

THE CITY CLERK ANNOUNCED THAT THIS IS A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 29 NORTH DAY STREET, ORANGE, NEW JERSEY ON TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2017, AT 7:16PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Councilman Kerry J. Coley (East-Ward)
Councilwoman Tency A. Eason (North-Ward)
Councilman. Christopher Jackson (At-Large)
Councilman Harold J. Johnson, Jr., (West-Ward)
Councilwoman Adrienne Wooten (At-Large)
Councilwoman Donna K. Williams, (At-Large) Council President

ALSO PRESENT: Joyce L. Lanier, City Clerk
Christopher Hartwyk, Business Administrator
Adrian Mapp, Director of Finance
Gracia Robert Montilus, Representative of the Law Department
Marlin G. Townes, Acting Legislative Research Officer
Margarette Homere, Sr. Clerk, Clerk's Office
Trisha Scipio, Clerk's Office

ABSENT: Councilwoman Jamie Summers-Johnson (South Ward)
Todd Warren, Police Director
Kenneth Douglass, Fire Director
Marty Mayes, Planning/Public Works Director
Joy Lascari, Chief Financial Officer

The City Clerk announces that the requirement of N.J.S.A. 10:4-9 et. seq., "Sunshine Law" has been met a public notice was sent to the Orange Record Transcript and published with the Star Ledger on Saturday, April 8, 2017, posted on the Bulletin Board in City Hall and filed in the Office of the City Clerk.

Council President Donna K. Williams announced that after matters for discussion, Council will move into Executive Session for Personnel Matters and Contractual Issues.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION AS FOLLOWED

• Reock Urban Renewal LLC-258 Reock Street

The City Clerk announced that there was a revision to Resolution 135-2017, an emergency demolition contract (one property was removed). John, the representative outlined the deal for the corner of Reock and South Day is a project that seeks to overcome the lack of activity and progress to this street. They seek to earn the Council's support for tax abatement. Using visual aids, he showed the plan of transition and how it would positively impact the city. This will be 102 Units, 40 Market-Rate Units and asking for a financial agreement that would enable a weighted average pilot payment of 5% or less to comply with the current year's qualified allocation plan from FMHA. They will pave Reock Street, improve Officer Carnegie's Monument, and demolish the former Go-Go Bar. Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk asked Mr. Chris Walrath to review the 5% as this is a new number. He stated that in

order for the project to be feasible the number needed to be lowered. Art McFonte spoke to the fiscal impact study and showed how this can be a financial advantage to the city with more residents, more jobs, and an increase in retail spending. Councilman Christopher Jackson was concerned that no one calculated the numbers as Mr McFonte stated that if there is no abatement this project will not happen. Councilwoman Eason inquired if Mr.McFonte will he be doing all of the impact studies for the city and if so why does he not have the study ready for the second project on the agenda. Business Administrator how things were being navigated. She also had a concern if there were any solutions to how this would affect the crowding in the schools. Councilman Coley asked about future projects across the street and the impact it would have on paving the road and it was explained.

- **Walter G. Alexander Village Phase IV**

Marsha Moore from the Law Firm of Pulse Polly and Goode stone and Strackler spoke about the details of the proposal. There is a proposed application with the Planning Board with the preliminary and final site plan. This project is seeking a tax abatement as well as a FHMA credit for 9%. Subject for increases in stages. Attorney Coran Rimes had a prepared statement

- **Modification to Lincoln Court.** (Resolution 136-2017)

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON GENERAL ISSUES/AGENDA ITEMS

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 AND ADDRESS IN AN AUDIBLE TONE FOR THE RECORD, AND UNLESS FURTHER TIME IS GRANTED BY THE PRESIDING OFFICER SHALL LIMIT HIS OR HER ADDRESS TO 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.

Motion to Close Citizen Comments:

Second

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING

24-2017 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.

**Motion to adopt on first reading:
Public Hearing: 4/25/2017**

Second:

25-2017 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 Walter G. Alexander Village IV Urban Renewal LLC .

**Motion to adopt on first reading:
Public Hearing: 4/25/2017**

Second:

RESOLUTION NO. *133-2017 -*136-2017

***133-2017 A resolution authorizing the award of a non-fair and open contract with Gluck Walrath, LLP, 428 River View Plaza, Trenton, New Jersey 08611 to provide redevelopment Counsel Services.**

MOTION TO ADOPT:

Second:

***134-2017 A resolution approving the bill list for council meeting vote on April 11, 2017 dated April 7, 2017 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95 (Grand Total: \$1,169,072.93**

MOTION TO ADOPT:

Second:

***135-2017 A resolution awarding an emergency contract to I.B.N. Construction, Corp., 49 Hermon Street, Newark, New Jersey for the demolition of 197 Chapman Street, in the amount not to exceed \$20,345.00.**

MOTION TO ADOPT:

Second:

***136-2017 A resolution of the City of Orange Township, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey authorizing a Tax exemption and execution of an agreement for payments in lieu of taxes pertaining to the property identified as block 4901, lots 18 and 19 on the official tax map of the City (357 & 365-373 Lincoln Avenue)**

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ADJOURNMENT TIME: _____