

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 25, 2017 AT 7:07 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

Joyce L. Lanier, City Clerk
Christopher Hartwyk, Business Administrator
Eric S. Pennington, City Attorney
Kenneth Douglass, Fire Director
Marty Mayes, Planning/Public Work Director
Joy Lascari, Chief Financial Officer
Marlin G. Townes, Acting Legislative Research
Megan O'Hanlon, Assistant Budget Consultant
Margarette Homere, Sr. Clerk, Clerk's Office
Trisha Scipio, Clerk's Office

ABSENT:

Councilman. Christopher Jackson (At-Large)
Adrian Mapp, Director of Finance
Todd Warren, Police Director

The City Clerk asked all to stand for a Moment of Silence.

The City Clerk announced that if anyone wishing to discuss Agenda or General Items shall sign one (1) book. Each person signing the book will be allowed to speak for a maximum of five (5) minutes.

The City Clerk announced 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 April 13, 2017 April 20, 2017, posted on the Bulletin Board in City Hall and filed in the Office of the City Clerk.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

Council President Donna K. Williams stated for the record that this meeting was a re-scheduled meeting and the regular date was April 18, 2017. There was a Public Hearing

for the Calendar year 2017 Local Municipal Budget at 6:16 P.M. directly before this meeting and there was no one in attendance so the Council will hear from anyone on this matter as long as they sign the book in accordance to the regular meetings guidelines. She stated that the attendance may have been poor because of weather, traffic issues, or just that the public may had forgotten.

Arthur R. Linfante of Value Market Research, LLC addressed the Walter G. Alexander Phase IV Project. There were handouts made available of the Fiscal Impact Study. The project is essentially four different projects on Parrow Street and Central Place. A total of 44 Units, which the research shows will generate approximately \$495,000. It will not specifically effect the Police and Fire Departments but it would impact the garbage pick-up. Lincoln, Oakwood, Orange Middle, and Orange High Schools will be affected. According to the research, it will cause a need of \$6,500 for garbage pick-up and \$31,000 for education from the municipality. The project will generate new students approximately 12% will come out of the municipality's budget. This project would create three permanent jobs, twenty-two temporary construction jobs and will generate revenue and revitalize the neighborhood. Looking at the pilot versus the land tax, the pilot will have a better fiscal impact.

Councilman Johnson, Jr asked Mr. Linfante to address why there were no figures on page three for water and sewage, who would pay for it and questioned the parking as well. Mr Linfante explained water and sewage would not have an impact on pre-existing conditions and he would further look into parking as it is self-sufficient and Housing Authority should address the issue. Chris Hartwyk, the Business Administrator replied that the home owner would pay for water and sewage. Councilwoman Eason stated how improving an area can reduce crime. Council President Williams inquired if the Police Department had access to the IP Addresses as of yet and Business Administrator, Chris Hartwyk says it's a part of this agreement. Councilwoman Wooten pointed out the Rutgers Study was 2016 which seemed dated and Mr. Linfante assured her it was the most recent data and there is a request made for a new study from the Senator. Councilman Coley and Councilwoman Eason agreed that the numbers didn't seem to add up in a manner to benefit fiscally to the city, but he is hopeful that the Business Administrator will be creative in finding a solution for parking and the school matter which was also a concern for Council President Williams. Mr. Linfante spoke of his conversations with the school board and the capacity issues and how this would affect the schools listed above. He stayed throughout the meeting to answer further questions from the public.

Council President Donna K. Williams gave the opportunity at this time for any Council Members to discuss any resolutions or ordinances listed on tonight's Regular Meeting Agenda.

- Councilwoman Jamie Summers-Johnson request to pull Ordinance 27-2017.
- Councilman Kerry J. Coley request to pull Ordinance 30-2107
- Councilwoman Eason had concerns with Resolutions 148-2017 and 149-2017 about the titles/names and the wording should be consistent from document to document. Council President Donna Williams asked if Council should be making

an official ordinance to name the parks and that Director Marty Mayes should work with Councilwoman Eason on this ordinance. Director Marty Mayes ensured that the park has been fully remediated and the State does on going monitoring of the contamination levels. This site has been abated. He is currently working on the cleaning process of the park, replacing trees at tending to all parks. Councilwoman Eason reminded him to not to overlook her bench. Council President Donna Williams wants to put the findings in a manner that the public knows that it was abated.

- Director Marty Mayes clarified the only change on Resolutions 142-2017 and 143-2017 was changing the word Rehabilitation to Redevelopment.
- Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk stated that 141-2017 was being withdrawn by the Administration, received late communication on this matter and the improvements have been made by the owner so new discussions need to take place before moving forward. Councilwoman Eason would like see more numbers on this resolution when it is returned. It was to open ended and transparency is needed in how the monies are being spent. Chris Hartwyk said he would include amounts and not to exceed amounts.
- Councilwoman Wooten asked about 144-2017, she has an amended version that has not been signed by the law department. Chris Hartwyk stated that City Attorney Eric Pennington is present to sign. Attorney Eric Pennington signed at the Council President's request. The City Clerk noted the amended version attached the agreement and the address was changed.
- Resolution 138-2017 was withdrawn by Administration.
- Council President Williams noted which would be withdrawn: Resolution 138-2017, 141-2017 and Ordinance 30-2017, 27-2017,
- Councilman Johnson, Jr. wanted clarification on 145-2017 and 157-2017. He wanted an explanation as to why the Administration wants to authorize a non-fair open contract with Pennoni Associates engineering firm making the study to do a connection. Chris Hartwyk stated another firm provided a proposal and did a study approximately three years ago. A connection between the two pipes of East Orange and Orange (the east portion) would allow for water purchases and emergency water from East Orange at a low price. The difference between emergency and bulk water is a savings of 50-66%. Phase one would begin the engineering study to connect the two pipes and phase two would begin the construction. We would then have two connections.
- Resolution 139-2017 is being pulled by Administration and it will be resubmitted for May 2, 2017.
- Council President Williams asked if there was a new IT person, if so how can he/she be reached and the status of capabilities on sending e-mails to the Fire Department. Chris Hartwyk informed her that there is a part-time person and you can reach him through the Business Administrators office. The Fire Department is still working by hand. There is an internet issues being worked on by the IT person. Chris is working to get more bandwidth and internet speed which should correct the issues. Councilwoman Eason requested that employees be mindful of their voicemail box that they are making sure there is space available to leave a voice mail.

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

The meeting was adjourned by a unanimous vote at 7:53 P.M.

Approved:

Joyce L. Lanier
City Clerk

Donna K. Williams
Council President