

**MINUTES CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP  
NEW JERSEY  
APRIL 7, 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, APRIL 7, 2015 AT 7:00 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  
West Ward Councilman Harold J. Johnson, Jr.  
South Ward Councilwoman Jamie Summers-Johnson  
At-Large Council President Donna K. Williams

**Also Present:**

Madeline Smith, Deputy Municipal Clerk  
Dan S. Smith City Attorney  
Kevin D. Harris, Legislative Research Officer (arrived at 7:15)  
Margaret Homere, Clerk's Office

**Absent:** None.

**PLEASE STAND FOR A MOMENT OF SILENCE**

***SPECIAL NOTICE:*** Please be apprised anyone wishing to discuss Agenda or General 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 General Issues and Agenda Items, they will be allowed to speak for ten (10) minutes.

The Deputy 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**

- **Presentation - Rep. Donald M. Payne, Jr. ...                      The presentation was cancelled.**
- **Purchase of YWCA Building and financing options.**

The Council President removed herself as Chair of the meeting because of her connection with the YWCA. Vice President Coley replaced the Council President.

Mr. Edwards, the Deputy BA, provided information on the advantages for the citizens of leasing or buying the YWCA property. The revenue from the reservoir would be put toward the lease or purchase of the property. Residents wanted a cost based analysis, more time to evaluate the property, and wanted to know what the fiscal impact would be due to the needed repairs to the building.. Mr. Edwards addressed concerns of the residents and answered questions from the Council. There would be another meeting the following Monday open to the public. Mr. Edwards reported that the property would be leased to the city for no more than a year as the information was gathered that had been discussed at this meeting. The cost of the lease would be \$100,000.00

The Council President resumed her role as Chair of the meeting.

- **Parking Meters RFP.**

Mr. Mobley reported that the City would be doing a RFP to get smarter parking meters. The heads of the parking meters would be replaced along with any poles that needed to be replaced. Mr. Mobley reported that the City would have to hire more meter maids. Council members wanted to have in writing the overall plan and a cost benefit analysis for review.

**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.**

Mr. Harris commented that the tabled Ordinance 2-2015 is being amended and will be ready by the next meeting.

Councilwoman Gaunt-Butler commented on Ordinance 20-2015 stating that she had gone to the public hearing for the Hope VI Redevelopment Plan and most concerns from that meeting were with regard to the density of 750 units at the prior hospital site. Councilwoman Eason stated that there needs to be a better structure put in place for the public hearing on the redevelopment plan. Councilwoman Summers-Johnson questioned Resolution 96-2015. Which involved the canceling of tax liens on various properties Mr. Mapp commented that there was a statute which would explain the bases on which the City could seek those cancellations. The Housing Authority owns those properties and that Authority is tax exempt so they do not pay taxes. Councilman Johnson reviewed Resolution 100-2015 and stated that there are other options which have not been reviewed by the City and that he would not support that resolution.

**Motion by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilwoman Summer-Johnson to adjourn at 8:55 P.M.**

**Madeline Smith**  
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**Municipal Clerk**

**Donna K. Williams**  
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**Council President**

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