

**THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP**  
**CONFERENCE MEETING MINUTES**  
**May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

This was a conference meeting of the City Council of the City of Orange Township, located at 29 North Day Street, Orange, New Jersey. The meeting was held on Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 7:15 P.M.

**Roll Call:**

**Present:**

Councilman Elroy A. Corbitt (At-Large)  
Councilwoman Tency A. Eason (North Ward)  
Councilwoman Gaunt-Butler (At-Large)  
Councilman Edward B. Marable, Jr. (South Ward)  
Council President Donna K. Williams (At-Large)

**Also Present:**

Deputy Municipal Clerk Madeline F. Smith  
Dan S. Smith City Attorney  
Adrian Mapp, Director of Finance  
Margarette Homere, Clerk's Office  
Kevin Harris, Representing the Legislative Research Officer

**Absent:**

Councilman Hassan Abdul-Rasheed (West Ward)  
Councilwoman Linda Jones-Bell (East Ward)  
Mayor Dwayne D. Warren, Esq.

The Chair led all assembled in a moment of silence.

*SPECIAL NOTICE:* Please be apprised anyone wishing to discuss Agenda or General Items shall sign one (1) book. There will be two (2) columns in the book, one (1) for Agenda Items and one (1) for General Issues. Each person signing the book will check Agenda Items or General Issues. If they check only Agenda Items or General Issues, they will be allowed to speak for five (5) minutes. If they check General Issues and Agenda Items, they will be allowed to speak for ten (10) minutes.

The Municipal 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 18<sup>th</sup> 2013, posted on the Bulletin Board in City Hall and filed in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

**MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION**

None

**RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES**

The resolutions and ordinances to be presented at tonight's meeting are listed on the attached Regular Meeting Agenda. If any Council Member wishes to discuss any resolution or ordinance, it may be discussed at this time.

## **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

### **Ordinance 13-2014 REMARKS:**

- Councilman Marable, Jr, inquired who is sponsoring this resolution and questioned the significance of the third paragraph of the resolution.
- Director Mayes clarifies that it is sponsored by the planning department and that it's a resolution in terms of water conservation. Residents can only water their lawns etc. on days the trash is being picked up and there is a \$250 fine if one deviates from rule.
- Councilman Corbitt questioned "How do we implement in terms of violators?"
- Director Mayes responded saying if the resolution is moved forward it has to be published and that questions are lurking.
- Councilwoman April Gaunt-Butler: inquired the benefits of the received points.
- Director Marty Mayes stated that it is to renew a sustainable Jersey municipality.

### **Resolution 132-2014 REMARKS:**

- Councilman Marable, Jr, stated after reviewing the third paragraph of the resolution felt the resolution could have been more vivid. Even after more elaboration he still requested more clarification.
- Councilwoman Williams finds the resolution being brought forth is inaccurate and questions the accuracy of resolution to Dan Smith.
- Mr. Adrian Mapp: clarifies saying, "The second whereas paragraph is designed to encourage property owners, who we currently as a city have municipal liens on their properties. Both liens are liens that weren't purchased by investors so they were reverted to the city. As for the 3<sup>rd</sup> whereas paragraph, the reason you would want to exempt those lien holders is because those lien holders have purchased those liens from the city and are paying property taxes for the liens that they hold and they invested those liens to receive XYZ number of percentage return on dollars."

### **Resolution 137-2014 REMARKS:**

- Councilman Marable, Jr, inquired specifically about the grant in the resolution.
- Director Mayes: stated it's a grant given to city hall that will financially help to repair the City Hall building. The grant is a matching grant that equals \$140,000 being matched by the city so it's a \$280,000 grant. Half being funded by the city and the other half by the New Jersey Preservation.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was moved by Councilman Corbitt and seconded by Councilwoman Eason.

## **Roll Call**

Yeas: Corbitt, Eason, Marable, Gaunt-Butler, Williams

Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: Abdul-Rasheed, Jones-Bell

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**Madeline F. Smith**  
**Deputy Municipal Clerk**

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**Donna K. Williams**  
**Council President**