

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, MAY 2, 2017 AT 7:16 P.M.

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 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
Adrian Mapp, Director of Finance
Marty Mayes, Planning/Public Works Director
Nikki Amos, Representing the Police Department
Joy Lascari, Chief Financial Officer
Marlin G. Townes, Acting Legislative Research Officer
Margaret Homere, Sr. Clerk, Clerk's Office
Trisha Scipio, Clerk's Office
Ike Jenkins, Representing the County (County Liaison)
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ABSENT: Todd Warren, Police Director

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

– **Council President Donna K. Williams stated that the Moment of silence would be dedicated to Kim Simpkins Jones who recently passed and her Home Going Services were held today, May 2, 2017. She was the Author of Real Talk.**

The City Clerk announced that 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 states 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 16, 2016 posted on the Bulletin Board in City Hall and filed in the Office of the City Clerk.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

Council President Williams stated that Ordinance 16-2017 was vetoed by the Mayor because of the outdated language. Council will except the veto, update the language and present during the May 16, 2017 Council meeting.

Mr. Ike Jenkins, County Liaison shared the following upcoming events. The Essex County Job Fair will be held on Thursday, May 25, 2017 from 10AM – 3PM at the Essex County College Gymnasium, 303 University Avenue, Newark, New Jersey. Residents can register at the Essex County One Stop Career Center, 50 South Clinton, Second Floor, East Orange, New Jersey, online at www.essexcountynj.org, or on site. The Essex County Mental Health Awareness Day scheduled on Saturday, May 20, 2017 from 10AM-2PM at the Essex County Hospital Center, 204 Grove Avenue, Cedar Grove, New Jersey. Mr. Jenkins stated he will e-mail the fliers to be posted on the City's website and physical copies for distribution. Councilwoman Eason stated she was happy the tree was removed on 132 High Street, the house behind it has almost finished the renovations, she thanks Mr. Jenkins for his help in this. Council President Williams wanted to renew her questions on the County roads and when the County and City would split the cost. Council President Williams stated on May 24, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. the Essex County Board of Chosen Freeholders will have their meeting here in the Council Chambers.

Councilwoman Eason stated on May 24, 2017, from 6-8 P.M., at Rosa Park Community School there will be a Literacy Night.

Director Kenneth Douglass stated the Fire Department will be hosting a Promotional (Seven Captains and recognizing the Deputy Chiefs from last year) also the Swearing-In Ceremony for new recruits which is historical because it is the largest class in Orange and has the second female candidate. It will be on Thursday, May 4, 2017, 5PM at St. Matthew AME Church, 336 Oakwood Avenue, Orange, NJ. He is encouraging Council, City Employees and residents to attend.

Councilwoman Eason made a short introduction for Mr. James, Business Administrator from the Orange Board of Education, Dr. Howard the Interim Superintendent, and Dr. Russo, Director of Instruction and Curriculum. They came to give the status of buildings and plans for the future to keep us moving forward, to keep our children safe and the reason there is a need for the \$2,500,000. Mr. James thanked Councilwoman Eason for the introduction, thanked Council for receiving him and then stated that he didn't bring handouts because there is scarce funds, but wouldn't mind e-mailing the presentations to the City Clerk. Budget and Finance – The budget for 2017-18 school year has been approved by the County and State. The revenue that they will receive (the aid) is about 83% of what is needed. The price of living increase has caused us to need an increase in accordance to that. Mr. James showed charts to show the need for more revenue to keep the system flat. Orange is an Abbott District and the Governor is not using the formula mandated to fund an Abbott District as he should. This also causes a strain on the residents. Facilities – Mr. James showed pictures of the buildings, showing the need for much work on the buildings so as not to keep patching up problems.

There will be a meeting on Friday if any of the Councilmembers would like to see the balance of the presentation. Council President William and Councilman Kerry Coley reminded Mr. James that they were previously behind this project and wants him to send the presentation copy to City

Clerk, Joyce Lanier. Dr. Howard offered to supply the board with the power point presentation. Council President Williams stated she would like to see a long range plan of bringing Special Needs students back into the district, and Dr. Howard replied that it is in the works. Councilwoman Summers-Johnson received a text from a parent asking if the power point could be posted to the Board of Education's website or could they get a physical copy. Dr. Howard replied that the power point would be presented at the Board of School Estimate. She spoke about the special needs laws.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

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

The meeting was adjourned by a unanimous vote at 7:59 P.M.

Approved:

Joyce L. Lanier
City Clerk

Kerry J. Coley
Council President