year.
- Mr. Feld commented about Mary lawn School in South Orange

William R. Lewis, 688 Moss Wood Avenue, Orange, NJ

- Mr. Lewis added more names on the list that he spoke about from the last meeting
- Mr. Lewis cautioned council.
- Mr. Lewis commented regarding a letter that he submitted to the Mayor and the Councilmembers.
- Mr. Lewis made comments regarding the legislation process.
- Mr. Lewis made comments regarding Ordinance 14-2015.
- Mr. Lewis made comments regarding Resolution No. 81-2015.
- Mr. Lewis made comments regarding Resolution No. 82-2015.

Darryl Harrington 13 Prince Street, Orange, NJ

- Mr. Harrington wanted clarity on Ordinance No. 18-2015
- Mr. Harrington complimented the Administration for hiring new Firefighters
- Mr. Harrington complimented about hiring new policemen
- Mr. Harrington complimented the Councilmembers for their legislative services.

Katalin Gordon, 211 Park Place, Orange, NJ

- Ms. Gordon commented on Ordinance no. 8-2015.
- Ms. Gordon commented on Ordinance No. 19-2015
- Ms. Gordon commented on snow remover.
- Ms. Gordon talked about report of the Sub-Committed done regarding the snow

Elizabeth Jackson, 96 Elm Street, Orange, NJ

- Ms. Jackson commented regarding the Noise Ordinance.
- Ms. Jackson commented on a letter her neighbor Wrote regarding Noise Ordinance.
- Ms. Jackson complimented regarding the snow removal.

The Chair called William Hathaway.

Mr. Hathaway asked Councilmembers to support Ordinance No. 4-2015

Mr. Hathaway commented the Fire Director, Kenneth Douglass

The Chair made a motion to closed Citizen's comment: Motion by Councilman Corbitt

Seconded by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson to close Citizen's Comments. The motion carries unanimously to close Citizen's Comments.

- Council President Williams responded commented on Mr. Hathaway 's comment about Ms. Gordon
- Council President Williams commented on snow removal
- Council President Williams wanted Mr. Map to give clarity on the Cap Bank Ordinance #19-2015
- Council President Williams addressed Mr. Harris, the Legislative Officer to elaborate on Ordinance 8-2015.
- Council President Williams addressed Mr. Smith regarding OPRA request forwarding to the Law Office.
- Council President Williams commented about hiring more police
- Council President Williams questioned Mr. Map regarding the waiving the 20day waiting period on Resolution No. 74-2015.
- Council President Williams stated that the Annual Dept Statement was delivered to the Clerk's Office on February 10, 2015.
- Councilwoman Gaunt-Butler wanted to know what budget year funding ordinance 4-2015

8) COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council President asked Councilmembers for any comments

Hon. Summers-Johnson thanked everyone for their concern regarding the health of her baby.

Hon. Summers-Johnson compliment Fire Director, Kenneth Douglas and will support the resolution to appoint him.

Hon. Corbitt want to discuss to issue regarding the YWCA and the parking Meter on the next Council
Hon Eason stated that on the next Council meeting an update should be giving regarding the YWCA and the Parking meter.

Hon. Commented on loud music regarding noise ordinance.

Hon. Eason also commented on a letter received from Ms. Gordon regarding committee.

Hon. Johnson, Jr. commented on the budget introduction. status.

Hon. Gaunt-Butler commented regarding the broadcasting the Council meeting.

Hon. Coley commented regarding debris that left on city after the snow was gone.

Hon. Coley also commented about the traffic lights on Oakwood Avenue Bet. Main Street and Oakwood Avenue and had brought it to the attention of Public Works.

Hon. Coley wants clarity from Mr. Map regarding appropriation pressured concerning the Cap Bank ordinance.

President Williams commented on the fire that took place on 197 Central Place. and she thanked the Orange community, the young man and Harmony Bar for their help.

President Williams commented on interpretive statement on ordinance

President Williams commented on I hop Committee and Public work committee.

President Williams entertained a motion to suspend the rules to place resolution 86-2015 and 87-2015 on the consent agenda. Motion was made by Hon Coley and Councilman Johnson seconded. Motion was carried.

9) ORDINANCES-SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE TABLED FROM 2/17/2015 MEETING

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) Remained tabled

4-2015 Capital Ordinance appropriating \$102,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund to pay for the improvements to basketball courts at Central Avenue Park in and by the City of Orange Township, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey.

Council President entertained a motion to close Citizen Comments; motion was made by Corbitt and Gaunt-Butler seconded. on the motion, seeing none.

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Coley, Corbitt, Eason, Gaunt-Butler, Johnson, Jr., Summers-Johnson, & Williams

Nays: none

Motion Carries

MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 4-2015 FINAL READING

Motion was made by Councilman Corbitt, and Councilwoman Gaunt-Butler seconded to adopt Ordinance 4-2015 on final reading, on the motion, seeing none.

ROLL CALL

**Ayes: Coley, Corbitt, Eason, Gaunt-Butler, Johnson, Jr., Summers-Johnson, & Williams
Nays: none
Motion Carries.**

5-2015 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 (206 North Center Street)

A motion was made to close Citizen Comments was made by Corbitt and Gaunt-Butler seconded. on the motion, seeing none.

ROLL CALL

**Ayes: Coley, Corbitt, Eason, Gaunt-Butler, Johnson, Jr., Summers-Johnson, & Williams
Nays: none
Motion Carries**

Motion was made by Councilman Corbitt, Councilwoman Gaunt-Butler seconded to adopt Ordinance 5-2015 on final reading, on the motion, seeing none.

ROLL CALL

**Ayes: Coley, Corbitt, Eason, Gaunt-Butler, Johnson, Jr., Summers-Johnson, & Williams
Nays: none
Motion Carries**

6-2015 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 (162 Summer Street – East Side)

A motion was made to close Citizen Comments was made by Corbitt and Gaunt-Butler seconded. on the motion, seeing none.

ROLL CALL

**Ayes: Coley, Corbitt, Eason, Gaunt-Butler, Johnson, Jr., Summers-Johnson, & Williams
Nays: none
Motion Carries**

Motion was made by Councilman Corbitt, Councilwomanman Summers-Johnson seconded to adopt Ordinance 6-2015 on final reading, on the motion, seeing none.

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Coley, Corbitt, Eason, Gaunt-Butler, Johnson, Jr., Summers-Johnson, &Williams

Nays: none

Motion Carries

7-2015 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 (765 Valley Street, Apt. #34 – South Side

A motion was made to close Citizen Comments was made by Corbitt and Gaunt-Butler seconded. on the motion, seeing none.

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Coley, Corbitt, Eason, Gaunt-Butler, Johnson, Jr., Summers-Johnson, &Williams

Nays: none

Motion Carries

Motion was made by Councilman Corbitt, Councilwoman Gaunt-Butler seconded to adopt Ordinance 7-2015 on final reading, on the motion, seeing none.

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Coley, Corbitt, Eason, Gaunt-Butler, Johnson, Jr., Summers-Johnson, &Williams

Nays: none

Motion Carries

8-2015 An ordinance amending Chapter 4 of the Municipal Code of the City of Orange Township entitled Administration of Government amending the duties of the Office of the City Clerk. (Sponsored by: Council Member April Gaunt-Butler)

A motion was made to close Citizen Comments was made by Corbitt and Gaunt-Butler seconded. on the motion, seeing none.

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Coley, Corbitt, Eason, Gaunt-Butler, Johnson, Jr., Summers-Johnson, &Williams

Nays: none

Motion Carries

A motion was made by Councilman Corbitt, Councilwoman Gaunt-Butler seconded to adopt Ordinance 8-2015 on final reading, on the motion, seeing none.

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Coley, Corbitt, Eason, Gaunt-Butler, Johnson, Jr., Summers-Johnson, &Williams

Nays: none

Motion Carries

10) ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION FIRST READING (POSTPONED FROM MARCH 3, 2015 MEEETING)

Council President Williams stated that Ordinance 14-2015 and 18-2015 will be disused on a (Closed) Session prior to the adoption on 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) As amended

A mmotion was made by Councilman Corbitt, Councilwoman Eason seconded to adopt Ordinance 14-2015 on first reading, on the motion, seeing none.

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Coley, Corbitt, Eason, Gaunt-Butler, Johnson, Jr., Summers-Johnson, &Williams

Nays: none

Motion Carries

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)

A mmotion was made by Councilman Corbitt, Councilwoman Summers-Johnson seconded to adopt Ordinance 15-2015 on first reading, on the motion, seeing none.

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Coley, Corbitt, Eason, Gaunt-Butler, Summers-Johnson

Nays: Johnson Jr. and Williams

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)

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) as amended

A motion was made by Councilman Corbitt, Councilwoman Eason seconded to adopt Ordinance 18-2015 on first reading, on the motion, seeing none.

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Coley, Corbitt, Eason, Gaunt-Butler, Johnson, Jr., Summers-Johnson, &Williams

Nays: none

Motion Carries

***19-2015** An ordinance to exceed the municipal budget appropriation limits to establish a cap bank in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14.

A motion was made by Councilman Corbitt, Councilwoman Gaunt-Butler seconded to adopt Ordinance 19-2015 on first reading, on the motion, seeing none.

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Corbitt, Eason, Gaunt-Butler, Summers-Johnson, &Williams

Nays: Coley & Johnson

Motion Carries

Council President announced to the Public that the public hearings on the ordinances for 2nd reading will be on April 21, 2015.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Deputy Clerk Read:

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 REQUESTS, IN WHICH EVENT, THE ITEM WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE GENERAL ORDER OF BUSINESS AND CONSIDERED IN ITS NORMAL SEQUENCE OF THE AGENDA.

RESOLUTIONS *73-2015- - *88-2015

- *75-2015** A resolution to allow filing of the 2014 year recycling tonnage grant.
- *77-2015** A resolution authorizing the issuance of a Raffle License for Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church.
- *78-2015** A resolution appointing Ashley Cartwright as a member to the Rent Leveling Board in the City of Orange Township, New Jersey. (Sponsored by Hon. Jamie Summers-Johnson)
- *79-2015** A resolution appointing Richard Noizy as Constable for the City of Orange Township (Sponsored by Honorable Harold J. Johnson, Jr.)
- *81-2015** A resolution declaring the month of March 2015 as Women’s History Month (Sponsored by: The City of Orange Township Council)
- *82-2015** A resolution authorizing City Council to retain the Law Offices of Robert L. Tarver, Jr. as Legislative Counsel to the City Council of the City of orange Township.
- *83-2015** A resolution declaring the month of March 2015 as the month of Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month (Sponsored by: The City of Orange Township Council)
- *84-2015** A resolution declaring the month of March 2015 as the Month of Irish-American Heritage Month (Sponsored by: The City of Orange Township Council)
- *87-2015** A resolution for the transfer of appropriation reserves.
- *88-2015** A resolution to hold an Executive (Closed) Session

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion was made by Hon. Corbitt, seconded by Hon. Gaunt-Butler
the motion seeing none.

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Coley, Corbitt, Eason, Gaunt-Butler, Johnson, Jr., Summers-Johnson, & Williams
Nays: none

Motion Carries.

RESOLUTION REMOVED TO BE VOTED SEPERATELY

- *73-2015** A resolution for the transfer of appropriation reserves.

Motion was made by Hon. Summers-Johnson, Seconded by Hon. Johnson, Jr. to adopt Resolution 49-2015. on the motion, seeing none.

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Corbitt, Eason, Summers-Johnson & Williams

Nays: Coley, Gaunt-Butler and Johnson, Jr.

Motion carries.

***74-2015 A resolution waiving 20 day period for Ordinance No. 4-2015.**

Motion was made by Hon. Corbitt Seconded by Hon. Eason to adopt Resolution 74-2015 on the motion, seeing none.

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Coley, Corbitt, Eason, Gaunt-Butler, Summers-Johnson & Williams

Nays: Johnson, Jr.

Motion carries.

***76-2015 A resolution authorizing the purchase of one (1) new Case 721F Four Wheel Drive Articulated Wheel Loader for the Public Works Department to Trico Equipment Service, LLC, 551 N. Harding Highway, Vineland, New Jersey 08360 in the amount not to exceed \$193,898.00.**

Motion was made by Hon. Corbitt Seconded by Hon. Eason to adopt Resolution 76-2015 on the motion, seeing none.

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Coley, Corbitt, Eason, Johnson, Jr., Summers-Johnson & Williams

Nays: Gaunt-Butler.

Motion carries.

***80-2015 A resolution for Emergency Temporary Appropriations to the Calendar Year 2015 Budget for the month of April.**

Motion was made by Hon. Corbitt Seconded by Hon. Gaunt-Butler to adopt Resolution 80-2015 on the motion, seeing none.

ROLL CALL

Ayes:, Corbitt, Eason, Johnson, Jr., , Summers-Johnson & Williams

Nays: Coley & Gaunt-Butler.

Motion carries.

A motion to extend

***85-2015 A resolution approving the bill list for council meeting vote on March 17, 2015 dated March 13, 2015 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95 (Grand Total: \$ 1,396,574.88).**

Motion was made by Hon. Corbitt Seconded by Hon. Eason to adopt Resolution 852015 on the motion, seeing none.

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Coley, Corbitt, Eason, Summers-Johnson & Williams

Nays: Gaunt-Butler & Johnson, Jr.

Williams Abstention: Williams

Motion carries.

86-2015 A resolution confirming the appointment of Kenneth M. Douglas as Director of Fire for the City of Orange Township.

Motion was made by Hon. Corbitt Seconded by Hon. Gaunt-Butler. to adopt Resolution 86-2015. on the motion, seeing none.

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Coley Corbitt, Eason, Gaunt-Butler, Johnson, Jr. Summers-Johnson & Williams

Nays: None

Council President entertained a motion to suspend the rules to adopt resolution No.88-2015.
A resolution to hold 2015 an Executive (Closed) Session

Motion was made by Hon. Johnson, Jr. and Hon. Summers-Johnson seconded on the motion seeing none

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Corbitt, Eason, Gaunt-Butler, Johnson, Jr. Summers-Johnson & Williams

Nays: Coley

Motion Carries

Council President entertained a motion to enter into an Executive(Closed) Session

Motion was made by Hon. Johnson, Jr. and Hon. Summers-Johnson seconded on the motion seeing none

Ayes: Corbitt, Eason, Gaunt-Butler, Johnson, Jr. Summers-Johnson & Williams

Regular Meeting

March 17, 2015

Nays: Coley
Motion Carries

Council President entertained a motion to reconvene Motion was made by Hon. Gaunt-Butler, and Hon Johnson Jr. seconded on the motion seeing none

Ayes: ColeyCorbitt, Eason, Gaunt-Butler, Johnson, Jr. Summers-Johnson & Williams
Nays: None
Motion Carries

OTHER PENDING BUSINESS-None

Council President entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting

Motion was made by Councilman Corbitt seconded by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson to adjourn the meeting by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 9:50 P.M.

Approved on May 19, 2015

Madeline Smith

Donna K. Williams

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