

THE CITY CLERK ANNOUNCED THAT THIS IS 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 25, 2017, FOLLOWING THE CONFERENCE MEETING.

The Chair led all assembled in a Salute to the American Flag.

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 (BA)
Eric S. Pennington, City Attorney
Kenneth Douglass, Fire Director
Marty Mayes, Planning/Public Work Director
Captain Christopher Dunn, Police Department (arrived at 7:25 PM)
Joy Lascari, Chief Financial Officer
Marlin G. Townes, Acting Legislative Research
Megan O'Hanlon, Assistant Budget Consultant
Margaret 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 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 April 13, 2017 and April 20, 2017, posted on the Bulletin Board in City Hall and filed in the Office of the City Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES MEETINGS

- **Conference and Regular Meeting Minutes February 7 , 2017**

Motion to adopt regular meeting minutes by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson, seconded by Councilman Johnson, Jr.

By consensus the regular session minutes from February 7, 2017 were adopted.

- **Conference and Regular Meeting Minutes February 21 , 2017**

Motion to adopt regular session meeting minutes by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson, seconded by Councilwoman Wooten.

By consensus the regular session minutes from February 21, 2017 were adopted.

REPORTS

DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REVENUE COLLECTION

- **Department of Planning & Economic Development
Month of March 2017- Total: \$124,025.00**
- **Department of Community Service
Month of March 2017-Total: \$ 19,703.00**
- **Office of the City Clerk
Month of March 2017- Total: \$332.00**

CONSTABLE REPORTS

- **Richard Noizy- March 2017-Pro Cops-3-11-2017 Service performed**
- **March 18-2017- Constable Monthly Meeting**
- **Cory Perkins- Month of March 2017- No activity**
- **Mohammad Toure- No activity**

OPRA REPORTS

- **168 received, 145 completed and 23 pending for the month of March 2017**

COUNCIL REPORTS

Police Department – Captain Christopher Dunn had no updates but wanted to recognize two jobs in particular that occurred over the weekend. The Anti-Crime unit was on Taylor Street Saturday, April 22, 2017 where they recovered two hand guns and made three arrests. Because of a witness the department caught a robber who had broken into a car. He reminded everyone to make sure you get the word out, if you see something, say something. Councilman Harold Johnson, Jr. wanted to put on the record that he was waiting on Police Director Todd Warren to fulfill the request for statistics and crime report (yearly report) as Council has been waiting over three meetings. Councilwoman Donna K. Williams stated that the Director gives this information to the Business Administrator. The department has been getting a lot of concern citizens calling about parking and the department is aggressively enforcing parking permits. Encourage anonymous calls to tip line.

Fire Department – Director Kenneth Douglass reported that there had been two fires, the first was at 179 Tremont, an abandoned apartment building. He has been working with the Business Administrator, Chris Hartwyk and Planning/Public Works Director, Marty Mays to identify and cultivate a list of the abandoned properties so they can be mediated. 179 Tremont fire is currently under investigation. The fire at 496 Joyce Street appeared to have started in the kitchen, and the process of determining the cause is still being looked into and no foul play is suspected. Currently the Fire Department is putting up advertisements for fire prevention and offering free fire detectors. Friday, August 28, 2017 will be the last day for fifteen cadets in the Academy. They will be helping with the process of passing out door hangers next week and training. Their swearing in ceremony is on Thursday, May 4, 2017 at 5:00pm at St Matthew AME Church, Oakwood Avenue, Orange, NJ. Council President Williams wanted a memo sent to the Fire and Police Department about First Responders Appreciation Day on April 30, 2017 at 11am Saint James AME. Director Douglass had sent out the memo and had asked cadets to attend. Councilwoman Eason inquired about getting the neon signs for safety to put in the windows for children and Director Douglass explained the system they are working on is more updated. Councilwoman Wooten said the line of communication to call the fire department needs a little more improvement. Call the 973-266-4111 number versus the 911 because the call will dispatch quicker. Councilman Coley inquired about the assessment on fire hydrants and repairs in which Director Douglass will bring back a report at a later meeting after meeting with the water company and Director Mayes. Councilwoman Eason inquired about repairs on Thomas Blvd, which she says was skipped and has an out of order tag. Director of Planning/Public Works, Marty Mays said that to his knowledge 5-6 on the last list were repaired by the Water Department and he would check into it. Director Douglass stated that hydrant inspections are just beginning and agreed to Council President's request to get the report to Council upon completions. Councilman Coley asked how the standpipes were maintained and Director Douglass explained they are maintained by property owner and fire prevention is responsible for the inspection of them.

Public Works – Kaitlin Gordon on behalf of the Public Works committee stated there were two items she wanted to bring forward. The first, a decision on the part of Council, regarding new member who is an elected person of the Democratic Committee, who was nominated before the amendment to the resolution. Councilwoman Eason gave Ms. Gordon the number for Mr. Malone (the new appointee). She stated Mr. Malone had informed her that Ms. Gordon had not responded to his e-mails and he has been unable to reach her, she should follow up with him. Ms. Gordon refutes this statement. Ms. Gordon mentioned that there had been discussions on the withdrawal of ordinance 26-2017 and wanted to know if it had taken place or not. Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk stated that the ordinance had not been withdrawn as of yet because there is a question as to whether to withdraw it or introduce it between now and the month of May with the amendment. He has to review it more thoroughly. Director Marty Mays spoke on the vacant properties and the city need to move forward. Council President Donna Williams asked Director Mays to feel free to speak directly to Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk so that things can progress more efficiently.

Housing Authority – Councilman Harold Johnson, Jr. had no report because they were weighing in strongly on the Walter G Alexander IV project.

ABC – Councilwoman Tency Eason had no report because there had not been any recent meetings.

Planning – Councilman Christopher Jackson absent.

Finance – Council President Donna Williams referred to the fact that there was a public session and no one attended, but if anyone wanted to make comments regarding the budget during this meeting just follow the guidelines. The budget will be presented to the board on May 10, 2017 and if all is well it will come before Council on May 16, 2017 and voted on June 7, 2017. Councilwoman Donna Williams allowed the CBAC to come and give comments. There was a report that was made available to the public. Mr. Tyrone Tarver, thanked Council for allowing their presence and in his opening remarks, he spoke of accountability, transparency, and Administrative Directors being more accessible to the public. He requested the City Clerk's office to be mindful of scheduling conflicts and all public hearing schedules be cleared through the clerk's office so the public will not have to choose between meetings of interest. He also requested the user friendly budget be made available in hard copy and not just on the City's website and that this memorandum be posted on the city's website as well. Mr. Tarver was interrupted because the handout contained names and in his speaking he could not mention said names. The documents should be cleared of names if given to the public. Councilwoman Jamie Summers-Johnson stated that she was offended by names being listed in the handout. Councilwoman Tency Eason informed him that all are welcome to the Master Plan's meeting. Mr. Tarver wanted to give input and recommendations as well. The list of recommendations included:

- Moving forward all vacant positions are salaried in accordance with the state code, and keep appointments within state and city codes, and terminate all positions that are not.
- Stop cronyism in the selection of firms - Attorney Eric Pennington spoke to the process of procuring outside attorneys and reviewing their qualifications and forming a list to draw from when needed. They accept the rate that Council approved.
- Examine roles of Assistant Municipal Attorneys.
- Mayoral appointments to vetted by Business Administrator
- Make sure of the Police Department candidates preparedness – Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk stated the monies that were budgeted for candidates who were sent home will be reassigned to the upcoming class and you will see the contract on an upcoming agenda.
- Timely reconciliation of the work in the tax collector's office
- Fund the Historic Commission
- Approve the selection of the position of Code Enforcement and Fire Safety Inspector to qualified

- Examine EMS contracts - Council President Donna Williams stated we are examining the EMS contracts and it is ongoing.
- Research and apply for uncommon grants
- Transparent audits retroactively of Library in light of raid - Council President Donna Williams stated that while Council is not in charge, they are following the audit of the Library and as of this moment there are no update. Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk added, he expects that audits from 11-16 will be complete by the second week in May.
- Attract new types of business to the city
- Pilots should be cleared with accompanying materials made available – Chief Financial Officer, Joy Lascari stated that as of the last report, all of the pilots had been collected at that point
- Update outstanding litigation
- Remove city vehicle from Public Works Director - Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk spoke to the Public Works Director having a City vehicle and how he gets the first call to many first responding calls for the city. He is on call with snow, water main breaks, sewer mains, etc.
- Create a Municipal Parking Authority
- Update on status with Army Corp Engineers’ proposal (Reservoir) – Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk stated we do not have a report as of yet because public comments had been closed out and because they have not issued their draft record of decisions yet.
- Discuss raises.
- Announcement of all applied grants from Municipal Departments.

Council President directs Clerk to file reports.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS - There were none received in the City Clerk’s office.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON GENERAL ISSUES/AGENDA ITEMS

THE CITY CLERK 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 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.

Ms. Kaitlin Gordon – Commented on notifying the public about ongoing meetings. She would like to recommend a page on the city’s website to publish such meetings. She wanted to follow up with Captain Dunn about parking spaces being hard to find. She spoke of the 25% increase in water bill and felt it was very high.

Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk stated there is some effort within the rate increase to provide some measure of residential relief. He referred to Section C of Ordinance 29-2017 showing the adjustment in the structure of how residents with small usage is charged.

Council President Donna Williams stated that parking will be addressed during the Public Forum.

Mr. Albert Whittle – He was served with a condemnation of his property at 188 Central Place in the East Ward, even though he is paying his taxes. He is here because his parents put themselves into this property and he wants to make sure it is not lost. Council President stopped Mr. Whittle after allowing him to go past his time and explained that they will allow him to continue during public comments because this is on second reading.

Council President Donna Williams stated that the discussion would continue during Public Forum.

Ms. Alice Lane – She is the President of the Oakwood Avenue Tenants Association, which had a meeting on April 10th. At this meeting Councilwoman Tency Eason attended (she stated it was at the Mayor’s request). Ms. Lane has requested speakers from the divisions. Ms. Lane was upset because she states that Councilwoman Eason denigrated her Councilperson (Councilman Kerry Coley) for not attending and on April 18th Councilwoman Eason was calling a meeting but Ms. Lane finds no record of it. She wanted to put it on the record that Councilwoman Eason spoke ill of her and that Councilwoman Eason is interfering with the Association. Her concerns with the building repairs and Comcast issues needs to be addressed and tenants are afraid to speak up. She wants to know who the owner is. Director Marty Mays attended and took notes and Councilwoman Wooten came toward the end of the meeting. Also there are concerns with fire evacuation safety, she has informally reached out to the Fire Director.

Council President Donna Williams stated that Council could call the owner to come before Council so the Clerk should be contacted to arrange this. Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk e-mailed Fire Director Kenneth Douglass concerning the fire drill issues.

Ms. Patricia Arthur – Asked if residents are informed when parking rules change. Her husband received a ticket as a result to not being aware of changes to parking rules where she lives (Tremont Place). She wanted to know what the financial agreement is with the City and Urban Renewal in Ordinance 24-2017. She also asked about Ordinance 27-2017. She stated water rate increase is terrible and wanted to know who would receive salary increases.

Council President Donna Williams asked Councilwoman Summers-Johnson and Director Mayes how long the parking had been changed and what it had been changed to. The Legislative Research Officer searched the code book, the sign should read Parking is prohibited from 2 A.M. – 6 P.M. on Tremont Ave., Tremont Ct. and Tremont Pl., Tremont Ave. North, Parking Prohibited from Valley St. to the West Orange line and from South Center to West

Orange line 9 A.M. – 12 NOON on Wednesdays for street sweeping. Councilwoman Jamie Summers-Johnson asked if it could be changed to permit parking for residents of that street. Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk stated he would first have someone check the signs for accuracy (if inaccurate adjustments will be made) and come back to Council with recommendations. In reference to Ordinance 27-2017 we will discuss during Public Hearing. Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk stated that the water rating increase includes the repayment of the bond which is on second reading tonight. When the ordinance was introduced, the water utility operated in 2016 at a \$1.7 million deficit. A rate increase and a restructuring our contractual purchases water (getting out of the emergency stand-by and into a bulk water purchase agreement) is necessary to restore the operation to self-liquidation. He also addressed the salary ordinances, stating this is civil service municipality. 21-2017 authorizes titles to be used in the civil service and which are not covered by a collective bargaining agreement. The local municipalities set the salary range to allow for future growth in such positions.

Mr. Sean Connor – Wanted to speak about parking and how the Walter G Alexander project would further effect residents. Wants to have clarification on how these new projects and existing residents parking is going to be addressed moving forward. While he likes the forward movement he wants direct answers on how this will impact the quality of life.

Council President informed Mr. Connor there will be a discussion concerning parking coming up. And stated there would be a planning board meeting of the Walter G. Alexander IV project on April 26, 2017. She asked Business Administrator, Chris Hart to address the process if residence were not in support because the planning meeting takes place after the Council meeting. Mr. Hartwyk stated if the site planning was not approved it could not go forward and that's the risk any developer takes.

Mr. Tyrone Tarver – Spoke on the Judge's decision to overturn the past due school board elections. He was one of the candidates who won in the elections. These elections were about the level of education of our children and transparency of how our schools are run. Concerned that the School Board is giving incorrect information to the public. He stated that he spoke to the Mayor and the Bond Attorney and they both contradicted the information he received from the Board concerning having time to put the \$2.5 million Bond on the ballot. He wants Council to look at this decision because it is about the children's education. Council President Donna Williams thanked Mr. Tarver for his statement.

Mr. Cliff T. Hannibal – Stated that Councilwoman Tency Eason had previously mentioned that something should be done to honor Robert Brown, the first African American Mayor and to date there is still nothing done. He also stated he went to the Board of Education to find one of children's records.

Council President Donna Williams stated Mr. Hannibal was correct in honoring our history and that discussion will be had the City Clerk to improve in honoring those who have served and have an update soon. Council doesn't handle matters of the Board of Education but we need to hear about what is going on in the city.

Mr. Jonathan Lewin - He represents the interest of 256 Reock Street. He recognizes the redevelopment in the area and he is concerned about the dumping and vandalism. Council did not respond to the statement given.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilwoman Jamie Summers-Johnson wanted to speak to the quality of life in the City of Orange Township. We need to make parents more accountable for their children and they have request activities for them to keep them busy. The Recreation Department has done a great job in putting together inexpensive activities yet its low turn outs. I cannot be because of a lack of communication going out. Maybe schools are not sending fliers' home. There is a hardship form available. We have to keep the kids busy to avoid increase in gangs. Baseball had such a low turnout that they had to postpone. Wednesday, April 26th from 6:30-7:30PM at Heyward Avenue School 421 Heyward Avenue, she will host a South Ward Community Meeting where the Honorable Adrienne Wooten will speaking about abandoned properties. The Business Administrator, the Fire Director and the Police Director will also be in attendance to answer questions. During May's meeting the Historical Preservation Commission will be presenting. The Master Plan Meetings – North Ward on May 4, 2017 at the Elks Club, East Ward on May 10, 2017 at the Walter G. Alexander Community Room, South Ward on May 23, 2017 at the Seventh Day Adventist Church on Reynolds Terrace. The City is hosting a Pink & Blue Mother & Son Ball at Libretti's on May 6th from 4-8pm \$25 for adults and \$15 for kids. Contact Recreation Department for further information.

Councilwoman Tency Eason – Asked Director Marty Mays if he was familiar with 209 High Street and if we could have this boarded up because the door is wide open. She then stated she called Rosedale Cemetery to trim back their trees, but when are we going to fix Washington Street. We need to forget about Capitol Budget and make it a priority because it's been way to long. We need to find some money to board up abandoned properties with quality material. The City phones are not working to a quality standard and we need to implement a policy for employees to empty their voicemails every day to make sure there is adequate space for incoming calls. She then asked if we hired a cleaning company. Revisited having a Mayor's Wall to honor each Mayor. The 400 Oakwood Avenue meeting was an all resident meeting (100 plus attended) and was not a Tenants Association Meeting, she wanted it to be on the record that she didn't speak ill of Councilman Kerry Coley when tenants asked where he was. The Representative (Victor Vilenski) assured her the concerns that were listed during this meeting would be taken care of. She told him not to promise anything that he wouldn't deliver on. Director Mays stated there was a Capitol Meeting which he did not stay until the end but boarding the houses can be very expensive. He also stated that three bids for the Police Department Cleaning contract came in last week and have been forwarded to the Law Department for review. Business Administrator stated NJ Transit refused to put funds toward fixing Washington Street, he gave authorizations for Mr. Wingfield to order the sheets for boarding up the houses , and he would make a policy tomorrow. He also stated that the cleaning company was at the Police Department the last three days but they do not have a contract yet. Looking to have it for the May 2nd Meeting.

Councilwoman Adrienne Wooten – Wanted to thank everyone for everyone who extending messages of condolence during her time of bereavement. On April 12, 2017 at the Orange Public Library there was a Forum on abandoned properties to educate and strategize. There will be further meetings in each ward to move forward. To piggy back on the comments about boarding abandoned houses, informing that there are places that have moved from plywood to a very heavy plastic which looks better. She gave her phone number to be reached.

Councilman Harold Johnson, Jr. – Deferred his comments to the Public Forum

Councilman Kerry Coley - Wanted to commend the Business Administrator and the team who worked on the budget as it was done in a very timely manner. He wanted the Police Department to consider implementing the Gun Buy Back Program. Mr Whittle touched his heart with his concern and story. Councilman Coley was under the assumption that all the properties mentioned were purchased through negotiations, and he didn't know how Council could fix this issue for Mr. Whittle. Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk stated that they have identified a funding source the Gun Buy Back Program and it is in the discussion.

Council President Donna Williams – Orange Memorial, you will see a lot of pictures of dumping on that sight which is concerning. There is an ongoing issue of code enforcement, they are not always giving the warning first. Can a form be implement so that if issue is brought before a judge, this form can be presented showing the owner they were given an opportunity to abate before there is a fine issued. We get \$75,000 a year from the Orange Reservoir and the funds are not allocated, she wants to do a resolution to have the funds go into the Recreation Fund to offset costs and it would have to be done annually. Just a reminder that financial statements are due on the 30th and the Clerk will give you the information to get it done. Happy Birthday to Ms. Stewart. The doors to L&M are open and she did a tour in Newark. Wants Councilwoman Summers-Johnson to challenge everyone to get more people out for the baseball program, by getting everyone to commit to bringing ten people. Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk stated the Mayor reconvened a task force (Property Maintenance, Police, Fire, Construction, Building, and Health Departments) under the direction of Director Marty Mayes. After an inspection over \$500,000 in violation summons had been issued to the owner and currently in court (Court date May 10). The issue is being addressed aggressively. This property cannot be cleaned up before the court date, the owner must have the opportunity to abate the problem.

Motion to Close Citizen Comments by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson, seconded by Councilwoman Eason.

The Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Motion to have a 5 minutes recess at 9:21 P.M. by Councilman Johnson, Jr. seconded by Councilwoman Wooten.

The Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

**Motion to reconvene by Councilwoman Wooten, seconded Councilman Johnson, Jr.
The Motion was approved by unanimous vote.**

**Motion to extend the meeting pass 10:30 by Councilman Kerry J. Coley, seconded by
Councilwoman Tency Eason**

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Jackson

Motion carries.

ORDINANCES–SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING

The Clerk read Ordinance 10-2017 by title.

**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 public hearing for this ordinance was carried over from March 21, 2017 meeting)**

The Chair declared the time open for a hearing on Ordinance Number 10-2017.

Seeing no one, the Chair declared the time closed.

**Motion to close the public hearing by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson, seconded by
Councilwoman Wooten.**

The Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

**Motion to adopt Ordinance Number 10-2017 by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson,
seconded by Councilwoman Eason,**

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Jackson.

Motion Carries.

The Clerk read Ordinance 16-2017 by title.

16-2017 An ordinance to amend the code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 23 titled Personnel Policies, Section 1-4.8 Tuition Reimbursement and the Appendix titled City of Orange Township – Employee Handbook of Personnel Policies and Procedures.

The Chair declared the time open for a hearing on Ordinance Number 16-2017.

Seeing no one, the Chair declared the time closed.

Motion to close the public hearing by Councilwoman Eason, seconded by Councilwoman Wooten

The Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Motion to adopt Ordinance Number 16-2017 by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson, seconded by Councilman Coley.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Jackson.

Motion Carries.

The Clerk read Ordinance 20-2017 by title.

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

Ms. Kaitlin Gordon had a question, the previous section (section four) was stricken through and she wants to know why. Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk states this ordinance was done by the Law Department with direction from him. Deputy Directors Title doesn't presently exist and would have to be approved by Council. The reorganization meeting will make sure titles are lined up in accordance with Civil Service. There is only one Deputy Director and that's in the Police Department.

The Chair declared the time open for a hearing on Ordinance Number 20-2017.

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

Motion to close the public hearing by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson, seconded by Councilwoman Wooten

The Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Motion to adopt Ordinance Number 20-2017 by Councilwoman Wooten, seconded by Councilman Coley.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Jackson.

Motion Carries.

The Clerk read 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)

The Chair declared the time open for a hearing on Ordinance Number 21-2017.

Seeing no one, the Chair declared the time closed.

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

The Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Motion to adopt Ordinance Number 21-2017 by Councilwoman Eason, seconded by Councilman Coley.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Jackson.

Motion Carries.

The Clerk read Ordinance 23-2017 by title.

23-2017 An ordinance to amend the code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 200, entitled "Vehicles and Traffic", Section 200-33 No Parking certain hours on Spring Street.

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

Seeing no one, the Chair declared the time closed.

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

The Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Motion to adopt Ordinance Number 23-2017 by Councilwoman Eason, seconded by Councilman Coley.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Jackson.

Motion Carries.

The Clerk read Ordinance 24-2017 by title.

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.

The Chair declared the time open for a hearing on Ordinance Number 24-2017.

Patricia Arthur asked how much is the financial agreement are we giving for the thirty year exemption and what will be the income on this property? Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk stated there are two components: PILOT payment which in the first year is approximately \$70,000, in addition there are \$428,000 in capital improvements (pave the streets, Wifi, and etc.). The details were listed in the handout that Ms. Arthur had not read through at that time. Mr. Arthur Linfante stated that the expected revenue is about \$1.4 million.

Ms. Kaitlin Gordon wanted to know where the figure \$8,000 came from for the fiscal impact on the school system. Mr. Linfante explained the figure came from discussions with the Board of Education as cost to educate each student.

Council President Williams asked Business Administrator to check the Board of Education Budget and get it to the Clerk's Office by tomorrow so Ms. Gordon could get a copy on Thursday. She explained to Ms. Gordon that the figure is a cost per pupil not a bottom line figure. Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk stated they used a more conservative not what actually what it takes for instructional cost.

Mr. Tyrone Tarver asked if these numbers were standard. Mr. Lifante states this is the first year we are on the PILOT payment and when you do the calculation its closer to \$100,000 a year. There is no data to compare to.

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

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

The Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Motion to adopt Ordinance Number 24-2017 by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson, seconded by Councilman Johnson, Jr.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Jackson.

Motion Carries.

The Clerk read Ordinance 25-2017 by title.

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.

The Chair declared the time open for a hearing on Ordinance Number 25-2017.

Councilman Harold Johnson, Jr. wanted someone from Housing Authority to speak to the land tax on page fifteen. Mr. Chris Walrath Redevelopment Counsel for the City went on to explain the long term tax exemption has a few requirements. The minimum annual service charge has to be paid to the City and the long term tax exemption law does not have an exemption for land taxes. They just want to make sure that whatever the city grants it is legal to grant. He stated if Council would move forward they should seek counsel

Councilman Harold Johnson, Jr. stated he likes the improvement but would like the Housing Authority to be more verbal with the residents and parking is a nightmare.

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

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

The Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Motion to adopt Ordinance Number 25-2017 by Councilman Johnson, Jr., seconded by Councilwoman Wooten.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: Williams

Abstain: Wooten

Absent: Jackson.

Motion Carries

ORDINANCES INTRODUCTION/ FIRST READING

The Clerk read Ordinance 26-2017 by title.

26-2017 An ordinance amending in its entirety Chapter 156, Article XXI of the City of Orange Township entitled Vacant Properties, Registration.

Motion that Ordinance 26-2017 be introduced on first reading and that the public hearing would be held May 16, 2017 by Councilman Coley, seconded by Councilman Johnson, Jr.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Jackson

Motion Carries.

The Clerk read Ordinance 27-2017 by title.

27-2017 An ordinance to amend the residency Policy for Police and Fire personnel and amending Chapter 23 of the Municipal Code and appendix titled City of Orange Township Employee Handbook of Personnel Policies and procedures. (Sponsored by: Council Member Jamie Summers-Johnson) (WITHDRAWN)

The Clerk read Ordinance 28-2017 by title.

28-2017 An ordinance to amend the code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 200, entitled "Vehicles and traffic", Section 200-33 No Parking certain hours on North Center Street.

Motion that Ordinance 28-2017 be introduced on first reading and that the public hearing would be held May 16, 2017 by Councilwoman Eason, seconded by Councilman Johnson, Jr.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Jackson

Motion Carries.

The Clerk read Ordinance 29-2017 by title.

29-2017 An ordinance amending Chapter 88, "Fees" Article I, "Fees Derived from Code Provisions", Section 88-2, "Schedule of Fees" setting rates and fees for

the use of the water/sewer system as initially established by Ordinance No. 58-2013.

Motion that Ordinance 29-2017 be introduced on first reading and that the public hearing would be held May 16, 2017 by Councilwoman Eason, seconded by Councilman Coley.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Jackson.

Motion Carries.

30-2017 An ordinance to amend and supplement Chapter 210, Article III of the Municipal Code of the City of Orange Township (Sponsored by Councilmember Kerry J. Coley).
(WITHDRAWN)

CONSENT AGENDA

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.

RESOLUTION NUMBERS*137-2017 – *159-2017

137-2017 A resolution to establish the Inaugural Celebration of the “Vivian Gaunt Beautification Day” to be observed on Earth Day annually. **(Separate Vote)**

138-2017 A resolution re-appointing Clifford Ross, 420 Fairview Avenue, Orange, New Jersey as a member of the City of Orange Township Housing Authority for a term of five (5) years.
(WITHDRAWN BY ADMINISTRATION)

139-2017 A resolution re-appointing Michael A. Hackett, Esq., as Judge of the Orange Municipal Court. **(WITHDRAWN BY ADMINISTRATION)**

***140-2017** A resolution celebrating Mildred Hicks Harris as an outstanding citizen of the City of Orange Township and a recipient of the Annual Shirley Chis olm Award. (Sponsored by Councilmember Adrienne Wooten and the Orange Municipal Council)

- 141-2017** Resolution authorizing the City of Orange Township to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with First Shiloh Baptist Church, 424 Main Street, Orange, New Jersey to use the old school building adjacent to the sanctuary facility and parking facilities. **(WITHDRAWN BY ADMINISTRATION)**
- 142-2017** Resolution authorizing the Planning Board to conduct an investigation to determine if certain areas within the City of Orange Township should be determined to be an area in need of study. **(Separate Vote)**
- 143-2017** A resolution authorizing the Orange Planning Board to conduct an investigation to expand the Central Valley Redevelopment Area within the City of Orange Township. **(Separate Vote)**
- *144-2017** **Resolution to award a contract for Extraordinary Unspecified Services under N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1) (a)ii to Gerald Vitarello of Fairfield, New Jersey in an amount not to exceed \$13,000.00 to commence upon adoption of this resolution.**
- *145-2017** **A resolution authorizing the tax collector to participate in an electronic on-line tax sale for calendar year 2017.**
- *146-2017** **A resolution authorizing the award of a non-fair and open contract with Netta Architects, 1084 Route 22 West, Mountainside, New Jersey 07092 to provide professional architectural design services for the City Hall existing conditions survey in the amount not to exceed \$8,500.00.**
- *147-2017** **A resolution authorizing the award of a non-fair and open contract with Maser Consulting, O.A., 400 Valley Road, Suite 304, Mount Arlington, New Jersey 07856 to provide professional engineering, design and construction administration services for the High and Alden Street park Fencing Improvements in the amount not to exceed \$25,900.00.**
- *148-2017** A resolution authorizing an addendum to Resolution #41-2016 to Maser Consulting, P.A., 400 Valley Road, Suite #304, Mount Arlington, New Jersey 07856 for providing additional engineering, design services and construction inspection services for the High and Alden Street Park Improvements in the amount not to exceed \$4,200.00. **(Separate Vote)**
- 149-2017** A resolution authorizing Change Order No. 1 to modify the contract with Quality Electrical Construction Co. for the project known as the Alden Park Improvement Project in the amount not to exceed \$18,275.00. **(Separate Vote)**

- *150-2017** A resolution authorizing settlement of a claim in the matter of Marc Waldman v. Erik Davis, et al. in an amount not to exceed twenty-four thousand two hundred and fifty-four and six cents \$24,254.06 dollars.
- *151-2017** A resolution authorizing the tax collector to refund an amount paid for Tax Sale Certificate 14-0130 and refund subsequent taxes and water/sewer payments made for the property located at 372 Crane St.
- *152-2017** A resolution authorizing the City of Orange Township to add 170 Hickory Street to its existing City of Orange Township abandoned properties list.
- *153-2017** A resolution directing that Ordinance No. 24-2017 take effect immediately authorizing the execution of a financial agreement between the City of Orange Township and Reock Urban Renewal LLC.
- *154-2017** A resolution directing that Ordinance No. 25-2017 take effect immediately authoring the execution of a financial agreement between the City of Orange Township and Walter G. Alexander Village IV Urban Renewal LLC.
- *155-2017** A resolution approving the bill list for council meeting vote on April 25, 2017 dated April 21, 2017 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95 (Grand Total: \$ 3,132,493.99) (Separate Vote)
- *156-2017** A resolution authorizing an agreement between the City of Orange Township and Technical Integration Services Data Center Solutions to provide online street opening permit services.
- *157-2017** A resolution authorizing the award of a Non-Fair and Open Contract with Pennoni Associates, Inc. located at 24 Commerce Street, Suite 300, Newark, New Jersey, for Engineering Services relating to the water system in an amount not to exceed \$26,000.
- *158-2017** A resolution approving Qualified Consultant Engineers to provide consulting engineering on an “as needed” basis for one (1) year commencing April 26, 2017 through April 25, 2018.
- *159-2017** A resolution authorizing a professional services agreement with Value Research Group, LLC for the preparation of market, feasibility, economic impact, and fiscal impact studies in connection with certain proposed development and proposed redevelopment projects within the City of Orange Township in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00.

Motion to adopt the Consent Agenda by Councilwoman Eason seconded by Councilman Coley.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Jackson.

Motion Carries.

(Resolution that were taken off for separate vote)

The Clerk read Resolution 137-2017 by title.

137-2017 A resolution to establish the Inaugural Celebration of the “Vivian Gaunt Beautification Day” to be observed on Earth Day annually.

The amendment is inserted after the seventh WHEREAS clause:

WHEREAS, Vivian Gaunt has devoted her life in service to others as a teacher, recreation specialist, youth advocate, community activist and municipal councilor; and

WHEREAS, Vivian Gaunt was the first African American Council Woman elected in the City of Orange in 1996 and served for 12 years; and

Motion to adopt Resolution 137-2017 as amended by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson, seconded by Johnson, Jr.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Jackson.

Motion Carries.

The Clerk read Resolution 142-2017 by title

142-2017 Resolution authorizing the Planning Board to conduct an investigation to determine if certain areas within the City of Orange Township should be determined to be an area in need of study.

The amendment is to change the word “rehabilitation” to “redevelopment”

Motion to adopt Resolution 142-2017 as amended by Councilwoman Eason, seconded by Councilman Coley.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: Johnson, Jr.

Absent: Jackson.

Motion Carries.

The Clerk read the Resolution 143-2014 by title.

143-2017 A resolution authorizing the Orange Planning Board to conduct an investigation to expand the Central Valley Redevelopment Area within the City of Orange Township.

The amendment is to change the word “rehabilitation” to “redevelopment”

Motion to adopt Resolution 143-2017 as amended by Councilwoman Eason, seconded by Councilman Coley.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: Johnson, Jr.

Absent: Jackson

Motion Carries.

The Clerk read Resolution 148-2017 by title

148-2017 A resolution authorizing an addendum to Resolution #41-2016 to Maser Consulting, P.A., 400 Valley Road, Suite #304, Mount Arlington, New Jersey 07856 for providing additional engineering, design services and construction inspection services for the High and Alden Street Park Improvements in the amount not to exceed \$4,200.00.

Motion to adopt Resolution 148-2017 as amended by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson, seconded by Johnson, Jr. The amendment is “known as the High and Alden Park”

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Jackson.

Motion Carries.

149-2017 A resolution authorizing Change Order No. 1 to modify the contract with Quality Electrical Construction Co. for the project known as the Alden Park Improvement Project in the amount not to exceed \$18,275.00.

AMENDED: The amendment is “known as the High and Alden Park”

Motion to adopt Resolution 149-2017 by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson, seconded by Councilwoman Eason.

Councilwoman Wooten had stepped away before the vote.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Jackson

Motion Carries.

The Clerk read Resolution 155-2017 by title

155-2017 A resolution approving the bill list for council meeting vote on April 25, 2017 dated April 21, 2017 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95 (Grand Total: \$ 3,132,493.99)

Motion to adopt Resolution 155-2017 as amended by Councilwoman Eason, seconded by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: Johnson, Jr.

Absent: Jackson

Motion Carries.

NEW BUSINESS AND WALK-ON ORDINANCES / RESOLUTIONS

The following items are being considered for “Walk-On” items: Resolution 160-2017, 161-2017, 162-2017

Motion to accept walk on items by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson, seconded by Councilwoman Eason.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Jackson

Motion Carries.

The Chair declared the time open for a hearing.

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

Motion to close Public Hearing by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson, seconded by Councilwoman Eason.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Jackson

Motion Carries.

The Clerk read the Resolution Number 160-2017 by title.

160-2017 A resolution approving a first amendment to the redevelopment agreement between the City, the Housing Authority of the City of Orange, and the Orange Housing Development Corporation and authorizing the Mayor to execute the first amendment on behalf of the City.

Motion to adopt Resolution 160-2017 by Councilwoman Eason, seconded by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: Wooten

Absent: Jackson

Motion Carries.

The Clerk read the Resolution Number 161-2017 by title.

161-2017 A resolution approving a redevelopment agreement between the City and Reock Urban Renewal LLC and authorizing the Mayor to execute the redevelopment agreement on behalf of the City.

Motion to adopt Resolution 161-2017 by Councilwoman Eason, seconded by Councilman Johnson, Jr.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

