

THIS WAS 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, MAY 16, 2017, FOLLOWING THE CONFERENCE MEETING.

Roll Call:

Present: Councilman Kerry Coley, East Ward
Councilwoman Tency A. Eason, North Ward
Councilman Christopher Jackson, At-Large
Councilman Harold Johnson, Jr. West Ward
Councilwoman Jamie Summers-Johnson., South Ward
Council-President Donna K. Williams, At-Large

Also Present: Joyce L. Lanier, City Clerk
Chris Hartwyk, Business Administrator (BA)
Eric Pennington, City Attorney
Marlin Townes, Acting Legislative Research Officer
Megan O’Hanlon, Consultant (Arrived @ 7:30)
Kenneth Douglas, Fire Director,
Marty Mayes, Director of Planning/Public Work (Arrived @ 7:25)
Adrian Mapp, Director of Finance
Joy Lascari, Chief Financial Officer
Tod Warren, Police Director
Trisha Scipio, Clerk’s Office
Everett Johnson, Bond Counsel

Absent: Councilwoman Adrienne Wooten, At-Large

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 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**
 - **Clerk’s Office –Month of April 2017- Total: \$453.00**
 - **Health Department-Month of April 2017-Total:\$16,090.00**

CONSTABLE REPORTS

Mohamed Toure_ Month of April 2017-No activity
Cory Perkins-Month of April 2017-No activity

OPRA REPORTS - None

▪ **COUNCIL REPORTS**

Police A Captain from the Police Department reported that a Police Bike Patrol will soon start in Orange.
Reported on crime issues in the city in the past few weeks.
Reported that the Police department sponsored a dinner for the wrestling team.
The Police department had a “bring your kid to work day”.
Violent crime went down 31% from this time last year.

Tax Dept. Mr. Carl Smith, Tax collector reported on 3 tax programs and their qualifications for residents. Program applications are in the tax collector department. A folder with this information will be available.

Ms. O’Hanlon reported on the proposed budget amendments.
Reported that the Cap waiver was approved.

Public Works Ms. Gordon reported that at the last meeting they discussed Ordinance 26-2017 regarding abandoned properties.

Council President directs Clerk to file reports.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

The Clerk reported that they had received a communication from Verizon.

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.

- Mr. Jeffery Feld commented that he had sent two correspondences to the Council. Commented on the cyberattack on the City computers. He did not approve of the titles of some ordinances. Questioned what the new tax rate on amendments for the calendar year budget. He spoke of other issues he was concerned with.

- Mr. Augusta Mitchell commented that he was concerned about the city's increase to the water and sewer fees. He asked that all residents that will get the increase be notified. Suggested that before the increase that those residents have a chance to speak before the Council.
- Ms. Katalin Gordon Requested a status on one of her request. She wanted an explanation as to why closed session meetings are not recorded. She commented on other closed session issues.
- Ms. Gloria Stewart was pleased that the Senator and Assembly people made a presentation for the residents. Questioned if there is a need for a Director of Finance and a CFO. Asked about the school bond and the school board. She requested more security in the back parking lot during meeting nights.
- Mr. Sean Profit complained about an emergency call for an ambulance to Monarch that he made. He had to wait over 30 minutes for it to show up and he had to carry the woman down the stairs while the EMTs sat in the ambulance. He reported that another time he had waited for 45 minutes before Monarch showed up.

Some responses to resident's questions.

- BA Hartwyk commented that he would get together with the city attorney and the Fire Director to review the contract of Monarch. He will follow-up with any recommendations at the June 7th meeting.
- Council President Williams stated that Ms. Stewart will be walked to her car when she leaves. Channel 35 is still be worked on.
- The BA stated that the city is in the process of analysis of the roads to include the cost. The final report will be discussed with PSE&G, Verizon and water utilities to see if any of their projects would interfere with the road repairs.
- BA Hartwyk stated that they are also working on a 10 year and 20 year road plan.
- Director Mayes spoke about the public work repairs that are being done in the city. A list will be sent to the Council on the streets that are to be repaired this year.
- BA Hartwyk reported that the CFO position is required by Statute and that the reorganization that will be presented in June the Director and CFO positions will be combined. The Finance Director will also serve in the position of CFO.
- The questions regarding the Executive Sessions were answered by the City Attorney and the City Clerk.

Motion to extend the meeting past 10:30 P.M. by Councilman Johnson, Jr., seconded by Councilman Jackson.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absences: Wooten, Coley

Motion Carries.

The Council President asked the BA how the residents will be notified about the water increase. He responded that the provider will have to send out a preliminary notice.

The BA also provided information regarding the increase in the water and sewer fees.

The BA provided an update on the cyber-attack on the city and what was being done.

The Council President and BA Hartwyk provided information on certain resolutions.

Motion to close Citizen Comments by Councilman Johnson, Jr., seconded by Councilman Jackson.

The Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilwoman Summers-Johnson stated that on June 17 she would be helping with a cleanup of the circle in the 7 Oaks area.

Councilwoman Eason questioned the road repair on Dodd St. The BA is hoping to get the work done before bad weather sets in.

Councilman Jackson commented that the Big Old Booster Club event will take place that Friday. It is a fund raiser event.

Councilwoman Williams had the BA provide information on parking tickets and license suspensions. She spoke about a program where teachers put their school supply needs on a website and people can purchase those items for the teacher. The Council President reported that there would be a foreclosure meeting that coming Friday. She questioned Director Mayes regarding the skateboard park. Director Mayes stated that the city is in the process of applying for a grant. She provided information on upcoming events.

(Mayor Vetoes – Law Department recommended a veto given that provision 2(e) may violate Federal Statute protecting Veterans.)

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

Motion to accept the Mayor’s veto by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilwoman Eason

Roll Call:

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

Motion Carries.

ORDINANCES–SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING

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

Motion by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson to postpone Ordinance 26-2017 till next Council meeting.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Carries.

**28-2017 Stopped at 3:56
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.**

The Chair declared the time open for a hearing on Ordinance Number 28-2017.

Seeing no one, the Chair declared the time closed.

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

The Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Motion to adopt Ordinance Number 28-2017 by Jackson, seconded by Council, Summers-Johnson

Roll Call:

Ayes: Eason, Jackson, Johnson, Jr., Summers-Johnson & Williams

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absences: Coley & Wooten

Motion Carries.

The Clerk read Ordinance 29-2017

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.

The Chair declared the time open for a hearing on Ordinance Number 29-2017.

- **Mr. Feld was not in support of the ordinance providing his reasons.**
- **Ms. Gordon commented on the increased charges for minimum water usage and that it is based on larger user usage, so smaller user have to pay for an increase based on what a larger user will use. The huge increase for minimum usage will have minimum users paying for larger users water. She made suggestions on what the city could do to be fairer.**

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

Motion to close the public hearing was done by Councilman Johnson, Jr., seconded by Councilman Jackson

The Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Motion to adopt Ordinance Number 29-2017 by Councilwoman Eason, seconded by Councilman, Johnson, Jr.

The Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Eason, Jackson, Johnson, Jr., Summers-Johnson & Williams

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absences: Coley & Wooten

Motion Carries.

The Clerk read Ordinance 33-2017 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

The Chair declared the time open for a hearing on Ordinance Number 33-2017.

- Mr. Feld commented on unanswered response to his questions from letter he submitted
- He also made comparison regarding the increase on the 2017 Bond ordinance from last year 2016 Bond Ordinance.
- He also commented about the Supplemental Debt Statement school Board number not being added.
- The Chair wanted to know from the Bond Counsel –Everett Johnson the reason why the Bond has to go to the Local Finance Board.
- BA. Hartwyk talk about the cost of issuance

Seeing no one else, the Chair declared the time closed

Motion to close Citizen Comments was done by Councilman Johnson-Jr. Seconded by Councilwoman Summers- Johnson

The Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Motion for final adoption was done by Councilman Jackson seconded by Councilwoman Eason

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Eason, Jackson, Johnson, Jr., Summers-Johnson & Williams

Abstain: None.

Absences: Coley &Wooten

ORDINANCES INTRODUCTION/ FIRST READING

36-2017 An ordinance to amend and supplement the Code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 23 entitled Personnel Policies, Section 1-4.8 Tuition Reimbursement and the Appendix titled City of Orange Township- Employee Handbook of Personnel Policies and Procedures.

Motion to adopt in first reading was done by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson Seconded by Councilman Johnson, Jr.

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Eason, Jackson, Johnson, Jr., Summers-Johnson & Williams
Abstain: None.
Absences: Coley &Wooten

37-2017 An ordinance amending Ordinance 20-2017 relating to salaries of certain employees of the City of Orange Township (Management)

Motion to adopt in first reading was done by Councilman Jackson Seconded by Councilman Johnson, Jr.

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Eason, Jackson, Johnson, Jr., Summers-Johnson & Williams
Abstain: None.
Absences: Coley &Wooten

The Clerk announced the Public Hearing will be held June 20, 2017

CONSENT AGENDA

The City Clerk read the following statement.

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 request, 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*174--2017 – *185-2017

- *174-2017 A resolution designating North Center Street beginning at Park Avenue and ending at Washington Street as Gordon Roberts, Jr. Way-in honorarium (Sponsored by: Council Member Adrienne Wooten and the Orange Municipal Council)**
- *175-2017 A resolution authorizing a withdrawal from the reserve for the Orange Reservoir.**
- *176-2017 A resolution celebrating the Life of Kim I. Jones. (Sponsored by Councilwoman Donna K. Williams and the Orange Municipal Council)**

- *177-2017** A resolution Celebrating Juneteenth Independence Day and the Oldest Black Business. Sponsored by Councilwoman Donna K. Williams and the Orange Municipal Council)
- *178-2017** A resolution authorizing the awarding of a professional service contract to David C. Stanziale, LLC to provide legal counseling to the Orange Municipal Alcoholic Beverage Control Board of the City of Orange Township in matters as they relate to alcoholic beverage control in an amount not to exceed \$5,040.00.
- *179-2017** A resolution authorizing Gail Mitchell, Esq. to provide legal services to the Orange Municipal Zoning Board of Adjustment of the City of Orange Township in matters as they relate to zoning and land use in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00.
- *180-2017** A resolution awarding an emergency contract to G & G Lewis & Sons, 51 Eaton Place, East Orange, New Jersey 07017 for the demolition of 320 Ogden Street in the amount not to exceed \$17,000.00.
- *181-2017** A resolution reappointing Carolyn Hardaway as Commissioner to the Insurance Fund Commission of the City of Orange Township.
- *182-2017** A resolution to Amend the City of Orange Township CY 2017 Municipal Budget.
- *183-2017** A resolution amending Resolution 160-2017 entitled “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” and expressly incorporating the requirement stated on the record for the Housing Authority to supply the City with a legal opinion.
- *184-2017** A resolution ratifying proposed Resolution 136-2017 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 of Orange Township.

- *185-2017 A resolution approving the bill list for council meeting vote on May 16, 2017 dated May 12, 2017 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95 (Grand Total: \$ 5,428,984.35).**

Motion to adopt the Consent Agenda by Council, seconded by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson Seconded by Councilman Jackson.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Eason, Jackson, Johnson, Jr., Summers-Johnson & Williams

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absences: Coley & Wooten.

Motion Carries.

NEW BUSINESS AND WALK-ON ORDINANCES / RESOLUTIONS

The Clerk read two walked on resolutions

186-2017 A resolution for Emergency Temporary appropriations to the Calendar Year 2017 Budget.

187-2017 A resolution designating Cary Street beginning at Scotland Road and ending at Lafayette Street James “Jimmy Caraway Place-in- memoriam.

Motion to walk 186-2017 &187-2017 to the agenda was made by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson Second: By Councilwoman Eason.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Eason, Jackson, Johnson, Jr., Summers-Johnson & Williams

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absences: Coley & Wooten.

The Clerk wanted to know if there were any citizen who would like to comment on Resolution 186-2017 & 187-2017

Seeing none

Motion to close citizen comment was made by Summers-Johnson and second by Councilman Jonson, Jr.

The Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 186-2017 was made by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson and Seconded by Councilman Johnson, Jr.

Seeing none

Roll Call:

Ayes: Eason, Jackson, Johnson, Jr., Summers-Johnson & Williams

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absences: Coley & Wooten

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 187-2017 was made by Councilman Johnson, Jr. Seconded by Councilwoman Eason.

Seeing none

Roll Call:

Ayes: Eason, Jackson, Johnson, Jr., Summers-Johnson & Williams

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absences: Coley & Wooten

OTHER PENDING BUSINESS

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

The Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

By consensus the regular meeting adjourned at 11:27 P.M.

Approved:

Joyce L. Lanier
City Clerk

Kerry J. Coley
Council President