

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, APRIL 4, 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 /had stepped out.
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 G. Townes, Acting Legislative Research Officer
Margarette Homere, Senior Clerk,
Kenneth Douglas, Acting Fire Director,
Marty Mayes, Acting Director of Planning/Public Work
Adrian Mapp, Acting Director of Finance
Joy Lascari, Chief Financial Officer
Tod Warren, Police Director/ Represented by Captain Weber

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.

The Council President stated that there would be a Special meeting on the following Tuesday, the 11th and that the meeting on the 18th was requested to be moved to the 25th. All to start at 7:00 P.M. The Budget Hearing will be on April 25th starting at 6:00 P.M. A poll was taken for the changes as follows:

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

The changes were agreed upon.

The Clerk asked the BA to publish the changes on the website and on the scroll in front of the building.

The Council President asked if the Council wanted to change the July re-organizational meeting to the 6th or 7th of July due to the holiday.

Councilman Coley selected the 6th of July.

Councilwoman Eason selected the 6th of July.

Councilman Jackson selected the 6th of July.

Council Jackson, Jr. selected the 6th of July.

Councilwoman Summers-Johnson selected 6th of July.

Councilwoman Wooten selected the 7th of July.

Council President Williams said she would be available for both days.

Business Administrator Hartwyk stated he would not be available but would have someone stand in for him.

It was determined to have the meeting on July 6th at 7:00 P.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES MEETINGS

Motion to approve the Conference and Regular meeting minutes from January 17, 2017 by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson, seconded by Councilman Johnson, Jr.

By consensus the Regular and Conference meeting minutes were approved.

REPORTS:

- **DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REVENUE COLLECTION**
 - **Department of Planning & Economic Development** None
 - **Department of Community Service** - None
 - **Office of the City Clerk** - None

- **CONSTABLE REPORTS**
 - **Richard Noizy** No activity
 - **Cory Perkins** No activity
 - **Mohammad Toure** No activity

- **OPRA REPORTS** - None

- **COUNCIL REPORTS**

Library

Councilman Jackson gave a summary report on the Library, stating that things should be getting better for the Library with the guidance of the Business Administrator.

Planning Councilman Jackson reported there would be a meeting the following Wednesday. The Council President asked why Nishuan Group was not present. They were supposed to come to every meeting.
BA Hartwyk stated that in order to have them appear at every meeting their contract would have to be changed. BA Hartwyk will look into it.

Development Director Mayes - No Report at this time.
BA Hartwyk stated that the Reock item was being pulled from the agenda. They are working on the Walter G. IV project with the Housing Authority. They are working on the L&M proposal. The financial consultant is meeting with L&M to prepare the fiscal impact statement. The Council President stated that there should be an update on development at every meeting and mentioned the resolution regarding Vose Avenue. The BA stated that resolution had been pulled explaining why.

A.B.C. Councilwoman Eason reported that they had not had a meeting yet.

Housing Councilman Johnson, Jr. reported that Walter G. IV development is moving on a fast tract.
The Council President spoke of Mr. Feld's letter where he made reference to a L&M meeting and requested a summary of that meeting to include who attended from L&M. BA Hartwyk gave a summary and reported who attended.

Fire A representative from the Fire Department stated they still had 15 recruits.

Police Captain Webster reported that the recruits are down to three (3) from eight (8). Two (2) of the three (3) are being trained as 911 operators.
Councilman Johnson, Jr. requested that these reports be written with specifics.
Councilman Coley commented that he had been recommending that the background checks should be done months in advance to shake the tree and get qualified recruits.
Councilwoman Wooten asked what things would eliminate a person from the academy. Director Warren stated that the Police Training Commission had made some changes to the rules to include physical requirements that had to be met. The Police Department is now checking to make sure that persons can meet these requirements. He provided other information regarding the process.

Councilwoman Summers-Johnson asked about Policeman from other towns working for Orange. That would be an intergovernmental transfer and both administrations would have to agree on the transfer.

Councilwoman Eason commented that after the recruits pass the test they need to start on their physical training to prepare for the academy.

Public Works No report.

Finance Council President Williams reported that the Finance Committee had met and they discussed the Lincoln Court project, the Water infrastructure and the water rate study. The study was given out for the Council's review. BA Hartwyk gave a high level summary regarding the water rate study. Because of the lack of use of water by the residents the water revenue last year was down. This had happened to many municipalities last year for unknown reasons. The BA provided other information regarding the water study and what had to be done to insure sufficient revenue for the city water system. A Bulk water purchase agreement had been put out to bid. Production capacity would go down because of the bulk water purchase. There would have to be a water usage increase of 25%. The rate structure for sewer will be a flat rate as oppose to billing it on the bases of water usage, but for apartments, commercials, industrial and tax exempt users of the city will continue to be billed on a per use bases. These measures will put the city on a firm footing for the next 5 years. The BA answered questions by the Council Members.

Council President directs Clerk to file reports.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

The City Clerk made the following statement.

“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 (not including public hearings/final adoption of ordnances) or General Issues. If they check Agenda Items or General Issues, they will be allowed to speak for a maximum of 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 and business owners made comments.

- Mr. Jeffery Feld commented on the upcoming holidays. Commented on the transparency in the city. He commented that if residents are concerned about what is going on in the city they should contact the Local Finance Board. Questioned if there was a problem with regard to the Oakwood Towers PILOT program. Questioned why the tax payers are paying for court cases for Council Members. Spoke of other concerns that he had.
- Ms. Katalin Gordon questioned why the Council meetings had been moved and how long ago did the State move the application date from August to May. She wants to know which surrounding municipalities have what kind of PILOTs. Ms. Gordon wanted to know if the public is allowed to sit in on the Finance Committee meetings. She commented about the minutes and special meetings. She did not approve of Ordinance 10-2017.
- Ms. Gloria Stewart commented she was very happy that the city had a BA and would still like to have the Mayor show up. She asked why the city needed a Director of Finance and Financial Officer. She recommended that the city should be careful with the Water plan. She asked that attention be paid to the water quality in the city with the new plan. She would like more information regarding the Library. She requested a report on recycling. She commented that the Housing Authority should know that they are still accountable to the citizens of Orange and the citizens should know more from a report than the Housing Authority is keeping it moving. She was concerned that announcements are not being seen by enough residents.
- Mr. Arthur Griffith thanked the Council for the resolution for Autism Awareness Month. He commented that special needs children have special abilities too. Mr. Griffith commented that the city is spending a lot of money on the REC Center and there are few activities going on there. The Council should speak to Mr. Gaines about repairs that are needed in the schools. He stated that the city should not be giving tax abatements to anyone. He commented that a street should be named after Mr. William Lewis.
- Ms. Patricia Arthur stated that the Reock abatement would be \$20,000.00 a year. The residents in the South Ward are paying \$20,000 or more in taxes. The developers are building 100 apartments and only paying \$20,000.00 a year is wrong. If the city is raising the rates on water are they still going to borrow 2.1 million dollars for water? What will the increase do if you are still going to borrow money that the tax payers have to pay for and yet the city still accepts abatements? At the Facility committee meeting at the Board of Education, the committee suggested that the City Council should contact the Assembly and Senators asking them to help the city with the State. She stated that the State does not treat the urban districts schools right. Ms. Arthur reported that the road going onto 280 West has a big pothole which has not been fixed.
- Mr. Tyrone Tarver thanked the Council and residents who supported the change to an elected school board.

- Mr. Derick Henry echoed Mr. Traver's sentiments.

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

The Motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

- BA Hartwyk commented that the L&M PILOT is for a minimum of \$70,000 a year and would increase. The redevelopment Housing Authority tax abatement Statute's terms are that you have to be in a redevelopment area, you have to be an approved redeveloper, there has to be a redevelopment and financial agreement to apply to a municipality for a redevelopment type tax abatement. BA Hartwyk provided more information regarding PILOT programs. These programs were created as incentives. He provided information regarding PILOTs in the surrounding areas.
- BA Hartwyk reported that regarding the water increase, it includes the repayment of the emergency appropriation notes on a period of 5 years.
- Director Mayes was not aware of a pot hole going onto 280. He will check it. The Council President asked the residents to contact public works or their Council person to report pot holes.
- Councilwoman Summers-Johnson is looking into naming streets after William Lewis and Vivian Gaunt and having the dedications on the same day.
- The City BA had not had any meetings with the School board authority, but he would attend if the board wanted him to. Councilwoman Eason stated that Director Mayes had been attending those meetings.
- The BA reported the firm on the resolution had not been engaged in any of the REC Center projects. Certain repairs to the building may be corrected using the Energy Conservation Grant programs. The firm will give the city an energy assessment and then apply for the grants. The BA may have that firm assess other city buildings to see if the city can be qualified for other energy efficiency grant programs.
- Director Mayes reported that he had brought the recycling report to the last meeting but Ms. Stewart had not attended the meeting. He will bring the report to the next meeting for Ms. Stewart. The Council President requested the goals for this year recycling be ready for the next meeting. As far as broadcasting the Council meetings, BA Hartwyk is in contact with Comcast.
- Councilman Jackson reported that his council report on the library was short due to the fact that he was waiting on more information regarding their budget. He wanted to know more about fund raising and the staff along with other items. He will give a report regarding their budget.
- Council President Williams commented that with regard to having a Director of Finance and a Chief Financial Officer, the city had tried both ways and the

Business Administrator had suggested that the Director of Finance and the CFO positions be combined in one position of Chief Financial Officer.

- BA Hartwyk provided a summary of why the city had to move up the application process for the grant.
- The Council President stated that the Finance Committee meeting do invite the public but often they discuss contracts and cannot invite the public to those meetings.
- Councilman Coley brought up situations of when items should have been put on the website but were not and asked if there should be an ordinance passed. BA Hartwyk stated that he was looking into a solution and would like to try that before making a law.
- Councilwoman Summer-Johnson commented that the budget season had gone well. She commented that something has to be done about the low voter turnout. She reported that she attended the community forum "Amplified Youth Voices", many children there said that they did not feel safe in the city; something the Council needs to think about. She spoke about the fund raiser at Haywood. She announced that the city is having two separate Easter Egg Hunts. One at the Orange Library for special needs children in the morning and one in the afternoon which will be at the Orange Prep Academy.
- Councilwoman Eason reported that Orange High School presented Sister Act. During Senior's Day the Orange High School students prepared lunch for seniors.
- Councilwoman Wooten commented on Martin Luther King's assassination and thanked the resident for not letting the dream stop. She reported that there would be an Orange elementary championship basketball game. She reported that she attended the spelling bee and Mrs. Stewart's grandson came in first place. She reported that there would be an informational forum on vacant and abandoned homes at the Orange Library on April 12th. She reported that the Kick Butt program was very successful.
- Councilman Jackson agreed that the budget process went very well. He provided information on his experiences when he was on the Budget Council and how difficult it had been. He spoke about the library and how it will get better.
- Councilman Johnson, Jr. spoke about abatements and PILOTs and how much information you have to have to make an informative decision as a Council person. He spoke about how the Council has investigated the projects that have come to Orange.

- Councilman Coley spoke about the Business Administrator putting together a water purchase agreement. He commented that it would reduce the resident's water bills greatly. He spoke about the pot hole repair machine that the city will invest in. The Councilman was pleased that the BA would be implementing a procedure to get documents on the website more quickly.
- Council President Williams stated that was pleased with the budget process and how the Council worked with the budget. She reported on the work sessions that would take place. She thanked the Citizen's Budget Advisory Committee for all their hard work and suggestions. She spoke of the foreclosure informational session that was held at the Unitarian Church. The BA reported that he had been in touch with a law firm that would work foreclosure issues for residents. She reported that on the 8th at the Church on Scotland and Main St there would be an Easter production. She asked the resident to watch the abandoned properties and if they see people in them they should report it.

ORDINANCES—SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING

**(The public hearing for Ordinance 10-2017 was carried over from March 21, 2017 meeting)
The Clerk reported Ordinance 10-2017 would be held over until the April 25th meeting.
The BA provided the reason for the delay.**

10-2017 A refunding Bond Ordinance authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$2,150,000 aggregate principal amount of refunding Bonds and/or refunding notes by the City of Orange Township, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey, for the purpose of funding an emergency appropriation for the water utility system.

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.

The Chair declared the time open for a hearing on Ordinance Number 11-2017.

Seeing no one, the Chair declared the time closed.

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

Motion approved by a unanimous vote.

Motion by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson, seconded by Councilman Jackson, to adopt Ordinance Number 11-2017.

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.

The Chair declared the time open for a hearing on Ordinance Number 12-2017.

Ms. Katalin Gordon commented that she could not find if it was a paid position.

She was told that it was a volunteer position.

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

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

Motion approved by a unanimous vote.

Motion by Councilwoman Eason, seconded by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson, to adopt Ordinance Number 12-2017.

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 in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14 for the calendar year 2017.

The Chair declared the time open for a hearing on Ordinance Number 13-2017.

Mr. Jeffery Feld made comments on the increase foreclosures and the increased tax rates.

Ms. Patricia Arthur commented on East Orange tax rate reduction and the increase in Orange. The city should not compare Orange to South Orange, they have money.

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

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

On the motion: Councilwoman Eason stated that when Mayor Taylor took office he had raised East Orange's tax substantially, so they now are getting some back. Orange has not done that. BA Hartwyk stated that the East Orange Council also rejected that tax reduction.

Motion approved by a unanimous vote.

Motion by Councilman Johnson, Jr. seconded by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson, to adopt Ordinance Number 13-2017.

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

The Chair declared the time open for a hearing on Ordinance Number 14-2017.

Mr. Jeffery Feld could not find the resident's right to speak on new legislation that is walked on. It was determine that code would be changed to allow for public comment on walk on legislation.

Ms. Katalin Gordon wants the Council to announce which Council Members requested the walk-on legislature.

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

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

Motion approved by a unanimous vote.

Motion to extend the meeting passed 10:30 P.M. by Councilman Jackson, seconded by Councilman Coley.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

Motion Carries.

The Clerk read the amendment to Ordinance 14-2017.

Motion by Councilwoman Wooten, seconded by Councilman Coley, to adopt Ordinance Number 14-2017 as amended.

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 reported the change to Ordinance 22-2017 by title and reported that the ordinance was withdrawn.

The Clerk read Ordinance 20-2017 by title. The amendment raised the Clerk's salary range from \$85,000 to \$140,000.

20-2017 An ordinance to amend Ordinance 23-2013 relating to salaries of certain employees of the City of Orange Township (Management)

Motion by Councilman Johnson, Jr., seconded by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson that Ordinance 20-2017 be introduced on first reading and that the public hearing would be held April 25, 2017.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: Jackson, Wooten

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

Motion Carries.

Motion for reconsideration of Ordinance 20-2017 by leaving in section 3 which will lead to a renumbering of the sessions starting with section 2 by Council President Williams, seconded by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson.

Councilwoman Wooten was away from her seat.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

Motion Carries.

Motion to recess by Councilman Jackson, seconded by Councilwoman Eason.

Motion approved by a unanimous vote.

Motion to reconvene by Councilman Johnson, Jr., seconded by Councilman Jackson.

Motion approved by a unanimous vote.

Motion to adopt as amended Ordinance 20-2017 by Councilman Jackson, seconded by Councilman Coley.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

Motion Carries.

The Clerk reported the change to Ordinance 21-2017 by title.

21-2017 An ordinance relating to salaries and classifications of certain employees of the City of Orange Township by repealing Ordinance No. 32 of 1989 (Non-Uniform Employees)

Motion by Councilman Johnson, Jr., seconded by Councilwoman Wooten that Ordinance 21-2017 be introduced on first reading and that the public hearing would be held April 25, 2017.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

Motion Carries.

Withdrawn

****22-2017** An ordinance of the City of Orange Township to approve a tax exemption for a thirty (30) year period and to authorize the thirty (30) year exemption and authorizing the execution of a Financial Agreement between the City and Reock Urban Renewal LLC.** (Was changed from 19-2017)

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*115-2017 - *132-2017

***115-2017** A resolution authorizing Verizon Wireless to maintain poles in the public Right of Way. **(Removed for separate vote)**

***116-2017** A resolution in celebration of Autism Awareness Month.
(Sponsored by Councilmember Jamie Summers-Johnson)

***117-2017** A resolution celebrating the life of Shamsuddin Salahuddin Abdul-Hamid

- *118-2017 **A resolution appointing Louis Harris, a resident of Orange, New Jersey as a Second Alternate Member to the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the City of Orange Township, New Jersey.**

- *119-2017 **A resolution appointing Francis Audain, 367 High Street, Orange, New Jersey as a member of the City of Orange Township Housing Authority for a term of five (5) years**

- *120-2017 **A resolution appointing Lorien Malone as a Citizen Member to the Public Works Committee of the City of Orange Township.
(Sponsored by Tency A. Eason)**

- *121-2017 **A resolution re-appointing Darnell Brodie, 302 Seven Oaks Way, Orange, New Jersey, as a Constable from the West- Ward for a term of three (3) years.
(Sponsored by Council Member Kerry J. Coley)**

- *122-2017 **A resolution re-appointing Murphy Wilson, a resident of Orange, New Jersey as a Regular Member to the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the City of Orange Township, New Jersey.**

- *123-2017 **A resolution authorizing the refund for water/sewer payment due to a duplicate payment for property located at 633 Scotland Road, Block 6204, Lot 4, Water/Sewer Account No. 6630210000 in the amount of \$547.70 to Robert Rampersaud.**

- *124-2017 **A resolution of the City of Orange Township in the County of Essex, New Jersey, directing the Planning Board to amend the Vose Avenue Redevelopment Plan and transit the first amended Vose Avenue Redevelopment Plan to the Municipal Council.
(Withdrawn)**

- *125-2017 **A resolution authorizing the tax collector to conduct an accelerated tax sale for calendar year 2017. (Withdrawn)**

- *126-2017 **A resolution authoring the release of redevelopment escrow funds to Station Partners Urban Renewal, L.P. for the project known as Tony Galento Plaza, Block 2704, Lots 1 & 2 and Block 2705, Lot 1. (Removed for separate vote)**

- *127-2017 **A resolution authorizing the release of escrow funds to Station Partners Urban Renewal, L.P. for the project known as Tony Galento Plaza, Block 2704, Lots 1 & 2 and Block 2705, Lot 1. (Removed for separate vote)**

- * 128-2017 **A Resolution authorizing the Tax Collector to apply with Director of Local Governmental Services to participate in an electronic tax Pilot Program for the Calendar Year 2017. (Withdrawn)**

- *129-2017 **A resolution authorizing the City of Orange Township to enter into an agreement with Neighborhood Planning and Architectural Design, Inc. to provide**

professional consulting services for the City of Orange Recreational Facility located at 395 Main Street.

*** 130-2017 A resolution approving settlement with FNA Jersey Lien Service, LLC with respect to the pending litigation and the mutual release of all other claims.**

***131-2017 A resolution approving the bill list for council meeting vote on April 4, 2017 dated March 31, 2017 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95 (Grand Total: \$5,731,171.65). (Removed for separate vote)**

***132-2017 A resolution for Emergency Temporary Appropriations to the Calendar Year 2017 Budget**

Motion by Councilwoman Eason, seconded by Councilman Cole to approve the Consent Agenda.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

Motion Carries.

The Clerk read the resolution by title.

115-2017 A resolution authorizing Verizon Wireless to maintain poles in the public Right of Way

Motion to adopt Resolution 115-2017 by Councilwoman Eason, seconded by Councilman Johnson, Jr.

On the motion: The Council President asked BA Hartwyk to add additional language to the resolution so the city can install security cameras on any Verizon wireless pole in the right of way without the need of an application or written permission. The resolution changes were included in the resolution and read by the Clerk.

Motion to adopt Resolution 115-2017 as amended 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.

The clerk read the resolution by title.

126-2017 A resolution authoring the release of redevelopment escrow funds to Station Partners Urban Renewal, L.P. for the project known as Tony Galento Plaza, Block 2704, Lots 1 & 2 and Block 2705, Lot 1.

Motion to adopt Resolution 126-2017 by Councilwoman Eason, seconded by Councilman Johnson, Jr.

On the motion: Councilman Johnson, Jr asked if the city was closing the Tony Galento Plaza project or will there be more escrow. Director Mayes said this is the final close out. Both projects are completed.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion Carries.

The Clerk read the resolution by title.

127-2017 A resolution authorizing the release of escrow funds to Station Partners Urban Renewal, L.P. for the project known as Tony Galento Plaza, Block 2704, Lots 1 & 2 and Block 2705, Lot 1

Motion to adopt Resolution 127-2017 by Councilwoman Eason, seconded by Councilman Jackson

Roll Call:

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

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent:

Motion Carries.

The Clerk read the resolution by title.

131-2017 A resolution approving the bill list for council meeting vote on April 4, 2017 dated March 31, 2017 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95 (Grand Total: \$5,731,171.65).

Motion to adopt Resolution 131-2017 by Councilwoman Eason, seconded by Councilman Coley

On the motion: Councilman Johnson, Jr. will abstain from the vote because of his clients.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: Johnson, Jr.

Absent: None

Motion Carries.

NEW BUSINESS AND WALK-ON ORDINANCES / RESOLUTIONS

Motion to walk on Ordinance 23-2017 (WO) the title is as follows: An ordinance to amend the code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 200, entitled “Vehicles and Traffic”, section 200-300 No parking certain hours on Spring Street by Councilman Coley, seconded by Councilwoman Eason.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Carries.

The Chair declared the time open for a hearing on Ordinance Number 23-2017.

Mr. Jeffery Feld requested that Walk-on legislation be announced early in the meeting.

Ms. Katalin Gordon agreed with Mr. Feld.

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

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

Roll Call:

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

Motion Carries.

Motion by Councilwoman Eason, seconded by Councilwoman Wooten that Ordinance 23-2017 be introduced on first reading and that the public hearing would be held April 25, 2017.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Carries.

OTHER PENDING BUSINESS

The Council President reminded residents that the Council would be having a Budget hearing tomorrow night and also the Court case will be heard April 13 at 2:00 P.M. in front of Judge Vena.

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

By consensus the regular meeting adjourned at 11:09 P.M.

Joyce L. Lanier
City Clerk

Donna K. Williams
Council President