

**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 19, 2015, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE CONFERENCE MEETING.**

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

**Roll Call:**

**Present:** Councilman Kerry Coley, East Ward Councilman  
Councilman Elroy A. Corbitt, At-Large Councilman  
Councilwoman Tency A. Eason, North Ward Councilwoman  
Councilman Harold Johnson, Jr. West Ward Councilman  
Councilwoman Jamie Summers-Johnson., South Ward Councilman (arrived @ 7:36 P.M.)  
Council President Donna K. Williams, At-Large Councilwoman

**Also Present:** Municipal Clerk Joyce L. Lanier  
Finance Director Adrian Mapp  
City Attorney White (arrived at 8:05 P.M)  
Legislative Research Officer Kevin Harris  
Senior Clerk Margarete Homere  
Fire Director Douglas  
Acting Police Director Mr. Wade  
CFO Ms. Joy Lascari

**Absent:** Mayor Dwayne D. Warren, Esq;  
Councilwoman April Gaunt-Butler, At-Large Councilwoman

The City Clerk announces that the requirement of N.J. S.A. 10:4-9 et. seq., The Sunshine Law had been met. A notice of this meeting was sent to the Record-Transcript and published in the Star Ledger on July 17, 2014, posted on the Bulletin Board in City Hall and filed in the Office of the City Clerk.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES MEETINGS**

**Motion by Councilman Corbitt , seconded by Councilwoman Eason, to approve the Conference and Regular meeting minutes from April 7, 2015.**

**Roll Call:**

Ayes: Coley, Corbitt, Eason, Johnson, Jr., Council President Williams  
Nays: None  
Abstain:  
Absences: Gaunt-Butler, Summers-Johnson

**Motion Carries.**

**Motion by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilwoman Eason, to approve the Conference and Regular meeting minutes from April 21, 2015.**

**Roll Call:**

Ayes: Coley, Corbitt, Eason, Johnson, Jr., Council President Williams

Nays: None

Abstain:

Absences: Gaunt-Butler, Summers-Johnson

**Motion Carries.**

**Motion by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilwoman Eason, to approve the Conference and Regular meeting minutes from May 5, 2015.**

**Roll Call:**

Ayes: Coley, Corbitt, Eason, Johnson, Jr., Council President Williams

Nays: None

Abstain:

Absent: Gaunt-Butler, Summers-Johnson

**Motion Carries.**

**5) REPORTS:**

**CONSTABLE REPORTS-**

None

**OPRA REQUEST**

None

**COUNCIL REPORTS**

The Council President had Fire Director Douglas come to the podium and he provided a reported on Fire Department activities, commented on the shortage of manpower in the Fire Department. Reported on fires in Orange and then answered questions from the Council members.

Councilman Johnson, Jr. reported that there would be a budget workshop the following day at 6:30 P.M. He had attended the 75 anniversary for Governor Cody; it was a very nice affair. The 7 unit development on Oakwood Avenue will be opening soon and they are taking applications for residency. The Water G ground braking took place last week.

Councilwoman Summers-Johnson had no report, she would have a report at the next meeting once she received information she had requested.

Councilwoman Eason reported that the Library property had been landscaped.

Mr. Mayes reported that there would be a public works committee meeting the following Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

The Council President reported that there were two resolutions added to the agenda 164 and 165-2015 which were placed on the counter for the residents review. Councilwoman Eason reported that the increase of payment for off duty police work was in line with other towns and that for duty at construction sites the contractor pays for the security and the city gets a \$5.00 Administration fee.

### **Council President 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 (10) 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. William Lewis commented on political leadership. Mr. Lewis questioned a number of ordinances. Mr. Jeffrey Feld commented on missing minutes. Questioned how monies were approved when the budget had not been passed, nor had the Council approved the transfer of that money, he also commented on temporary appropriations. Mr. Feld spoke of other concerns he had.

Ms. Katalin Gordon reported on the cleaner streets in Orange. Ms. Gordon spoke about the EPA representative and her conversation with him. Reported that the grammar in one of the ordinances was not correct and questioned a city grant resolution. Ms. Gordon commented on standing committees and that they are not following the city code regarding who belongs on these committees. Ms. Gordon stated that the Finance Committee does not have any public members.

Ms. Gloria Stewart commented that the development on Oakwood Avenue is bringing up a lot of dust which is by a school. She was also concerned about parking after the development is built. Asked about what is the status of the YWCA and that the Mayor should be attending these meetings. The Financial Director of Orange is also a Mayor in another city; isn't that a conflict. Ms. Stewart also stated that the city needed a BA. Ms. Stewart also addressed the problem that the meetings are still not be televised.

Ms. Stewart also spoke about the need for crossing guards at certain schools.

Director Wade of the Orange Police Department asked that the ordinance for off duty police be amended to increase their pay.

Motion by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilman Johnson, Jr., to close the citizen comments. The Motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

The Council President asked Director Wade of the Police Department to look into the crossing guard issue. The Council President reported that they have spoken to the Administration regarding broadcasting the meetings and they have not been able to broadcast the meeting so the Council has had the meeting videotaped while the system is being fixed. The Council President answered questions from the residents. The Council President had the Attorney White answered some questions on a resolution that had been passed for the YWCA.

### **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilman Johnson directed the administration to provide him with the dollar amount that the YWCA owes the city in water and sewer bills.

Councilman Corbitt had questions regarding the playground and YWCA leases and who was getting the lease money and where the fees were being deposited. Mr. Mayes would get back to him with that information.

Councilman Coley reported some street issues to Mr. Mayes.

Councilwoman Eason thanked Mr. Mayes for DPW's cleaning efforts on N. Day Street. Councilwoman Eason directed Mr. Mayes to look into having the cost of cleanup to abandoned properties added to the property tax bill. The new street sweepers make a real difference and the streets look better.

Councilwoman Eason stated Public Works need more laborers. The city committees seem to complain instead of coming up with ideas and working with Councilmembers.

Councilwoman Summers-Johnson reported when her next quarterly meeting would be and commented that next year she would like to have 6 meetings for her Ward.

The Council President had Mr. Mayes report on which streets would be paved and provide a time line.

### **ORDINANCES-SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING**

The Clerk read Ordinance 24-2015 by Title.

**24-2015 An Ordinance creating the City of Orange Township Arts & Culture Commission and to further provide for membership, tasks and responsibilities, other administrative functions and other general provisions. (Sponsored by: Council Member April Gaunt-Butler)**

The Chair declared the time open for a hearing on Ordinance Number 24-2015.

Seeing no one, the Chair declared the time closed.

**Motion by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson, to close the hearing.**

### **Roll Call:**

Ayes: Coley, Corbitt, Eason, Johnson, Jr., Summers-Johnson and Council President Williams  
Nays: None.  
Abstain: None.  
Absent: Gaunt-Butler

### **Motion Carries.**

**Motion by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson, to adopt.**

**Councilwoman Eason had a concern and the Council President made a motion to table Ordinance 24-2015 which was seconded by Councilman Corbitt.**

**Roll Call:**

Ayes: Coley, Corbitt, Eason, Johnson, Jr., Summers-Johnson and Council President Williams  
Nays: None.  
Abstain: None.  
Absent: Gaunt-Butler

**Motion Carries.**

**25-2015** An ordinance amending Chapter 185 of the Municipal Code of the City of Orange Township regarding street and sidewalks. (Sponsored by: Council Member Kerry J. Coley) (**POSTPONED**)

**26-2015** **An ordinance amending Chapter 23 of the Municipal Code of the City of Orange Township regarding personnel policies. (Sponsored by: Council Member Elroy A. Corbitt)**

Attorney Kevin Harris spoke of the amendments that were made in Ordinance 26-2015.

The Clerk read Ordinance 26-2015 by Title.

The Chair declared the time open for a hearing on Ordinance Number 26-2015.

Seeing no one, the Chair declared the time closed.

**Motion by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilwoman Eason, to close the hearing.**

**Roll Call:**

Ayes: Coley, Corbitt, Eason, Johnson, Jr., Summers-Johnson and Council President Williams  
Nays: None.  
Abstain: None.  
Absent: Councilmember Gaunt-Butler

**Motion Carries.**

**Motion by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson, to adopt.**

**Roll Call:**

Ayes: Coley, Corbitt, Eason, Johnson, Jr., Summers-Johnson and Council President Williams  
Nays: None.  
Abstain: None.  
Absent: Councilmember Gaunt-Butler

**Motion Carries.**

The Clerk read Ordinance 32-2015 by Title.

**32-2015** **An ordinance establishing a water and sewer billing policy for the City of Orange Township.**

The Chair declared the time open for a hearing on Ordinance Number 32-2015. Ms. Gloria Stewart asked about the guidelines, the Council President and Mr. Mayes answered her questions. Ms. Gordon spoke of her concerns regarding the ordinance.

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

**Motion by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson, to close the hearing.**

**Roll Call:**

Ayes: Coley, Corbitt, Eason, Johnson, Jr., Summers-Johnson and Council President Williams  
Nays: None.  
Abstain: None.  
Absent: Councilmember Gaunt-Butler

**Motion Carries.**

The Council President reported that there was an error under section 2 there was an incorrect date.

**Motion by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilwoman Eason to adopt.**

**Roll Call:**

Ayes: Coley, Corbitt, Eason, Johnson, Jr., Summers-Johnson and Council President Williams  
Nays: None.  
Abstain: None.  
Absent: Councilmember Gaunt-Butler

**Motion Carries.**

**ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION\FIRST READING**

The Clerk read Ordinance 33-2015 by Title.

**33-2015 An ordinance adopting amendments to the Central Orange Redevelopment Plan.**

**Motion by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilwoman Eason that Ordinance 33-2015 be introduced on first reading and that the public hearing would be held July 1, 2015**

**Roll Call:**

Ayes: Coley, Corbitt, Eason, Johnson, Jr., Summers-Johnson, Council President Williams  
Nays: None.  
Abstain: None.  
Absent: Gaunt-Butler

**Motion Carries.**

The Clerk read Ordinance 34-2015 by Title.

**34-2015 An ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 200, entitled "Vehicles & Traffic", Section 200-10.2 Residential Parking Permit**

**Motion by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilwoman Eason that Ordinance 34-2015 be introduced on first reading and that the public hearing would be held July 1, 2015**

**Roll Call:**

Ayes: Coley, Corbitt, Eason, Johnson, Jr., Summers-Johnson, Council President Williams

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Councilmember Gaunt-Butler

**Motion Carries.**

The Clerk read Ordinance 35-2015 by Title.

**35-2015 An ordinance repealing Chapter 156, Article XVIII of the Municipal Code of the City of Orange Township entitled abandoned property.**

**Motion by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilman Johnson, Jr. that Ordinance 35-2015 be introduced on first reading and that the public hearing would be held July 1, 2015**

**Roll Call:**

Ayes: Coley, Corbitt, Eason, Johnson, Jr., Summers-Johnson, Council President Williams

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Councilmember Gaunt-Butler

**Motion Carries.**

The Clerk read Ordinance 36-2015 by Title.

**36-2015 An ordinance amending Chapter 156, Article XXI of the Municipal Code of the City of Orange Township entitled Vacant Properties, Registration.**

**Motion by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilman Johnson, Jr. that Ordinance 36-2015 be introduced on first reading and that the public hearing would be held July 1, 2015**

**Roll Call:**

Ayes: Coley, Corbitt, Eason, Johnson, Jr., Summers-Johnson, Council President Williams

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Councilmember Gaunt-Butler

**Motion Carries.**

**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 134-2015 postponed May 5, 2015**

- \*134-2015** A resolution authorizing the award of a non-fair and open contract with PS&S, LLC, 67B Mountain Boulevard Extension, PO Box 4039, Warren, New Jersey 07058 for professional engineering services for emergency water interconnection design, bid phase and construction management to enable the City of Orange Township to receive water on an emergency basis from the East Orange Water Commission (EOWC) for a lump sum fee of \$25,000.00.  
**(Postponed till next meeting)**

**RESOLUTIONS NO. \*156-2015-165-2015**

- \*156-2015\*** A resolution authorizing the City of Orange Township Tax Collector to prepare and mail estimated tax bills.
- \*157-2015** A resolution authorizing the refund of taxes due to state board judgments in the amount of \$41,208.85.
- \*158-2015** A resolution authorizing New Community Corporation Senior Tenant Association to conduct a flea market sale in the City of Orange Township, New Jersey on June 13<sup>th</sup>, July 11<sup>th</sup>, August 1<sup>st</sup> and September 5<sup>th</sup>. In the event of rain the sale shall take place on June 20<sup>th</sup>, July 18<sup>th</sup>, August 8<sup>th</sup> and September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015.
- \*159-2015** A resolution authorizing the City of Orange Township to subordinate its mortgage it holds on 51 Hampton Terrace to permit the property owner to refinance his first mortgage with Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.
- \*160-2015** A resolution accepting grant funds from the 2015 New Jersey Clean Communities Grant Program.
- \*161-2015** A resolution authorizing the award of a non-fair and open contract with Maser Consulting P.A., 400 Valley Road, Suite 304, Mount Arlington, New Jersey 07856 to provide professional construction administration and inspection services for the Transit Village Program – Tony Galento Plaza Improvements in the amount not to exceed \$39,700.00.
- \*162-2015** A resolution for emergency Temporary Appropriations to the Calendar Year-2015 Budget for the month of June.
- \*163-2015** A resolution approving the bill list for council meeting vote on June 3, 2015 dated May 29, 2015 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95 (Grand Total: \$ 6,134,419.68)  
**(Removed for separate vote)**



**\*164-2015 A resolution celebrating the life of Emma Gaskin.**

**\*165-2015 A resolution amending the rate of compensation for contracting the services of off-duty Municipal Law Enforcement Officers.**

**Motion by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilwoman Eason, to approve the Consent Agenda (with the corrections as noted) by the Township Council.**

**Roll Call:**

Ayes: Councilmembers: Coley, Corbitt, Eason, Johnson, Jr.,  
Summers-Johnson, Council President Williams

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Councilmember Gaunt-Butler

**Motion Carries.**

The Chair read Resolution 163-2015 by Title.

**163-2015 A resolution approving the bill list for council meeting vote on June 3, 2015 dated May 29, 2015 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95 (Grand Total: \$ 6,134,419.68)**

**Motion by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilman Coley, to approve Resolution 163-2015 as amended.**

Councilman Johnson Jr. questioned fees from a pet hospital.

The Council President questioned if the city had a new wireless provider.

The Council President noted that the Mayor's decals were on the bill list.

Councilwoman Eason commented that the Mayor should pay for the decals and she and Councilman Corbitt reported that the decals should be removed from the city vehicles.

\$176.00 was removed from the grand total.

**Roll Call:**

Ayes: Coley, Corbitt, Eason, Summers-Johnson, Council President Williams

Nays: Johnson Jr.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Gaunt-Butler

**Motion Carries.**

**OTHER PENDING BUSINESS**

Councilwoman Eason reported that scholarships would be given out that Thursday at the Lincoln Avenue school. Tickets cost \$15.00. The Council President reminded everyone that there would be a budget workshop the next day.

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

By consensus the regular meeting adjourned at 9:35 P.M

***JOYCE L. LANIER***

***DONNA K. WILLIAMS***

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**Joyce L. Lanier**  
**Municipal Clerk**

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

\*\*Original Copy of the Minutes can be obtained from the Office of the City Clerk.