

THIS WAS A REGULAR 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 FOLLOWING THE CONFERENCE MEETING

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 (left at 8:57PM)
Joy Lascari, Chief Financial Officer
Marlin G. Townes, Acting Legislative Research Officer
Margarette Homere, Sr. Clerk, Clerk's Office
Trisha Scipio, Clerk's Office
Nishuane Group

ABSENT: Todd Warren, Police Director

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

SPECIAL NOTICE: Please be apprised 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 July 16, 2016, posted on the Bulletin Board in City Hall and filed in the Office of the City Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES MEETINGS

None.

REPORTS:

- **DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REVENUE COLLECTION -None**
- **CONSTABLE REPORTS – None**
- **OPRA REPORTS - None**
- **COUNCIL REPORTS**
 - Police Representative, Nikki Amos stated she was excited to wear the t-shirt as it represented the two year win of the Pal Wrestling Team and they had a pizza party today to celebrate. The Police Department is looking for more support of the team moving forward from our Council and Community. On April 27th the Police Department hosted a “Kids to Work Day” which was well attended with over twenty-five plus kids, and was very structured with lessons and activities specific to law enforcement and public safety. In June they will hold a Bike Rodeo Event as well a Kid ID Party (which will be an annual event) partnering with Councilwoman Jamie Summers-Johnson. There will be a Chaplin training so that 5-6 City Chaplin’s can be sworn-in in the month of June. In July they will host their annual Junior Public Safety Academy going into the tenth year, August 1st is The National Night Out, they will host a Senior Luncheon and on June 20th along with PAL and Jack and Jill there will be a Mock Trial. She replied to Councilwoman Eason that the age for the Junior Police Academy was 8-16. Council President Williams inquired about registration and she stated that when logistics were complete they would reach out to the schools. Councilwoman Summers-Johnson asked for clarity on the age requirements and she stated it would be two groups, 8-12 and 12-16. Councilman Johnson, Jr inquired if the Council meeting would be moved to Wednesday because of the National Night Out and Council President Williams confirmed this.
 - Gerard Hazel of the Nishuane Group stated there was a kick-off event on April 25th at the High School with about 50 people or so. They provided information and took a survey of people’s experiences in Orange which is being compiled electronically. The next Ward meeting is at the Elks Club. There is a steering Committee which is consists of three members and they have been engaging the public through focus groups. Councilman Johnson, Jr. inquired about the attendance, is it possible to reschedule the West Ward’s meeting due to low attendance, and asked if he would consider reaching out to the Council to attract more people to attend. Mr. Hazel replied that he was open to any methodology to improve the attendance and also holding another West Ward meeting. Councilwoman Jaime Summers-Johnson suggested that she and Councilman Johnson, Jr. work together during the South Ward

meeting since it will take place in the West Ward and they were in agreement. Council President Donna Williams inquired what should people expect going to the website as directed on the flier and Mr. Hazel responded that the survey is what they are trying to get people to complete which is also available in Spanish and Creole in hard copy (working on getting it on the website). Councilwoman Eason stated we need to do better at coordinating calendars so that events in the city are not competing with each other which affects the attendance at each event. The City Business Administrator spoke to how events are managed on the City's website.

- Housing Authority- Councilman Harold Johnson, Jr stated that at the last Council meeting the Walter G IV Ordinance was approved allowing the Housing Authority to move forward. Councilwoman Wooten stated in her conversation with the Housing Authority they had filed and the applications were received and they are expecting answers in late July.
- Public Works - No report
- ABC – Councilwoman Tency Eason stated they had not had a meeting
- Library - Councilman Christopher Jackson stated there was a meeting scheduled on the 13th but cancelled and he was not notified. The next scheduled meeting is May 11th at 6:30Pm in the back of the Library.
- Finance - Council President Donna Williams stated there would be a local Finance Board Meeting on May 10th and we would be guided accordingly. Everyone should have received a letter from Senator Rice regarding the meeting on May 13th, He is asking everyone to attend as the Gubernatorial Candidates will be there and so Elected Officials will have the opportunity to screen, vet and question the candidates.
- CBAC – Ashanti Connor stated that there were documents presented to Council at the last meeting that the Committee was unaware of as a whole. She wanted to echo her pleasure with the budget process, the parking utility plan, and the plans of the Business Administrator's office. She also wanted clarification on where they should submit handouts in the future, and Council President Donna Williams directed her to the Clerk's Office. Mr. Stephon Ikner piggy backed on what Ms. Connor said, assuring the Council that there were items on the document that was previously presented that were not to his approval, and apologized for the error. Coran Rimes, a former Council Member, and current Member of the Housing Authority, encouraged colleagues to get involve during this process with the city's budget and take a leadership role. The two points that he personally raised were, the Council and Mayor deserve a raise but the amount was excessive and that Police and

Fire Departments should revisit the cost of over time versus the cost to hire more staff. Twana Barrett wanted it on record that she was unaware of the items in the handouts and wanted to send her apologies as well. The Councilmen and Councilwomen thanked the members for coming to clarify and for the handouts and also thank former Councilman Coran Rimes for his service. Council President stated that the Clerk has the contact information for them and would reach out with the upcoming meeting. Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk addressed the overtime issue stating that it was being addressed.

Council President Williams directs Clerk to file reports.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS **none**

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON GENERAL ISSUES/AGENDA ITEMS

The City Clerk made the following statement:

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 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.

The following residents and business owners made comments.

Ms. Kaitlin Gordon – 1. She received correspondence from the City that claims because the 2017 budget is not passed yet, all departments are still working with the 2016 budget. She wants to know if this is so. 2. She was told there are no Deputy Directors, so explain the Deputy Directors of Communication and IT in the Administration. 3. Concerning the Fiscal Impact Study of the PILOTs from last meeting, she is interested in why the total per pupil cost for each student is used versus the instructional cost per pupil.

Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk spoke to the difference between the total costs per student versus instructional cost per student. The healthcare, pension contributions, improvements to buildings, administrative cost, etc. Council President Donna Williams stated that Mr. Chris Durkin had nothing to do with the over- turning of the vote, which had to go to the Superior Court. Council is voting on the Bond this evening. The Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk said he would refer with The Finance

Director, Adrian Mapp needs to review before addressing the budget, and the second question he would not address in public session.

Ms. Gloria Stewart - She is pleased that Council recognized that we are all in this together. Disappointed the Mayor is not here during this crucial time. Would be helpful to get information to residents by video. The Board of Education, sometimes she gets confused, she wants to know if this is about money or the students. She is hoping for an Elected Board and wants the Bond issue explained further. She felt the judge over turning the votes was not right because the people spoke.

Business Administrator stated they are working on the Cable issue and it should be resolved in 30-60 days. Council President Donna Williams stated the Master Plan is still being worked on and in the process Council will be voting on this.

Mr. Tyrone Tarver - Mr. Tarver wanted to piggy back off Ms. Stewart, asking is this about money or our children. When residents voted it was not about a Bond but because they are unhappy with the level of education. He believes Council should defend the will of the people and appeal the Judge's decision.

**Motion to Close Citizen Comments by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson,
Seconded by Councilman Johnson, Jr.**

COUNCIL COMMENTS -

Councilwoman Tency Eason suggested we allow the Board of Education excuse themselves. Councilwoman Summers-Johnson attended a Community meeting which was well attended with new home owners in attended. Councilwoman Wooten gave a presentation on abandoned properties, The Police Department gave information on Crime Watch and the Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk was on hand to answer questions. This Saturday the pink & Blue Ball will be at Libretti's. The numbers are increasing for football, softball and soccer.

Councilwoman Adrienne Wooten thanked Councilwoman Summers-Johnson for inviting her to her Community Event. 523 Park Avenue there is a Non-Profit Center that educate adults (low cost or free). Saturday, May 6 they will host an event in Montclair Super Hero for people who have experienced domestic violence.

Councilman Tency Eason announced that on May 19th at the Park Avenue Elementary School there will be a Zumba-thon and the proceeds go to Scholarship Fund for Orange

High Students. Ward Meeting on May 4th. She thanked the Board of Education who came out tonight with the presentation and to answer questions.

Councilman Kerry J. Coley addressed Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk about similar business' that are in close proximity and who are not properly licensed. Mr. Hartwyk replied that the issue was being addressed. Councilman Coley also asked that the pothole machine be seriously considered. During the budget process, we need to keep money in the budget for new police vehicles.

Council President Donna Williams spoke about Kim Simpkins Jones and how she created the City of Orange Forum, Real Talk. She passed away and her funeral was today. We want to continue to honor her as she was a lover of the City of Orange Township. She wanted to commend Director Kenneth Douglass on the graduation of the new cadets and the ceremony. There was an accident on Tremont, the Business Administrator and Public works has responded to getting traffic lights, signage and street stripping there. The 44 Bus has not stopped service but it will be reduced in this area Councilwoman Summers-Johnson suggests police presence there as well. Council President Donna Williams also stated that she was able to attend the Social Justice Discussion with the Gubernatorial Candidates which had a great discussion and she is asking for residents to make sure you are registered to participate in the primary on May 7th and vote in November. We have to really push down, engage citizens and encourage everyone to vote.

ORDINANCES–SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING - None

ORDINANCES INTRODUCTION/ FIRST READING

31-2017 An ordinance to amend and supplement Chapter 88 entitled “Fees” and Chapter 210 entitled “Development Regulations” of the Municipal Code of the City of Orange Township. **(WITHDRAWN)**

The City Clerk read the ordinance by title.

32-2017 **An ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 200, entitled “Vehicles and Traffic” Section 200-40, Schedule IX: Stop Intersections (Liberty Street and Union Street)**

Motion that Ordinance 32-2017 be introduced on first reading and that the public hearing would be held June 7, 2017 by Councilwoman Jaime Summers-Johnson, seconded by Councilman Kerry J. Coley .

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.
Abstain: None.
Absent: None.

Motion Carries.

The Clerk read the ordinance by title.

33-2017 A Bond ordinance providing for improvements to various school buildings and grounds on behalf of the Orange Board of Education Public School District by the City of Orange Township, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, appropriating \$2,550,000 therefor and authorizing the issuance of \$2,550,000 bonds or notes of the City to finance the cost thereof (RESOLUTION ADOPTED ON MARCH 27, 2015)

Motion that Ordinance 33-2017 be introduced on first reading and that the public hearing would be held May 16, 2017 by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson, seconded by Councilman Johnson, Jr.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Coley, Eason, Jackson, Johnson, Jr., Summers-Johnson, Wooten, Williams
Nays: None.
Abstain: None.
Absent: None.

Motion Carries.

The City Clerk read the ordinance by title.

34-2017 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)

Motion that Ordinance 34-2017 be introduced on first reading and that the public hearing would be held June 7, 2017 by Councilman Coley, seconded by Councilman Johnson, Jr.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Coley, Eason, Jackson, Johnson, Jr., Summers-Johnson, Wooten, Williams
Nays: None.
Abstain: None.
Absent: None.

Motion Carries.

The City Clerk read the ordinance by title.

- 35-2017 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).**

The City Clerk read the ordinance by title.

Motion that Ordinance 34-2017 be introduced on first reading and that the public hearing would be held June 7, 2017 by Councilwoman Wooten, seconded by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

Motion Carries.

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*163--2017 – *170-2017

- *163-2017 A resolution re-appointing Michael A. Hackett, Esq. as Judge of the Orange Municipal Court.**
- *164-2017 A resolution for a constable bond in the amount of \$5,000.00, from Darnell Brodie, Constable from the West Ward for a term of three (3) years.**
- *165-2017 A resolution authorizing the awarding of a contract to Denville Line Painting, 2 Green Pond Road, Rockaway, New Jersey 07866 for traffic striping on roadways under the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council Contract #36 in an amount not to exceed \$21,500.00.**
- *166-2017 A resolution approving the bill list for council meeting vote on May 2, 2017 dated April 28, 2017 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95 (Grand Total: \$ 1,844,876.09). (REMOVED FOR A SEPARATE VOTE)**

- *167-2017 A resolution authorizing the cancellation of a portion of the Emergency Appropriation in the Water/Sewer Utility Fund.**
- *168-2017 A resolution authorizing the cancellation of prior year unexpended balances in the Water/Sewer Utility Fund to be anticipated as revenue in the 2017 Utility Budget.**
- *169-2017 A resolution authorizing the issuance of a raffle license for Inner City Youth Soccer Association.**
- *170-2017 A resolution authorizing the award of a non-fair and open contract to Central Jersey Security Cameras located at 101 Barkalow Avenue, Freehold, New Jersey for the installation of security cameras in an amount not to exceed \$7,690.00**

Motion to adopt the Consent Agenda by Councilwoman Jaime Simmers-Johnson, seconded by Councilman Harold Johnson, Jr.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Coley, Eason, Jackson, Johnson, Jr., Summers-Johnson, Wooten, Williams
Nays: None.
Abstain: None.
Absent: None.

Motion Carries

ITEMS REMOVED FOR A SEPARATE VOTE

The Clerk read Resolution 166-2017 by Title

- *166-2017 A RESOLUTION AMENDING AND APPROVING THE BILL LIST FOR COUNCIL MEETING VOTE ON MAY 2, 2017 DATED APRIL 27, 2017 AND APPROVING CHECKS ISSUED BY THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH ORDINANCE 2-95. (GRAND TOTAL: ~~\$1,844,876.09~~ \$1,854,876.09 ADDING \$10,000 FOR FIRST DATA/REMITCO - COURTS POSTAGE FOR MAIL)**

Motion to approve Resolution 166-2017 by Councilwoman Jaime Summers-Johnson, seconded by Councilman Kerry J. Coley.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Coley, Eason, Jackson, Johnson, Jr., Summers-Johnson, Wooten, Williams
Nays: None.
Abstain: None.
Absent: None.

Motion Carries.

NEW BUSINESS AND WALK-ON ORDINANCES / RESOLUTIONS

The Clerk reported that the following items were being considered as walk on items.

**171-2017 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A 50/50
RAFFLE LICENSE TO EAST ORANGE COMMUNITY CHARTER
SCHOOL PARENT GUARDIAN TEACHER ASSOCIATION.**

**172-2017 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A TRICKY
TRAY RAFFLE LICENSE TO EAST ORANGE COMMUNITY
CHARTER SCHOOL PARENT GUARDIAN TEACHER
ASSOCIATION.**

**173-2017 A RESOLUTION APPOINTING COUNCIL MEMBERS
CHRISTOPHER JACKSON AND DONNA K. WILLIAMS TO THE
BOARD OF SCHOOL ESTIMATE.**

**Motion to walk on Resolutions 171-2017, 172-2017 and 173-2017 on to the agenda by
Councilwoman Summers-Johnson, seconded by Councilman Johnson, Jr.**

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

Motion Carries

CITIZEN COMMENTS

The Chair declared the time open for a comments on Resolutions 171,172 and 173-2017.

Seeing no one, the Chair declared the time closed.

**Motion to close the public hearing by Council Summers-Johnson, seconded by
Councilman Johnson, Jr.**

The Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

The Clerk read Resolution 171-2017 by Title.

**171-2017(WO) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A 50/50
RAFFLE LICENSE TO EAST ORANGE COMMUNITY CHARTER
SCHOOL PARENT GUARDIAN TEACHER ASSOCIATION.**

Motion to adopt resolution 171-20107 by Councilwoman Jaime Summers-Johnson seconded Councilman Harold Jonson, Jr.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Coley, Eason, Jackson, Johnson, Jr., Summers-Johnson, Wooten, Williams
Nays: None.
Abstain: None.
Absent: None.

Motion Carries

The Clerk read Resolution 172-2017 by Title.

172-2017(WO) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A TRICKY TRAY RAFFLE LICENSE TO EAST ORANGE COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL PARENT GUARDIAN TEACHER ASSOCIATION..

Motion to adopt Resolution 172-2017 by Councilman Johnson, Jr., seconded by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Coley, Eason, Jackson, Johnson, Jr., Summers-Johnson, Wooten, Williams
Nays: None.
Abstain: None.
Absent: None.

Motion Carries

The Clerk read Resolution 173-2017 by Title.

173-2017(WO) A RESOLUTION APPOINTING COUNCIL MEMBERS CHRISTOPHER JACKSON AND DONNA K. WILLIAMS TO THE BOARD OF SCHOOL ESTIMATE.

Motion to adopt Resolution 173-2017 by Councilman Coley, seconded by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Coley, Eason, Jackson, Johnson, Jr., Summers-Johnson, Wooten, Williams
Nays: None.
Abstain: None.
Absent: None.

Motion Carries

OTHER PENDING BUSINESS

Council President Donna Williams asked Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk if he had any comments to make concerning Ms. Kaitlin Gordon's question, asked during Citizens Comments. He replied that he would speak to Ms. Gordon himself before the next meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson, seconded by Councilman Jackson.

By consensus the regular meeting adjourned at 9:46 P.M.

Approved:

Joyce L. Lanier
City Clerk

Kerry J. Coley
Council President